

# QUA - RAE

*The Official Newsletter of the Radio Association of Erie*

## ***Your Public Service Chairman & Club Vice President***

I want to thank the 16 club members who helped in "Triathlon 03" this year.

Pat Davis sent in part this E-Mail:

"Thank you and yours for the great job the R.A.E. did for the Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Triathlon this year ! I am always so impressed with your organization and for the great service you provide."

The sixteen were:

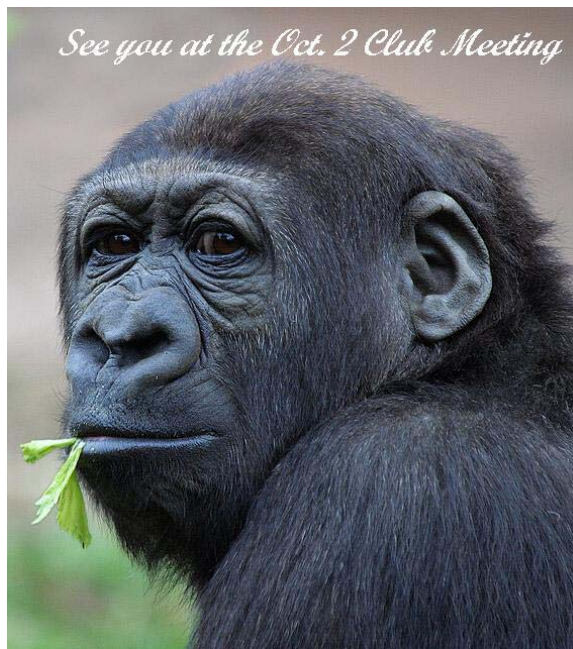
Bob KC2HVX  
Matt KB3CAT  
Bob N3LBI  
Doug AD4UL  
Dianne K3LD  
John N3NKV  
Jim KZ3C  
Gene KB3JZL  
Cliff N3BZL  
Chris KB3A  
Debi KB3B  
Bob N3FAW  
Dick NI3Q  
Joe KB3ALU  
Bill KB3JSN  
Jack N3RKO

This year for special events there were 26 members that helped out, not the best turnout but those few got the job done. We all can contribute some way to make the R.A.E. a fun club to belong to.

The Gonset radio will be given away this meeting ( Oct. 2nd ) ... you MUST be present to win !

Jack ... N3RKO Chairperson

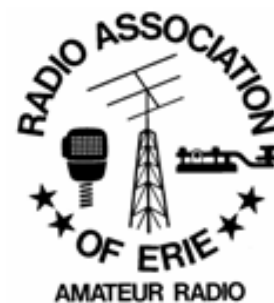
*See you at the Oct. 2 Club Meeting*



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[n3ocl@velocity.net](mailto:n3ocl@velocity.net)**IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES****General Membership  
Meeting:****Thursday, October 2, 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, September 28, 2003  
7:00 PM****Location:  
RAE Club House- EOC****Public Service Events****All public service events are complete****TAKE A LOOK AT THE SPECIAL OFFER BELOW****A note from our Special Events  
Chairperson****Special Drawing**

The photo to the right shows a front view of a Gonset to be given to a lucky Ham at the October meeting. Who is eligible? Each time you showed up for a special event this year ( 2003 ) your Call sign will be placed on a ticket and will be drawn at the END of the October meeting.

You must be present to win !

Your Last chance to win is to sign and show up for the "Presque Isle Triathlon" on Saturday, September 6, 2003, we will meet at McDonalds at 8 am sharp. The sign up sheet will be at the August meeting.



## General Meeting Minutes- September 4 , 2003

Board Members Present:  
KB3A, N3FAW, N3RKO,  
N3LBI, NI3Q, N3ZNP,  
KB3ALU and K3LD  
Not present: N3BXL

Meeting brought to order by  
President KB3A at 7:06, Gen-  
eral Membership Meeting at  
the EOC.

Upgrades: Pete (N3LKU ) up-  
graded to General in VE ses-  
sion before the General Meet-  
ing

New Hams: Bill (KB3JSN)

Guests: Computer Users of  
Erie, Pres. Sam Fletcher, VP  
Terry Lucas. Jim Simmons,  
Norm Sitter, Mark Mason and  
Gene Meeks.

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

WB8KPE asked for a correc-  
tion on the minutes in regards  
to joint effort of the RAE and  
Forum for the radio that was  
donated to the Veterans Hos-  
pital. In discussion of the  
membership in regards to the  
radio (a TS-430 with TS-430  
power supply and Kenwood  
AR-250 tuner; Heath Keyer)  
in question it was donated to  
the RAE by Scotty  
Forbes. N3FAW and  
WB3DOM went to check out

the radio and Ron suggested  
that the VA needed a radio for  
the radio shack for the Vets  
there. Ron had the radio re-  
paired by K2LXD (which the  
Forum paid for) and then was  
taken to the VA Hospital for  
their radio shack.

