



# The Link

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## Annual Meeting and Board Elections This Month

October brings the BARRA annual meeting to the fore, and should also see the election of board members. However, as of press time we don't have any candidates! The terms for Mark Lienert, KG2DE, and Steve Riek, N2QJE expire this year. Mark has expressed the desire to not run again and step down from the board and Steve is reluctant to run again since he is now pursuing a further degree in night school (way to go, Steve!)

So, it looks like the October meeting on Monday, October 16 will see a solicitation of nominations unless something changes between press time and the meeting.

We generally try to also have a program for the October meeting, but again as of press time nothing has been arranged. Come on out on Monday and be surprised with the rest of us!

## Roster Corrections

There are some changes in the BARRA Membership Roster, published last month, to note. Due to a clerical error by your editor, Bill Kothen, N2QJG, was omitted from the roster. This is a rather grievous error since Bill is our kind host for our Kenmore repeater site! Anyway, Bill's address is: 2315 Elmwood Ave, Kenmore 14217.

At the September general meeting, a number of e-mail address changes were brought to your editor's attention and are listed as follows:

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N2RHL dvari@adelphia.net  
KG2OR kg2or@hotmail.com  
WB2VEU wb2veu@yahoo.com  
KB2WSZ kb2wsz@juno.com

Your editor plans to publish an updated roster in January. If there are any further changes, please get contact KA2WFT.

### The BARRA E-Mail Listserver

To join, send an empty e-mail message to:  
barra-subscribe@perdix.acsu.buffalo.edu  
To send a message to the list subscribers, address your e-mail to:  
barra@perdix.acsu.buffalo.edu

## E-Link Finally Working

As advertised in recent issues of the newsletter, an electronic form of *The Link* is now available to members. Produced in Adobe PDF format, the issue is e-mailed directly to those members desiring to receive it.



The September issue got off to a rocky start due to some software compatibility issues so the few who had asked to receive the e-version received a MS Word document as an interim stop-gap measure. We are pleased to report, however, that the conversion problems have been resolved and this month's *Link* will go out in full PDF format to the members who have signed up -- and those numbers are growing.

If you wish to receive the electronic version of BARRA's newsletter, drop a note to your editor at 73323.672@compuserve.com who will get you on the list. Please note that this list is separate from the e-mail listserve, so you must sign up separately for each.

## BARRA Name Tag Replacement Policy

It has been brought the board's attention that a number of members may wish to have BARRA name tags replaced due to call sign changes or loss of an originally issued tag, etc. BARRA Treasurer Ed Swan, W2EAS, is our official name tag maker and should be contacted about any name tag concerns.

Club policy is that each member is issued one name tag free of charge upon joining BARRA. Any replacements due to loss or call change are subject to a nominal fee. Also -- hang on to the clip (if you have it) for your new tag!

W2EAS can be reached at 877-0417 or at EASwan@compuserve.com to order a tag or ask questions.

## Dues are Due!

Once again (seems like we just did this) it is time for dues renewal at BARRA. Our year runs from October to September and dues become due beginning October 1 each year. Check your mailing label for the amount you owe (*E-Link* recipients will receive a separate e-mail with their dues amount). All applicable discounts have been hopefully applied. If you believe the amount of your dues is in error, please contact your editor or BARRA treasurer Ed Swan, W2EAS.

## Buffalo Amateur Radio Repeater Association, Inc.

### Club Officers & Directors

President	Mark Lienert KG2DE '00	447-1738
Vice President	Steve Riek N2QJE '00	731-3452
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Membership,		
Roster & Passwords	KA2WFT, W2EUP, W2EAS	
Activities List	Ed Swan W2EAS	
ID Badges	W2EAS	
Erie County Emer. Coord.	Karl Weir N2NJH	

### Voice Repeaters

WB2JQK	29.68 -	Buffalo
K2ISO	145.17 -	Wethersfield
K2GUG	146.73 -	Grand Island
W2EUP	146.91 -	Boston
W2OXB	147.00 +	Kenmore
W2EUP	224.82 -	Boston
WR2AHL	442.00 +	Wethersfield
WA2HKS	444.00 +	Buffalo
WB2DSS	444.75 +	Kenmore

### Digital Repeaters

W2EUP-1	145.59	Niagara Falls
N2GH-1	145.59	Wethersfield, NY
K2IMF-1	145.01	Marilla, NY

### 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.

### BARRA Packet BBS

BARRA has a bulletin board area on the IPBUFF (N2NJH) Packet/Internet gateway system. Connect through any local node that shows IPBUFF in its node list. IPBUFF is available to 1200 baud users directly on 145.63 Mhz.

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**ARTICLES**

Articles for the *Link* on any subject, technical or general interest, are always welcome and encouraged. When submitting material to the *Link*, please type it or submit it electronically, if possible. Remember that the editor reserves the right to make necessary changes including reformatting and condensing for space and that Full Membership may be obtained by writing articles.

**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.

Display advertising is available at the prevailing rates. Business card size is currently \$2.00/mo; full page is \$16.00/mo. Contact the editor for rates for other sizes.

**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
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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.).

## BARRA Voting Upgrade List

As occurs each fall, the board has reviewed the membership list and has compiled this year's voting membership roster. Voting members are entitled to a five dollar discount on their dues (due starting this month) and are able to vote for board members and any other pressing matters that come before the club. Voting membership is earned by performing some task for the benefit of the club in the preceding 12 months and/or participating in an ARES/RACES sponsored event. If there are any corrections or omissions to this list, please contact a board member or your editor.

**2000-01 BARRA Voting Membership List**

K2CEC	W2OXB
WA2CWF	W2PB
N2DAY	W2PVL
KG2DE	N2QJE
K2DSN	N2QJG
WB2DSS	N2RKQ
W2EAS	K2RSK
W2EUP	VE3TIJ
AJ2G	WB2VEU
N2GH	KB2VKK
K2GUG	KC2VS
WA2HKS	KA2WEY
N2IE	KA2WFT
K2ILH	KA2WIO
K2JGI	KB2WSZ
WB2JQK	N2WUV
K2LMH	KB1XW
K2MDM	N2YDM
WA2NQD	N2ZDU
N2OBW	KB2ZHU
KG2OR	WA2ZSJ

## Work on Wethersfield Site Keeping Machines Off the Air

As some members may know, the Wethersfield home of our 145.17 and 442.00 repeaters, namely 107.7 FM, has been recently sold. With that sale has brought some major technical changes to the site and while those changes are implemented our amateur repeaters remain off the air.

In short, the site is begin changed from individual antennas for every two-way tenant to a single transmit and a single receive antenna with appropriate multicouplers to be shared by all site tenants. In addition to the antenna work, the new owners are installing power conditioning equipment and improving overall security of the transmitter building, which will benefit all of the users of the site.

A work date has been scheduled for the very near future to complete the changeover at which time our machines should be back to life. Look for the return of the BARRA repeaters at Wethersfield by the end of this month!

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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, October 16, 2000** - BARRA Annual Meeting and election of board members.

**Monday, December 18, 2000** - Annual BARRA Christmas Party.

**Monday, January 15, 2001** - Annual Report of the BARRA Technical Committee to the membership.

**Monday, February 19, 2001** - Annual BARRA Auction! Start putting aside goodies now for this popular junk-to-cash event.

**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 GLB Electronics, 151 North America Drive (formerly Commerce Pkwy), West Seneca. 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 work parties every Wednesday evening, 8:00 pm, at GLB Electronics. Stop by and give a hand to a repeater or other BARRA project.

The Technical Committee has formal meetings the first Friday of each month around 7:30 pm at GLB. 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.

