



The Link

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It's Time for the Holiday Party!

Seems like we were just mowing the grass out at the repeater site, and now Santa will be here before we know it. That means that it is time for the annual BARRA holiday party, that time of simple food and great fellowship.

Monday, December 17th is the date, and the doors will be open at the usual 7 PM. The food, which will be our traditional pizza and wings, will arrive about 7:30.

The Holiday Party always proves to be a great time to get together with our fellow members and if recent parties are any indication, you never know what old friends are likely to turn up! Spouses are always welcome, too. They can trade "radio widow" stories!

Get a head start on Santa, stop by the BARRA Holiday Party. See you there!



Dues are Due!

Be sure to check your mailing label for the status of your BARRA dues. BARRA dues are renewable beginning every October. More than half of the membership has already renewed and we thank everyone for their promptness.

E-Link recipients will receive a separate e-mail advising of their dues status.

As always, dues are payable either by mail to the club PO box (address on the back page) or in person at the Holiday Party.

Refreshment Chair Still Needed

As advertised in the last *Link*, refreshment chair Mark Lienert, KG2DE, wishes to step down. This is not a difficult job, and in fact can work even better with more than one person! Get together with some fellow BARRA friends and take on the refreshments as a group! You could rotate the meetings so everyone does a different meeting, or work in teams, etc. It's up to you!

The tasks are easy: provide coffee and doughnuts at the seven church meetings through the year. There is a "kit" of supplies that contain all the necessary items to help carry out the job. Mark will be glad to show any and all the ropes and provide OJT.

We thank Mark for his patience while we find his replacements.

Space News

Rich Sellers, KG2OR

NASA plans to send into outer space an observatory designed to search for new planets. It will go up in the year 2002. They are looking to the public for a name; presently it is called "Space Infrared Telescope Facility." I found this information in the "Space Chronicle" at the HoustonChronicle.com. It could be fun to invent the name for this vehicle. Pass the word around on this subject, clubs, schools etc. Contact NASA for more information on the topic (SIRTF).

Another topic up this alley is the ARISS, Amateur Radio International Space Station Program, sponsored by ARRL, NASA, and American Satellite Corporation (AMSAT.) The first ham rig orbited with Owen K. Garriott in 1983 on the Columbia. He was an amateur radio operator. Since then over 24 ARISS operations have succeeded with ham radio operators. If your school is interested in applying for a QSO with the International Space Station then contact www.arrl.org/sarex/sarexap.html.

The first QSO with the ISS took place 12/21/2000 with the Burbank Illinois School. Fourteen students and their teachers all participated in the contacts and to say the least it was exciting! What a thrill it must have been to hear Commander Bill Shepard from outer space!

Websites that might interest you on the space subject, Hubble Telescope pictures, or other information can be accessed at:

<http://www.arrl.org/sarex>

<http://www.arrl.org/ariss>

<http://www.amsat.org>

<http://www.ariss.gsfc.nasa.gov>

Good luck researching this enormous area of scientific knowledge.

73 de KG2OR.

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W2EUP	146.91 -	Boston
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.

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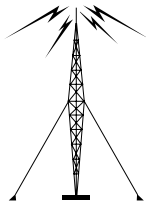
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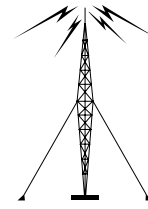
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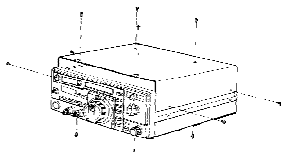
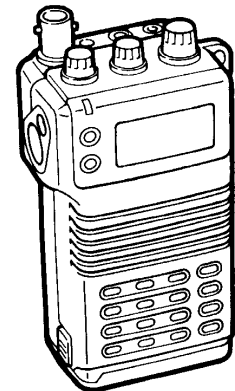
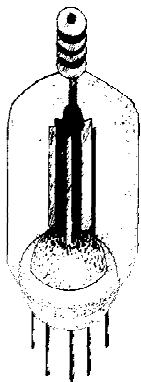
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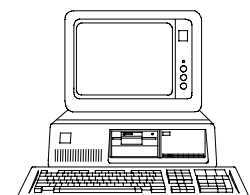
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RAFFLE! CASH AND VCR PRIZES



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or may be submitted electronically to the editor's CompuServe address: 73323,672. If submitting through the Internet, the full address is 73323.672@compuserve.com. The editor may be reached by telephone in the evenings at (716) 834-2664.

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
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Disabled	-5.00
Voting member	-5.00
Full-time student with ID	-5.00
Each new member recommended	-1.00

Note: A voting member is a member who has performed a service for BARRA (e.g. helped out at an activity, written a *Link* article, etc.).

It's Raffle Time Again!

After a one-year hiatus, the annual BARRA Raffle is back. Included with your *Link* is a book of six raffle tickets to sell to yourself or to friends (perfect payback for the stuff co-workers' kids push on you!!). Tickets are \$1 each or a book of six for \$5.00.

E-*Link* recipients will receive a separate PDF file with a sheet of tickets that you can print and use for yourself. Or, stop by the Holiday Party on the 17th and pick up some ready-made books.

Prizes are taking a little different form this year, with cash taking the top and last spots (\$100 and \$25 respectively), and through the courtesies of Crest A/V Electronics, the second prize will be a 4-head VCR.

Remember that the BARRA Raffle helps bolster our bottom line, so let's get out there and sell some tickets!



Drake TR7 Deal Still Offered

As described in the last *Link*, BARRA member Ron Chmiel, WB2VFE, is offering a Drake TR7 HF rig (pictured above) package: transceiver, power supply, service manual, speaker, filters and extra band chips. Ron will accept the best offer for the entire package and will donate the entire proceeds to the W2EUP Memorial Fund.

For questions or to place a bid, call Ron at 633-6533 (home) or 867-0246 (cell).

Thanks to our E-Link Subscribers

About 15 members have signed up for our special "anthrax-free" *Link* newsletter that is delivered by e-mail. This publication is available in the electronic PDF cross-platform format (the reader is available free on the Internet!) and is delivered right to your e-mail in-box. With the impending postage rate increases next month, this newsletter delivery alternative offers a number of advantages, not the least of which is postage savings.

It's not too late to sign up; drop a note to the editor at 73323.672@compuserve.com stating your desire to sign up. Or, put your name and e-mail address on the list that will be available at the holiday party.

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Monday, December 17, 2001 - Annual BARRA Holiday Party. Bring the spouse!

Monday, January 21, 2002 - Annual report by the Technical Committee. Hear the "year in review" of maintaining BARRA's extensive repeater network.

Monday, February 18, 2002 - Annual BARRA Auction! Dig out that unneeded electronic stuff and turn it into cash!

**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.

