

The Link

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It's Time Again for the Annual BARRA Auction!

It's February and that means that it is time again for the Annual BARRA Auction, easily BARRA's most popular event of the year. Everyone is welcome to buy or sell ham radio or electronics goodies. Our auctioneer will be the ever-popular Bob "Dutch" Dutschman, K2JGI, and the date is Monday, February 21. Doors will open at 6:45 PM and the auction will begin promptly at 7:30 PM.

As the main fundraiser to pay for its excellent meeting space at St. Bartholomew's Church, BARRA retains 10% of the selling price of each item sold at the Auction. Sellers are also welcome to donate the entire proceeds of their sales to the club if they so choose.

We will have a door prize raffle for an interesting item courtesy of Crest A/V Electronics. Even the board and your editor don't know what the item will be! We all have to be there to be able to participate in the raffle!

Refreshments will be offered throughout the evening and we could use some help in the kitchen that night, too. If you are interested in doing that, drop a note to your editor at ka2wft@arrl.net. We will also need help arranging the tables and chairs in the fellowship room of the church both before and after the Auction and look forward to your assistance.

The BARRA Auction is also a great opportunity to eyeball other hams with whom you have been chatting on the airwaves. With the growing popularity of the Wednesday night BARRA Tech Net, this will be a good chance to meet up with the voices you hear there.



The gathered throng at the 2004 BARRA Auction

And if you didn't find what you wanted at the BARRA Auction (or didn't sell something you had hoped to), be sure to check out:

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Time is running out on dues renewals! Check your mailing label now for the status of your dues. On February 25th we will have to regretfully stop sending newsletters to those who have not yet paid their renewals. Don't miss out on all the events going on in BARRA ... renew today -- or better yet, at the Auction!

Remember that the Link is available as an emailed full color PDF document attachment by email. The club saves postage costs and you receive a sharp-looking unmangled newsletter copy. To get your next Link by email, contact the editor at ka2wft@arrl.net

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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.

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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 21, 2005
St. Bartholomews Episcopal Church
Brighton & Fries Roads
Tonawanda, NY

(Across from Kenmore East HS)

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

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

Our Actioneer will be Bob "Dutch" Dutschman, K2JGI

\$1.00 per person donation

Refreshments Available

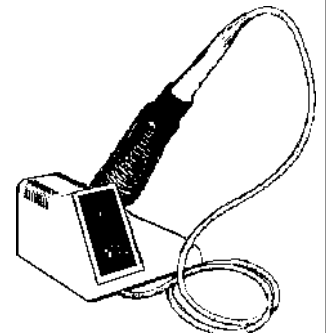
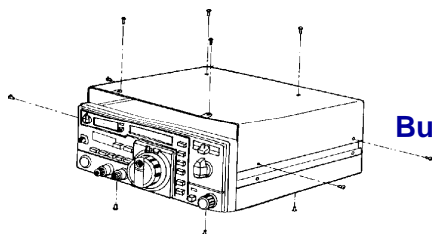
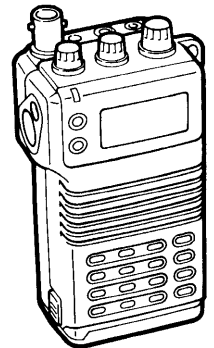
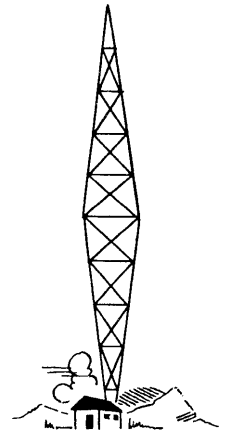
DOOR PRIZE RAFFLE!

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Calendar of Events

GENERAL MEETINGS

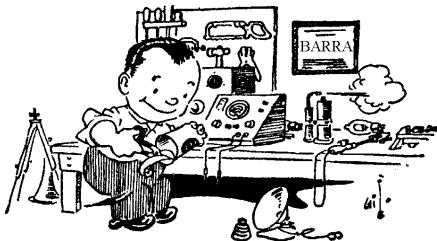
General meetings are held at St. Bartholomews Episcopal Church, Brighton and Fries Roads, Tonawanda, across from Kenmore East HS. Doors open at 7:00 pm for rag chew, business meeting at 7:30, with program following.

Monday, February 21, 2005 -- Annual BARRA Auction!! Let's turn trash into cash! Doors open at 6:45 PM, Auction begins promptly at 7:30. Dutch, K2JGI will be auctioneer.

Monday, April 18, 2005 -- Meeting program TBA.

Monday, June 20, 2005 -- Meeting program TBA.

Monday, July 18, 2005 -- Annual BARRA Mobile Clinic & Picnic at our Cole Road repeater site.



**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.

It's Almost Here!
Monday, February 21st, 2005
7:30 PM
THE ANNUAL BARRA AUCTION
at the church