

# The Link

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

## It's Time for the Annual BARRA Auction!

The holidays and the ground hog have passed us by which means it is time for the annual BARRA Auction. Monday, February 20th will see the 2012 edition of our annual swapfest with Bob "Dutch" Dutschman, K2JGI, once again doing the honors as our entertaining auctioneer.

As before, BARRA retains 10% of each item's selling price. The auction is our fundraiser to help pay for our excellent meeting space at the church. Remember that donations of lots to auction are always welcome.

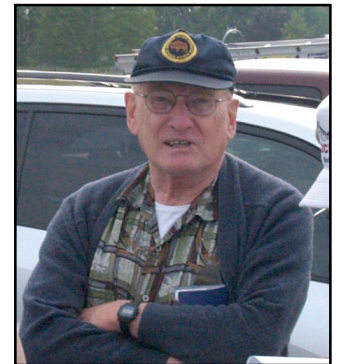
Dig out your ham radio, electronics and computer items that are taking up space and turn them into cash at the auction. The old adage prevails each year at the auction: one ham's trash is another ham's treasure.

Coffee and refreshments along with a 50/50 raffle and door prizes will be available. There is a \$2.00 donation at the door.

## Bob Schneider, AJ2G, SK

BARRA was saddened to learn in early January of the passing of Bob Schneider, AJ2G. Bob was a long time member of BARRA and served two terms on its board as vice president in the early 1990s. For many years Bob was the one who picked up the club's incoming mail at the post office box in North Tonawanda.

Bob's interests were many fold encompassing radio, electronics and technology in general as well as music, hymnology and sound theory. Bob was an organist at a number of local churches over the years and played flute with the American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne, four children and two grandchildren.



## A Double Dose of Hobby Highlights

*Richard Sellers, KG2OR*

This year we will have another "Museum Ships on the Air" event. On June 4-5, 2011 Louise, KC2RBL, Kevin, WA2FKV, Art, NA3X, Paul, NA4ZI, as it is listed on the certificate, and myself KG2OR demonstrated our radio skills on the USS *Little Rock*, and received a beautiful picture of the ship, the W2PE call, and our names and calls from the "Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station."



Everything is positioned upon a grand certificate. I just received the file from Lee, KC2RBL, and downloaded the data into my printer and I am very impressed at the details, colors and background. This year the event hosted 78 ships from around the world. We were able to contact ships as far as Texas, NA5DV, USS *Texas*, some others in Massachusetts, K1USN, USS *Massachusetts*, N1EPL, and the U-5075, *Seehund* submarine. Many more were included, and we were on the air for some pile ups with our W2PE call too.

Please keep the next "Museum Ships on the Air" date in 2012 open for yourself, and on the Saturday and Sunday in June become a part of history and join the fun.

I have seen many people working in the club, and committing themselves to our hobby. It is one of the principles to promote it, and establish it in society as a public entity. Passing the exam and achieving a class of license is the ticket to privilege and it still is, even though we have seen so many changes.

In this "Hobby Highlights" I will focus on Robert Brock, K2LED, formerly KC2ZPH.

On January 16th, 2012 at around 7:15PM he called into the RAWNY Net from Las Vegas, Nevada. He was on Echo Link, and used the K2ILH repeater with Internet relay protocol. I said, "that has to be a RAWNY record for the net," a member's DX call on 70cm; the 440 WA2HKS repeater, and a concern for reporting using an Echo Link Internet protocol. The technology really impressed me. A couple of other things Bob is doing is also worth noting. He gives demonstrations to the club about light emitting diodes. I have become aware that he is starting a ham radio club at his daughter's high school; the big project in ARRL language, and he has set up a 70cm receiver on 434.825 MHz to assist the 146.415 MHz network in the area; the 440 receiver broadens the range for people receiving the two meter simplex network. I think he is promoting the hobby with a lot of zeal. This is the kind of "Hobby Highlights" I began many years ago; personal description and exposition.

## Buffalo Amateur Radio Repeater Association, Inc.

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### Voice Repeaters

W2EUP	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.

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### 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 20, 2012**

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

**Tonawanda, NY**

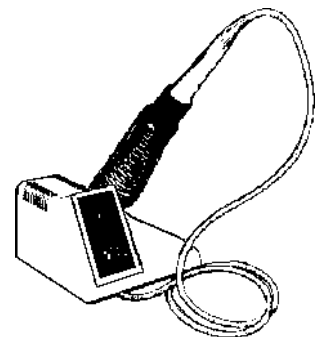
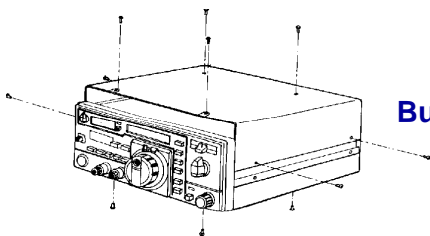
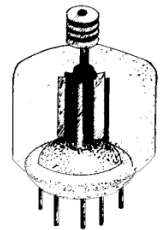
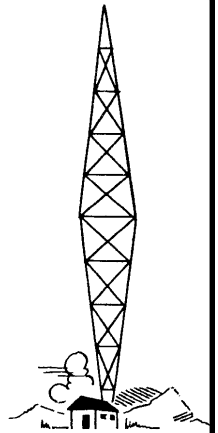
Doors open at 6:45 pm  
Auction begins at 7:30 pm

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**\$2.00 per person donation**  
Refreshments Available

**50/50 RAFFLE!**

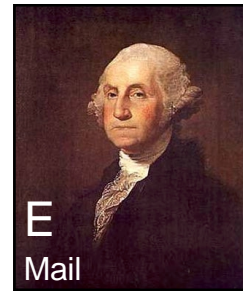
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## FIRST CLASS MAIL

## 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 20, 2012** -- Annual BARRA Auction! Dig out those items that you are bringing to sell at our annual swapfest.

**Monday, April 16, 2012** -- Meeting program TBA.

**June 18, 2012** -- Meeting program TBA.

**June 23-24, 2012** -- Annual BARRA entry in the ARRL Field Day contest.



### Dues are due!

Members with dues unpaid at the end of the month will be dropped from the roster.

**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.



The **BARRA** Auction is this month!

Save the date:  
**Monday, February 20th!**