

QUA - RAE

The Official Newsletter of the Radio Association of Erie

Your Public Service Chairman & Club Vice President

I want to thank the 16 club members who helped in "Triathlon 03" this year.

Pat Davis sent in part this E-Mail:

"Thank you and yours for the great job the R.A.E. did for the Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Triathlon this year ! I am always so impressed with your organization and for the great service you provide."

The sixteen were:

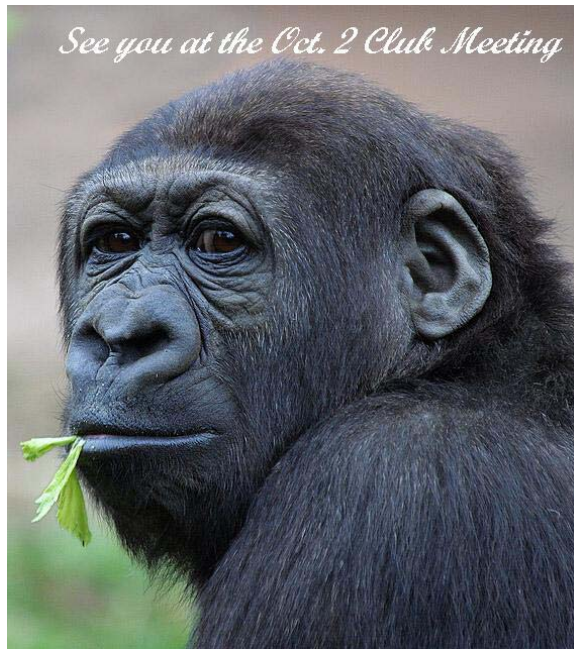
Bob KC2HVX
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Bob N3LBI
Doug AD4UL
Dianne K3LD
John N3NKV
Jim KZ3C
Gene KB3JZL
Cliff N3BZL
Chris KB3A
Debi KB3B
Bob N3FAW
Dick NI3Q
Joe KB3ALU
Bill KB3JSN
Jack N3RKO

This year for special events there were 26 members that helped out, not the best turnout but those few got the job done. We all can contribute some way to make the R.A.E. a fun club to belong to.

The Gonset radio will be given away this meeting (Oct. 2nd) ... you MUST be present to win !

Jack ... N3RKO Chairperson

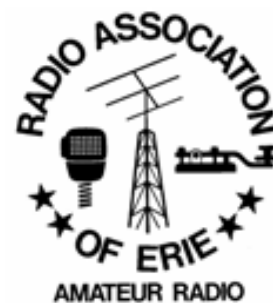
See you at the Oct. 2 Club Meeting



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n3ocl@velocity.net**IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES****General Membership
Meeting:****Thursday, October 2, 2003
7:00 PM**

RAE Club House- EOC
(take Rt. 99 south about 2-3
miles, make right on Bargin Rd.
near lawn tractor shop, make
right on Wagner Rd. and take
till the end of the road.)

Board of Directors Meeting:**Tuesday, September 28, 2003
7:00 PM****Location:
RAE Club House- EOC****Public Service Events****All public service events are complete****TAKE A LOOK AT THE SPECIAL OFFER BELOW****A note from our Special Events
Chairperson****Special Drawing**

The photo to the right shows a front view of a Gonset to be given to a lucky Ham at the October meeting. Who is eligible? Each time you showed up for a special event this year (2003) your Call sign will be placed on a ticket and will be drawn at the END of the October meeting.

You must be present to win !

Your Last chance to win is to sign and show up for the "Presque Isle Triathlon" on Saturday, September 6, 2003, we will meet at McDonalds at 8 am sharp. The sign up sheet will be at the August meeting.



General Meeting Minutes- September 4 , 2003

Board Members Present:
KB3A, N3FAW, N3RKO,
N3LBI, NI3Q, N3ZNP,
KB3ALU and K3LD
Not present: N3BXL

Meeting brought to order by
President KB3A at 7:06, Gen-
eral Membership Meeting at
the EOC.

