

# The Link

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## This Month's Meeting: Annual Report of the Technical Committee

This month's meeting program is the annual report of the Technical Committee to the membership. The Technical Committee is that body of BARRA that does the actual work on our repeaters and at our sites. Many club members participate in one way or another on the Tech Committee and this month's report is the year-in-review summary of the committee's activities.

The Technical Committee meets once a month, year-round. During the school year the meetings are held at the BOCES Potter Road Career and Technical Center in West Seneca. Summer meetings are held (weather permitting) at the Cole Road repeater site.

The committee's presentation will feature many photos of the activities and projects undertaken in the past year. This report session is always a good way to "visit" our repeater sites without leaving the comfort of your chair at the church!

Plan on stopping by Monday, September 19th! See you there.

## Board Nominations This Month

We have two important pieces of business to transact at the September meeting before the Technical Committee 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 secretary, Charles Grammer, KA2CQQ, is up this year. Charles has stated that he does not want to run for re-election on the board. Any current member is eligible for nomination, with their consent, of course! Bring your nomination ideas to the general meeting on Monday.

## Call for Programs and Articles

Once again it is time for our periodic call for general meeting programs and *Link* newsletter articles. Both venues are perfect ways to tell the membership about something you've done in ham radio, or some technically-related field or task. Earned a new award? How'd you do it? Maybe you've built some widget for the shack that makes operating a breeze. Do you have another hobby that's related to electronics and/or radio? Do you work in a technical field?

These are but a few scenarios that the members would be interested in hearing about. Not sure if your idea would be of interest? Contact your editor and let's talk about it.

## 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.

The list is by no means complete. As always, it was put together at the last minute by your editor with input from repeater trustees and committee chairs. If you have been left off the list or a particular activity is not credited, there is no slight intended. Please contact your editor with the corrections. The list, as corrected, will be presented at the general meeting on Monday for approval. Corrections can be made at that time as well.

KA2CQQ	B, P, R, T	N2QJG	Q
K2CRR	Q	WB2RD	R
N2DAY	P	K2RSK	C
WB2DSS	R	W2SMW	P
W2EAS	A, B, R, T	KB2TOY	A, F, T
AJ2G	M	N3AU	T
N2GH	R, T	KC2UJH	F, N, R, T
WA2HKS	F, R, T	AB2UK	A, B, F, N, P, R, T
N2HP	P	WB2VEU	T
W2HYP	R, T	KC2VS	P
N2IE	A	KA2WFT	A, B, F, L, M, N, T
K2ILH	P, R, T	N2YDM	A, R, T
W2IMY	T	N2ZDU	T, P
WB2JCB	A	WA2ZSJ	A, B, F
K2JGI	A	W2ZZA	F, G, R, T
KC2LGK	F		
KC2LZG	T		
KG9NZ	T		
N2OBW	P		
WA2OLW	R		
KG2OR	L		



### KEY TO ACTIVITIES:

A	Auction
B	Board Member
C	Event condiments/Ted's coupons
F	Field Day
G	Cole Rd Lawn Mowing
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

## Buffalo Amateur Radio Repeater Association, Inc.

### Club Officers & Directors

President	Nelson Oldfield WA2ZSJ '12	634-6394
Vice President	Doug Alderdice KA2WFT '12	834-2664
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Director	Damon Edwards, AB2UK '12	847-2140

### Committees & Chairs

Technical	Ted Ertl WA2HKS
Link Editor	Doug Alderdice KA2WFT
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Membership,	
Roster & Passwords	KA2WFT, W2EAS
Activities List	Ed Swan W2EAS
ID Badges	W2EAS
Erie County Emer. Coord.	Vince Harzewski N2JRS
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.

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**Only \$5.00 Each!**

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### 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.).



## Hobby Highlights

Richard Sellers, KG2OR

Are you coming to the first meeting? Before I arrive I usually write a "Hobby Highlight." For this September issue I have picked "Morse Code Copy" as my topic and title.

Description, classification, and analysis are chief operators in science. I will use these terms in my discussion of Morse Code. When I was in graduate school I learned this kind of theory was developed by Ward Goodenough, and in 1970 he published *Description and Comparison in Cultural Anthropology*. This book contained a very coherent text, and clear understanding for me when I thought about language, culture, and theory. When I used his book to explain my topic it gave me the method to classify it into measurement, letters, and numbers, symbols, and reproduction; which I see as in screen display, voice, and hand writing.



Ham radio operators use Morse Code to transmit and receive text. The copy speed or method of its recording is exciting; since hand writing is skillful, and screen or audio reception is inherently interesting, and has an opening for the eye or ear. Testing for Morse Code speed is history, as you know, and I am proud of passing 20 wpm. I am comfortable practicing 15 wpm on the air. Today I think the individual is responsible for creating their skill.

Ham operators have developed many ways to be occupied with their privileges. Morse Code, aka CW, is one of my favorites. As the fall club season begins I wish all of you the best of conditions.

73 de Richard Sellers, KG2OR.



### OFFICIAL NOTICE

The annual meeting of  
BARRA, Inc.  
will take place  
**Monday, October 17, 2011**  
for the purpose of hearing reports  
and electing board members

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## Calendar of Events

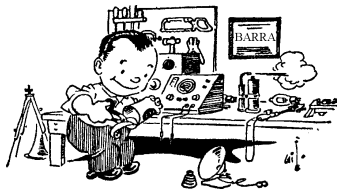
### GENERAL MEETINGS

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, September 19, 2011** -- Annual report of the Technical Committee to the membership. Come hear the year in review of work on our repeaters and other technical projects.

**Monday, October 17, 2011** -- Annual Meeting of BARRA, Inc. for the purpose of hearing reports and election of board members.

**Monday, December 19, 2011** -- Annual BARRA Holiday Party. Get together with the BARRA crew for some holiday fellowship.



**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.

Double-check your editor's work on the Voting Membership Upgrade List on Page 1. If you were forgotten, it wasn't intentional! Contact Doug with any corrections.