

The Link

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Seasons Greetings

BARRA HOLIDAY PARTY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2012

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"

Don't Forget to Holiday Goodshop for BARRA!


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With the busy-ness of the holiday season upon us, don't forget that you can help BARRA to earn some money from your online purchases through the Goodshop portion of the Goodsearch web site. Go to <http://www.goodsearch.com> and enter your organization that you Goodsearch and Goodshop for as "Buffalo Amateur Radio Repeater Association" (without the quotes). From there you can shop online at many popular retailers in a variety of product areas. Each completed sale will net BARRA between 2.5% and 5% depending on the retailer.

Some members have been using these services and we extend our thanks to them. We recently received a check from Goodsearch/Goodshop for \$57.95 which is one of the lowest yearly amounts that we have ever received in our association with Goodsearch so we could be doing a lot better! The Goodsearch/Goodshop service helps us to make up for increasing expenses. It is easy to use, just go to the Goodsearch site first, then select Goodshop and find your retailer. You will be taken to the merchant's web site and you continue with your business as usual with your existing account.

Every web search you make on Goodsearch and every purchase you make through Goodshop helps BARRA's bottom line. Give a try!

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Voice Repeaters

AB2UK	PL 107.2	29.68-	Boston
K2ISO		145.17-	Wethersfield
K2ILH	PL 107.2	146.73-	N. Tonawanda
W2EUP		146.91-	Boston
N2YDM	PL 107.2	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

APRS Digi-peater

K2ILH-2	144.39	Amherst
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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

BARRA holds club calls W2EUP and K2ISO in honor and memory of two of its founders, Gil Boelke, W2EUP, and Hugh Wilson, K2ISO.

CBS-Scanners-Ham-Marine-Business Radios-Radar Detectors

HIRSCH'S

WNY's Largest Communication Store Since 1961
219 California Drive - Williamsville, NY 14221

Hours-M,T,Th,F 10-5:30; Sat. 10-5:00; Closed Wed.

(716) 632-1189

Sales - Service - Installation

WA2OLW (Leprechaun Graphics, 675-3764) still has BARRA jackets and T-shirts available.

Don't Forget to Get Your BARRA Mug!



These great looking, sturdy, quality ceramic mugs sport the BARRA buffalo logo, are dishwasher safe, and let you show your club colors in style!

Only \$5.00 Each!

Available at all club meetings

The BARRA E-Mail List Serves

To join, send look up the group "barrabflo" on

<http://groups.yahoo.com>

The Tech Committee also has an email group, BARRA-Tech, on Yahoo Groups. Or, email the editor to receive an invite to join either or both groups.

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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

US Mail newsletter delivery: add \$4.00

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

Richard Sellers, KG2OR

Ham radio operators are noted for being used, responding so to speak, for emergencies as well as public service events. Their knowledge about radio, and just plain courtesy, is well accepted in the public.

I had the opportunity on Saturday, November 3rd, 2012 to participate in Boy Scout Cub Pack 617's sleep over on the USS *Little Rock*. I helped Mike Sulkowski, KA2GVY, who is a pack leader run the radio room, W2PE. I was very glad I attended this event.

The cubs and their parents were very interested in our ham shack and the naval equipment. The room also had a special and friendly feeling as the tours proceeded. The evening even became more interesting, because I was able to meet Aaron, KD2BWY, and invited him to operate. He is from the Jamestown area. The next person to log on was his young son, Robert, KD2BWZ a technician who is about 9 years old. He was fantastic! I also was able to contact JH8GEU, Kiku from Japan. This was my first Japan call from W2PE.

All in all it was a beautiful experience. I hope the cubs and the families had a great time too. Happy New Year and seasons greetings. I wish you a very healthy and happy year.

73 de Richard Sellers, KG2OR.



Reminder:
NO Meeting in January!

It's not too early to save the date:
Monday, July 15th, 2013
**THE ANNUAL BARRA
MOBILE CLINIC & PICNIC**
at the Cole Road repeater site
Bring a friend

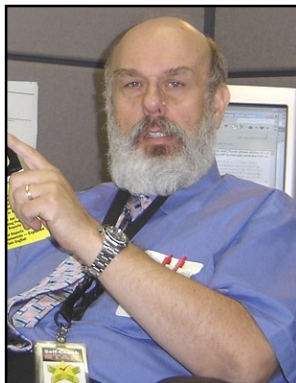
Remember that dues are now due!
**See your mailing label or separate
email for your renewal amount. Dues
may be paid at meetings or by mail.**

David Faul, VE3TIJ/N2ZVK/ M1FBS, SK

It is with deep regret that we report the December 9th passing of long time BARRA member David Faul, who held the amateur radio calls VE3TIJ, N2ZVK and M1FBS. David had a brief fight with cancer.

