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ARRL/VEC VE REPORT by Norma Vanderhoff W3CG, VE Liason

Serving on the Erie VE Team in 1991 were Mike Przepierski N03E, Henry Schultz W13U, Dick Blasco KY3D, Dick Waldinger N13Q, Bert VanHouten W3TPW, Lee Robinson WA3HJC, Steve Nehez NX3I, John Duda K3ED, Ray Keskinen W8HVK, Norma Vanderhoff W3CG, and last but not least, Chester Kanis KB3P, who became a Silent Key on October 30.

Joining the VE Team as of January of this year, is Jim Adams WT3O.

FCC exams for Novice through Amateur Extra are given on the first Saturday of each month, at 8 A.M. at Gannon's Villa Maria Campus, 2551 W. 12th Street. Pre-registration is not required, although handicapped persons who require special help, must notify me in advance, to assure that time and help will be available.

Our FCC exam sign is always displayed at the entry door, and candidates are welcome to enter as soon as the main doors open, which is about 7:30 A.M.

In 1991, 213 candidates tested from our VE Team, and 305 exams were given. Candidates came from Ohio, New York, Florida, California, Texas and Pennsylvania.

In 1992, the VE Team will again be giving exams at the Conneaut, Ohio Hamfest, on March 8, and the time will be 10 A.M. This will follow the Erie exams by one day.

The next Erie test session will be held Saturday, February 1.

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## PRESIDENT'S WORKSHOP REPORT

On January 18, 1992 Eric N3HUM and myself attended a 10 hour Presidents Workshop sponsored by Bernie Fuller N3EFN W.Pa. Section Manager of the A.R.R.L. in Meadville, Pa.. It is my intent to present you with a brief summary of the days events in this newsletter, if you have any specific questions feel free to contact Eric N3HUM or myself at the next meeting of the R.A.E. Bernie N3EFN reported there are 44 A.R.R.L. affiliated clubs in W.Pa., the R.A.E. has the largest membership, THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT, lets continue this honor for next year. Bernie N3EFN began the workshop with late-breaking news from the A.R.R.L. and showed a very informative video on WARC '92, a roundtable discussion followed including Bernie N3EFN, Bill Thompson W2MTA Section Manager, W.N.Y. and Bob Huson KA3OEM Assistant Section Manager W.Pa. Next Rick Silverio WB3JDI gave a very informative lecture and demonstration on the latest in Skywarn and Public Service techniques in Crawford County. Club Motivation and Programs were discussed by Stewart Saylor AK3J A.C.C./W.Pa. and then Colonel Joe Parlas Jr. (U.S. Army Retired) presented a stimulating lecture on leadership of Volunteers. After a lunch break, which was very good I might add, Bill W2MTA talked about recruiting and how the A.R.R.L. can give clubs assistance in all aspects of amateur radio. Next Jerry Cox NR3T A.S.M./ East W.Pa. had a slide show and lecture on Club Newsletters which I felt was very informative. One of the highlights of the workshop was the individual club presentation. We really learned alot of useful information about each club. I was proud to give a history and past performance of the R.A.E. of the past year. The Presidents Workshop ended with a roundtable discussion with interaction from the 33 participates. Public Relations, 501 (c) (3) Status, Hamfest operations and Traffic Handling were discussed. In closing Bernie N3EFN spoke to us on the Future of Amateur Radio and his goals for W.Pa. Section in 1992. Eric N3HUM and myself extend a special thanks to Bernie Fuller N3EFN for inviting the Radio Association Of Erie to attend and actively participate in the 1st Presidents Workshop in W.Pa. Section.

73

Tom N3HPR

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# Are you a lid—on phone?

JOHN E. GERCKEN, KA9EPO

*The following is the second of a series of articles examining common operating habits. Does your operating procedure fall short of proper Amateur Radio operating etiquette?*

The lid population continues to grow as amateurs continue to learn poor operating habits from each other. Usually it's the case that proper Amateur Radio procedures were never learned to begin with. The result is our amateur bands sounding like a CB wasteland. It looks like our clubs have their work cut out for them if they want to maintain the honor and respect they have worked so hard for in the eyes of the public.

