

The Link

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This Month's Program: Scott Fybush Revisited!

Ben Bass, N2YDM



BARRA is privileged to welcome Scott Fybush for an encore performance at our October meeting. Scott is known for his web site, <http://www.fybush.com> which features the "Tower Site Of The Week" and the latest broadcast industry news in the "Northeast Radio Watch."

Scott has an update on the history of the Buffalo Broadcasting Company and radio station WMAK/WBEN on

WBEN's 80th anniversary. He'll also bring along pictures of other broadcast transmitter facilities. The 2011 edition of the Tower Site Calendar is hot off the press and will be available for purchase at the meeting.

Please join us Monday, October 18th for what promises to be another enjoyable evening.

BARRA Annual Meeting is This Month

According to BARRA's by-laws, the annual meeting of the corporation must be held in October of each year for the purposes of hearing reports and electing board members. The business meeting portion of our October gathering will be replaced by the annual meeting, and it will be brief. Our treasurer will give a summary of our financial status and we will re-elect our treasurer. Nominations were opened at the September meeting and Ed Swan, W2EAS, was nominated for re-election and he accepted. There were no further nominations and there was a motion to close nominations.

One other item of business for this month is discussion about a proposal by Dave, W2ZZA, regarding a new member incentive. Dave has proposed changing the dues structure of the club so that for each new member a current member sponsors, the sponsoring member receives a \$1/member discount on their dues (up to half of their dues amount) for as long as the sponsored member remains a member.

Dave put his proposal to the board and the board will be opening it to the membership for discussion. This proposal, if it is decided to enact it, would require a change to the by-laws. It is an interesting proposal and your input is important!

So, with the annual meeting, this proposal and our excellent program presentation, this month's meeting is a don't-miss!

Revised Voting Membership Upgrade List

According to BARRA's by-laws, each year in September a list is compiled of those members who have participated in club or club-sanctioned activities in the preceding twelve months. These members are then eligible for full voting membership.

A preliminary list was published in last month's *Link* newsletter and corrections were solicited at that time. Updates were sent to your editor and discussed at the general membership meeting on September 20th. Below is the corrected/updated list voted on and approved at that time. If there are still corrections or updates, please let your editor know ASAP.

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| N3AU R, T | WA2OLW P, R |
| K2CRR Q | KG2OR E, L |
| KA2CQQ A, B, E, F, P, R, T | KC2PIT F, T |
| N2DAY P | N2QJG Q |
| WB2DSS R | WB2RD R |
| W2EAS A, B, R, T | K2RSK C |
| AJ2G M | W2SMW P |
| WA2HKS F, R, T | VE3TIJ L |
| N2HP P | KB2TOY A, E, F, G, N, T |
| W2HYPR, T | AB2UK A, B, F, N, P, R, T |
| N2IE A | KC2UJH F, G, N, R, T |
| K2ILH R, T | N2YDM A, R, T |
| W2IMY T | KA2WEY F |
| KA2IWK E, T | KA2WFT A, B, E, F, L, N, T |
| WB2JCB A, P | WB2VEU T |
| K2JGI A | K2VGZ T |
| KC2LGK H, N, R | KC2VS P |
| KC2LZG T | KB1XW T |
| KG9NZ T | N2ZDU P |
| N2OBW P | WA2ZSJ A, B |
| | W2ZZA E, H, N, R, T |

KEY TO ACTIVITIES:

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| A | Auction |
| B | Board Member |
| C | Event condiments/Ted's coupons |
| E | Empire State Games |
| F | Field Day |
| G | Cole Rd Lawn Mowing |
| H | Tech Committee Meeting Host |
| L | Link Article |
| M | PO Box Mail Pickup |
| N | Tech Net Control |
| Q | Repeater Site Host |
| P | Public Service Event |
| R | Repeater Trustee or Site Work |
| T | Tech Committee Member |



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

Buffalo Amateur Radio Repeater Association, Inc.

Club Officers & Directors

President	Nelson Oldfield WA2ZSJ '12	634-6394
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Membership,	
Roster & Passwords	KA2WFT, W2EAS
Activities List	Ed Swan W2EAS
ID Badges	W2EAS
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Erie County RACES Officer	Gene Kremzier N2OBW

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.

CBS-Scanners-Ham-Marine-Business Radios-Radar Detectors

HIRSCH'S

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219 California Drive - Williamsville, NY 14221

Hours-M,T,Th,F 10-5:30; Sat. 10-5:00; Closed Wed.

(716) 632-1189

Sales - Service - Installation

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.

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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 \$2.50/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.).



Don't Forget to Check In With the BARRA



Wednesday Evenings at 8 PM
29.68/146.91/224.82/444.00

"Extra points for checking in on 220"



The Annual BARRA AUCTION

is coming soon!

Monday, February 21, 2011

Ham Radio Gear • Computers • Parts
And Much More!

ANYONE CAN BUY OR SELL
Start digging out your goodies to sell!

Doors open at 6:45 PM
Auction begins at 7:30 PM

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Calendar of Events

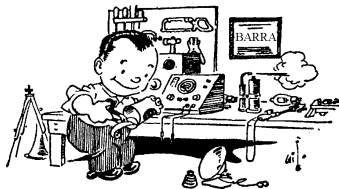
GENERAL MEETINGS

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 18, 2010 -- Annual meeting of BARRA, Inc. for the purpose of hearing reports and electing board directors. Program presentation by Scott Fybush.

Monday, December 20, 2010 -- Holiday Party with the BARRA gang. Bring out your ham friends to our annual holiday gathering.

Monday, February 21, 2011 -- Annual BARRA Auction! Our popular electronics trash-to-treasure swap fest!



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.

Be sure to come to this month's meeting to hear Scott Fybush and his updates about WMAK/WBEN in WBEN's 80th year