



The Link

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April 2002

April Meeting Program To Be Announced

As of press time, no program has been announced for the April general membership meeting on Monday, April 15th, 2002. Doors will be open, as usual, at 7PM and the business meeting will start at 7:30 PM.

Even though there is no program on tap yet for this month it does not mean that the meeting will be unimportant. As announced at last month's meeting, a proposal for a change in the BARRA by-laws is being presented. Read about that proposal in the article in the next column.

The next meeting night is April 15th, so stop on by and relax now that your taxes are done! Hope to see you there.

Meeting Refreshments to End in June

Despite numerous pleas in person and in the pages of this tome, no member has yet stepped forward to take over the refreshment chair from Mark, KG2DE. Mark has been extremely patient in awaiting a replacement person to step forward.

At the April board meeting, it was decided that unless someone volunteers to be the new refreshment chair before the summer break, we will simply have to cancel coffee and doughnuts at our general membership meetings next fall.

As always, we thank Mark for his efforts in bringing us our treats at each meeting, as well as Steve, N2QJE, who gave Mark a hand before his schedule precluded attendance at the meetings.



The BARRA E-Mail List Serve

To join, send an e-mail message to:

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with the message: **subscribe barra** in the main body of the note.

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barra@hamgate.net

By-Laws Changes Proposed

With the increasing difficulty in obtaining a full slate of candidates for members of the BARRA board, president Nelson Oldfield, WA2ZSJ, at the January general membership meeting verbally proposed reducing the number of directors. Such a change requires amending the club's by-laws, and according to our by-laws the process is as follows:

1. The proposal must be made in writing to the membership at a meeting.
2. The proposal may not be voted on at the meeting at which it is presented.
3. The voting membership will be asked to vote on the proposed amendments at a following meeting.

The timetable that the board has in mind is that the proposal will be printed in this issue of *The Link* and will be presented at the April general membership meeting. A vote will be taken at the June 2002 general membership meeting.

A copy of the current BARRA by-laws can be viewed on the club web site at <http://barra.hamgate.net/bylaws.pdf> Note that the by-laws are *not* available off a link on the web page; you must enter the direct URL above. The by-laws document is in Adobe PDF format.

Also, while the amendment process is underway, it has also been proposed that a change be made regarding the disbursements of the club. Currently the by-laws state that any expenditure over three hundred dollars requires the approval of the voting membership. Some regularly occurring expenses of the club exceed that amount, namely the taxes at our Cole Road repeater site and our liability insurance premium. Also, the three hundred dollar figure was established at a time when \$300 was worth a lot more than it does today.

THE PROPOSAL

- Regarding the number of board directors, it is proposed that Article IV, Section 1 of the BARRA by-laws be amended to read (items to be changed are underlined) as follows:

The business and affairs of BARRA, INC. shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The number of Directors of the Society shall be five (5). Three (3) Directors shall constitute a quorum.

- Regarding disbursements, it is proposed that Article X, Section 1 of the by-laws of BARRA be amended to read (items to be changed are underlined) as follows:

The Board of Directors shall be authorized to approve all disbursements of BARRA, INC. Single expenditures over five hundred dollars (\$500.00) also require the approval of the voting membership as called for in

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Buffalo Amateur Radio Repeater Association, Inc.

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N2YDM	147.00 +	Kenmore
W2EUP	224.82 -	Boston
WR2AHL PL 110.9	442.00 +	Wethersfield
WA2HKS	444.00 +	Buffalo
WB2DSS PL 151.4	444.75 +	Kenmore

RACES Net

Stop by Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm and join the Erie County ARES/RACES net which meets on the 146.91 and 444.00 repeaters. N2NJH is net control.

BARRA on the Internet

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ARTICLES

Articles for the *Link* on any subject, technical or general interest, are always welcome and encouraged. When submitting material to the *Link*, please type it or submit it electronically, if possible. Remember that the editor reserves the right to make necessary changes including reformatting and condensing for space and that Full Membership may be obtained by writing articles.

LINK DEADLINES

All material must be submitted to the Editor by the end of the month previous to the issue (e.g. December 31st for the January issue). Of course, if the material is received earlier than that date, you will have a better chance of getting your article in the next issue. All advertising is subject to the same deadline.