It does not take long to find lids operating on just about any band these days. I will admit, however, that some amateurs use some lidisms without realizing it, myself included. But one can always learn to break bad habits.

Let's try to take a closer look at some of the most common lid terms and come up with a logical explanation for their use.

One of my pet peeves is "QRZ the frequency." The ARRL Operating Manual says that QRZ is a Q-signal

meaning "Who is calling me?" It sounds like the lid who uses this term is wanting the frequency to call him?! Sounds pretty dumb to me! I would much rather hear, "CQ CQ . . . is anyone out there? This is KA9XYZ calling." Doesn't that make more sense? Q-signals were devised by high-speed CW operators as a form of shorthand in order to cram as much information as possible into their transmissions while keeping their transmissions as short as possible. What use they have on phone is questionable.

Then there is "QR-Mary" and "QR-Nancy." Good grief! The operator should say he has static or interference. In many cases, the use of Q-signals on phone causes more confusion than if the operator had gone ahead and said what he meant in "the Queen's English."

Here is another one which you must be ready for at a moment's notice: "Hi." Never laugh if you find something funny—say "Hi" or better yet, "Hi Hi." It does not take the place of laughter, but it tells the other operator that you know how to laugh on CW! I admit that I am guilty of this one myself, and I am trying hard to break

this lidism.

The use of phonetics made up by the operator as he goes is another problem. We have a set of standard phonetics . . . let's use them as they are and not add things to it like "Yokahama" and "Zanzibar." I find it infinitely easier to say "Yankee" (only two syllables) or "Zulu." I also cringe when "Honolulu" is used instead of a simple word like "hotel." Someone must have stayed up all night thinking up these colorful phonetics just so they could confuse the rest of us with their extra babbling.

I remember when I took my brother along to his first Field Day while he was studying for his Novice ticket. He complained that the other operators confused him by not using standard phonetics, and he even got after me for repeating them back to them. I could see his point very well, and to this day I try to stick as close to standard phonetics as possible, even when the operator I am talking to does not.

Interestingly, it is easy to tell whether an amateur has been in the military, just by listening to his use of phonetics. Here is a good one: "CQ Dog X-ray." Good grief! Who wants an x-ray of a dog? Why not say CQ DX and be done with it! Military amateurs also use "able" instead of "alpha" and "baker" instead of bravo. Also there's "Willy" instead of "whiskey." A good friend who taught me CW was at our Field Day operation one year and was helping me operate 75M phone. To my surprise, he used a mixture of military and standard phonetics. Not so surprisingly, he had to repeat the club call sign at least twice before the other station understood it.

I am sure we all have heard operators saying, "This is KA9XYZ for ID" on the repeaters. Now why do they put the "for ID" in there when everybody knows that is what he is doing in the first place? Any time you utter your call sign you are IDing!

I have also found a new word which is unique and which hams use quite frequently on the repeaters: "destinated." This (though no such word exists) is used to inform other operators that you are at or close to your destination. Why not just say "I am at my destination" or "I am close to my destination" and sound like there's something between the ears besides QRM!

If we take a close look at our operation, we will see just how silly we sometimes sound on the air. Then we can get serious about our Amateur Radio practices and break these bad habits.

## LICENSED AMATEURS

| LICENSE CLASS     | PA.    | U.S.    |
|-------------------|--------|---------|
| NOVICE            | 3,746  | 96,914  |
| TECHNICIAN        | 5,215  | 146,893 |
| GENERAL           | 4,839  | 120,165 |
| ADVANCED          | 4,095  | 103,332 |
| EXTRA             | 2,333  | 55,008  |
| CLUB STATIONS     | 113    | 2,307   |
| MILITARY STATIONS | 12     | 163     |
| TOTAL             | 20,353 | 524,782 |

