

# The Link

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The Official Journal of the Buffalo Amateur Radio Repeater Association, Inc.

## Time for the Annual Auction at Our New Meeting Location!

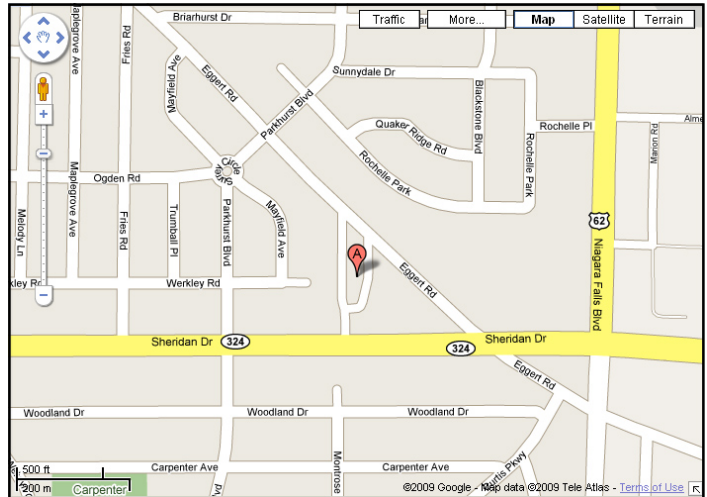
The 2009 edition of the Annual BARRA Auction will find us at our *new* meeting location with the relocated St. Bartholomew's congregation. Monday, February 16th is the date. As always, the doors will be open at 6:45 to begin bringing in your items to sell, with the auction itself beginning at 7:30 PM sharp. Our auctioneer will once again be the inimitable Bob "Dutch" Dutschman, K2JGI.

Earlier this month the BARRA board finalized details with the St. Bart's congregation allowing us to continue our general meetings at their new church facility. The new church is located at 2368 Eggert Road in Tonawanda, near the intersection of Sheridan Drive and Eggert Road (map at right), just a few blocks from our old meeting location. To get to the new building from the old one, go south on Fries Road to the next traffic light, Eggert Road. Turn left, and go a few blocks until you are almost opposite the north entrance of the Office Depot Plaza. The driveway to the St. Bart's parking lot is on your right. We will be using the door on the building marked "School" in big silver letters.

The meeting room that we will be using is on the first floor, which is only a few steps up from street level, and the room is just inside the School entrance; quite a change from our basement "dwelling" at the old location. You now have no excuse to not bring something to sell! It's an easy path from your car to the meeting room!

Everything else remains the same with our Auction: a \$2.00 ticket gets you in the door, everyone is invited to buy or sell, BARRA retains 10% of the selling price of each item to help pay for our meeting location. Also, while we recognize that not everyone can afford to do this, you can donate the proceeds of your entire lot to the club. There will be refreshments and a 50/50 raffle.

So, plan on attending BARRA's most popular event of the year, and check out our new meeting spot... we think you'll like it.



The new BARRA meeting location, marked with the "A" balloon in the middle of the Google map.

## Hobby Highlights

*Richard Sellers, KG2OR*

I recently received a special event certificate from the Athens Amateur Radio Club, K5EPH. On October 11th, 2008 at 17:35 GMT I made this SSB contact on 14.240 MHz aboard the USS *Little Rock*.



The certificate "celebrates" the "annual Black eyed Pea Festival at the beautiful East Texas Arboretum and Botanical Society in Athens Texas." This club has an interesting web site, <http://www.athensarc.org>.

The site has what many clubs display as part of the hobby: study guides, meetings, photos, field day adventures, JOTA functions, solar data, weather spotter information for Henderson County Texas, and a site map which directs a reader into their club activities. The special event QSO and receipt represent an accomplishment and a personal award for completing the mailing. I encourage each of you to keep abreast of the ARRL's special event section. You either may become an event enthusiast, or you may already be one, and will add more certificates to your ham radio portfolio.

73 de KG2OR



Field Day 2009  
is coming soon!

Save the weekend of  
June 27-28, 2009!

Dues are Due!

Members with dues remaining unpaid  
after this month will be dropped from  
the roster!

## Buffalo Amateur Radio Repeater Association, Inc.

### Club Officers & Directors

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W2EUP	PL 107.2	29.68-	Boston
K2ISO		145.17-	Wethersfield
K2ILH	PL 107.2	146.73-	Niagara Falls
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

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*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 Serve

To join, send an e-mail message to:

[majordomo@hamgate.net](mailto:majordomo@hamgate.net)

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

To send a message to the list subscribers, address your e-mail to:

[barra@hamgate.net](mailto:barra@hamgate.net)

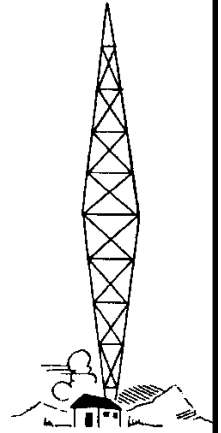


It's time for the

# 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 16, 2008**

**St. Bartholomew's Church**

2368 Eggert Road

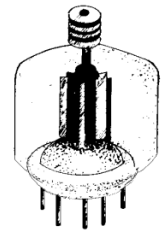
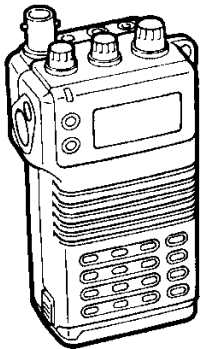
Tonawanda, NY

**\*NEW LOCATION\***

Near Sheridan Drive & Eggert Road

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!**

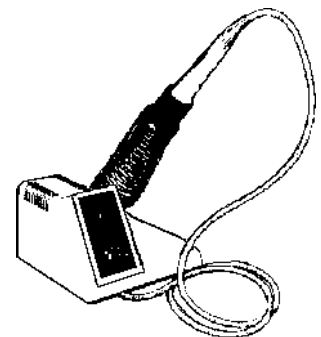
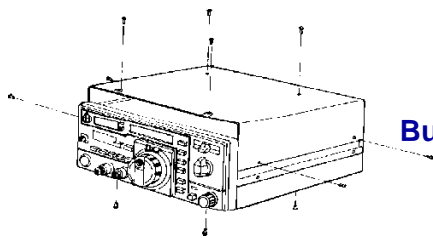
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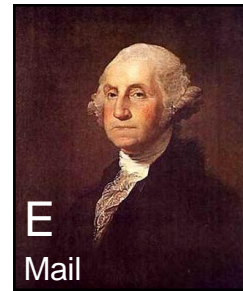
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### FIRST CLASS MAIL

## 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, February 16, 2009** -- Annual BARRA Auction! Turn your unused electronic goodies into cash!

**Monday, April 20, 2009** -- Program TBA.

**Monday, June 15, 2009** - Program TBA.

**Saturday - Sunday, June 27-28, 2009** - Field Day at the Cole Road repeater site. Plan on coming out to help operate and earn points for BARRA!



**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 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 Annual **BARRA** Auction is this month!  
Join us at our new meeting location  
**Monday, February 16th, 2009!**  
See front page for details and a map!