

QUARAE

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Amateur Radio for Tropical Storm Gustav...

John McHugh, K4AG, coordinator for Amateur Radio at the National Hurricane Center, WX4NHC, posted this message this morning:

"In anticipation of Gustav reaching hurricane strength today, WX4NHC, the Amateur Radio station at the National Hurricane Center in Miami, will be activating today at 12 PM EDT (1600Z). We request all land based stations as well as ships at sea in the areas affected to send us weather data (measured or estimated) and damage reports.

"If you are in the affected area and normally monitor on a local Net on VHF, 40 or 80 meters, we would appreciate your checking into the HWN NET or EchoLink/IRLP Net

once per hour to receive the latest Hurricane Advisories and to report your local conditions.

"Please do not venture outside during the hurricane to gather weather data."

In addition, the VoIP Hurricane Net activated at 11 AM EDT (1500Z), according to a post by Jim Palmer, KB1KQW, VoIP-WX Net Scheduler. This message was posted to the VoIP Web site:

"There are a few EchoLink and IRLP nodes in the affected area of Jamaica and we hope that Amateur Radio Operators with these capabilities in neighboring Caribbean Islands and the International Radio Emergency Support Coalition (IRESC) can support us with contacts

in the affected area via HF and other means as well as direct contact via EchoLink and IRLP. All information will be helpful for WX4NHC, the Amateur Radio Station at the National Hurricane Center."

Although the track and intensity of the storm could change, news reports agree that it appears likely that Gustav will gather strength in the Gulf of Mexico and impact one or more Gulf Coast States early next week. An August 27 FEMA news release summarized preparations already underway in the Gulf Coast states.

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Club Repeaters

146.6100 PL: 186.2
146.8200 PL: 186.2

ANNOUNCEMENTS BOARD

- Remember that the September Club Meet is September 4th at 7 PM.
- Voting season if here for the RAE! See page 4 and 5 for more information.
- The Erie Airport Drill turned out to be a success! Thanks to everyone who participated.

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE RADIO ASSOCIATION OF ERIE

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Amateur Radio for Tropical Storm Gustav... (cont'd)

"The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is coordinating plans and preparatory activities of numerous federal agencies in close communication with state, tribal and local officials as Tropical Storm Gustav threatens to return to hurricane strength prior to impacting Gulf Coast states. All residents in the region are encouraged to make personal preparations. Information is available at www.Ready.gov on how families and individuals

can best prepare before the storm.

"FEMA and its federal partners are in close communications with states along its potential path in order to review plans, pre-station assets and personnel, and respond to any request for assistance. FEMA's work with states using a Gap Analysis tool to determine in advance of storms where federal assistance is most likely to be needed has helped federal and state agencies to develop pre-

scripted mission assignments and other contingency plans to help improve response and recovery efforts."

The news release also provides details on preparations now underway by several other agencies, including the American Red Cross and the Army Corps of Engineers.

*From the ARRL Newsletter
August 29th, 2008*

FCC Vanity Callsign Fees Increase Sept. 25th

On August 11, the FCC announced that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 60 cents, from \$11.70 to \$12.30. Now that notice of the increase has been published in the *Federal Register*, the increase will take effect in 30 days, September 25, 2008.

The FCC is authorized by the *Communications Act of 1934*,

As Amended, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term.

The notice in the August 26, 2008 *Federal Register*, entitled "Assessment and Collection of

Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2008," includes regulatory fees expected to recover a total of \$312,000,000 during Fiscal Year 2008, encompassing all the Services the FCC regulates.

For more information, see the recent ARRLWeb article, FCC to Raise Vanity Call Sign Fees.

Meeting Minutes

Radio Association of Erie
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Saturday, August 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by President KE3V.

KE3V started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: KE3V, N3ZNP, N3NKV, AD3UL, KB3BAM, KB3NAT

Not Present: KB3CAT, KD3D, and K3LD

There were multiple visitors due to the fact this was also the family picnic/meeting.

KE3V asked that we take a moment of silence in memory of the following local silent keys:
George Clark AG4J and Lew Penman N3PYI.

Upgrades: None

Secretary's Report: N3NKV asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting as printed in the QUARAE. Motion to accept made by N3LBI. Seconded by N3DBC. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: KE3V provided treasurer's report that was provided by KD3D via e-mail.

Board Report: N3NKV gave an overview of Board Meeting: Topics discussed: Discussion of Replacement of who will be new repeater chairman; what is wrong with repeater and the voters as a whole; Replacement of Repeater Controller; Renewals of insurance policies; Backdoor Railing; Picnic; T-shirts; Lighthouse Contest; Bylaw Revisions; IRS Filing- See if we are legal; Election Committee.

Education: No report but there may be a General Class in September.

Public Service: AD4UL mentioned that there are 2 upcoming public service events. Saturday August 23rd is the March of Dimes Paddle Erie and on Saturday September 6th is the Presque Isle Triathlon.

Repeater: Interim chairman KB3BAM gave a report on the status of repeaters:

- 82: Working Great
- 61: Lots of Problems: Controller Hangs up. Plus various other controller issues. Remote Receivers off line. McKean is off frequency.

Back-up 61: Worked well for 1 week then the controlled died. Can be repaired.

KB3BAM made a motion that the club purchase an ARCOMM 210 repeater controller for \$475.00 + Shipping and Handling. This will include rack mount case, 3-Port Audio Delay Board, and Windows-Based Programming software. Seconded by KB3NRA. Motion Carried 11/0

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Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Clubhouse: AD4UL mention all is ok with the clubhouse.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made that the club spend up to \$100 for the today's picnic. Motion made by W3IAX. Seconded by N3DBC. Motion Carried.

A motion made by N3NKV to renew the Website Hosting with Godaddy.com for 24 Months for a price of \$92.64. Seconded by AD4UL. Motion Carried.

Motion to Adjourn at 11:35 a.m. made by N3LBI. Seconded by KB3NAT. Motion Carried.

*Respectfully Submitted,
John Lis
Radio Association of Erie Secretary*

Election Season



Election Season is here. We keep our elections simple. No hanging chads nor do we have to worry about the new electronic 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 that can be found on page 5.

Members of the election committee will be announced at the September meeting. 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) for a 1 Year Term
- Directors: Two Directors for a 3 year term.

ELECTION VOTING FORM CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 5

September 2008 Area Events						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Radio Association of Erie Club Meeting	5	6 Presque Isle Triathlon
7	8	9 WWA Club Meeting	10	11 UCWA Club Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 License Exams at WWA
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Contact the Editor: KB3RDO@yahoo.com

- Radio Association of Erie Club Meeting on the 4th of Thursday at 7 PM.
- The Wattsburg Wireless Association has it's monthly Radio Examinations for obtaining or upgrading a license.

Exams start at 9 AM.
- Schedule is subject to change.

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Radio Association of Erie - Election Voting Form

Directions: Fill out the form for nominations for this years voting season at the Radio Association of Erie. Up for election this year are business officers and two directors. For more information, see Page 4.

OFFICE NOMINEE:

_____	_____
PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT
_____	_____
SECRETARY	TREASURER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

_____	_____
3 Year Term #1	3 Year Term #2

Requires Signature of two active or life members:

_____	_____
SIGNATURE OF ACTIVE/LIFE MEMBER 1	SIGNATURE OF ACTIVE/ LIFE MEMBER 2

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