

# QUA - RAE

*The Official Newsletter of the Radio Association of Erie*

## Donation for the EOC

The Radio Association of Erie would like to specially thank Bob Fuller N3LBI, Neil N3ZNP Norman Whitely ( Bob's Cousin) for spreading the stone's donated. Last week, stones were delivered and dumped at the bottom of the EOC driveway. This was done to help prevent the large puddles from forming. Thank you very much to those gentlemen and the company that donated the materials.



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**IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES**

**General Membership Meeting:**

**Thursday, July 3, 2003  
7:00 PM**

**RAE Club House- EOC**  
(take Rt. 99 south about 2-3 miles, make right on Bargin Rd. near lawn tractor shop, make right on Wagner Rd. and take till the end of the road.)

**Board of Directors Meeting:**

**Tuesday, July 29, 2003**

**Location:  
RAE Club House- EOC**



**Public Service Events**

**Mark Your Calendar**

**Paddle Erie..... August 16**

**Caring Place Triathlon.....Sept 6**

**A note from our Special Events  
Chairperson**

A first time for the 146.820 repeater on a special event ... All went well .

We used Hams from outside the club to pull it off but a Ham is a Ham.

A special thanks for the Hams who did share there time, they are:

- N3LBI Bob
- N3FAW Bob
- KC2HVX Bob
- KB3B Debi (W/1b)
- N3EOY Dave
- N3EPU Marty
- KB3BAM Jeremy
- AD4UL Doug
- WB8KPE Don
- K3LD Dianne
- NI3Q Dick

- KB3A Chris
- KB3CAT Matt
- KO3H Greory
- KB3ITJ Jerry
- KB3IVT Billy
- KB3ALU Joe

Something to think about ... Out of 142 Members of the R.A.E. Club we had Only 15 members participate in the largest event of the year ... the Edinboro Triathlon.

Your next Event is "Paddle Erie" on August 16 and the last one is "Presque Triathlon" to be held on September 6 ... fun events ... Hope To See You There  
Jack N3RKO

Jack ...N3RKO  
Special Events Chairperson

## General Meeting Minutes- June 5 , 2003

Board Members Present:  
KB3A, N3FAW, N3RKO,  
N3LBI, NI3Q, N3ZNP,  
KB3ALU and K3LD

Not present: N3BXL

Meeting brought to order by  
President KB3A at 7:05, Gen-  
eral Membership Meeting at  
the EOC.

Chris mentioned it was good  
to see N3EOY back.

Moment of Silence for Ed Nies  
(K3ABG) and any other silent  
keys.

Secretary's report- K3LD: mo-  
tion to accept the minutes that  
were printed in the QuaRae  
for May

Motion: KB3CAT Second  
N3LBI

Treasurer's report- NI3Q-  
given

Board of Directors report-  
N3LBI: KB3ALU new mem-  
ber on the board, investments,  
garage sale, gravel for drive-  
way, battery for repeater, field  
day and N3RKO thanks  
N3NKV for the donation of a  
log book, world maps and fre-  
quency charts for the EOC.

Membership- N3FAW: 142  
members, KB3A reminded  
members that the club now

has Visa and Mastercard  
availability for memberships.

ARES / RACES: N3HPR- It  
has been a quiet spring and  
would like to keep it that way.

Skywarn: N3EOY if it gets  
any colder we may need snow  
reports again. Thanked eve-  
ryone for all their prayers.

QuaRae: KC2HVX Bob will  
be picking random people to  
write something for the  
QuaRae. It won't matter what  
on, can be information they  
have learned, equipment that  
they have used or anything  
else.

Bob will be also sending out a  
survey to find out what mem-  
bers think about a top of the  
line web site that will give  
members access ID's to get  
restricted information like the  
directory or other information  
that the general public would  
not have access to. What you  
want in or don't want in the  
website.

Public Service- N3RKO- Ed-  
inboro Triathlon be using  
the .82 repeater.

Paddle Erie next Aug 16 will  
be taking names at the next  
meeting, also listen to the .61  
nets.

Repeater: N3SRD n/a

E.O.C.: AD4UL- electric work  
done by Doug. Will need to  
check into the battery for  
the .61 repeater. The furnace  
and the water tank is  
fixed. We need the water  
tested to see if it is drink-  
able. Also Doug asked if any-  
one has an old gas powered  
weed wacker they want to do-  
nate to the club or maybe have  
the club buy one. (Note:  
Please let Doug know, he has  
been doing all the mowing and  
that would be a big help.  
Thanks )

Contest- KB3A- Field day is  
coming up June 28 and 29, we  
lost the field day chairman so  
Chris will be the chairman  
this year. We need to get the  
generator back over to the  
EOC and get it up and run-  
ning.

VE: K3LD- the RAE has set  
up a test date at the EOC for  
June 21, at 8:00 am.

Saturday June 21 and August  
16 at 12:30 at Gannon  
Anyone interested in testing  
contact either Norma at  
w3cg@tbscc.com or phone 814-  
665-9124 or Rob Jacobs at  
n3ocl@velocity.net or phone  
814-438-7804.

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## *General Meeting Minutes...continued*

KB3A: coming up Bill Edgar (N3LLR) wants to do a power point presentation.

Old: none.

New:

N3EOY there is an upcoming electronics recycling program, with a pre-registration. Watch for information in the paper.

N3FAW: with the garage sale being planned we should also keep in mind of another fund raiser besides this one.

Also in regards to the website, consider the value for young people getting into amateur radio.

NI3Q: donated a thermostat for the EOC.

N3HPR: Tom has a form for support of the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act.

