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Seasons Greetings

BARRA HOLIDAY PARTY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 2006

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM

FOOD ARRIVES APPROX. 7:30 PM

MENU:

STANDARD "BARRA FARE" OF PIZZA & WINGS

KINDLY UNDERWRITTEN BY OUR PRESIDENT,
NELSON OLDFIELD, WA2ZSJ

"BRING A FRIEND"

Dues Are Due

A reminder to all that dues for 2006-07 are currently due. BARRA dues run from October to September each year. More than half of our members of record from 2005-06 have already renewed, which is possibly a new record. For those remaining to re-up, you can do so in person at the Holiday Party coming up next week. Of course, dues can always be mailed to the club's PO box (address on the back page).

Remember that the dues amount shown on your mailing label is for dues only. If you wish to continue receiving *The Link* in paper form, please add \$4.00 to your dues amount. If you are currently receiving *The Link* by paper but wish to avoid the \$4.00 paper surcharge, please make sure you advise the editor at ka2wft@arrl.net of the email address at which you wish to receive *The Link*.

BARRA Begins 40th Year

BARRA will celebrate its 40th birthday in 2007 and the board is planning to have some special events marking this special mile stone. The first item is the new 40th anniversary logo, shown here and on the newsletter banner above, and on the club web site.

Watch *The Link* in the coming months for the special 40th anniversary events.



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

BARRA Tech Net

Join the BARRA Technical crew on the 146.91/444.00 system Wednesdays at 8 PM for answers to your technical questions.

RAWNY Net

Stop by Monday evenings at 7:00 pm and join the RAWNY club's net which meets on our 146.91 and 444.00 repeaters.

BARRA on the Internet

<http://barra.hamgate.net>

Club Calls

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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 \$2.50/mo; full page is \$20.00/mo. Contact the editor for rates for other sizes.

DUES

Basic membership rate: \$25.00

Family member in the same household as first member: \$3.00

Discounts from basic rate

Senior Citizen (65+): -5.00

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.).



Hobby Highlights

Rich Sellers, KG2OR

You may want to update your ARRL club information in the "Members Only" category, at www.arrl.org. They are offering a news service and "ARRL Club News." The news is about club highlights. The ARRL wants us to converge into club news. It is coming December 6, 2006. Check "ARRL Club News" in the "Members Data Page."



You will receive by e-mail once a month a copy of "Club News." You can learn more about this project at www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/11/22/102/?nc=1

I would like to add that I think this forum is tremendous. I hope "The Club News" becomes a place for good scholarship. In the September 2001 issue of RAWNY's *QSO* newsletter I said, "I sent this correspondence to the ARRL QST in July 2000. While it did not appear I thought the RAWNY newsletter would also be an appropriate publication. In the following paragraphs I will make my point for better research databases for amateur radio operators who need to footnote scholarship that may be relevant to their articles. Information written in ham radio club newsletters or journals needs to be stored and be able to be retrieved as source materials for authorship. If the authors of ham radio related topics in club newsletters are not within the scope of data base research then perhaps we lose contact with each others' efforts, and the ability to footnote. The best we can do is keep in touch with the writing and interject when it is possible. I feel that our organization will strengthen in the future if we put together a database for club information. Only time will tell if the clubs across our country are willing to build the base." "The Club News" is what I want! I am looking forward to integrating it into our monthly meetings.

73 de Richard Sellers, KG2OR.

From the Archives

From the December 1972 *Link* newsletter

November BARRA Meeting ... The one-minute timer on K2LDT [146.91] was discussed to death. The "straw ballot" showed an equal number of members in favor of either a one-minute or one-and-a-half minute timer, with another tie (about half of those in favor of the above) for a 45-second or two-minute timer. The issue was tabled for resolution at the Board meeting.

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Calendar of Events

GENERAL MEETINGS

General meetings are held at St. Bartholomews Episcopal Church, Brighton and 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, December 18, 2006 -- Annual BARRA Holiday Party! Join the BARRA gang for food and seasonal fellowship. Food arrives at 7:30 PM, and the event is being underwritten by our president.

Monday, January 15, 2007 -- Annual report of the Technical Committee to the membership.

Monday, February 19, 2007 -- Annual BARRA Auction! Turn trash to treasure at our popular electronics exchange.



**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 the **Athens Family Restaurant**, 2801 Harlem Rd, Cheektowaga, between Genesee Street and George Urban Blvd. 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 every month at 7:00 PM in Room 117 of the BOCES Potter Road Career and Technical Center, 705 Potter Road, West Seneca (Corner of Slade, Potter and Orchard Park Rds). 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.

The **BARRA** Auction is coming soon!
Start your cleaning now and dig out those
electronic items that can be turned into **cash**
at the Auction. Save the date:
Monday, February 19, 2007!!