

The Link

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BARRA Annual Meeting and Movie Night

October is the month for the annual meeting of BARRA, Inc. where we will hear financial reports for the previous fiscal year and elect members to the board of directors. Monday, October 19th is the date. As always, doors open at 7 PM for rag chew and eyeball QSOs, meeting begins at 7:30.

This year the terms of Nelson Oldfield, WA2ZSJ; Doug Alderdice, KA2WFT; and Damon Edwards, AB2UK are up. At the September meeting the incumbents were nominated for reelection, and all candidates accepted. There were no further nominations from the floor.

For the program portion of the meeting, Ben Bass, N2YDM, has offered to have another "Movie Night." Attendees at previous YDM Movie Nights know that Ben comes up with some interesting videos from the Prelinger Archives, usually industrial films, of years gone by. There will likely be a WB cartoon to start off the program, too!

We hope to see you there!

New Board Meeting Date Set

The BARRA Board of Directors meetings have been changed to a new night due to scheduling conflicts with current board members. Two of our current board members are active with ARES/RACES which meets the same night as the BARRA board meetings. The board at the October meeting voted to change the board meetings to the first Tuesdays of each month. The first board meeting on the new schedule will be Tuesday, November 3rd.

Members are always welcome to attend a board meeting. They are held at the Athens Family Restaurant, 2801 Harlem Road in Cheektowaga, beginning at 7:30 PM.

Yarning 'Round the Camp Fire



KA2WFT Photo

KG9NZ, KC2PIT, W2ZZA, WA2HVE and KA2CQQ enjoy stories and other ham talk around the camp fire at Field Day this past June.

Voting Membership Upgrade List -- Updated

This list was published in last month's *Link* and was voted upon at the September general meeting. There were a few corrections received at that time and the list below is what was voted upon and approved. If there are still any corrections needed, please contact the editor and the changes will be amended accordingly.

N3AU	T	N2QJG	R
KA2CQQ	B,E,F,G,P,R,T	WB2RD	R
WA2CWF	F	K2RSK	C
N2DAY	P	W2SMW	P
WB2DSS	R	KB2TIN	FR
W2EAS	A,E,B,R,T	KB2TOY	A,F,N,T
WA2EYF	F,T	WA2TVT	GT
AJ2G	M	KC2UHJ	R,T
N2GH	R,T	AB2UK	A,B,F,N,P,R,T
WA2HKS	E,FR,T	WB2VEU	T
WA2HVE	F,N,R,T	K2VGZ	T
N2IE	A	KC2VS	P
K2ILH	L,P,R,T	KA2WEY	FP
KA2IWK	T	KA2WFT	A,B,E,F,L,N,R,T
K2JGI	A	KB1XW	T
KC2LGK	F	N2YDM	E,L,R,T
KC2LZG	T	N2ZDU	P
KG9NZ	F,T	WA2ZSJ	A,B,E,T
N2OBW	P	W2ZZA	FR,T
WA2OLW	F		
KG2OR	L		
KC2PIT	F,T		

KEY TO ACTIVITIES:

A	Auction
B	Board Member
C	Event condiments/Ted's coupons
E	Equipment Move WNE D
F	Field Day
G	Cole Rd Lawn Mowing
L	Link Article
M	PO Box Mail Pickup
N	Tech Net Control
P	Public Service Event
R	Repeater Trustee or Site Work
T	Tech Committee Member

Please direct any corrections, additions, etc. to your editor.

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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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<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.

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ARTICLES

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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.

Display advertising is available at the prevailing rates. Business card size is currently \$2.50/mo; full page is \$20.00/mo. Contact the editor for rates for other sizes.

DUES

Basic membership rate: \$25.00

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

US Mail newsletter delivery: add \$4.00

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.).



Hobby Highlights

Richard Sellers, KG2OR

I have often wanted to transmit music on the ham band, but rules prohibit it; so I do not. This has not dissuaded artists to create scores for ham radio. One band has done a good job in the field of ham radio and music, "The Ham Band." The core of the band is in Denmark, near Aarhus, and in the 1990s they used musicians from Nashville TN. Andrew Huddleston, OZ1XJ, and his wife Lissa made the CD. I recently found some ARRL news and other websites promoting it. This Hobby Highlights is information about "Seek You." In a sample video I saw Andrew and his wife standing on a Yagi tower and singing a song!



Three websites contain details about the Huddleston's venture. First, <http://www.hamtestonline.com> promotes study guides for amateur radio exam testing, and at the bottom of the home page there is a button for "The Ham Band." In this part you will find the video and a number of sample songs. Another web site is, <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/03/19/2/?nc=1> which describes in 3/19/2004 their history. Not only did club OZ5E, including OZ1XJ, his friend Jan, OZ1ADL, gather over three million points in a "CQ WW SSB Contest," but Andrew and his wife Lissa developed a variety of music and productions. Sometimes they are called to perform at Ham socials.

The next site is <http://www.hamband.com>. According to this site the music video comprises French Musset, Viennese Waltz and German Oompah. The "Seek You" video which I saw is Country/Western. Their songs include topics such as: grey line, contests, on-air operation, and Morse code. Top hats, gowns, and champagne are used as props in this video located through the hamtestonline site.

In conclusion, while much of what we do and who we are is performed in the ham shack; I find it fascinating where we use music, pins, decals, ham conventions, flea markets, awards, books, and articles. It is continuously promoting the hobby. This process gives us an identity consistent with culture. Ham radio becomes a way of life. It is not only a medium of communication; it causes us to diversify production and consume ham radio goods. This begins after the rule: Do not transmit music on ham bands.

73 de KG2OR.

Don't forget that we are in need of a refreshment chair for our meetings.

This member or members provide coffee and doughnuts at our general membership meetings at the church.

If you are interested in doing this, please contact KA2WFT.

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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, October 19, 2009 -- Annual Meeting of BARRA, Inc. for the purpose of hearing reports and election of board directors. Annual meeting will be followed by "Movie Night" with various short films of interest compiled by Ben, N2YDM.

Monday, December 21, 2009 -- Annual BARRA holiday party. Come enjoy the fellowship of the season with the BARRA gang.



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.

Note that the **BARRA Board Meeting** night has been changed to the first Tuesday of each month. See Page 1 for details.