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Special points of interest:

- March of Dimes event will be held in April, mark you calendars.
- New Website officially online. I invite you to check out our efforts.
- Digital modes of communication is on the minds of some people...
- A new license class might be implemented, check page 3 for more information.

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Check out what is happening from the ARRL



ARRL ham gear to be shut down during space walk (Feb 26, 2004) – For safety reasons, the Amateur Ra-

dio on the International Space Station (ARISS) station equipment will be shut down during the space walk Thursday, February 26, by Expedition 8 crew members Mike Foale, KB5UAC, and Sasha Kaleri, U8MIR. The "extra-vehicular activity" or EVA –as NASA calls it–is scheduled to begin at 2100 UTC. This will mark the first time that the entire ISS crew will be working outside the station. In the past, when three-member crews were aboard, at least one of the three crew members would remain aboard to monitor the activity. The ARISS NA1SS and RSOISS equipment will be shut off prior to the EVA, and it will not be turned on again until some time after the EVA is completed. Among other tasks, the crew will install new experiments and replace and remove parts for existing experiments on the exterior of the ISS. There's more information on the space walk on the NASA Web site. ARISS is an international educational outreach program with US participation from ARRL, NASA and AMSAT. ~



UO-11 to mark 20 years in space (Feb 26, 2004) – UO-11 (also known as UOSAT-2) will

turn 20 years old on March 1. To mark the event, AMSAT-UK will issue a commemorative QSL card in exchange for listener reports from stations monitoring the satellite's signal during the month of March 2004. The reports must be posted via the reporting page on the AMSAT-UK Web site, and QSL cards will be in the form of a downloadable E-QSL. UO-11 was the second satellite to be launched by the University of Surrey group headed by Martin Sweeting, G3YJO. Its telemetry beacon can be heard on 145.825 MHz FM using just a handheld radio. UO-11 also has a 2401.5 MHz beacon, although hearing the 2.4 GHz signal could present a challenge.

"Depending on the status of the satellite, it sometimes goes into 'safe' mode, and the beacon transmitters are not active for days at a time," said Trevor, M5AKA. "The University of Surrey Ground station staff will attempt to maximize the number of days the transmitters are active during March." More information is available on the AMSAT-UK Web site.

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IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES

General Membership Meeting

Time: Thursday, March 4, 2003 @ 7:00 PM

Location: American Red Cross
4961 Pittsburgh Avenue

Club meetings will continue at the Red Cross building until better weather arrives for us to return to the club house.

Board of Directors Meeting

Time: Tuesday, March 23, 2003
@ 7:00 PM

Location: American Red Cross
4961 Pittsburgh Avenue



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).



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, N3ZNP, KB3ALU, N3LBI and K3LD. Not present: N3BXL and N3RKO

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

Silent Key: John Steger W3ZBF moment of silence

Guest: John KB3ICI and Richard N3BWG

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

Motion: K3TJM Second KB3B

Treasurer's report-KD3D- gave report

Board of Directors report: N3LBI- New club rules, No smoking signs at EOC, Mary KB3JZM has been plowing the EOC, repeater, fundraising, directory, and website.

Membership- N3FAW: 87 so far for 2004

Directory: N3FAW is working on a new one, contact Bob with any changes to upgrades, address, e-mails, etc.

N3FAW a motion to charge \$2.00 for any paper copy of the directory 2nd KB3ALU all in favor

Any one wishing a hard copy of the Directory contact N3FAW.

ARES / RACES : N3HPR- n/a

Skywarn: N3EOY n/a

QuaRae: KC2HVX - Website is up and Bob has membership passwords, if you were not present at the meeting contact Bob for your password. It is very imperative to change your password to a new one, if it isn't done by March your information will be frozen and you will not be able to access it. If you need to after it is frozen contact KC2HVX (to prevent that from happening change your password before March)

-If you want to add anything to the QuaRae send it to

Bob in the format you want it to read as (or publishing ready) Bob welcomes any articles, items for sale etc. It is your newsletter please contribute you wealth of knowledge and items of interest.

KC2HVX wants you to please check out your information and if needed correct it. Make sure you have gotten your password and changed such so to access your records.

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

Repeater: / EOC: KB3A would like to look (in the future) at Echolink.

Contest- KB3A: ARRL DX will be in February

Chris has a preliminary results for the PA QSO. Good presence with W3GV

Also in 2005 looks like the W3GV will be the bonus section for the PA QSO party. More details later.

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.

Old: - Holiday Party was fun and the food great. Due to the weather some people could not make it, so we will be doing the Christmas Party in early December this year.

-Rick Cutter was recognized in helping Admiral Curtze see his LED counter.

New: KB3A hopefully we can have our General meeting at the EOC beginning in April, at this time we are planning on Bill Edgar (N3LLR) to be the speaker at that meeting.

A Hamfest with Wattsburg and Oil City is set for the middle of July at the Green Twnshp Building

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General Meeting Minutes— February 5th, 2004***** Continued *****

Security at the EOC: Anyone interested in using the radios at the EOC is welcomed to do so. The only requirement at this time is that a member should have someone with them and let

KB3A know they are there. Chris also wants a copy of any operators license. If interested in using the equipment contact KB3A.

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

The next general meeting will be at the Red Cross in March 4, 2004

Motion to adjourn: N3LBI Second: KC2HVX

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 Submitted by K3LD



Amateur Radio has some interesting things happening, check out the ARRL.org website for more up-to-date information.

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*If anyone is interested in testing contact
Rob Jacobs
N3OCL is the new
RAE ARRL VEC VE
liaison.*

A Special Thanks to Dick Eisenberg— N3TYE

I wanted to publicly thank you for your kind words of our radio club and my work with the newsletter the QUARAE. It was a pleasant surprise after I found your letter in my mail box.

What happened... In a past newsletter produced by me, an amateur operator found a copy of a QSL card he sent over 70 years ago. One day I got home from work, and found this letter in my mail box. I was very surprised to have gotten such a positive response to the newsletter. I only wish I was send more things, especially things that could be posted in our wonderful newsletter.

Thanks very much for you letter.



Don't forget that their will be a SKYWARN meeting at Hamot hospital in April for those interested in becoming a certified SKYWARN member. Listen to 61 Sunday nights at 9pm for more information.

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Going back in time... looking at Amateur Radio

30 Years Ago
March 1974

The WR3ACA repeater along with the WR3ABN repeater in Meadville were sponsoring a joint QSL Card Design Contest. The winner of the contest received 100 feet of Teflon hook-up wire and an isolation control system. The closing date for the contest was April 10th. If anyone had questions, they were to contact K3NAU Charles Bliley.

25 Years Ago
March 1979

WA3USH Dick Bomboy and WA3WYZ Ramon Jones put up new transmission line on the 34/94 repeater. The meeting topic for the RAE April meeting was

commercial satellites.

20 Years Ago- 1984

Dave Bell from the National Weather Service was the speaker at the April RAE meeting.

15 Years ago- 1989

The RAE Springfest was held on April 22nd at the Sunflower Club. There would be a drawing for an Icom 228A handheld and a Kenwood TH 205AT handheld.

10 Years ago- 1994

An extensive month long series appeared about W6QI Herb Johnson and his involvement with Swan and Atlas.

Trivia Question -

The current controller for the 61 Repeater was installed in 1984. What was the cost for the controller according to an article that appeared in the newspaper?

See page ___ for the answer = \$2,860. In 2002, with the cost of inflation the cost would be around \$4959.36

The data for trivia question was from the March 4th, 1984= PG 11A

Thanks to John Lis—N3NKV for providing the time capsule information.