ADVERTISING

Want-Ads are free to BARRA members and are published in the next available issue. Ads from other hams are accepted free on a space-available basis. Ads appearing in other club newsletters with which BARRA has an exchange agreement are reprinted on a space-available basis.

Display advertising is available at the prevailing rates. Business card size is currently \$2.00/mo; full page is \$16.00/mo. Contact the editor for rates for other sizes.

DUES

Basic membership rate	\$20.00
Family member in the same household as first member	3.00
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Senior Citizen (65+)	-5.00
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Note: A voting member is a member who has performed a

Hobby Highlights: General Curtis LeMay, W6EZV

Rich Sellers, KG2OR

This month's Hobby Highlights is about the late General Curtis E. LeMay, W6EZV. He was born in Columbus, Ohio in 1906, retired from the Air Force in 1965, and died October 3, 1990. I've gathered some information about this amateur radio operator from the ARRL's members only search, yahoo.com search which has about 7030 notations, and some web sites which I will describe shortly.

During WWII he helped W0CXX, Arthur Collins, founder of Collins Radio foster single sideband (SSB) into the military communications systems, and led Jack McCullough, W6CHE, and Bill Eitel, W6UF into EIMAC Corporation. This company made many triodes and later developed tetrodes that helped linear amplifiers function efficiently.

Gen. LeMay was US Air Force Chief of Staff in 1968. He was also a candidate for US Vice President under the American Independent Party in 1968; George Wallace was the Presidential nominee.

CQ magazine inducted LeMay into their Radio Hall of Fame May 23, 2001. He was one of fifty people. You can find this article in ARRL Members only, search Curtis LeMay. As mentioned, he was born in Columbus, Ohio and went to school there, graduating from Ohio State University, and received a number of honorary doctorate degrees.

LeMay was responsible for strategic air formations, bombing techniques, and has been cited for developing these tactics for the B-17 bombers in the European theater, and the B-29 bombers (called the Super Fortress) in the Pacific. Please see http://www.af.mil/news/biographies/lemay_ce.html He led the famous Regensburg raid, a B-17 mission from England to Germany and ended in Africa. In the post war he became 1st Deputy Chief of Staff and organized the Berlin Air Lift in Wiesbaden, Germany, in 1947. A year later he commanded the Strategic Air Command at Offutt Air Base in Nebraska which became the nerve center for things like ICBM'S. In 1957 he was Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force and in 1961 he became Chief of Staff and was awarded many domestic and foreign awards and decorations. Please see <http://www.airpower.maxwell.af.mil/airchronicles/cc/lemay.html>

LeMay was a major general by the time he was 47 in 1944, the youngest major general in the Army and he commented on UFOs. Please see <http://aliensonearth.com/misc/1998/may/d08-002.shtml> LeMay is noted as saying "there were some cases we could not explain" and "no natural phenomena could be found to account for them." Truly an extraordinary man in American history, and he was a ham!

73 de KG2OR

By-Laws Proposals, continued from Page 1

Article III, Section 2 and Article VIII, with the exception of the regular expenses of taxes and liability insurance related to the operation of the Society.

These proposed amendments to the By-Laws will be officially presented to the membership at the meeting on Monday, April 15th, 2002. Discussion will then take place and the members will have the opportunity to think about the proposal before the vote is taken at the general membership meeting Monday, June 17th, 2002.

THE VOTE

All voting members of BARRA (a list of current voting members appeared in the September 2001 *Link*) will receive a ballot in their June 2002 *Link* newsletter. E-Link recipients will receive a special e-mail ballot. Ballots will be received at the general membership meeting June 17th, 2002. Any voting member may submit their ballot by mail but must do so before the mail is collected from the club post office box Monday, June 17th. The June *Link* will be published at least a week earlier than usual to allow time for mailed ballots to be delivered to the members and be returned by mail by those choosing to do so.

As a verification of voting members, the mailing label on *this* issue of *The Link* will show a "V" next to your call sign. E-Link recipients with voting member status will receive a special e-mail verifying this fact. If you believe that your voting member status is in error, contact the editor or a board member.

Please consider the proposed amendments carefully and bring your questions to the board members either at the April meeting or by telephone or e-mail.

2002 BARRA Auction a Huge Success!

The 2002 edition of the BARRA Auction is in the history books, and what a history to write! Thanks to the large amount of equipment from the former GLB shop, the club received over \$400 just on the sales of the items sold! Add to that the proceeds from the raffle and it was a very good Auction indeed.

