

The Link

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

It's Time for the Annual Auction!



Yes, it's that time again: time for the Annual BARRA Auction, our 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.

Remember that donations of entire lots to the club are welcome and appreciated, if you are in a position to do so. You still have a little 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 21st. See you there!

Dues are Due!

We are nearing the end of our renewal season. BARRA's fiscal year runs from October to September, so beginning each October dues are subject to renewal. The status of your dues 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 always contact your editor or your treasurer about your dues. Dues are payable in person at a general or Technical Committee meeting, or by mail to the club PO box, address on the back page. Sadly, those members who have not yet renewed by the end of February will have to be dropped from the membership roster ... don't let that happen to you! Renew today!

Goodsearch Yields Another Year of Good Rewards for BARRA

BARRA treasurer Ed Swan, W2EAS, recently reported that we have received a check from the Goodsearch Internet search engine for \$117.48. This is for searches

and online purchases conducted through Goodsearch with BARRA designated as the non-profit organization to benefit.

BARRA signed up with Goodsearch in the fall of 2007. Every online search made through this engine yields us about a penny. In addition to the searches, online purchases made starting with Goodsearch's Goodshop result in a percentage of the purchase making its way back to BARRA.

To help BARRA with your searches and purchases, go to <http://www.goodsearch.com>. In the box labeled "Who do you Goodsearch for?" you need to enter our full name, "Buffalo Amateur Radio Repeater Association" and click the "verify" button. You should have to do this only the very first time you use the Goodsearch site from a particular computer, and you have to have cookies enabled. It's that easy! Now every search you make will make BARRA some money. Also, the use of Goodsearch and Goodshop is not restricted only to BARRA members. Encourage friends and family to Goodsearch and Goodshop for BARRA!

To make purchases, go to the Goodsearch page and click on the Goodshop banner below the search box. The most popular online retailers will appear on the next screen, but you can search for a particular vendor in the search box to the left of the screen. Almost every known online and brick-and-mortar retailer with an online presence has an arrangement with Goodsearch. There is no need to create a new account with your favorite retailer in order for BARRA to benefit from the shopping bonus, the only thing you need to do is to access the retailer from the Goodshop screen.

We thank everyone who has taken advantage of this service in the past year. The windfall from this arrangement helps to keep BARRA in the black. In these times of rising costs and stagnant membership numbers, another source of income is most welcome. Go to your computer right now and Goodsearch or Goodshop something for BARRA!



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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.

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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 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.



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, 2011

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

Tonawanda, NY

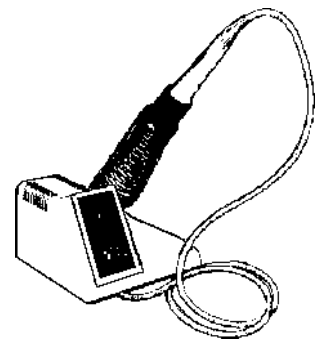
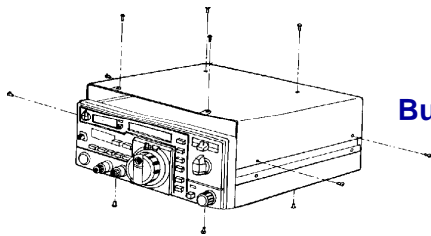
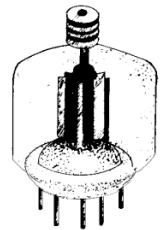
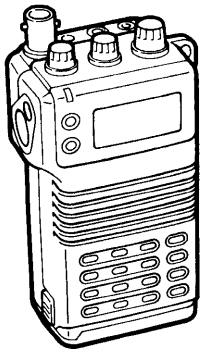
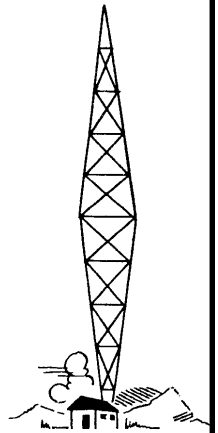
Doors open at 6:45 pm
Auction begins at 7:30 pm

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

\$2.00 per person donation
Refreshments Available

50/50 RAFFLE!

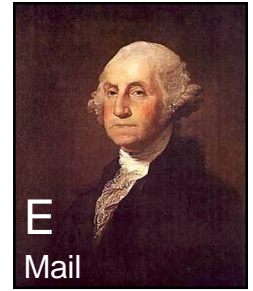
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Calendar of Events

GENERAL MEETINGS

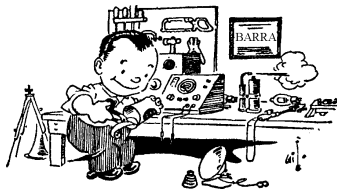
General meetings are held at St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, 2368 Eggert Road, Tonawanda, near Sheridan Drive. Doors open at 7:00 pm for rag chew, business meeting at 7:30, with program following.

Monday, February 21, 2011 -- Annual BARRA Auction! Our popular electronics trash-to-treasure swap fest!

Monday, April 18, 2011-- Meeting program TBA.

Monday, June 20, 2011 -- Mark Humphrey, K3WY, will speak on hamfesting in Europe and other technical matters relating to ham radio.

Saturday-Sunday, June 25-26, 2011 -- Field Day! Join the BARRA gang at our Cole Road repeater site for our 2011 station entry in ARRL Field Day.



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.



Be there!
2011 BARRA Auction
February 21st, 2011