Though he lived in the Ajax and Pickering areas east of Toronto David was an active BARRA member through his *Link* articles chronicling his ham radio efforts with urban apartment balcony antennas, occasionally turning up on some of the BARRA repeaters when conditions were right. More recently David and his wife, Diane, came to the Buffalo area in May 2011 to attend a BARRA Technical Committee meeting.

David's passion was ham radio as evidenced by his obtaining not only a Canadian ham license, but American and UK licenses as well. He especially enjoyed the personal contacts he made through the hobby. He will be missed in the ham community both here and in the greater Toronto area.



Warm Recollections



W2ZZA caught Bill, KB2TOY (foreground) and Brian, KC2PIT, resting for a moment at the 2012 BARRA Field Day operations this past June. As we prepare for snow and Santa, Bill probably couldn't last too long in shorts at the repeater site right now!



Dues are Due!

RTTY-Like Feed Available on the Internet

Looking for an audio mark/space feed to fine tune a demodulator, terminal unit, software package? The Teletype enthusiasts at the <http://www.rtty.com> web site have for the last few years been providing audio streams of 60 WPM 5-level Baudot code.



There are two primary feeds. Point your Internet media device (Windows Media Player, RealPlayer, iPod, iPad, Internet radio, etc.) to one of these streams:

ITTY -- Internet Teletype. General news bulletins broadcasted 24/7. <http://209.180.212.65:8000/listen.pls>

Internet Teletype News Channel. National news, politics, military and sports, also broadcasted 24/7. <http://209.180.212.65:8040/listen.pls>

These feeds are especially fun if you are like your editor and still have a mechanical teleprinter (or two ... or more) and a terminal unit. No more waiting for the right propagation or a RTTY contest to have some traffic to exercise your machines ... dial this up any time.

The holiday season is also known to have sessions where the RTTY art tapes of old are transmitted.

More information about the Internet feeds and teleprinters in general can be found on the <http://www.rtty.com> web site.

Don't Forget to Check In With the BARRA



Wednesday Evenings at 8 PM
29.68/146.91/224.82/444.00
"Extra points for checking in on 220"



It's time for the

Annual BARRA

Ham Radio & Electronics

AUCTION

And Everyone's Invited to Buy or Sell!

Ham Radio Gear · Scanners · Computer Equipment · Parts
Books · CBs · Test Equipment · More!

Monday, February 18, 2013

**St. Bartholomew's Church
2368 Eggert Road**

Tonawanda, NY

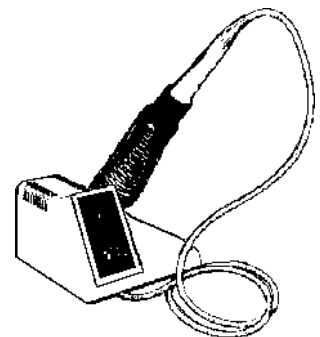
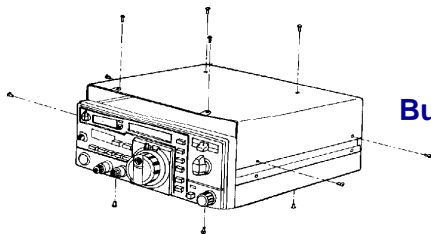
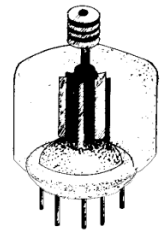
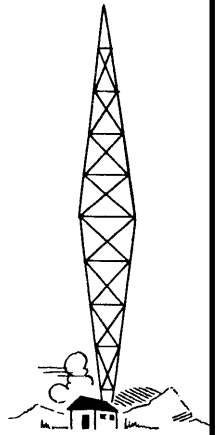
Doors open at 6:45 pm
Auction begins at 7:30 pm

BARRA Retains 10% of each item's selling price.

\$2.00 per person donation
Refreshments Available

50/50 RAFFLE!

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Calendar of Events

GENERAL MEETINGS

General meetings are held at St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, 2368 Eggert Road, Tonawanda, near Sheridan Drive. Doors open at 7:00 pm for rag chew, business meeting at 7:30, with program following.

Monday, December 17, 2012 -- Annual BARRA Holiday Party. Come out and enjoy some seasonal fellowship with the BARRA crew.

Monday, February 18, 2013 -- Annual BARRA Auction! See ad on page 5.

Monday, April 15, 2013 -- Meeting program TBA.

Monday, June 17, 2013 -- Meeting program TBA.

Monday, July 15, 2013 -- Annual BARRA Mobile Clinic and Picnic.



NO GENERAL MEETINGS IN JANUARY, MARCH, MAY, AUGUST OR NOVEMBER

The *Link* is not published in March, May, August and November.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the **Athens Family Restaurant**, 2801 Harlem Rd, Cheektowaga, between Genesee Street and George Urban Blvd. The meetings begin at 7:00 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 Thursday** 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.



Happy Holidays
from the
BARRA gang!