

# QUA - RAE

*The Official Newsletter of the Radio Association of Erie*

## ***Your Public Service Chairman & Club Vice President***

A special thanks to the R.A.E. members who gave up part of their weekend to work the March of Dimes "Paddle Erie"

They were:

Dianne	K3LD
Doug	AD4UL
Bob	N3FAW
Joe	KB3ALU
Don	WB8KPE
Dave	KA3AUH
Jim	KZ3C
Neal	N3ZNP

Next Event is Saturday September 6

"Triathlon 03" to be held at Presque Isle

We Will Meet At McDonalds at 8 Am.

This is the Last Event for this year ... Please help! Will have the sign up sheet at the Sept. Meeting

Thanks for your help!

Jack N3RKO

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of Erie**

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***Don't be one of these guys  
Volunteer  
For Special Events***



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# IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES

## **General Membership Meeting:**

**Thursday, September 4, 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 23, 2003  
7:00 PM**

**Location:  
RAE Club House- EOC**



## Public Service Events

### Mark Your Calendar

**The last event of the year is coming up!**

**Presque Isle (Caring Place) Triathlon.....Sept 6**

**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- August 7 , 2003

Board Members Present: KB3A, N3FAW, N3RKO, N3LBI, NI3Q, KB3ALU and K3LD

Not present: N3BXL and N3ZNP,

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

Guest: Dave Howell

Secretary's report- K3LD: motion to accept the minutes that were printed in the QuaRae for July  
Motion: K3TJM  
Second: KB3ALU

Treasurer's report- NI3Q- given

Board of Directors report- no Quorum

Membership- N3FAW: 147 members

ARES/Skywarn: n/a

QuaRae: KC2HVX Bob reviewed the options for setting up a website for the RAE club. We would have a domain name, web recognition, members can tap into the resources of the club, QuaRae, directory, maps, activities, contest, radio procedures, can update your info. Help get younger members involved.

A motion of the General Membership to approve having the Board move forward with approval at the next Board meeting. Motion AD4UL 2<sup>nd</sup> N3LBI all in favor 2 opposed

Public Service- N3RKO- Paddle

Erie next Aug 16 will be taking names at the next meeting, also listen to the .61 nets. Also Triathlon on Sept. 6, will need a lot of help for that.

Jack also will have a raffle for all those you have participated in the events in the October Meeting.

Repeater: N3LBI- new final for .82 will be here next week, no cost to the club.

W3GV Station Trustee: KB3A- Chris would like to change the PL for the repeater to the standard PL for Norhtwestern PA. Chris is checking into that.

E.O.C.: AD4UL- Everything is OK.

Contest- AD4UL- the Maryland/DC QSO Party is this weekend (Aug 9 & 10) will have stations set up at EOC.

VE: K3LD-

RAE: Anyone interested in testing contact either Norma at [w3cg@tbscc.com](mailto:w3cg@tbscc.com) or phone 814-665-9124 or Rob Jacobs at [n3ocl@velocity.net](mailto:n3ocl@velocity.net) or phone 814-438-7804.

also Saturday Sept. 20 and Oct 18 at 12:30 at Gannon

KB3A thanked KD3D for supplying the hot dogs that was arranged by N3FAW. Next meeting in September will have hot dogs again.

Old: N3LBI- need to address replacing batteries for the .61 re-

peater.

New: N3FAW- have some items from Forbes (W3STK) and Joe (K3IVG) if anyone is interested contact Bob.

Also a Kenwood radio has been donated with a joint effort of the RAE and Forum clubs to the Veterans Hospital.

*Next meeting will be at the EOC on Wagner Road.* Come before the meeting for a hot dog roast.

Motion to adjourn: N3FAW Second: KC2HVX  
Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Submitted by K3LD

50/50 winner Matt KB3CAT

## *More Power to the Repeater— pictures explain*



### *VA Communication Center*



Scotty, W3STK donated the following equipment, Kenwood 430S, Auto tuner AT250, power supply PS 430 and a Key. The equipment is to be used in the best way to serve the ham hobby. It is set up at the V.A. Communication Center now for emergencies and for veterans to use

in the future once a program is set up. The radio was put on the air 8-24-03 after being checked out and repaired by N2LXD. Ron WB3DOM said all was working well after the test.

## 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 Amplifer (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

## There's something fishy at the club house

Seems there's always something going on at the club house ... things being worked on at the bench, shown, ... Meetings ... contesting ... social events ... etc. etc. etc.

We have a jewel in the rough ... Only if We use it !

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Neal, N3ZNP needed two metal chairs the club was NOT using, in exchange for those chairs he donated 6 "Library Chairs" (pictured in this column) Thanks Neal, both parties benefited from the exchange. At this time that takes the count to 32 chairs at the club house... **Lets See If We Can Fill Them** at the next meeting on **September 4Th.**



## Dinner Meeting



Last months hot dog roast! Need I say more? Club members enjoyed the dogs and drink provided by Frank, KD3D.

**Hot dogs and drink will again be provided for attendees.** Come and get dinner and participate in the meeting. Members are actively using our club house. I hope to see all of you there!



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:n3ntj@earthlink.net)

**Note to Members:** The RAE board has approved the budgeting for a permanent solution to the current websites being hosted today. With the help of our gracious webmasters, Matt N3NTJ and Bob KC2HVX, our club has had it's presence on the web for a few years. Plans for a refined, interactive website are underway with a small team at Penn State Behrend. Myself and three other people will be working on the Radio Association of Erie website through a program called PartnershipErie. Their website is [www.partnetshiperie.org](http://www.partnetshiperie.org). In the future, I will be asking the members and board to view and help the team come up with a website they would find useful. Please, when the time comes, make a few minutes for the web project.

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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.

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

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ FCC Call \_\_\_\_\_

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How Many Tickets? \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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.