Upgrades: Pete (N3LKU) up-
graded to General in VE ses-
sion before the General Meet-
ing
New Hams: Bill (KB3JSN)

Guests: Computer Users of
Erie, Pres. Sam Fletcher, VP
Terry Lucas. Jim Simmons,
Norm Sitter, Mark Mason and
Gene Meeks.

Secretary's report- K3LD: mo-
tion to accept the minutes that
were printed in the QuaRae
for August.

WB8KPE asked for a correc-
tion on the minutes in regards
to joint effort of the RAE and
Forum for the radio that was
donated to the Veterans Hos-
pital. In discussion of the
membership in regards to the
radio (a TS-430 with TS-430
power supply and Kenwood
AR-250 tuner; Heath Keyer)
in question it was donated to
the RAE by Scotty
Forbes. N3FAW and
WB3DOM went to check out

the radio and Ron suggested
that the VA needed a radio for
the radio shack for the Vets
there. Ron had the radio re-
paired by K2LXD (which the
Forum paid for) and then was
taken to the VA Hospital for
their radio shack.

Motion: N3EPU Second
N3RKO

Treasurer's report- NI3Q gave
report

Board of Directors report-
N3LBI: repeaters Fundrais-
ing, website / Stargate pro-
vider, election committee, gen-
erator, water test, oil for the
furnace.

Membership- N3FAW: 148

ARES / RACES/Skywarn:
N3HPR- The RAE rose to the
occasion during the black out.
Within minutes we had a net
up and running. For Skywarn
it has been a quiet summer
until August. In August we
had 9 nets with 152 check ins
and 92 man hours. The Emer-
gency Management Center is
working on getting a ham ra-
dio system put in, but are still
working on funding at this
time.

QuaRae: KC2HVX n/a

Repeater: / EOC: N3SRD-
Doug (AD4UL) has been out
here constantly working and
keeping up maintenance,
mowing grass etc. N3RKO and
N3ZNP have also been work-
ing on various things at the
RAE clubhouse.

Repeater- Sharp Rd. .82
N3LBI donated a transistor,
N3BXL got it ready to install
and N3SRD hooked it in. It is
up and running very well.
.61 AD4UL made a jumper for
the battery. If the power goes
we have backup battery power
and will have enough time to
get out to the EOC and hook
up generator. It seems to be
working but will test it to see
how long it will last. N3LBI
got 3 new batteries which are
hooked up and now have 510
minutes of reserve
power. N3BXL and N3LBI
checked it out.

Public Service- N3RKO- Last
one of the year is the High-
mark Blue Cross Blue Shield
Triathlon on September
6. In Novembers general
meeting a radio will be raffled
off for all volunteers of the
events this year.

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Amateur Radio Support Winds Down as Isabel Recovery Continues (Sep 30, 2003)



Amateur Radio Support Winds Down as Isabel Recovery Continues (Sep 30, 2003) -- Hurricane Isabel is long gone, but its effects linger in the US Southeast, especially in North Carolina. Amateur Radio activities supporting the storm response, relief and recovery have wound down for the most part, but one disaster relief professional has suggested an additional role for Amateur Radio in these kinds of disasters. In North Carolina, joint Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN)-Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) support for The Salvation Army's relief efforts in the Morehead City area were scheduled to end today. Well over a dozen ham radio volun-

teers participated. Carteret County EC Rich Wright, KR4NU, said his ARES/RACES team helped in areas where ham radio provided the only reliable communication.

For the complete story, visit the ARRL website.
<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/09/30/2/?nc=1>

Reprinted from the ARRL Audio News.

It's membership renewal time!

Come to the club meeting on November 6th and if possible be prepared to tender payment for 2004 dues. No change from the last six (6) years' rates: \$20 for full membership, \$16 for Associate.!

When renewing (or new member) we need full address, phone, email address (if any), license grade, license expiration date.