SOURCE: 1992 RADIO AMATEUR CALLBOOK

## WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| LICENSED AMATEURS | 7,518 |
| ARRL MEMBERS      | 2,220 |

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I DID. N3HPR

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NEWSLETTER

February 1992

Dear Fellow Amateur:

Winter has settled into the Erie area, especially these past few weeks, which has caused antenna problems to several of the local hams including myself, but we must expect these problems this time of year. The officers and I were very pleased to see such a large turn out at the January meeting the day after New Years. Tnx to all the amateurs who took the effort to attend. I felt it was a meeting where many members became active and involved. Now that we are starting 1992 I have set some personal goals for myself as President of the R.A.E. At present we are the largest A.R.R.L. affiliated club in Western Pennsylvania and I will personally work to continue to be the largest. We have many committees within the R.A.E.. Many of these are active and some are not, it is my goal to improve the performance of all of the committees by meeting with each committee, one on one and by getting more amateurs involved in committee projects and activities. I would ask each committee chairman to share these goals with me. We have so much talent within our ranks, let's ALL work together to make the R.A.E. an organization all amateurs who like to belong. We all have our differences, sometimes you do not agree with a fellow ham, but with an open mind, and the true spirit of what amateur radio is all about we can unite and work together for a common goal. TO BETTER OUR HOBBY BY JOINING OUR SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE to make the R.A.E. the best it can be.

Hamfest '92 is under way!!! By the time you are reading this the 1st Hamfest committee meeting will be history. The chairman of the committees have all been contacted and several committees are hard at work now. If you are asked to lend a hand, say YES to serve on a committee. It is very rewarding and you will feel good about being part of the team.

Eric N3HUM and myself attended a 10 hour Presidents Workshop, sponsored by Bernie Fuller N3EFN W.Pa. Section manager for the A.R.R.L. on January 18, 1992 in Meadville. The program was terrific and I will have a special report on the workshop in this issue of the Qua-RAE. The R.A.E. Novice and Tech net on Wednesday evening at 9:30 P.M. local time on 28.330 MHZ is growing. It's great to hear newly licensed amateurs "on the air". Ron WB3DOM has been net control and doing a fine job as net manager. Stop by and CHECK-IN.

The next meeting of the R.A.E. is February 6th at 7:30 P.M. at the American Red Cross. The usual coffee and cookie net in the kitchen starts at 7:00 ish. This month we plan to have a speaker but at this time have not had confirmation on his availability. We will keep you posted on the 2 meter nets. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

73

Tom N3HPR

STOP THE PRESS \*\*\* NEWS FLASH \*\*\* Lee Robinson WA3HJC has been confirmed as our speaker for February's meeting. Lee will be speaking on traffic and message handling. A soap box must be located prior to the meeting, so that the audience can see more than the top of Lee's head above the podium.

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WB3IGK

# Minutes of the RAE General Meeting of 2 January 1992

Meeting called to order by N3HPR at 7:35 P.M.

Officers and Board members present were N3HPR, WB3KGT, N3HUM, N3GDS, WB3DOM, KA3QDM, W3ZQS, WB3KKT, N3FAW.

President asked for motion to accept the minutes of last meeting as printed in the QUA RAE, WB3KGT had a correction to the minutes which was to include the report of WB3DOM that all equipment of RAE is accounted for and in good operating order except for the packet which is waiting for parts. WB3KKT made motion to accept the minutes as corrected seconded by N13Q, motion carried.

N3GDS reported the events of the board meeting, the board approved funds in the amount of \$225.00 for the making of a new club directory. Don Kelly KA3QDM was elected to Chairman of the Board. Don extended the invitation to all members that they are welcome to attend the board meetings.

N3HPR thanked all the outgoing officers for their service to the club.

There was no treasurers report due to the holidays.

Budget committee reports that the budget for 1992 is almost finished.

WB3DOM reports that all equipment is accounted for and available in good condition with the exception of the packet which will be returned to service soon. The Argosy is available to be loaned out.

N3FAW reports that we now have 99 full, 22 life and 26 associate members for a total of 147 members.

KA3WUN reports that the Public Events will be listed in the QUA RAE.

