

# QUA-RAE

The Official Newsletter of the Radio Association of Erie



May 2002

## Reminders:

### Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 23

### Walk America

Sunday, April 28

### General Meeting

Thursday, May 2

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## President's Corner—N3ZUD, Bill Craig

By the time you read this, Christmas, Hanukkah and all the other year-end Holidays not to mention a brand New Year will be here and gone. I hope everyone had safe and happy holidays. With the New Year come new challenges, new discoveries and keeping the ball rolling from past projects to see them through to completion.

We have a fine club here with many dedicated people. These same people are here time after time for every event and function. Most are here to help out because they want to be here, they like to be here because it is lots of fun, and they feel the need to contribute or all of these things. What we all need is the help of more members in all things we do.

Amateur Radio is many things to many people. While we have been known as a "Repeater Club" we do many different things.

We are a "Special Service Club"; we participate in many public service events. We participate in ARES, RACES, and SKYWARN. Our members do Contesting, APRS, Packet, Satellite Communications, Amateur TV, restore old radios and even 2 meter AM radio to mention a few. If you as a member, are experimenting with any thing new and would like to tell others in the club please bring them to the meetings where others can share them.



This year I would like to fulfill a dream that our founder of our radio club, F. Dawson Billely had, and that was to have a clubhouse. While we have a nice

place to have our meetings at the American Red Cross and have a place for our Repeaters at the E.O.C at Wagner Road. I would like to see a HF station and antennas put

together at the E.O.C. For our members interested in contesting, for general use, and for those who do not have the means or equipment, and of course for use in case of Emergencies.

Let's have some fun!

## RAE Supports Walk America

The Radio Association of Erie received a letter from The March of Dimes "Walk America" dated March 24th...in part it said "Walk America is the March of Dimes largest and most successful annual fund raiser which brings out almost 4000 walkers to help fight against crippling birth defects."

When this was brought before the membership meeting of April 4th, it received a over-



March  
of Dimes®  
Setting the kids together

whelming vote of support by the members present.

The march will be held on April 28th, Sunday, starting and ending at Waldameer's Rainbow Gardens, going counter clock wise around Presque Isle State Park.

The club members that are helping are going to meet at McDonalds at 11am on April 28th...we will have a short meeting and maps and assignments will be passed out.

If you missed the meeting and want to help please call Jack Haven 824-4309 . The Kids of Erie will appreciate it.

## The RAE Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

### RAE Officers—2002

#### President

William Craig, N3ZUD

#### Vice President

Ronald Prindle, N3BXL

#### Treasurer

Michila Lajohn, KE3XR

#### Secretary

Dianne Miller, K3LD

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#### Membership

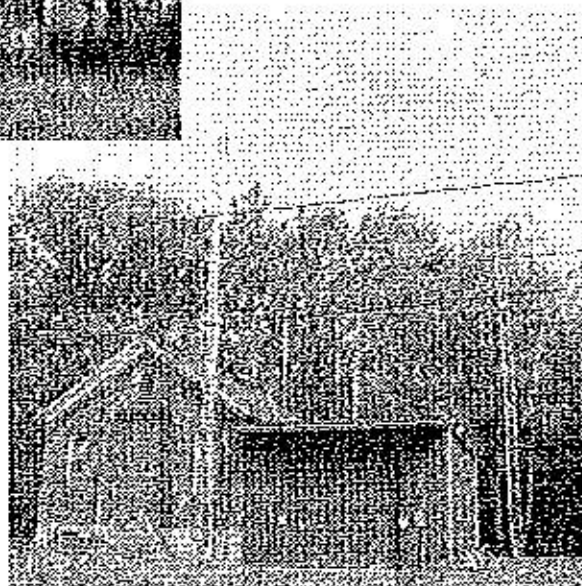
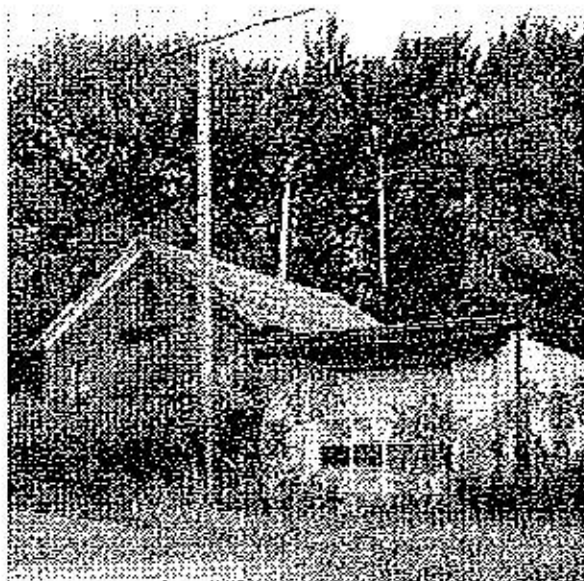
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## 2002-2003 Area Directory of Amateurs Now Available

The latest edition of the Radio Association of Erie Directory of Members and other area amateurs has been published and is now available for pickup.

A special publication of the RAE, available at no-charge to RAE members, the Directory is a quick reference to key RAE dates, repeater operating instructions, net schedules, and club contacts. In addition, you'll

find a complete directory of area hams, with addresses, phone numbers, and where available, email addresses (nearly 150 email addresses are registered to-date).

A professional-quality product of N3FAW, the club's membership chairman, the directory is a unique benefit of RAE membership.

You can pick up your copy at the next RAE general meeting (May 2), or by contacting either Bob, N3FAW at 866-3027, or Don Kelly, who has volunteered to deliver a few by hand. If you have an RAE member as a neighbor you might volunteer to deliver their copy and save the RAE a delivery fee.

