

The Link

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

It's Time for the Annual Auction!

That's right, boys and girls, it's that time again: time for the Annual BARRA Auction. It's a fun-filled equipment swap and our auctioneer will once again be Bob "Dutch" Dutschman, K2JGI.

Make the XYL happy and bring your unwanted ham radio and electronic goodies and turn them into cash to buy someone else's stuff! (Just don't let the XYL see what you bring home)

As always, the Auction will work as follows: BARRA retains 10% of the selling price of each item as a fundraiser for our meeting space at the church. Anyone is welcome to buy or sell, so don't miss out on our most popular event of the year.

At the door there will be a \$2.00 donation for admittance, and there will be a 50/50 raffle and door prizes. Refreshments will be served.

As always, donations of entire lots to the club are welcome and appreciated, if you are in a position to do so. You still have time to dig out some items from the cellar, barn, shed, attic, wherever, and bring them on over to the Annual BARRA Auction on Monday, February 16th. See you there!

WA2EYF Update

At this writing Tom Foley, WA2EYF, remains hospitalized at Millard Fillmore Gates. He is going daily for treatments at Roswell Park, and could use some cheering up. Visitors, phone calls and/or cards are welcome. He's in Room 707, and his phone number there is 887-5709.

Articles Wanted

Link looking a little thin lately? That's because here's been a dearth of material to put in it! Articles about any facet of ham radio are always welcome and encouraged. What project have *you* been working on lately? Write about it for *The Link*! Article writing counts for voting membership, too. As always, articles can be submitted to your editor at ka2wft@arrl.net any time.



Field Day 2010
is coming soon!

Save the weekend of June 26-27, 2010!

Hobby Highlights

Richard Sellers, KG2OR

Recently Bruce Tennant, K6PZW, an author of many reports in "Arnewline," discussed a change in the FCC.gov data base. It is called "Reboot.fcc.gov." Under the chairmanship of Julius Genachowski the web changes are supposed to initiate high levels of public interaction. It apparently has better ways to serve the public. Along with links to the "Universal Licensing System," and many suggestion box routines, "Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and live FCC broadcasts," each administrator in the system is positioned to disseminate information and answer questions.

Some of the categories listed in this site are: "events, initiatives, reform, FCC leadership, Blog, FCC gov/data, consolidated licensing system, helping Haiti, FCC reform, systems, rules and processes, data, engagement, and redesign." An amateur operator can also obtain FCC updates through e-mail. The changes make users feel like it's part of our own company; our tax dollars at work equals transparency. You can find this site at <http://www.reboot.fcc.gov>. I think it is a nice product, and there is big effort to connect bureaucracy to each of us in a personal manner.

73 de KG2OR.



Dues are Due!

We are coming down to the wire and our dues renewal period is nearly at a close. Have you renewed? Those members remaining unpaid at the end of February will sadly have to be removed from the roster. The status of your dues, as always, is shown on the mailing label of paper copies of *The Link* and e-mail recipients of the newsletter receive a separate email message. You may also contact your editor or your treasurer about your dues. Dues are payable in person at the annual Auction or Technical Committee meeting, or by mail to the club PO box, address on the back page.

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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

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.

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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.

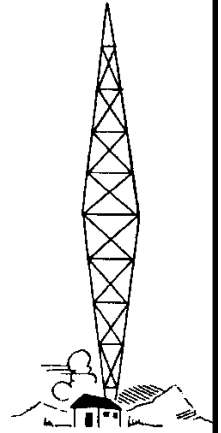


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Annual BARRA

Ham Radio & Electronics

AUCTION



And Everyone's Invited to Buy or Sell!

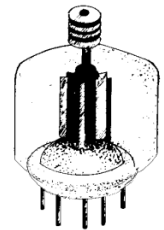
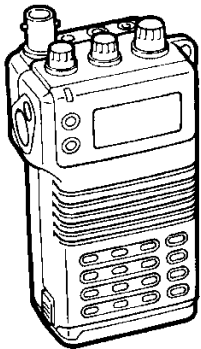
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Monday, February 15, 2010

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

Tonawanda, NY

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

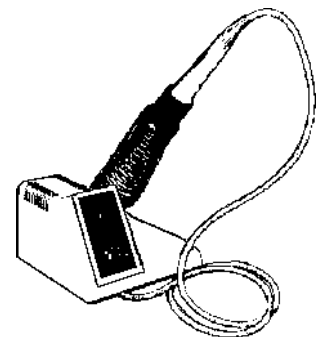
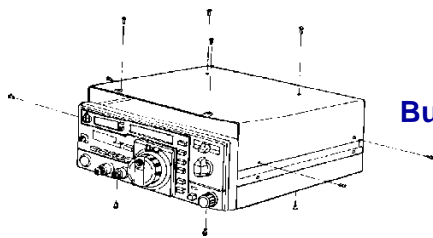


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\$2.00 per person donation
Refreshments Available

50/50 RAFFLE!

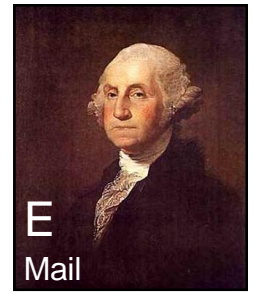
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Calendar of Events

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, February 15, 2010 -- Annual BARRA Auction. Turn your electronic "stuff" into cash for yourself and treasure for the buyer at our popular sell-fest.

Monday, April 19, 2010 -- Presentation by Bill Sitzman, a broadcast consulting engineer, discussing AM broadcast systems.

Monday, June 21, 2010 -- Meeting Program TBA.

Saturday-Sunday, June 26-27, 2010 -- Annual BARRA Entry in ARRL Field Day. See December's *Link* for info.



**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 7:30 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.

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