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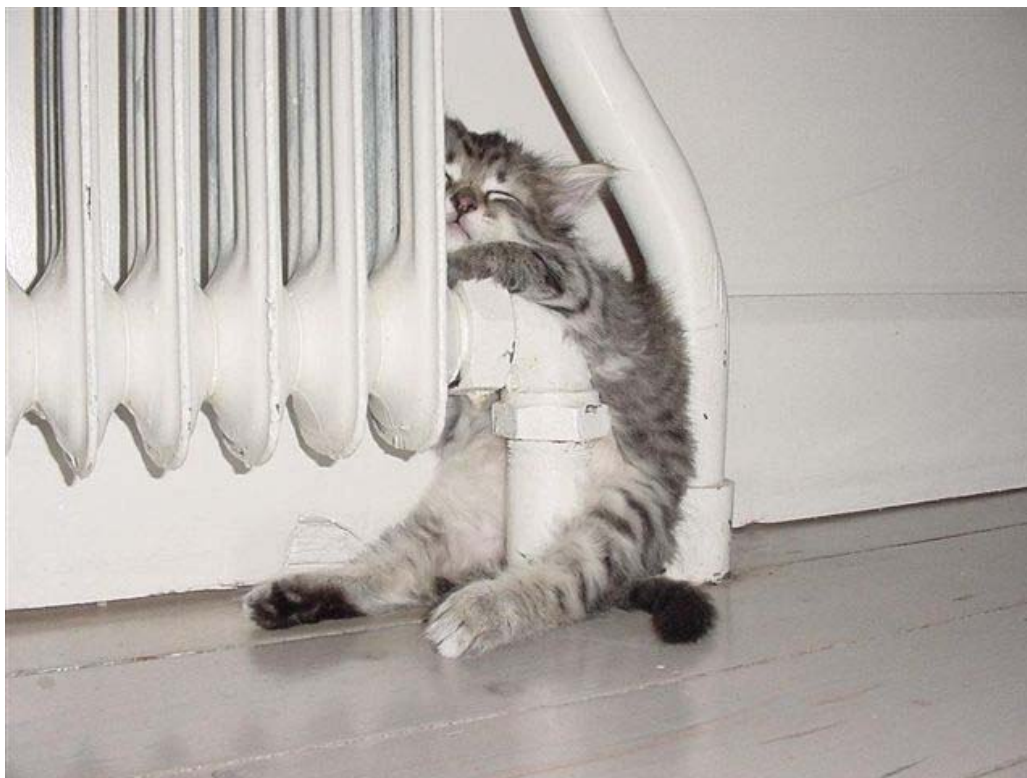
# QUARAE



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## Someone is nice a warm at the Clubhouse



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The Radio Association of Erie, will hold it's first 2004 general membership meeting at the clubhouse-EOC. All are welcome to join us for the event. The building heating has been checked out and will be ready for the Thursday night event.

Join us there for a wonderful evening. We will be discussing fundraising, contesting, and there will be sign-up for the upcoming public service event.

There will also be a short demo on the computer upgrades that have taken place.

A special setup will be on display showing the advantages the computers will play in our upcoming contesting. For more information, just join us at the meeting.

Thursday, April 1st, 2004 at the Clubhouse on Wagner Road. 7PM! Please try to make an effort to be there. The RAE depends on members actually showing up at the meetings to keep the Ham hobby alive.

Don't worry about being cold, see how warm the kitty is!

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## IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES

### General Membership Meeting

Time: **Thursday, April 1, 2003 @ 7:00 PM**

Location: **Club House –EOC  
End of Wagner Rd, off Bargin Rd, off Route 99**

Club meetings are NOW going to be at the Club House. The building is open, join us for our first meeting of the year.

### Board of Directors Meeting

Time: **Tuesday, April 27, 2003  
@ 7:00 PM**

Location: **Club House –EOC**



*The club president invites the attendance of all club members to our next meeting. Please join us for an important meeting.*

## Public Service Events Information– Jack Haven

The first Public Service Event will take place on  
**April 25, 2004.**

The March of Dimes has again asked for communications assistance. Our club has participated in the years past, there should be no problem getting official club approval as long as there are available operators.

Please mark your calendar for that date.

The Radio Association of Erie is recognized as a ARRL special service club. Each year we participate in community activities for various awareness and fundraising efforts.

Please help your community!