Good of the Order: Thanks to Jerry (W2FD) has some old Hamfest programs for archives.

Thanks to KA3AUH (Dave) donated fuses to the club.

Sandy (N3LKW) said the people involved in fixing up and maintaining the EOC has done a marvelous job.

Chris (KB3A) there has been donated a few computers, radios and other things that work. Come

back during the Field days and operate.

50/50: Samuel Simpson (KB3DAF) which was donated back to the club Thanks Sam

Next meeting will be at the EOC on Wagner Road.

Motion to adjourn: N3LBI Second: N3LKW  
Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Submitted by K3LD

## *There's a first time for everything*

A first at the "Newly Renovated" Club house.

Standing the "VE" Team, from left to right are ...Dianne K3LD, Robert N3OCL and Debi KB3B, Sitting and holding there "CFCE" certificates are Bob N3LBI - AE, Gene Brinig and Mary Wolski. Congratulations Bob and the two new "Hams" Gene & Mary for a job well done ! Just Another use of the clubs facilities, hope to see a good turnout to congratulate these "Hams" at the meeting on July 3rd.





## 7-MHz Realignment Remains Up in the Air as WRC-03 Enters Final Week

NEWINGTON, CT, Jun 30, 2003--Compromise on a realigned 7 MHz Amateur Radio allocation so far has eluded delegates to World Radiocommunication Conference 2003 (WRC-03) who are dealing with that issue.

The ITU-sponsored conference, now in its final week in Geneva, has reached no final conclusions on key Amateur Radio-related issues, and it might not be known until week's end how efforts to secure a worldwide 300-kHz 40-meter allocation will turn out.

"Things are very much up in the air at this time," Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ, said on behalf of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) observer delegation to WRC-03 headed by IARU President Larry Price, W4RA. Sumner notes that there is strong pressure for the conference to reach its decisions by consensus. "Votes are not taken except as an absolute last resort," he said.

Sumner reported that as the third week of WRC-03 drew to a close, Conference Chair Dr Veena Rawat of Canada brought together several delegates and regional coordinators in an attempt to reach agreement on several outstanding issues, including 7 MHz. The outcome regarding 40 meters was a proposed compromise, but Committee 4--the panel charged with handling the issue (Agenda item 1.2.3)--ran out of time to consider it, despite a meeting that ran late into last Friday evening.

That compromise proposal calls for a single-stage implementation of another 100 kHz for the Amateur Service--7100 to 7200 kHz--in Regions 1 and 3, made available by shifting broadcasting up to 7350 to 7450 kHz. "In Region 2 the only change would be an additional 50 kHz for broadcasting, 7350-7400 kHz, with no change below 7300 kHz," Sumner explained in his report. "Thus, amateurs in Region 2 would be relieved of the incompatibility with broadcasting in half of the band, but the incompatibility would continue in the other half."

The plan, if ultimately approved--and that's anything but certain at this stage--might not go into effect for another four to six years, but Regions 1 and 3 could be permitted to authorize amateurs to use 7100-7200 kHz on a secondary basis and with limited power as of the effective date of the Final Acts of the Conference--probably January 1, 2005. The next WRC may consider additional adjustment in the allocations above 7200 kHz, but not 7000 to 7200 kHz.

Still, Sumner said, talk in the hallways at Geneva suggested that several Region 3 administrations were not happy with the compromise and wanted to at least have country "footnotes" permitting them to allocate 7100 to 7200 kHz on a national basis to Fixed and Mobile services, shared with amateurs.

Formal and informal discussions on the topic are ongoing. "Of course, the arm twisting in the corridors is continuing unabated," Sumner observed.

Meanwhile, a resolution inviting the next WRC to consider additional spectrum requirements for broadcasting between 4 and 10 MHz awaits final action until the 7 MHz issue has been resolved.

Regarding other Amateur Radio-related items, Committee 4 delegates agreed to a complete text for changes to Article 25 of the Radio Regulations, which define the Amateur and Amateur-Satellite services. "Some of the wording is the result of delicate compromises," Sumner said. It will be brought to the Plenary this week.

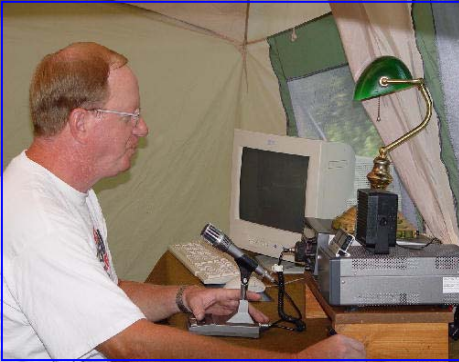
All items that become part of the Final Acts of WRC-03 must survive two readings in the Plenary.

A 432 to 438 MHz secondary allocation for satellite-borne synthetic aperture radars (SARs) already has cleared the Plenary on first reading. So have changes to Article 19 of the Radio Regulations to provide more flexibility for administrations to assign amateur call signs.

The second reading of all conference decisions in the Plenary is set to be wrapped up by July 3 at noon. The ceremonial signing of the Final Acts of the Conference is set for the afternoon of July 4.

A draft agenda for the next conference--being referred to as "WRC-07," although the year is not yet firm--is taking shape. Future conference agenda items will be among the last items of business, because the agenda remains contingent on still-pending WRC-03 decisions.

# FIELD DAY 2003





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**The RAE Club is looking for a piece of equipment that you might just have... If you have a **220 Transceiver** we would like to hear from you!!**

Please contact *Steve LaJohn*.  
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tubes.html](http://home.earthlink.net/~n3ntj/tubes.html).

Email me your want list for pricing, etc.

Matthew Steger, N3NTJ  
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