

Club Repeaters:
Erie: 146.610-
PL 127.3 hz
Waterford: 146.82-
PL 186.2 hz

QUARAE



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RAE GARAGE SALE



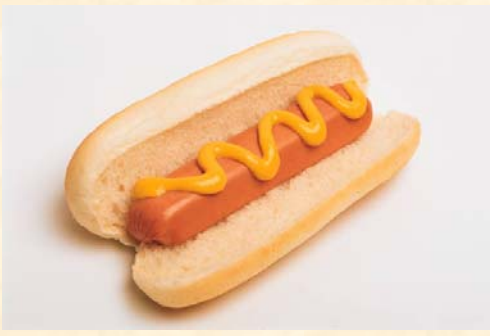
Bring Your Boxes!

Bring a Truck !

Because Steve N3SRD and Doug AD4UL did some re-arranging of "stuff" in the garage at the clubhouse.

At the next RAE Meeting, the club will be liquidating various items that have accumulated over the years. Many items were donated to the club by George Bablak's wife. Some of the items were sold at various hamfests in the area with the proceeds going to the club. We have set up tables in the garage and stacked boxes, etc. on top and

underneath, just like a hamfest, to make it a little easier to peruse. There are also a couple of racks with some equipment in them so be sure and check them out. We would like members (and anyone else interested) to check out the items and make a donation to the club if you find anything of interest. So THANKS and good hunting!!



**RAE CLUB MEETING — Thurs. Oct 7th
at the clubhouse**

There will be a Hot Dog Roast at this month's meeting! This maybe the last one of the year before the snow starts to fly.

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Upcoming Events

October 26th - Board of Directors Meeting - Clubhouse on Wagner RD off of Bargain RD

November 4th - Monthly Meeting and Annual Election of Officers
Location To Be Announced in Next Months QuaRae and also will on the 61 Repeater

November 23rd—Board of Director Meeting—TBA

Public Service News



On September 11 a Triathlon was held at Presque Isle to benefit the Caring Place, an organization that helps kids and families cope with the death of a loved one. We had a great turnout for this event, 21 operators, outstanding! Patti Davis, the event coordinator, asked me to THANK

everyone for the great job we did keeping her informed of the progress of the event.

I would like to give a big THANK YOU to the following radio operators who spent a pleasant Saturday morning at Presque Isle helping with this event: Doug AD4UL, Bob KC2HVX, Bob N3LBI, Dick NI3Q, Dave KA3AUH, Lee WW3JC, Kevin KE3V, Bob N3FAW, Bill N3UMJ, Chris KB3A, Ron WB3DOM, Sue N3LPO, Ron N3BXL, Matt KB3CAT, Jack N3RKO, Bill KB3JSN, Adam N3ZRD, John N3NKV, Aaron N3WAH, Sam KB3DAF and Cecil NM3L.

This was the final Public Service Event of the year, so I would like to thank everyone who helped throughout the year. Looking forward to another great year in 2005.

73

Doug AD4UL

RAE General Membership Meeting Minutes September 2, 2004

Board Members Present: KB3A, N3LBI, N3RKO, KB3ALU, KD3D, KC2HVX, N3FAW and K3LD Not present: N3BXL

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

Silent Key: K3TJM Jack moment of silence

New Ham: KB3LHW Rick

Secretary's report- K3LD: motion to accept the minutes that were printed in the QuaRae for August Motion: N3LBI Second: N3RKO

Treasurer's report- report given

Board of Directors report- N3LBI –election committee looking for nominations, website, repeater, lighthouse contest, Caring Place Event and PA QSO in October.

Membership- N3FAW: 126 members

Repeater: N3SRD- Now getting 80+ watts out for .82 plus new PL for .82 is 186.2. They will be switching the PL later on the .61 repeater and let all know well in advance when the change will take place.

Public Service- AD4UL- Caring Place event September 11 contact Doug to help out.

Contest- KB3A: PA QSO – October 9th & 10th. The club will have stations set up. KB3A is working hard at having the W3GV be the bonus station for 2005 but we need ops and show them what we can do.

VE: K3LD- If anyone is interested to test you have to contact Rob (N3OCL) cell phone # 814-881-5238 or email at N3OCL@verizon.net so that we can make sure to have the test at the RAE clubhouse.

Old Business: Lighthouse event thanks to AD4UL, N3RKO for working hard during both weekends (National and International) and WW3JC for working the weekend prior for the National Lighthouse event.

New: Motion to sponsor a Plaque for the PA QSO motion N3LBI and 2nd N3NKV

KB3A – the TEN ERIE HAMS AWARD is still available just make 10 contacts

N3TYE thanked N3FAW for getting him back on the air.

50/50: WA3ANA Woody

Monitor Raffle winner Bill Austin WB3IFE

Motion to adjourn: KC2HVX Second: KA3CPV

Meeting adjourned at 7:43

Submitted by K3LD

Activity: Picnic for all which included Hot Dogs provided by N3RKO , Pop, Macaroni & Potato Salad etc provided by Board members

2nd Gas Grill Finds New Home at Clubhouse

Thanks go out to to Brian Haven, who aquired another grill for the club.