There was no Repeater, Arles or Skywarn reports this month.

WB3DOM reminds us that the Novice roundup will be held on the 26 of January and the following weekend, rules are listed in January QST.

The Editor of the QUA RAE WB3KKT asks that any article for the next edition be submitted to him no later than the 15th of the month.

WB3DOM will start Novice classes will resume sometime in February, code, theory and code practice up to 13 WPM. The nights of the week are to be announced.

W3CG Norma reports that the VE Team had 18 candidates tested and 29 exams were given the results are as follows: Upgrading to Amateur Extra were KD3OE AND N3HZX. Upgrading to Technician W/HF was KA3ZNF, KA3ZNE, KA3ZNH AND KA3ZNW. New Codeless Technicians are Eugene Tarver and Kenneth Zimmer and one new Novice Albert Yacobozzi. Next exams will be first Saturday in February.

We also have and KA3ZME AND KA3ZNG upgraded to Technician W/HF.

Harfest committee reports that meetings will be starting soon and all of last years committee chairman are asked to take the same position again this year and to have an assistant to assist them with idea of assistant taking over the following year.

There was no old business

New Business - N3GDS introduced a proposal for a change to the by-laws Paragraph (F) Sub paragraph (2 d) as follows, This Officer shall cut all checks and with the approvals as provided in [F (1) (e) page 5] herein and any expenditure exceeding \$100.00 requires the co-signature of the President and Vice-President as provided in [F (2) (a) and (b) page 6] herein satisfy the obligations of the RAE. This will be considered as the first reading.

N3HPR announced that he will be attending the ARRL meeting of club workshops in Meadville on the 18th of January.

N3HPR had everyone introduce themselves.

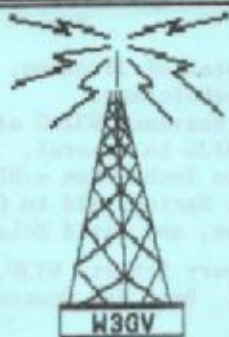
Next meeting will be on February 6th at the Red Cross.

N3HPR won the 50-50 drawing

Respectfully Submitted

Jerome Strohmeier N3GDS

# QUARRAE



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## FEBRUARY 92

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**MEETING MARCH 5 , 7:30pm AT THE R.C.**

The program is -- FIELD DAY --  
Coffee and donuts are served at 7pm

The new club  
directory will  
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Send any  
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N3FAW no later  
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5 meeting.

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## Erie February VE Exam Report

Eighteen candidates tested, taking a total of 31 exams, which resulted in upgrades of 1 Amateur Extra, 1 Advanced, 4 Generals, and 8 Technicians.

Those locally who upgraded were Robert Heavener W3IAG of Erie to Amateur Extra, Dave Alexander KA3PMW to Advanced, Robert Schnick KA3YJG to General, William Powell II KB8MLQ of Conneaut to Technician w/HF, Peter Bruce of Erie to Technician w/HF, Albert Yacobozzi KA3ZQR of Erie to Technician w/HF, William Price of West Springfield to Codeless Technician, Ginny Haenel of Cambridge Springs to Codeless Technician, and David McLaughlin of Erie to Codeless Technician.

VEs serving at the test session were Henry Schultz W13U, Ray Keskinen W8HVK, Dick Blasco KY3D, Dick Waldinger NI3Q, Steve Nehez NX3I, Bert Van Houten W3TPW, Jim Adams WT3O and Norma Vanderhoff W3CG.

Erie FCC exams are held the first Saturday of each month, 8 A.M., in Room 107 of A'Hearn Hall, on the Villa Maria Campus of Gannon University, 2551 West 12 Street.

The next FCC exam session will be held on Saturday, March 7, at 8 A.M. in Erie, and the following day, at 10 A.M. at the Conneaut, Ohio Hamfest, at the Human Resource Center, 327 Mill Street.

Novice exams are free. The 1992 cost for taking other exams is \$5.40

Bring a form of ID (drivers license is fine), any current license, plus a copy of the license, and any current Certificates of Completion.