VISA/MASTERCARD NOW ACCEPTED! Courtesy KB3A. Call, fax, email or postal mail: furnish CARD NUMBER, EXP. DATE, NAME SHOWN ON CARD and AMOUNT!

For VISA / MC Phone: 774-5914 OR Fax: 774-2775

For N3FAW Phone 866-3027 , Fax 866-9394

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

- 1) 55 Ft. Crank up Tower – excellent condition.
 - 2) Yeasu FT1000 MP Mark V with PS and Collins filters. This radio is brand new and still in the plastic and never used.
 - 3) Force 12 Antenna- 8 element Triband Beam
 - 4) Kenwood TS-940S with microphone. This radio is show room condition!
 - 5) Heathkit SB-1000 Amplifier (show room condition)
 - 6) Vectronics KFT1500 2KW Antenna Tuner (excellent)
 - 7) Drake MN-2000 2KW Tuner
 - 8) Kenwood TS-820S with External VFO (excellent condition!)
 - 9) Heathkit SB-610 Osilloscope
 - 10) Heathkit SA-2060A Antenna Tuner
- All equipment is in showroom condition
Joe is in the process of moving to an assisted living home and can not have a radio shack.
If interested, please call Joe at 899-7230.

1. Following items from estate of SK K3IVG are available now:
Tower with Tail Twister Rotator and heavy duty thrust bearing, about 75 feet high. Must be dismantled. Reasonable offer solicited.
2. Mosley HF Yagi antenna, probably PRO series. Make offer.
3. HyGain UHF Vertical Antenna still in unopened package, ditto
4. Hustler UHF Antenna, ditto, ditto.
5. Several old Icom 2M HT's (IC 02AT, etc available...
Contact Bob N3FAW, 866-3027 or bob-n3faw@adelphia.net



For Sale...

Yesu FT-757GX

- 9 band HF Rig. With Manuals and extras—\$475.00 or best offer
- Heathkit SB-1000(1000 watt) linear amplifier with manuals—\$600.00 or best offer

Contact Joe Ponchak
ka3cpvgrmpap@juno.com
836-9829



DONATIONS INFORMATION

The Radio Association of Erie (RAE) is, according to the Internal Revenue Service, a Section 501(C)3 tax-exempt corporation. As such, donations of funds or equipment can be income tax deductible. Consultation with a tax professional is advisable. A suitable receipt for tax purposes is available: contact Bob N3FAW (or any RAE officer).
(Donations are welcome, of course.)

For Sale...

ALINCO DJ196 HT

- Excellent Condition
 - Includes cigarette lighter power cord
 - \$50.00
- Marty
881-1668

For Sale...

Towtec Electric Hoist/Winch
1000 lb, adj. brake/clutch, 1/2 hp.

ARRL approved, never used in box, paid \$300. Make Offer
Yaesu FTV250 Transverter 2m

Very nice, \$90.00
Paul Gerbracht, W3QPP
868-5519

General Meeting Minutes...continued

Contest- KB3A- there will be various stations set up for the PA QSO party. Also a week before the PA QSO the California QSO will be going on and the RAE clubhouse will have stations set up for that. So come out and operate and if you haven't done so before now is a good time to broaden your experiences in ham radio.

VE- K3LD-

Before the general meeting we had a VE session with Pete (N3LKV) successfully taking his general test. KB3A would like to have at least every other month a VE test before the general meeting. If you want to test before November's general meeting contact Rob (N3OCL) and he will set it up. If there are any tests before they will be announced on the net on Sunday nights at 9:00 on .61 or in the Quarae. Rob Jacobs N3OCL the RAE ARRL VEC VE liaison. They will have monthly sessions but you need to contact them to make arrangements. Contact Norma at w3cg@tbscc.com or phone 814-665-9124 or Rob Jacobs at n3ocl@velocity.net or phone 814-438-7804.

Saturday September 20 and October 18 at 12:30 at Gannon

Old:

-The old green generator is being evaluated to see if it can be used. Right now there are a lot of things missing or corroded.