Why two grills ? We know neither are NEW ! As the photo shows we need a gas bottle to get this one fired up. What are Some of the advantages of two grills ?



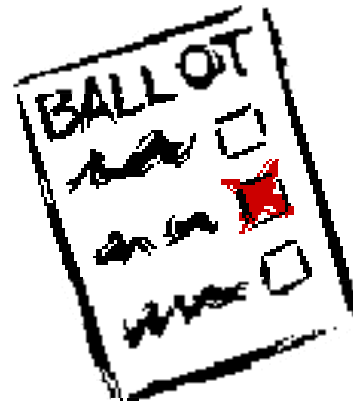
- *To take care of a overflow crowd.
- *To handle any special events.
- *To cook separate menus.
- *To be a back up to main grill.
- *This gives us a back up gas bottle.

I am sure you can think of more reasons. With that said the bottom line is we need another gas tank. We got the grill now let's get it working! !

73,
Jack N3RKO

Decision 2005

Election Season is here. We keep our elections simple. No hanging chads nor do we have to worry about the voting machines breaking down. If you are interested in becoming part of the RAE Leadership Team, it is really simple.



Nominations should be submitted to a member of the election committee using the nomination form below. Members of the election committee are: KC2HVX Bob LaPlaca, AD4UL Doug Sweet, K3LD Dianne Miller, and KD3D Frank Graziano. At the October General meeting, additional nominations will be taken from the floor. After the October meeting is adjourned, no additional nominations will be accepted. At the November General meeting, elections will be conducted by the Election Committee.

The offices up for election are: Business Officers: (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary) 1 Yr Term

Directors: One Director to serve a three-year term

**2005 NOMINATION FORM FOR CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE
IN THE RADIO ASSOCIATION of ERIE**

Office:

Nominee

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Board of Directors

Requires signature of 2 active or life members

Signature

Signature

PA QSO PARTY

OPERATING PERIODS - 1600Z October 9 to 0500Z October 10 and 1300Z October 10 to 2200Z October 10

FREQUENCIES

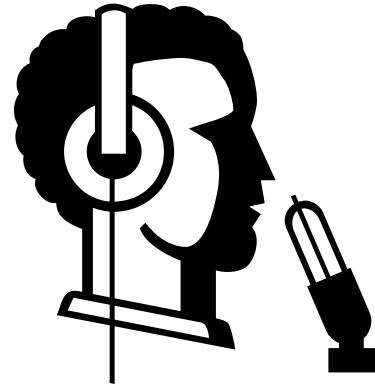
SSB: 1850, 3980, 7280, 14280, 21380, 28480, 50.125, 146.55 (12, 17, 30 meter and repeater QSOs NOT permitted.)

CW: 40 KHz up from the bottom and 1810 KHz.

160 METERS - Try at 0300Z Sunday. Follow 160 Band Plan, CW - 1.800-1.830, SSB - above 1.850

HIGH BAND ACTIVITY PERIODS - Saturday & Sunday: 10m - 1800z, 15m - 1900z, 20m - 2000z, SSB on the hour, CW on the half hour.

MOBILE WINDOW - 5 KHz below listed frequencies. *KEEP CLEAR FOR WEAK MOBILES.*



EXCHANGES - Sequential SERIAL NUMBER plus COUNTY or ARRL or Radio Association of Canada (RAC) section. Stations on county lines will give out ONE serial number per contact but all counties may be counted as multipliers. Work stations once per band and once per mode. Work mobiles and Rovers again as they change counties.

QSO PARTY COMPUTER LOGGING PROGRAMS

K3CP (c/o DLARC, KA3MOU, 120 McIlhane Ave, Bath, Pa. 18014) (E-mail: KA3MOU@enter.net)

KM3D (Box 392, Richland, Pa. 17087) Download: <http://www.km3d.com>

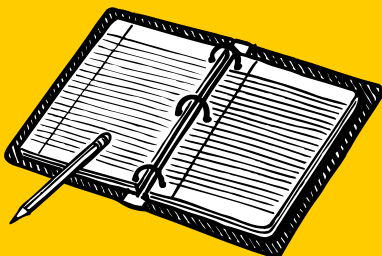
KA3JWE (Windows version) Download: <http://www.enter.net/~donster/>

NA - latest version now handles the 1.5 Point QSOs.

WriteLog has template. <http://www.writelog.com>

EQF Software - www.eqf-software.com - E-mail: n3eqf@eqfsoftware.com

THE PA QSO PARTY REFLECTOR - To subscribe, send a two word message "subscribe paqso" to "majordomo@QTH.net".



A Summary Sheet, Complete Rules, Log Sheets, and Dupe Sheets are all available in Adobe Acrobat Format on the PA QSO Party Web Site at:

<http://www.nittany-arc.net/paqso.html>

Erie County ARES—Skywarn Picnic

Continuing a legacy of excellence in emergency communications, Erie County's Emergency Coordinators hosted members of the amateur radio community who participate in the ARES/RACES/SKYWARN organization. The event, held the evening of Saturday, September 25th, drew over 30 hams, and featured good fellowship and good chow. During the meal, all in attendance were pleasantly surprised to be serenaded by the stirring strains of Black Sabbath and the Scorpions, whose vicarious doppelgangers performed only steps away. Most agreed that Osbourne's elegiac ballads suited the occasion.

