



The Link

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Annual Mobile Clinic at Cole Road Repeater Site July 15th

Summer is here and it is once again time for the Annual BARRA Mobile Clinic and Picnic to be held at the club's Cole Road repeater site in Boston, NY. Monday, July 15th is the date, and things get started around 5 PM and continue until dark. Stop on by when you have the chance.

The picnic part of the festivities are bring-your-own. We will have grills available so that saves you the bother of dealing with that. Come enjoy a summer evening with the BARRA gang and families are welcome, too. Please note, however, that there are no "comfort facilities" available at the site, so please plan ahead. A map to the site appears on Page 3 of this issue.

Since Western New York weather can be highly variable from one location to another, Brian, WA2CWF, will be on hand all day on the 146.91/444.00 repeaters to offer talk-in and general Boston weather information should things be a bit "iffy." In the case of rain at the site, we will postpone until the following Monday, July 22nd.

So, come on out and take part in a long-standing BARRA tradition, the Mobile Clinic. See you there!

From the Archives

Cherry Creek Log, Saturday, July 6, 1974, W2EUP making the entry:

Pete, Bernie and I went, arrived about 9:30. Bernie & Pete worked on trail bikes all morning. Loggers working and tearing up all trails. Planned work on trails cancelled. Howie K2SQV came up in aft. I cut & measured a mounting angle iron for aux. starter on gas gen. Howie started digging footing of wind gen. tower. Pete & Bernie installed blower at vent to cool shack.

I changed wiring of mic amp (again) to allow full gain to be achieved. Had to pry gen. loose again, but it was really jammed this time. Aux starter must really develop torque! Pete & Howie move the mic to front vent of shack.

All 3 of us helped Jack retrieve crawler from Watts'. Plan to work on tracks. WB2OIF came in evening.

SUNDAY - W3ZYR came in morning. We shot bologna till noon, then Al Krinze and I went to site. I clipped tree limbs obstructing trail on way up...

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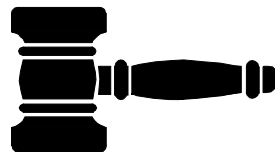
with the message: **subscribe barra** in the main body of the note.

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By-Laws Amendment Proposal Approved Unanimously

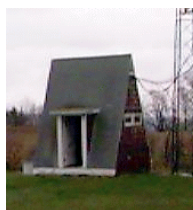
As proposed in the pages of the April and June issues of *The Link*, as well as duly moved, seconded and discussed at the April and June general membership meetings, a vote was held to amend the By-Laws of BARRA to reduce the number of board members and to update wording in the section concerning expenditures. The proposal passed unanimously among the ballots cast.



A ballot was mailed in the June newsletter to voting members of record, and was available at the June general meeting. Several members voted by mail and we thank all for their participation. Of the 33 voting members of record as of June 1st, 2002, 15 ballots were cast. If only the Erie County Board of Elections could have such a turnout!

With the approval of the amendment proposal the number of members of BARRA's board of directors is now five, with the quorum of board members needed to conduct business reduced to three. There are currently six members on the BARRA board and will remain that way until current terms expire this fall. At that time only those positions needed to keep five members on the board will be up for election.

Summer Saturday Work Sessions at Cole Road



During the summer months members of the Technical Committee are conducting Saturday morning work parties at the Cole Road repeater site. As mentioned in a previous newsletter issue there are a number of "physical plant" issues to be addressed this year at the site. Both the main A-frame shack and the former Riker shack on our properties need a healthy dose of TLC.

Anyone is welcome to join in and is the perfect opportunity for members who are unsure of their technical abilities to participate in a club activity that doesn't involve soldering or electronics! Things get started around 9 AM Saturday mornings for the duration of the summer. For more information contact Keith Laudenslager, K2DSN, at 652-0036 or klaudens@pce.net or Ted Ertl, WA2HKS, at 674-3325 or tertl@erie1.wnyric.org

If you haven't already done so, sign up for the BARRA e-mail list serve (directions on this page) to receive reminders and updates about the work parties; Keith has been posting reminders to the list. Come on out and help out the club!

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WR2AHL PL 110.9	442.00 +	Wethersfield
WA2HKS	444.00 +	Buffalo
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The downlink of amateur satellite UO-14 is retransmitted on every pass over the Buffalo area on our 444.00 and 146.91 repeaters. For information on uplinking to the satellite, see the BARRA web page.

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.

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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

Want-Ads are free to BARRA members and are published in the next available issue. Ads from other hams are accepted free on a space-available basis. Ads appearing in other club newsletters with which BARRA has an exchange agreement are reprinted on a space-available basis.

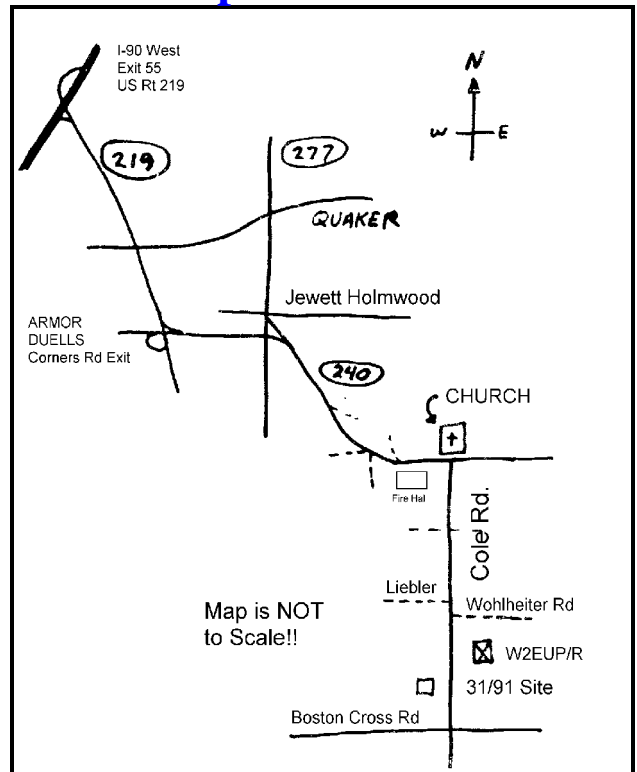
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DUES

Basic membership rate	\$20.00
Family member in the same household as first member	3.00
Discounts from basic rate	
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

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 Rt. 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 ½ 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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Calendar of Events

GENERAL MEETINGS

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 15, 2002 – Annual BARRA Mobile Clinic at the Cole Road repeater site. Bring your hot dogs and celebrate summer with the BARRA gang. See Page 1 for details.

Monday, September 16, 2002 – Program TBA.

Monday, October 21, 2002 – Annual BARRA Meeting with election of Board members.

Ongoing Summer Saturdays – Morning work parties at the Cole Road repeater site. Gather about 9 AM. Contact WA2HKS or K2DSN for details.

**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, between Michigan and Ferry Streets. 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 former GLB shop in West Seneca. 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.

**DON'T FORGET THE
BARRA MOBILE CLINIC & PICNIC
THIS MONTH AT THE
COLE ROAD REPEATER SITE!
SEE PAGE 1 FOR DETAILS**