

The Link

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

Reminder:

NO Meeting in January!

Next Month is our Annual Auction!

The time is quickly approaching for the Annual BARRA Auction, coming up next month on Monday, February 21st.

Start digging through your electronic, um, "stuff" now in preparation for the Auction. All manner of electronics, but especially radio equipment is welcome at our annual event. Also, in the past some members have donated the proceeds of their entire lots to the club and we are always appreciative of that. We recognize that not everyone is in a position to do that, and welcome anyone who wants to sell their wares at our auction.

The club retains 10% of the selling price of each item as a fundraiser to help pay for our meeting space at the church. We will also feature a 50/50 raffle and some door prizes.

So, start getting together your items to sell and we'll see you next month!

What Have You Missed ...

... at recent Technical Committee meetings? Here's a list of *just a few* topics discussed and "Show & Tell" items viewed/demonstrated:

- Latest in personal video cameras
- Vintage GLB 414 two meter transceiver
- RF ID tags
- Latest in handheld calculator technology
- Homebrew switching power supply
- Radiolocation transmitters for model rockets
- Software defined radios

All members are welcome and invited to attend the Technical Committee meetings, the first Friday of each month at the BOCES Potter Road school (address on the last page in the meeting calendar), and start at 7:30 PM. In addition to covering the club's projects and repeaters, there is always discussion about other technologies and attendees are encouraged to bring personal projects or "toys" to show or demonstrate. No two meetings are ever the same!

Hobby Highlights

Richard Sellers, KG2OR

I am starting the new year off with an act that is hard to follow! While surfing the net I came across the North Fulton Amateur Radio League, and the Southern Crescent Radio Club.

The two websites are: <http://www.southerncrestradio.org>, and <http://www.hamjam.nfarl.org>. The "Hamjam 2010"

which was held at the Georgia Institute of Technology, in Atlanta on November 11th, 2010 is one of the best programs outside of Dayton that I have ever seen.

The free event, subsidized by raffle tickets, featured Joe Taylor, K1JT speaking about weak signals and earth-moon-earth bounce, plus Ward Silver, N0AX, columnist and editor of the *ARRL Handbook*, and creator of *Ham Radio for Dummies*. Also on the bill was Hal Kennedy, N4GG, "one of their own" who demonstrated a spark radio he built out of original parts. The site features pictures of the "Ham Jam."

The Southern Crescent Radio Club's site has many buttons, links, newsletters, photos, SKYWARN, mission, and training. There are forums for communication, and information about the ARES and RACES operations, along with repeater and net times.

I enjoyed reading some of the newsletters posted, and felt the southern hospitality; "The Bone Head Awards," given to people involved in humorous situations. In closing I would like to applaud the Southern Crescent Radio Club for bringing together a great program. I have written about K1JT in years past, and he is one of my favorite hams. Who else do you know with a Nobel Prize in Physics that is highly committed to amateur radio?

73 de Richard Sellers, KG2OR.



Dues are Due!

It's winter, so we are in the middle 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.

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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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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.

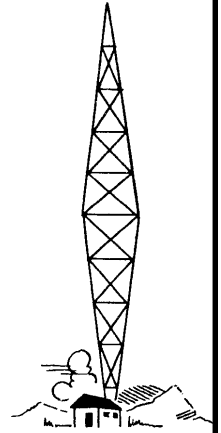


It's time for the

Annual BARRA

Ham Radio & Electronics

AUCTION



And Everyone's Invited to Buy or Sell!

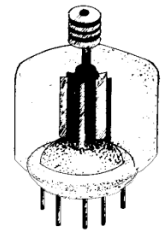
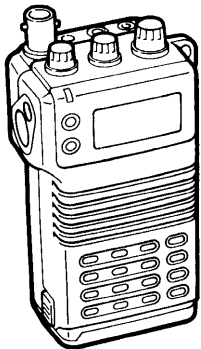
Ham Radio Gear . Scanners . Computer Equipment . Parts
Books . CBs . Test Equipment . More!

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

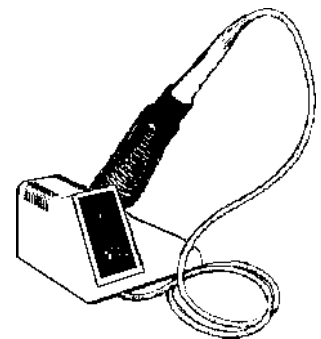
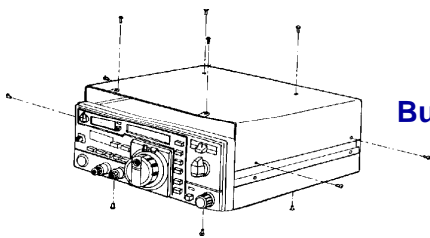


BARRA Retains 10% of each item's selling price.

\$2.00 per person donation
Refreshments Available

50/50 RAFFLE!

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Calendar of Events

GENERAL MEETINGS

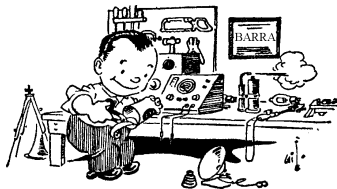
General meetings are held at St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, 2368 Eggert Road, Tonawanda, near Sheridan Drive. Doors open at 7:00 pm for rag chew, business meeting at 7:30, with program following.

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.



Save the date!
2011 BARRA Auction
February 21st, 2011