

# QUA - RAE

The Official Newsletter of the Radio Association of Erie

## RAE Website Announcement



The Radio Association of Erie officially announces the creation of a second website. Created by the work of many, to provide it's many fellow members with dynamic club related experiences, club information, and lots

of pictures. This site will be a secondary site to the primary site, created by N3NTJ, Mathew Steger.

**Our Main Page is here:**

<http://home.earthlink.net/~n3ntj/rae.html>

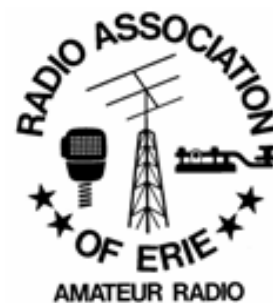
**NEW SITE (additional site):**

[Http://www.rae.d2g.com](http://www.rae.d2g.com)

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## Red Cross- Ham Radio Station



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[w3cg@tbscc.com](mailto:w3cg@tbscc.com)**IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES****General Membership  
Meeting:**Thursday, March 6, 2002  
7:00 PM**RAE club meetings are now  
being held at our winter  
location.****Location:  
American Red Cross****Board of Directors Meeting:**

Tuesday, March 25, 2002

**Location:  
American Red Cross****Public Service Events**

The March of Dimes has asked the Radio Association of Erie to help with this years "**Walk America**".

As previously, it will be held at Presque-Isle with the start and finish at Waldmeer Park.

The march is to have near 4000 people in it, this takes volunteers, A LOT of Volunteers, last year 20+ operators.

This years event will be held on April 27, PLEASE mark that date on your

calendar.

There will be a sign up sheet at March 6, 2003 Meeting... We need your support for this Large event.

Thanks for your past support!

Public Service Events Chairperson  
Jack~ N3RKO

**SKYWARN- Annual Training**

*Attention Ham's*— This year's National Weather Service SKYWARN training seminar and certification is coming. If you interested in becoming a SKYWARN trained weather spotter this meeting is for you. The seminar will be held at the Hamot Medical Center— Auditorium on **Tuesday, April 1, 2003**. Check-in time will be **6pm** with

the seminar starting at 6:30pm. All those interested should contact **Joe McLain, KB3ALU, at 825-4333 or [kb3alu@aol.com](mailto:kb3alu@aol.com)**. You may also make a reservation request with Joe on the Sunday 9pm net on the 146.610 repeater.

Reservations are requested!

## General Meeting Minutes- February 6, 2003

**Board Members Present:**  
KB3A, N3FAW, N3RKO,  
N3LBI, NI3Q and K3LD  
**Not present:** N3BXL, N3ZNP,  
and KE3XR

Meeting brought to order by  
President KB3A at 7:00, Gen-  
eral Membership Meeting at  
the Red Cross

**Moment of Silence for Silent  
Keys: Shuttle Astronauts:**  
Kalpana Chawla KD5ESI,  
David Brown KC5ZTC and  
Laurel Clark KC5ZSU, and  
the rest of the Columbia  
Crew. Charlie Goodspeed  
KA3XWR and John McQueen  
KL7AVX

**Guest:** N3ZLW Brian &  
N3XFW Matt

**Secretary's report- K3LD:** mo-  
tion to accept the minutes  
that were printed in the  
QuaRae for January  
**Motion:** N3RKO Sec-  
ond: KC2HVX

**Treasurer's report-**  
KE3XR: not present

**Board of Directors report-**  
N3LBI: repeaters checked on  
both .61 has been sounding  
good, .82 put more lights  
around it to keep it  
warm. Would like to get some  
classes going. Have some spe-  
cial events, yard sale, social  
events, and radio activities at  
EOC. Talked about skipping  
this year publishing the di-  
rectory and just sending in-

serts. Computer was donated  
to the RAE and audit commit-  
tee will be NI3Q, N3FAW and  
N2ZNP.

