

The Link

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This Month's Program: Other Hobbies Night

Here's an opportunity for all BARRA members to participate in a general meeting program: Other Hobbies Night! This will take place at the general meeting on September 17th.

While we sometimes forget that there are hobbies other than amateur radio, there really are other neat hobbies out there and we have some members already signed up to exhibit their "other hobby." Below are listed those folks as of press time:

KA2WFT Stained Glass
K2EAG & N3ARB Acoustic Music Photography
K2ILH Radio Controlled Aircraft
WA2HVE Arts & Crafts Furniture building

What we will have is a trade fair-like set up with members at different tables with the information, materials, show & tell items, etc. of their other hobby and we can roam among the tables and see who has what to show. It's not too late to add your other hobby to the mix... bring it on out! Contact your editor at ka2wft@arrl.net or 834-2664 evenings and let him know what you'll be bringing.

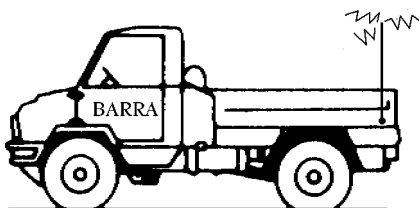
Everyone is encouraged to come out to what should be a very interesting program... maybe you'll be inspired to pick up an "other hobby"!

Board Nominations This Month

We have two important pieces of business to transact at the September meeting before our Other Hobbies presentation. One is the approval of the voting membership list (at right), and to open nominations for the expiring board term this year. The term of our treasurer, Ed Swan, W2EAS, is up this year. As always, incumbents may be nominated along with additional candidates.

Dues Are (Almost) Due

The days are growing shorter and nights cooler which means fall is on the way, and with the coming of fall comes the season of dues renewal for BARRA members. BARRA's fiscal year runs from October to September so we will start collecting dues next month. Be sure to check the mailing label on your paper newsletter or look for the separate email for electronic newsletter recipients next month.



Membership Upgrade List for 2007-08

According to BARRA's by-laws, each fall we compile a list of those members who have participated in club activities, or other public service events, during the previous year from October 2006 to September 2007. This list is presented for approval at the September General Membership meeting. These members are then eligible to vote on matters that come before the club, as well as a reduction in their dues renewal for the coming year.

Below is the list as best as we can put together. If you are not credited for an event, please let your editor know ASAP.

Key:

- A: Auction
- B: Board Member
- D: Meeting Refreshments
- F: Field Day
- L: Link newsletter
- M: PO Box mail pickup
- N: Tech Net controller
- O: Meeting program
- P: Public Service event
- R: Repeater Trustee
- T: Technical Committee (Mtg or Work Party)
- X: Other club activities



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| N3AUT | WB2OLWT |
| KA2CQQ F, T | KC2PKNT |
| WA2CWF F, T | KC2PXQT |
| N2DAYP | KC2QBUT |
| WB2DSS R, T | K2RSK X |
| K2EAG F, T | KB2TOYA, F, N, T |
| W2EAS A, B, T | WA2TVT F, T |
| WA2EYF F, T | N2UEG F, P, T |
| AJ2GM | AB2UK F, N, P, T |
| N2GHR, T | KA2WEYP |
| K2GTMA, B, F, N, R, T | KA2WFTA, B, F, L, N, T |
| WA2HKS R, T | KA2WIO T |
| N2HPP | WB2VFEF |
| WB2HVE F, T | K2VGZF, T |
| W2HYPR, T | WB2VLVP, T |
| N2IEA | AA2VM T |
| K2ILH P, R, T | KB1XW T |
| KA2IWK T | N2YDM O, R, T |
| KC2LGKA, D, F | N2ZDU P, T |
| KC2LZGT | WA2ZSJA, B |
| KC2MXGT | W2ZZA A, B, D, F, L, N, R, T |
| KG2ORL | |

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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

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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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

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

Rich Sellers, KG2OR

Once again amateur radio operators have been given emergency call status in Congressional Acts. In 1934 "The War Powers Act" gave amateurs a call for emergency work. In October 2006 President Bush signed "The Homeland Security Act." The 109th Congress appropriated billions of dollars to administer jobs and equipment. In section 1805c(11), under Regional Emergency Communication Coordination, along with professional communication, public health, and private specialists, ham and amateur operators are given a part.



There are websites discussing the act. A text version of it can be found at: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=109_cong_public_laws&docid=F:publ295.109 The ARRL has formed a National Emergency Response Planning Committee. The website is <http://iaru-r2emcor.net/NERPC-32aa.pdf> I have also looked at our Erie County ARES/RACES, <http://www.wnyserv.com> and New York City ARES has a critique and link at <http://www.aresnyc.org/homeland.shtml>.

Upon descending this mountain of paper I called Homeland Security. It offers many options, emergency coordination, a "be ready" motto, and things for parents and teachers. I also had a conversation with Gene Kremzier, N2OBW, an officer with Erie County RACES. He said the amateur call is not used by the county, and even during the October snow storm in 2006, the Erie County RACES remained idle. I encourage you to read editorial #3 at <http://ecar.wnyserv.com> written by Ronald Brodowski, KC2P.

I believe hams have a vital role to play in homeland security, and as a result of this, with amateurs eager to help even within the world of obstacles, ARES/RACES teams in Erie County are finding more success moving into smaller towns to organize a more influential role. In this case it is Amherst, New York.

I found Homeland Security helpful, because they told me to search for my local association of public safety officials when I was looking for our Regional Emergency Communication Coordination. The chairman of the FCC is the leader, and if the need would arise the President and his cabinet would convene to organize a force. In our area Joe Tedesco, KC2DKP, is the section coordinator of ARES/RACES. Mr. Kremzier told me that even with command system training, and special medical training, an amateur team has difficulty being used in the coordination of emergency tactics, however our county is well prepared to act with SEMA and FEMA!

It seems there is red tape in our course within Homeland Security. Obviously, between professional positions and economics, the amateur is left at home while system professionals are working for the community. When will equipment arrive? It is unclear. Gene, N2OBW, told me that at the Erie County Training Facility there are two dual band antennas, but there are no radios!

73 de Richard Sellers, KG2OR.

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Calendar of Events

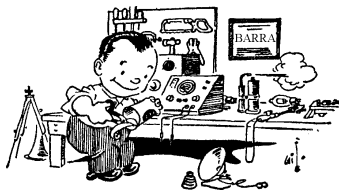
GENERAL MEETINGS

General meetings are held at St. Bartholomews Episcopal Church, Brighton and 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.

Moinday, September 17, 2007 -- "Other Hobbies Night!" See Page 1 to see how YOU can participate!

Monday, October 15, 2007 -- Annual meeting of BARRA, Inc. and election of board members. Program TBA.

Monday, December 17, 2007 -- Annual BARRA Holiday Party. Come out and enjoy holiday fellowship with the BARRA crew.



**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 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.

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"Other Hobbies Night"
at this month's general meeting.
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