With our continuing thanks for the use of the St. Bartholomews Church facility, the club has written a check to the church for \$250 and has received a very nice note of thanks in return.

The BARRA Raffle had its own share of winners, namely D. Peruzzini, N2HKL, who received the top cash prize; Gene Collins, KA2IWI, who was pulled for the VCR prize; and D. Lotz, KC2BEQ, who took home the \$25 cash prize. BARRA extends its thanks to Crest A/V Electronics for the donation of the 4-head VCR that was the second raffle prize, as well as a number of smaller gadgets that were awarded as door prizes.

Also, our thanks go to Peter Liaros, K2RSK, who donated a "pile" of coupons for goodies at Teds Hot Dogs that were also awarded as door prizes.

In all, it was a fun evening and as always, Bob "Dutch" Dutchman, K2JGI, was our inimitable auctioneer.

Don't Forget the E-Link!

Eighteen members have so far subscribed to the electronic version of this newsletter, receiving it directly in their e-mail in-boxes as soon as it is ready for publication. The electronic version is in the cross-platform Adobe PDF format, a free reader for which is available on the Internet. Go to the BARRA web site (<http://barra.hamgate.net>) and go to the *Link* page and you will find a button that will take you right to Adobe to download the PDF reader.

The advantages of the E-Link are numerous, one of the most important being that the electronic version is in color! Headlines and photographs are all in full color, and the photos are much more clear in the computer version. Another benefit is that your copy will not longer be specially mangled by the postal sorting equipment! Additionally the club benefits, too, because it saves the cost of a stamp for each issue sent electronically. The postal service has announced a rate increase for June 30th of this year, so signing up for the E-Link is more timely than ever.

To see examples of the electronic version of *The Link* surf to our web site (URL above) and look at the back issues posted there. To sign up for this exciting version of the newsletter, drop an email to your editor at ka2wft@arrl.net expressing your desire to sign up.

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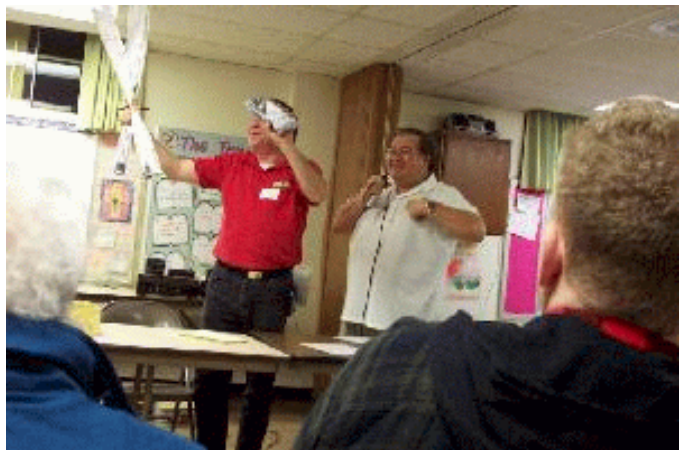
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Calendar of Events

GENERAL MEETINGS

General meetings are held at St. Bartholomews Episcopal Church, Brighton & Fries Roads, Tonawanda, across from Kenmore East HS. Doors open at 7:00 pm for rag chew, business meeting at 7:30, with program following.

Monday, April 15, 2002 - Drop your tax return into the mail on your way to the BARRA meeting. Presentation of proposed By-Laws amendments. Program TBA.

Monday, June 17, 2002 - Vote on proposed By-Laws amendments. Program TBA.

Monday, July 15, 2002 - Annual BARRA Mobile Clinic at the Cole Road repeater site. Bring your hot dogs and celebrate summer with the BARRA gang.

**NO GENERAL MEETINGS IN
MARCH, MAY, AUGUST OR NOVEMBER**
The *Link* is not published in those months

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at Crest A/V Electronics, 1570 Main Street, Buffalo. The meetings begin at 7:30 pm and members are always welcome to sit in on a meeting or bring concerns to the board.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Technical Committee has formal meetings the first Friday of each month around 7:00 pm at the former GLB shop in West Seneca. Come on out to BARRA's own CCITT (Coffee & Crumpets Interrupted by Technical Talk), where progress of current projects is evaluated and new projects are planned. The meetings usually conclude with munchies at a nearby restaurant.

**Have we seen the end of
refreshments at the meetings?
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