**Membership- N3FAW:** 130  
members so far for 2003 mem-  
bership drive. Chris has of-  
fered the service of having  
Master Card and Visa for  
membership fees and maybe  
other fees.

**ARES / RACES:** N3HPR- not  
present

**Skywarn:** N3EOY- not pre-  
sent

**QuaRae:** KC2HVX 7 pages  
this month with a new color  
scheme. Website is up for the  
QuaRae. This will not replace  
N3NTJ's site for the RAE,  
Matt's will still be our pri-  
mary website. Discussed  
maybe putting the directory  
on line with a secure ID code  
for users.

**Public Service- N3RKO-** Jack  
received a check for \$100.00  
from the Community Blue  
Triathlon held at the Presque  
Isle. (Pat Davis was suppose  
to be at this meeting but had  
a commitment overrun, so  
will make the March meet-  
ing.) The next Community  
Blue Triathlon will be held  
September 7, 2003, keep that  
in mind.

**Note:** April 1 will be the Sky-  
warn Training at Hamot. Lis-  
ten to .61 on Sunday nights at

9:00 PM to sign up.

**Repeater: / EOC:** N3SRD- not  
present KC2HVX- need heat  
at EOC. **NOTE:** N3ZNP will  
check into that, weather per-  
mitting.

**N3FAW:** Paul Flick WA3KAZ  
offered to donate a tube  
tester.

**Contest- KB3A-** Chris would  
like the next contest at the  
EOC. He would like to see  
more people and young peo-  
ple out there. Want to have  
events, garage sale and even  
social events with radio  
events out there this year.  
Good opportunity for  
PR. Anyone that would like  
to donate anything for the  
yard sale that is in your ga-  
rage that you want to get rid  
of contact N3RKO. There will  
be a Jersey Island contest 3<sup>rd</sup>  
week in March. Chris would  
like to see a pile of people op-  
erate.

**VE- K3LD- NOTE:** Saturday  
at Panos on 38 St. East will no  
longer be there, are checking  
into other possibilities. EOC  
was mentioned at the meet-  
ing.

Saturday February 15 and  
March 15 at 12:30 at Gannon

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## Looking back at RAE History



Ham finds media stored about Radio Association of Erie from the past.

### Meeting Minutes...(continued)

Old: KB3A-Lighthouse contest- no QSL cards were sent out as of yet. Need to get that list and send those out. Would like to do the special event on the East side light house.

WB3DOM motion to make a certificate for the lighthouse event and send out QSL's. 2<sup>nd</sup> WB8KPE

N3LBI- Kids day for Scouts they have an interest. Men-

tioned maybe having a sleep-over at EOC.

KC2HVX mentioned that Doug AD4UL will look into the wiring when he gets back from Florida.

New:  
Elmer has a fund raising for RAE through the Sea Wolves

KB3A would like simplex contest, radio night, new nets , like the ex) hair net and cof-

fee net.

KA3CPV- wanted to know about the Canine search a rescue and what was going on with that? KB3A contacted the Section Emergency coordinator on that. We need to build our ties.

Motion to adjourn:  
N3LBI Second: KC2HVX  
Meeting adjourned at 8:00

Submitted by K3LD

# Presidential Message



*As I look out of my window, the snow and wind are a never-ending barrier to taking our ham radio activities outside. This same weather is the deterrent to making out way to our Club's residence, our own EOC. You may think that as young hams, we would brave the fridged cold just to set up and operate from anywhere, just to get on the air. Well I look around at the last club meeting and I guess I'm still a young ham. After nearly 25 years in the hobby, I still have the desire to brave the elements and take to the air, however the heart is willing but the body resists. The EOC is a cold place to be in*

*the middle of the winter and as much as I would love to venture to our Ham Home in McKean, it is just too cold. This leads me to the rest of the story...we need heat at the EOC. And we need to supplement that heat with warm bodies eager to operate our newly donated and freshly tweaked HF gear. Or maybe a special 2 meter distance contest from the EOC, sort of like "Can you Hear Me Now?" with mobiles running around the back roads.*

