



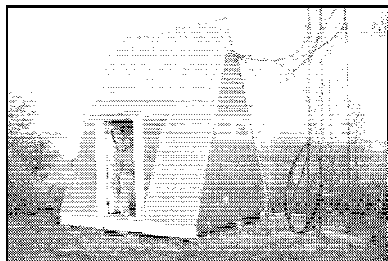
The Link

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

July 2001

Annual Mobile Clinic and Picnic is This Month!

It is time once again for BARRA's annual outing, as it were, the annual Mobile Clinic and Picnic at the Cole Road repeater site in Boston, NY on Monday, July 16th. Directions to the site are on Page 3.



Cole Road shack.

Photo by N2YDM

For this event, as it has been in the last few years, it is Bring Your Own. BARRA provides grills, condiments, and soft drink beverages, you supply the meat and rolls and salads or whatever. You might want to throw in an extra dog or burger

for those members who may come straight from work with no "supplies." Also remember that our insurance policy forbids the consumption of alcohol on our property or at club-sponsored events.

Gathering time will be approximately 5 PM, with the festivities continuing until dark. Drop in whenever you can, and perhaps bring a ham friend along. Keep in mind that the Cole Road site has no "comfort facilities," so plan ahead accordingly.

In case of questionable or bad weather, tune to 146.91/444.00 for updates on the event. Brian, WA2CWF will be in the Boston area the day of the event and will be able to provide directions for those needing them, and provide updates on the weather in the site area. If there should be rain, the event will be postponed until the following Monday, July 23.



So, plan on attending one of BARRA's most popular yearly events (after the Auction, of course!), and we hope to see you at the repeater on the 16th!

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Board Seeks Ideas for W2EUP Memorial Funds

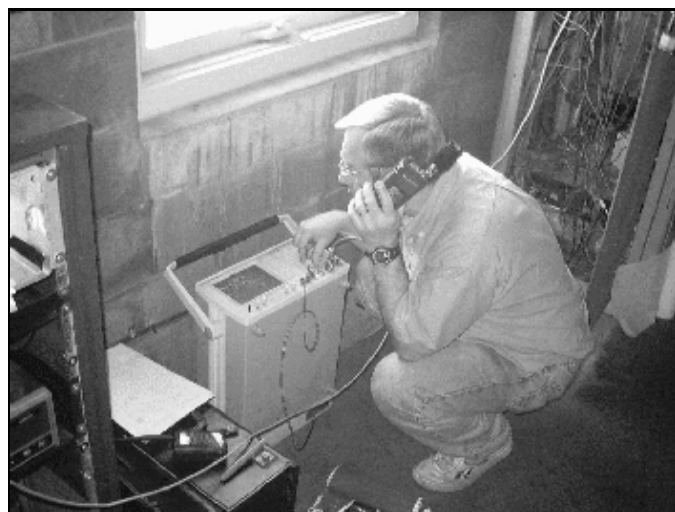
According to the wishes of the family of Gil Boelke, W2EUP, who passed away in late April, memorials made in Gil's name are to be sent to BARRA. To date, the club has received a number of these memorials which currently total approximately \$500. The board is looking for ideas for an appropriate lasting use of these funds and not just lump them into the general account to pay bills.

This topic was raised at the general meeting in June and some ideas were suggested and will be taken into consideration. However, the board would like all members to have the opportunity to comment on this important matter.

To share your thoughts, phone a board member (numbers are listed on page two), or drop an e-mail to president Nelson Oldfield, WA2ZSJ, at nelson@bluemoon.net or treasurer Ed Swan, W2EAS, at w2eas@arrrl.net.

Also, it is not too late to make a contribution in Gil's memory to the club. Donations may be mailed to the club's PO box address, and all gifts are acknowledged.

Work Trip to 444.00



WA2HKS makes adjustments to the remote 146.31 receiver at the UB Main Street site.

Photo by KA2WFT

On Wednesday, July 11, WA2HKS and KA2WFT made a maintenance trip to the UB Main Street home of the 444.00 repeater. Some adjustments were made to the remote 146.31 receiver located there, backup battery water levels were topped off and general PM work took place.

The remote 146.31 receiver and link transmitter is working fine at this site. It was discovered that the link receiver at Cole Road for this system needs some attention in the squelch.

