

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. It was an especially busy year at the Cole Road site so there is a lot of progress to see there. 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 17th! 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 terms of Nelson Oldfield, WA2ZSJ; Doug Alderdice, KA2WFT; and Bob Becker, K2VGZ are up this year. All have stated an interest in running again. Any current member is eligible for nomination, with their consent, of course! Bring your nomination ideas to the general meeting on Monday.

Mudders Needed!

The Operations Shack aka Chet's Shack at Cole Road is in need of members willing and able to tape and mud wall board. As reported and pictured in an earlier *Link*, there is new drywall inside the shack thanks to the hard work of W2ZZA and KA2CQQ, but to be truly complete the walls need to be taped and "mudded." It might be a bit too late to tackle this year, but next spring would work, too!

If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Dave, W2ZZA, at w2zza@arrl.net.

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 and/or club-sanctioned activities in the preceding twelve months. These members are then eligible for full voting membership for the coming year. As always, it is an impressive percentage of members who help out with at least one activity each year.

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.

W2AFJ	A,R,T	KG2OR	A,L
N3AU	R,T	KC2PIT	F,R,T
KA2CQQ	P,R,T	N2QJG	Q
K2CRR	Q	WA2QYA	T
N2DAY	P	K2RSK	C
WB2DSS	R	W2SMW	P
W2EAS	A,B,R,T	N2TFG	B,R,T
N2GH	R	KB2TOY	F,R,T
WA2HKS	F,R,T	KC2UJH	F,G,N,R,T
N2HP	P	AB2UK	B,F,P,R,T
W2HYP	R	WB2VEU	T
N2IE	A	K2VGZ	B,P,T
K2ILH	L,P,R,T	KC2VS	P
W2IMY	R,T	KA2WEY	F
KA2IWK	T	KA2WFT	A,B,F,L,M,T
WB2JCB	A	KB1XW	T
K2JGI	A	N2YDM	R
K2LED	A,T	N2ZDU	P,R
KC2LGK	F,T	KC2ZEX	F
KC2LZG	T	WA2ZSJ	A,B
KG9NZ	F,R,T	W2ZZA	A,F,L,R,T
N2OBW	P		
WA2OLW	R		

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



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Roster & Passwords	KA2WFT, W2EAS
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Voice Repeaters

AB2UK	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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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

Reveille beckons, and as far back as I can remember about scout camp, the weather was very clear, sunny, and warm. Breakfast after the daily flag ceremony, filling the water skins, cleaning our tents, then the fun; swimming, crafts, field games, hiking, boating, riding horses, and merit badge activities. The focus on achievement, performance, and generally growing up was intense; not a lot different from other summer camps. However, I do not remember any ham radio instruction, and that brings me to the subject of this "Hobby Highlights."



I found a summer camp which specializes in ham radio. Its name is Camp Shohola. This camp is settled in the Pocono mountains of Pennsylvania. My research came from <http://www.shohola.com/hamradio.html>. The website's first interesting feature is a Morse code call thanking visitors for attending. It is the first summer camp with a FCC call sign. The camp sponsored an eleven year old who had an extra license. Another claim to fame is a 1935 Collins 12-H console: "the oldest in the world." If you're a history buff then the "Argus" is for you. It is the camp's diary. It contains essays from the campers and staff describing camp life and personal stories. Now that I think of things I may have missed something at my summer camp: ham radio. Anyway I had a great time, and I finally found the hobby, but I thought that Camp Shohola was worth writing about.

73 de Richard Sellers, KG2OR

Giving a Talk



Ted, WA2HKS, caught this shot of Bob, K2LED, giving a talk at a recent Technical Committee Meeting about the Wouxon radios. At the same meeting Dave, W2ZZA, and Stan, KB1XW, brought monitoring equipment for meeting attendees to check the outputs of their handhelds.

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Calendar of Events

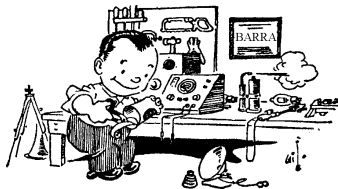
GENERAL MEETINGS

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 17, 2012 -- Annual report of the Technical Committee to the membership.

Monday, October 15, 2012 -- Annual meeting of BARRA, Inc. for the purpose of hearing reports and electing board members. Bob, K2VGZ, will give a presentation on the AM broadcast band and how the frequencies it uses came about.

Monday, December 17, 2012 -- Annual BARRA Holiday Party. Come out and enjoy some seasonal fellowship with the BARRA crew.



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 7:00 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 **Thursday** 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.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

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will take place

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