*How can we get hams to do what I described earlier? Well why don't we throw a party? Nothing like a hot dog fresh off the grill, a favorite beverage and a ham station buzzing with activity. And it doesn't have to be Field Day to enjoy this type of fraternal gathering. Socializing without the demands of a meeting to get in the way is a great way to renew friendships, to create some friendly competition when operating, and help newer hams learn some valuable operating skills.*

*All I have suggested leads me to my next quest, Control Operators. As trustee, my license is*

*on the line every time W3GV transmits. Most local hams know I love to operate with the best of them, however I can't be at the EOC 24/7. So I would like to have some hams that want to be "radio active" and volunteer to be the control op for a day during a weekend, just so some the local hams can get a chance to operate the club station even if they don't have the class of license to do so, this is where the control ops come in. We are very fortunate to have a great antenna system and great HF Rig and soon have computers for logging and interfacing for CW (you know that ancient form of communication) and the digital modes. Let's help fill my mailbox with requests for W3GV QSL's, not because it is a rare contact, because we are being ham radio party animals and they want to join in via the airwaves. I want to also resurrect the Worked 10 Erie Hams Award. However we need your help. Let's have a party, and your all invited!*

73, Chris KB3A



Radio Association  
of Erie

Executive Board-  
2003

Not Pictured~  
Micky LaJohn



# Where were you?

**Hey Ham's... The club meets every first Thursday of the Month!  
What happened? I missed many of you at the last meeting. As you  
can see, there is plenty of room for our members and our guests.**

**Are you unable to make it to the club meeting? If so, I want to hear  
from you! Please email Bob LaPlaca - KC2HVX at  
rjl191@adelphia.net or leave a message on my answering machine  
at 897-9872. No excuses!**

**I expect to see some new faces at our next monthly club meeting!!!**



Photo's taken by photographer Jack Haven- N3RKO

## Radio Association of Erie

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[http://  
home.earthlink.net/  
/~n3ntj/rae.html](http://home.earthlink.net/~n3ntj/rae.html)

**NEW WEBSITE!!!!**  
[http://  
www.rae.d2g.com](http://www.rae.d2g.com)

## A Special Service Club

### Check out what your fellow Ham's have to offer!

#### For Sale...

KLM KT34XA Triband yagi

- for 10-15-20 Meters.
- New in original box with original manual!
- DXperience 6 elements on a 32 foot boom.
- Terms: \$495, OBO cash or Paypal. Pick-up only in Girard PA (7 miles west of Erie, PA).

Contact Scott Johns  
[W3TX@arrl.net](mailto:W3TX@arrl.net)

#### I want...

**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*.  
Email- [slajohn@adelphia.net](mailto:slajohn@adelphia.net)  
Home- 774-0363  
Pager- 879-7723

#### Can we trade?

If have something that you would like to trade, just drop me a note at my NEW email account. It's [rjl191@adelphia.net](mailto:rjl191@adelphia.net).

For those that don't have email and would like to contribute to the ad listings or write an article for the QuaRae you can contact me by phone. My local phone is: 897-9872. My pager number is: 878-6652. Paging me is preferred since I am out and about most of the day. Just dial the number, wait for the tones, then dial your home phone number, and I'll call you back ASAP.

#### For Sale...

Approx. 130' of Cable Xperts RG8/U, 95% shield with foam PE. Never used and still circle-wrapped in the original ties. \$80 obo (includes shipping).

Matt- N3NTJ  
[n3ntj@earthlink.net](mailto:n3ntj@earthlink.net)

#### For Sale...

Yeasu FT-757GX

- 9 band HF Rig. With Manuals and extras—\$475.00
- Heathkit SB-1000(1000 watt) linear amplifier with manuals—\$600.00

Contact Joe Ponchak  
[kz3cpvgrmpap@juno.com](mailto:kz3cpvgrmpap@juno.com)  
836-9829

#### I want...

12V Car Charger for the Kenwood TR2600 HT

Marty Fox N3EPU  
881-1668