- Red Cross donation motion to donate \$150.00 to the Red Cross N3LBI 2nd NI3Q all in favor
-website has been approved by the board KC2HVX will develop it and be the webmaster.
-N3SRD mentioned Echo link KB3A would like to see that in the future
-N3FAW had a TNC donated by KZ3C, Bob would like to see it dedicated to CW or packet.

New: -

-KB3A would like to set up a packet cluster with N3BXL's help and have it running all the time. That could be very useful during emergencies. WB8KPE said that knowing how to operate these things would be very helpful.
-Elmer (AA3WT) Jamboree on the Air would like something set up at the RAE clubhouse in October (3rd weekend)
-fundraiser - tickets for the 17 inch flat screen LCD monitor on sale \$2.00 or 3/ \$5.00

50/50 AD4UL

2nd drawing donated by N3EPU for the Otters hockey game winner KB3A

Motion to adjourn: N3LBI Second: N3LKW
Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Submitted by K3LD

Also note after the meeting

VE Dates and Notices

Gannon VE Sessions for this winter :

Dates:

October 18
November 15
December 20

Time:

12:00 Noon - Fill out paperwork
12:30 PM - Examinations begin

Location:

At the A.J. Palumbo Academic Center
corner of West 8th and Peach Streets

Directions

for maps and directions check
www.qsl.net/wn3m

Check out what your fellow Hams' have to offer!

For Sale...

KLM KT34XA Triband yagi

- for 10-15-20 Meters.
- New in original box with original manual!
- DXperience 6 elements on a 32 foot boom.
- Terms: \$495, OBO cash or Paypal. Pick-up only in Girard PA (7 miles west of Erie, PA).

Contact Scott Johns
W3TX@arrl.net

I want...

The RAE Club is looking for a piece of equipment that you might just have... If you have a **220 Transceiver we would like to hear from you!!**

Please contact *Steve LaJohn*.
Email- slajohn@adelphia.net
Home- 774-0363
Pager- 879-7723

For Sale...

Two 12VDC/25A regulated power supplies. Brand new in excellent condition. Each used twice for a long term project that ended prematurely. \$85 each.

Lots of vacuum tubes. See updated list at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~n3ntj/tubes.html>.

Email me your want list for pricing, etc.

Matthew Steger, N3NTJ
n3ntj@earthlink.net

Special Thanks to Doug AD4UL, Steve N3SRD, and Don WB8KPE for organizing and clean our club house



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t/~n3ntj/rae.html](http://home.earthlink.net/~n3ntj/rae.html)

NEW WEBSITE!!!!
[http://
www.rae.d2g.com](http://www.rae.d2g.com)

*Win the 17 inch LCD Flat Panel
Brilliant Computer Monitor
in the RAE Fund Raiser!!*

RAE Fund-Raiser Raffle
LCD Flat Panel Computer Display
Drawing November 6, 2003



COME TO THE SEPT 4, 2003 MEETING!!
A limited number of chances will be offered so that a lucky person will be blessed with a beautiful new light weight flat (Thin!) screen Liquid Crystal Display monitor. Plugs in to your computer with the same type standard 15 pin cable as your present color monitor. You will be amazed at the clarity, brilliance and bright colors. Consumes far less power and lasts many times longer than CRT monitors.

REQUEST FOR RAFFLE TICKETS
PRICE: \$2 EACH OR 3/\$5

Name _____ FCC Call _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

How Many Tickets? _____ Total Cost
\$ _____

17 INCH

**ASK FOR TICKETS (\$2 or 3/\$5)
AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OR
ORDER BY MAIL TO P O BOX 844, ERIE 16512**

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Phone: 814-866-3027
Fax: 814-866-9394
bobn3faw@adelphia.net

Note: Tickets will Not be mailed, but will inserted into
the

Raffle Drawing Box. Winner's presence not required.

Cash equivalent is winner's option.