Thanks Bob for this great benefit!

## Field Day 2002—June 21-23

**Eligibility:** Field Day is open to all amateurs in the areas covered by the ARRL/RAC Field Organizations and countries within IARU Region

DX stations residing in other regions may be contacted for credit, but are not eligible to submit entries.

**Object:** To work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands (excluding the 30, 17, and 12-meter bands) and in doing so to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. A premium is placed on developing skills to meet the challenges of emergency preparedness as well as to acquaint the general public with the capabilities of Amateur Radio.

**Date and Time Period:** Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and ending at 2100 UTC Sunday. **Field Day 2002 will be held June 22-23, 2002.**



KB3A Operates CW during a recent RAE Field Day operation.

## General Meeting Minutes—April 4, 2002

RAE Association of Erie  
General Membership Meeting

April 4, 2002

Board Members Present:  
N3LBI, N3FAW, N3RKO,  
KE3XR, N3ZNP, and K3ED  
Not present: N3ZUD,  
N3BXL, KA3WYO

Meeting brought to order by  
Board Chairman, N3LBI at  
7:03

There were no new calls, up-  
grades

Visitor: Mary and Lynn from  
March of Dimes

Secretary's report- K3LD:  
motion to accept the minutes  
that were read during the  
meeting

Motion: KE3XR

Second: N3LBI

Treasurer's report-  
KE3XR: report given

Membership- N3FAW: 155  
members

Board of Directors report-  
N3LBI- voter, ceiling at EOC,  
fundraising committee, Grant  
from Verizon

Contest- KB3A: N/A

Skywarn- N3ZUD- Skywarn  
training for beginners and  
advance will be on April 2 at  
6:00 registration and 6:30  
class. At Hamot. Registra-  
tions will be taken at the 9:00  
Sunday night Skywarn net  
on .61 in March.

Public Service- N3RKO-  
March of Dimes Walk Amer-  
ica is April 28 at 1:00, anyone  
interested in working contact  
N3RKO. Motion was taken to  
do the walk, all ap-  
proved. Mary from March of  
Dimes said last year it worked  
so well that they will not have  
any cell phones this year only  
Ham radios.

VE- K3LD: Saturday May 4  
will be at Villa at 8:00 Saturday

April 20 at 12:30 at Gannon

ARES/RACES- N3EOY- cards  
have been on hold till County  
decided who would be in  
charge. Found out that at this  
time Nick Slepko is going to  
continue to be in charge.

New Business: N3LBI would  
like volunteers for a fund rais-  
ing committee.

QuaRae: N3FAW spoke to  
Tony and he is unable to do  
the QuaRae at this time. Any-  
one interested to do it even a  
month or two contact N3LBI  
or N3FAW.

KB3A: Would like to do  
some radio events. We need  
to promote more opera-  
tion. Chris is working on an  
idea.

50/50: KE3XR- \$14.00  
Motion to ad-  
journ: KA3QDM

Second: N3ZNP  
Meeting adjourned at 8:50

Submitted by K3LD

N3EOY is accepting  
requests for Auto-  
Dial numbers for  
the 146.61 repeater  
telephone system.

If you do not pres-  
ently have an AD  
number for your  
home telephone  
number, contact  
Bob N3FAW (866-  
3027) who is collect-  
ing new numbers for  
N3EOY.

Having an Auto-Dial  
number enables en-  
tering only 2 or 3  
digits to dial your  
home via the re-  
peater.

The privilege is for  
RAE members only.  
(See page 49 of the  
RAE directory)

The Radio Association of Erie is an ARRL Special Service Club



## Help Wanted

Folks, here's a great opportunity to help the club and exercise your brain at the same time. The RAE needs a QUA-RAE editor to get the good word out each month. You will receive:

The praise and adulation of your peers at the RAE.

The inside scoop on all that's happening with the RAE.

The satisfaction of contributing to the oldest ARRL affiliated club in WPA.

And that's about it.

Seriously, the newsletter is

one of the most important parts of any organization, and the RAE is no exception.

This will be my one and only issue to get the ball rolling, but an eager candidate is needed.

Please get in touch with a club officer and volunteer your services, even for a few months. The RAE needs YOU.

Thanks.

-AA3OV



## AMATEUR RADIO HITS THE BIG SCREEN (AGAIN) IN NEW IMAX FILM

Amateur Radio again is getting a role on the silver screen, this time in the new IMAX film called Space Station 3D. The film includes a segment depicting the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program in action. ARISS team members will be on hand to demonstrate ham radio to the press and invited moviegoers when the film has its first screening Tuesday, April 16, at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC.

Several ham-astronauts also are expected to be in attendance. The movie opens to the general public Friday, April 19. US International Space Station crews have included at least one Amateur Radio operator. The current Expedition 4 crew—Commander Yuri Onufrienko, RK3DUO, and astronauts Dan Bursch, KD5PNU, and Carl Walz, KC5TIE, is the first to have all three members licensed.



program, ARISS brings students from the US and throughout the world together with ISS astronauts via ham radio, which was one of the first payloads accepted aboard the ISS by NASA. ARISS is sponsored by ARRL, AMSAT and NASA.

Coinciding with the IMAX film debut on April 16, second through sixth-grade students at The Quogue School in Quogue, New York, will get their turn behind the microphone to talk with either Bursch or Walz.

In 2000, Amateur Radio had a featured role in the science fiction thriller Frequency.

The IMAX earthbound segments were filmed last August at Seabrook Intermediate School in Texas. Students there enjoyed an ARISS contact on September 4. The ISS segments was shot in January 2001 with Expedition 1 Commander Bill Shepherd, KD5GSL. The two segments were placed together during editing.

Jennifer Hagy, N1TDY

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