Motion: N3EPU Second  
N3RKO

Treasurer's report- NI3Q gave  
report

Board of Directors report-  
N3LBI: repeaters Fundrais-  
ing, website / Stargate pro-  
vider, election committee, gen-  
erator, water test, oil for the  
furnace.

Membership- N3FAW: 148

ARES / RACES/Skywarn:  
N3HPR- The RAE rose to the  
occasion during the black out.  
Within minutes we had a net  
up and running. For Skywarn  
it has been a quiet summer  
until August. In August we  
had 9 nets with 152 check ins  
and 92 man hours. The Emer-  
gency Management Center is  
working on getting a ham ra-  
dio system put in, but are still  
working on funding at this  
time.

QuaRae: KC2HVX n/a

Repeater: / EOC: N3SRD-  
Doug (AD4UL) has been out  
here constantly working and  
keeping up maintenance,  
mowing grass etc. N3RKO and  
N3ZNP have also been work-  
ing on various things at the  
RAE clubhouse.

Repeater- Sharp Rd. .82  
N3LBI donated a transistor,  
N3BXL got it ready to install  
and N3SRD hooked it in. It is  
up and running very well.  
.61 AD4UL made a jumper for  
the battery. If the power goes  
we have backup battery power  
and will have enough time to  
get out to the EOC and hook  
up generator. It seems to be  
working but will test it to see  
how long it will last. N3LBI  
got 3 new batteries which are  
hooked up and now have 510  
minutes of reserve  
power. N3BXL and N3LBI  
checked it out.

Public Service- N3RKO- Last  
one of the year is the High-  
mark Blue Cross Blue Shield  
Triathlon on September  
6. In Novembers general  
meeting a radio will be raffled  
off for all volunteers of the  
events this year.

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## *Amateur Radio Support Winds Down as Isabel Recovery Continues (Sep 30, 2003)*



Amateur Radio Support Winds Down as Isabel Recovery Continues (Sep 30, 2003) -- Hurricane Isabel is long gone, but its effects linger in the US Southeast, especially in North Carolina. Amateur Radio activities supporting the storm response, relief and recovery have wound down for the most part, but one disaster relief professional has suggested an additional role for Amateur Radio in these kinds of disasters. In North Carolina, joint Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN)-Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) support for The Salvation Army's relief efforts in the Morehead City area were scheduled to end today. Well over a dozen ham radio volun-

teers participated. Carteret County EC Rich Wright, KR4NU, said his ARES/RACES team helped in areas where ham radio provided the only reliable communication.

For the complete story, visit the ARRL website.  
<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/09/30/2/?nc=1>

Reprinted from the ARRL Audio News.

### *It's membership renewal time!*

**Come to the club meeting on November 6th and if possible be prepared to tender payment for 2004 dues. No change from the last six (6) years' rates: \$20 for full membership, \$16 for Associate.!**

When renewing (or new member) we need full address, phone, email address (if any), license grade, license expiration date.

**VISA/MASTERCARD NOW ACCEPTED! Courtesy KB3A. Call, fax, email or postal mail: furnish CARD NUMBER, EXP. DATE, NAME SHOWN ON CARD and AMOUNT!**

For VISA / MC Phone: 774-5914 OR Fax: 774-2775

For N3FAW Phone 866-3027 , Fax 866-9394

## EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

- 1) 55 Ft. Crank up Tower – excellent condition.
  - 2) Yeasu FT1000 MP Mark V with PS and Collins filters. This radio is brand new and still in the plastic and never used.
  - 3) Force 12 Antenna- 8 element Triband Beam
  - 4) Kenwood TS-940S with microphone. This radio is show room condition!
  - 5) Heathkit SB-1000 Amplifer (show room condition)
  - 6) Vectronics KFT1500 2KW Antenna Tuner (excellent)
  - 7) Drake MN-2000 2KW Tuner
  - 8) Kenwood TS-820S with External VFO (excellent condition!)
  - 9) Heathkit SB-610 Osilloscope
  - 10) Heathkit SA-2060A Antenna Tuner
- All equipment is in showroom condition  
Joe is in the process of moving to an assisted living home and can not have a radio shack.  
If interested, please call Joe at 899-7230.