"We're thrilled with the turnout," said Dave Wellman, WX3E, Erie County's ARES/RACES EC, "and we plan to make this a semi-annual event. Steve (LaJohn, N3SRD, Erie Co. SKYWARN EC) and I are both proud and humbled to take on our new roles as EC's, so ably performed by Tom McClain and Dave Henderson."

McClain and Henderson, N3HPR and N3EOY respectively, formerly led Erie County's emergency communications efforts for many years, and recently tapped Wellman and LaJohn as their replacements. Both McClain and Henderson remain active in the organization as mentors and resources.

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Joe KA3CPV, Lee WW3JC, Rich WA1YJZ working 80 meters at the picnic



Erie County ARES—Skywarn Picnic continued

“Our thanks go to all who attended the picnic,” said LaJohn. “We are quite happy to have such a dedicated group of hams, who make their time and equipment available at a moment’s notice in the interest of public safety. We believe that bringing these folks together can only help to improve participation, increase public awareness, and recruit new members to the team.”



Wellman conceived the picnic in just that way; meet and enjoy the meal, get to know one another, and spend a few minutes discussing operations and opportunities. “We suggest that each member study the ARRL’s Emcomm Level 1 manual and take the exam. It’s really interesting reading, and contains concentrated information and philosophy that are quite relevant to today’s new demands on us.” He then reminded all that Lee Robinson, WW3JC, will offer classes in Emcomm 1 presently, and that time is running out for successful students to have their fees reimbursed in full by the ARRL. Wellman also suggested that members obtain pagers as an invaluable tool that informs an amateur that a situation may be developing.

“Lee Robinson is our new station manager for the amateur station recently installed at Corry Memorial Hospital,” continued Wellman, who went on to name other new positions to the group. Peter Albright, AA2AD, and Bill Marshall, KB3JSN, will now serve as Wellman’s asst. EC’s. Albright continues to act as a substantial technical and training resource, while Marshall takes on public information and relations.

Alan Jordano, KB3DUO, was named formally as Forecast Officer for Erie Co. SKYWARN, a role he has defined and for which he has set the benchmark in a coordinated and effective weather response.

Wellman and LaJohn want all amateurs in Erie County to be aware of the need for more participants and improved participation in the Sunday evening training net, (9:00pm ET at 146.61, 146.82, and 146.70). “Our thanks to all who join the SKYWARN activations and ARES mobilizations during the past year,” said LaJohn, who was echoed by Wellman. “But we can always use more help.”

Those interested in learning more about ARES/RACES/SKYWARN, or to join, e-mail Dave Wellman at ucdavid@aol.com or Steve LaJohn at slajohn@adelphia.net.



**Make sure to Check into the
Erie County ARES/RACES/Skywarn Net
each Sunday at 9pm
on the 146.610 and 146.70 repeaters.**



Radio Association of Erie
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Erie, Pa 16512

Swap and Shop

For Sale—Heathkit SB-1000(1000 watt) linear amplifier with manuals—\$ 500.00 or Best Offer Contact Joe Ponchak KA3CPV at 814-836-982 or via e-mail:ka3cpvgmpap@velocity.net

For Sale—Info Center- Model FB-745 FLAT BED SCANNER 9600 DPI w/ 36 Bit True Color Requires 486 or Pentium Processor -- 600x1200 DPI Optical Resolution. Complete with all cables ETC. Brand new \$25.00 or best offer. Contact Bob Dziubkowski K3SBU at 814-899-2107 or e-mail: k3sbu-1@juno.com

For Sale—1-30 foot tower (3 ten foot sections) \$100.

1 - three element beam antenna (20 - 15 - 10 meters) \$50.

Contact Dick Bainbridge W3GZO at 814-838-4878 or e-mail w3gzo@velocity.net

**For Sale—Cushcraft A3 tri-bander (on ground disassembled) needs some new hardware \$30; 4 10ft. sections of Rohn HG25 tower needs some painting otherwise in good shape Free for taking); HAM IV Rotator and control box (new \$365 sell \$40) ; 80 ft. - 8 conductor cable for rotor (goes with Rotor otherwise \$5; 80 ft - RG8 coax (Connector one end only) \$5; 50 ft - RG* coax (connectors on both ends) \$5; 6 3/16" stainless Guys Commercial/Mil surplus clevis on ends along with heavy spring take up and clamp (56ft, 56ft,50ft,49ft,41ft,41 ft) 293 ft total (new \$.75 sell \$.10ft); Hazer elevator for [HG25](#) tower with winch with 80 ft 1/8 new cable. (Have assembly Instructions, etc .) (New \$213 sell 25); Vibroplex Keying BUG (like new) \$50
Contact Wilbur Hansen,W3HRF www.w3hrf@adelphia.net at 814 899 4512**