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WR2AHL PL 110.9	442.00 +	Wethersfield
WA2HKS	444.00 +	Buffalo
WB2DSS PL 151.4	444.75 +	Kenmore

RACES Net

Stop by Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm and join the Erie County ARES/RACES net which meets on the 146.91 and 444.00 repeaters. N2NJH is net control.

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LINK DEADLINES

All material must be submitted to the Editor by the end of the month previous to the issue (e.g. December 31st for the January issue). Of course, if the material is received earlier than that date, you will have a better chance of getting your article in the next issue. All advertising is subject to the same deadline.

ADVERTISING

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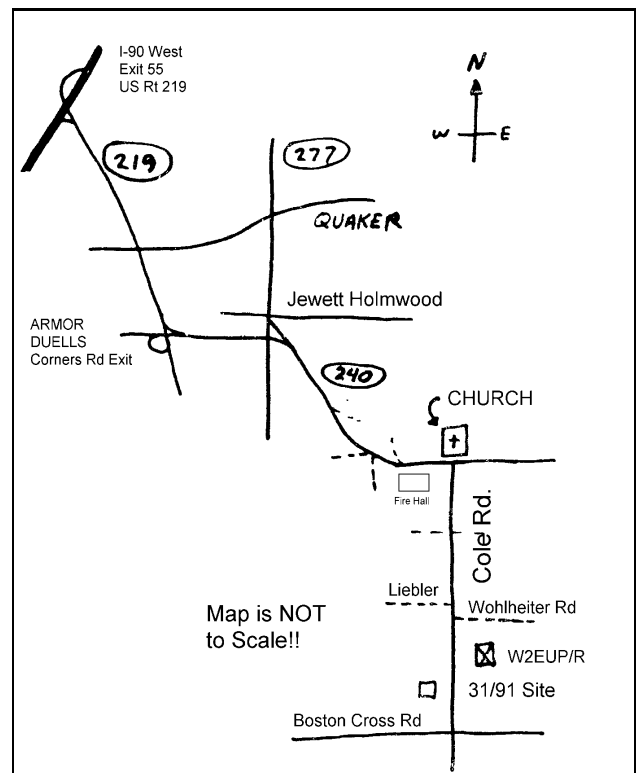
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Family member in the same household as first member	3.00
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Senior Citizen (65+)	-5.00
Disabled	-5.00
Voting member	-5.00
Full-time student with ID	-5.00
Each new member recommended	-1.00

Note: A voting member is a member who has performed a service for BARRA (e.g. helped out at an activity, written a *Link* article, etc.).

Directions to the Cole Road Repeater Site



TO W2EUP/R FROM BUFFALO:

- Take the Thruway, I-90, westbound, to Exit 55, US Rt 219.
- Continue down US 219 to the Armor Duells Corners exit (after Mile Strip Rd).
- At the top of the exit, turn right.
- Proceed to intersection with Rt 277, and continue straight through.
- Proceed along 240 about 2.1 mi. as it bends and twists its way along. Watch for a fire hall on your right -- Cole Rd is soon after!
- After the fire hall, very shortly on your left is a white church. Almost immediately is a right turn, watch for yellow "T" sign -- this is Cole Rd! Turn rt. onto Cole Rd.
- Proceed along Cole Rd approx. 6.1 miles. The site is less than 1/2 mile from the intersection of Liebler and Wohlheiter Roads. Look for two 100 ft. towers on your left.
- Turn left onto dirt road just past a pond and small house. Go up small hill and watch for directions for where to park. **DO NOT PARK ON THE DIRT ROAD - IT IS A DRIVEWAY FOR A RESIDENCE!**

The Mobile Clinic will begin around 5:00 pm and continue until dark, or thereabouts. In case of "iffy" weather, listen to 146.91/444.00 for updates from WA2CWF about local conditions in Boston.

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General meetings are held at St. Bartholomews Episcopal Church, Brighton & Fries Roads, Tonawanda, across from Kenmore East HS. Doors open at 7:00 pm for rag chew, business meeting at 7:30, with program following.

Monday, July 16, 2001 - Annual BARRA Mobile Clinic and Picnic at the Cole Road repeater site in Boston, NY. Bring your own meat to grill, BARRA provides the grills and beverages.

Monday, September 17, 2001 - Meeting program TBA.

**NO GENERAL MEETINGS IN
MARCH, MAY, AUGUST OR NOVEMBER**
The *Link* is not published in those months

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at Crest A/V Electronics, 1570 Main Street, Buffalo. 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 each month around 7:00 pm at the Cole Road repeater site in the good weather months. 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.