1. Following items from estate of SK K3IVG are available now:  
Tower with Tail Twister Rotator and heavy duty thrust bearing, about 75 feet high. Must be dismantled. Reasonable offer solicited.
2. Mosley HF Yagi antenna, probably PRO series. Make offer.
3. HyGain UHF Vertical Antenna still in unopened package, ditto
4. Hustler UHF Antenna, ditto, ditto.
5. Several old Icom 2M HT's (IC 02AT, etc available...  
Contact Bob N3FAW, 866-3027 or bob-n3faw@adelphia.net



### For Sale...

Yesu FT-757GX

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

Contact Joe Ponchak  
ka3cpvgrmpap@juno.com  
836-9829



### DONATIONS INFORMATION

The Radio Association of Erie (RAE) is, according to the Internal Revenue Service, a Section 501(C)3 tax-exempt corporation. As such, donations of funds or equipment can be income tax deductible. Consultation with a tax professional is advisable. A suitable receipt for tax purposes is available: contact Bob N3FAW (or any RAE officer).  
(Donations are welcome, of course.)

### For Sale...

ALINCO DJ196 HT

- Excellent Condition
  - Includes cigarette lighter power cord
    - \$50.00
- Marty  
881-1668

### For Sale...

**Towtec Electric Hoist/Winch**  
1000 lb, adj. brake/clutch, 1/2 hp.

ARRL approved, never used in box, paid \$300. Make Offer  
**Yaesu FTV250 Transverter 2m**

Very nice, \$90.00  
Paul Gerbracht, W3QPP  
868-5519



## *General Meeting Minutes...continued*

Contest- KB3A- there will be various stations set up for the PA QSO party. Also a week before the PA QSO the California QSO will be going on and the RAE clubhouse will have stations set up for that. So come out and operate and if you haven't done so before now is a good time to broaden your experiences in ham radio.

VE- K3LD-

Before the general meeting we had a VE session with Pete (N3LKV) successfully taking his general test. KB3A would like to have at least every other month a VE test before the general meeting. If you want to test before November's general meeting contact Rob (N3OCL) and he will set it up. If there are any tests before they will be announced on the net on Sunday nights at 9:00 on .61 or in the Quarae. Rob Jacobs N3OCL the RAE ARRL VEC VE liaison. They will have monthly sessions but you need to contact them to make arrangements. Contact Norma at [w3cg@tbscc.com](mailto:w3cg@tbscc.com) or phone 814-665-9124 or Rob Jacobs at [n3ocl@velocity.net](mailto:n3ocl@velocity.net) or phone 814-438-7804.

Saturday September 20 and October 18 at 12:30 at Gannon

Old:

-The old green generator is being evaluated to see if it can be used. Right now there are a lot of things missing or corroded.

- Red Cross donation motion to donate \$150.00 to the Red Cross N3LBI 2nd NI3Q all in favor  
-website has been approved by the board KC2HVX will develop it and be the webmaster.  
-N3SRD mentioned Echo link KB3A would like to see that in the future  
-N3FAW had a TNC donated by KZ3C, Bob would like to see it dedicated to CW or packet.

New: -

-KB3A would like to set up a packet cluster with N3BXL's help and have it running all the time. That could be very useful during emergencies. WB8KPE said that knowing how to operate these things would be very helpful.  
-Elmer (AA3WT) Jamboree on the Air would like something set up at the RAE clubhouse in October (3rd weekend)  
-fundraiser - tickets for the 17 inch flat screen LCD monitor on sale \$2.00 or 3/ \$5.00

50/50 AD4UL

2nd drawing donated by N3EPU for the Otters hockey game winner KB3A

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

Submitted by K3LD

Also note after the meeting

## *VE Dates and Notices*

Gannon VE Sessions for this winter :

Dates:

October 18  
November 15  
December 20

Time:

12:00 Noon - Fill out paperwork  
12:30 PM - Examinations begin

Location:

At the A.J. Palumbo Academic Center  
corner of West 8th and Peach Streets

Directions

for maps and directions check  
[www.qsl.net/wn3m](http://www.qsl.net/wn3m)

# Check out what your fellow Hams' 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

## For Sale...

Two 12VDC/25A regulated power supplies. Brand new in excellent condition. Each used twice for a long term project that ended prematurely. \$85 each.

Lots of vacuum tubes. See updated list at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~n3ntj/tubes.html>.

Email me your want list for pricing, etc.

Matthew Steger, N3NTJ  
[n3ntj@earthlink.net](mailto:n3ntj@earthlink.net)

## Special Thanks to Doug AD4UL, Steve N3SRD, and Don WB8KPE for organizing and clean our club house



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

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

*Win the 17 inch LCD Flat Panel  
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bobn3faw@adelphia.net

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

How Many Tickets? \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Tickets will Not be mailed, but will inserted into  
the

Raffle Drawing Box. Winner's presence not required.

Cash equivalent is winner's option.