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Participate in the RAE public service events for awareness and fundraising.*

## Newsletter Editor Position

The Radio Association of Erie is currently looking for a volunteer to manage the QUARAE newsletter. After two years of providing the newsletter, it has become necessary for me to focus my efforts on our new club website. Guidance, past newsletter files, and proper software will be provided. All that is necessary is a PC based computer. Please consider offering some of your time to assisting the club with on of the most informative club sources. Anyone interested in the position or looking for more information, should contact me (Bob LaPlaca– KC2HVX 814.397.7453 or RJL191@adelphia.net).

Since this is my **last** newsletter, I would like to thank you all for reading.



*Original passwords that were given out for user accounts must be changed before the end of March. After that date, user account passwords that remain unchanged will be disabled. If so, you must contact, Bob LaPlaca.*

## General Meeting Minutes— February 5th, 2004

*Board Members Present: KB3A, N3FAW, KD3D, KB3ALU, KC2HVX, N3RKO, and K3LD.*

*Not present: N3BXL and N3LBI.*

*Meeting brought to order by President KB3A at 7:00, General Membership Meeting at the Red Cross.*

*Silent Key: Jerry Munz N3XHL and Kathy Engel KA3KFP moment of silence*

*Secretary's report- K3LD: motion to accept the minutes that were printed in the QuaRae for February*

*Motion: K3TJM Second N3RKO*

*Treasurer's report-KD3D- gave report*

*Board of Directors report K3LD- Drive time timer, database updating, directory, fundraising and procedures for EOC use.*

*Membership- N3FAW: 74 so far for 2004*

*ARES / RACES : N3HPR- n/a - KB3A is disappointed on not being tapped out for the last event with white powder at the courthouse and city hall. They even said that communications was poor. We are here for emergency communications.*

*Skywarn: N3EOY n/a*

*QuaRae: KC2HVX : QuaRae out there in PDF and HML format. Bob is working on the website and coordinating database with N3FAW. Bob is asking someone to take over the QuaRae since he is tied up with the website. If anyone is interested contact Bob, he will give you publisher and the format for the QuaRae. Most of everything is mostly paste and cut, it may take at most 2 hours to do.*

*Public Service- N3LBI- April 25 is the March of Dimes contact Jack (N3RKO) if interested in helping out.*

*Repeater: KB3A- N3RKO has asked that the drive time timer be eliminated. The problem with disconnecting is that it is tough to program*

*EOC: N3ZNP- working on getting water up and going.*

*Neal has approached the township and they have told Neal that they will help with the well. The water and heat will be ready for the next General meeting at the EOC in April.*

*KB3A: The codes for the EOC will be changed anyone wanting to use the radios will have to get to Chris a copy of their license and you will need to notify Chris that you intend to use the radios. As the station trustee he is concerned with the operation of the repeater and as President he is concerned with the safety of the members. Anyone interested will be put on the list and by all means use the radios that is why they are there.*

*Contest- KB3A: The club won a plaque for the Maryland QSO party, first place in PA clubs.*

*Phone contest for ARRL DX this weekend.*

*VE: K3LD- contact Rob Jacobs N3OCL as the RAE ARRL VEC VE liaison contact him to make arrangements if you are interested in testing. Contact Rob Jacobs at n3ocl@velocity.net or phone 814-438-7804.*

*New:*

*Ripley Hamfest is the first weekend of May at they Ripley Firehall.*

*Skywarn training: KB3ALU - set for April 6 at Hamot sign in at 6:00.*

*The next general meeting will be at the Club House EOC on April 1*

*50/50: N3RKO*

*Motion to adjourn: KC2HVX Second: KB3ALU*

*Meeting adjourned at 7:55 Submitted by K3LD*

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### **Ripley Hamfest- Ham Radio, computer gear, electronic left overs**

On Saturday May 2, 2004, the Ripley Hamfest will be setup at the Ripley NY Fire Hall. The time is 8am till 12 noon. Admission is \$3 a person. Tables are \$3 or 2 tables for \$5.

There will be door prizes and a Homebrew Contest. Contest will be held at 9:30am.

It sounds like things will be hopping there. Check it out.

For more information, visit

<http://ripleyhamfest1.tripod.com>

Or you can call:

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***Testing? Are you ready to upgrade your license. Then contact Rob-N3OCL for you specialized meeting time.***

### **Online Directory**

The directory is now ONLINE. Member's can login to the member's only area to choose the link to view all hams in the directory. The ability to search by callsign is also available. Check it out! Our membership chairman has been working very vigilantly to achieve a high degree of valid update-to-date information.

Member's visit the online site at

[www.raerie.org](http://www.raerie.org)



### **SKYWARN Spring Training**

**Tuesday, April 6  
Hamot Medical Center  
Auditorium**

**6 p.m. for registration  
6:30 p.m. for class start**