The original license will be returned immediately, and the copy accompanies the 610 form to the FCC.

Pre-registration is not necessary. Handicapped persons who require special help, must notify me in advance, for arrangements to be made for time and help.

Norma Vanderhoff W3CG, ARRL/VEC VE Liason



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Dear Fellow Amateurs:

It's very rewarding to see our numbers growing at the club meetings. At our February meeting we were over 50 strong. This was due in part to our excellent speaker that evening. Lee Robinson WA3HJC did a superb job in showing us the proper way to send an A.R.R.L. message. A special thanks to Lee WA3HJC (Past President of the R.A.E.) for sharing his expertise with us.

In the past month we have been hearing a lot of new calls on the repeater. It is rewarding to see the continued up-grading of the local amateurs. We are certainly blessed with a very active and conscious V.E. Team in our area. Thanks to all the V.E.'s in the Erie area, for many hours of volunteer time.

Our Spring education classes are underway on Monday and Thursday evenings at the American Red Cross. Ron WB3DOM and his committee on education have organized another fine class for Novice, Technician and code building to 13 WPM and higher. Thanks to all the club members who are giving up two evenings a week to further amateur radio.

The Wednesday night R.A.E. Novice and Technician net on 28.330 MHz at 9:30 P.M. is growing. Several weeks ago we had over 15 check-ins. Truly a tri-state net with check-ins from Ohio (8 call area) Pa. (3 call area) and N.Y. (2 call area). Ron WB3DOM has been net control, and been doing a fine job, but we are looking for alternate net controls, don't be mike shy, let Ron WB3DOM or any of the officers know if you would like to give it a try. We have an exciting spring ahead for the R.A.E., Public Service events will be starting soon, check the Qua-Rae for up-dates and "CHARGE UP THOSE HT'S!!!!" Let's not forget the Dayton Hamfest April 24-26. It would be nice to see the club be well represented at Dayton this year. Your Hamfest '92 committees are busy with the preliminary Hamfest work. The R.A.E. Hamfest '92 has been officially approved by Hugh Turnbull W3ABC, Atlantic Director of the A.R.R.L.

Field Day is June 27th and 28th and we will be at the same location as last year, Tony WB3KGT and Bernie's home in the country. The club picnic will be June 27th in conjunction with Field Day, again this year.

The next R.A.E. club meeting will be March 5, 7:30 p.m. at the American Red Cross. The program "Field Day 1992" will include several video's, one entitled "Field Day Fever." We will have the album of last years Field Day available and will be looking for a lot of volunteers to help make Field Day 1992 an exciting one. This is the time we need a lot of help from the H.F.er's of the club, as well as the Novice and Techs for the Novice station. If you have not participated in field day before, MARK your calendar and plan to participate, you will be glad you did. Remember Field Day prepares us to operate under Emergency Conditions "ARE YOU READY?????"

# Minutes of the RAE General Meeting of February 6, 1992

Meeting called to order by at 7:33 P.M. by N3HPR.

Officers and Board members present were: N3HPR, N3FAW, N3HUM, KA3QDM, WB3DOM, W3ZQS, WB3KKT, WB3KGT and N3GDS.

Minutes were accepted as printed after a correction was made to the wording in the proposed by-laws change. KA3QDM gave the Board meeting report, he said the question of a donation to the Red Cross was discussed.

Treasurers report given by N3HUM as follows:

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Life time membership account | \$1327.73 |
| Education                    | 680.63    |
| Public Service               | 1580.02   |
| CD #1                        | 1747.09   |
| CD #2                        | 1177.02   |
| Savings                      | 109.46    |
| Checking                     | 4141.05   |
| Total                        | 10763.00  |

Motion made by WB3DGD to accept the report, seconded by N3Q, motion carried.

N3Q Station trustee has the new club license and distribution has been made to all required places.

WB3DOM reports that all the equipment and supplies are accounted for and in operating condition.

N3HPR requests that all committee chairman provide him with a list of all the members of their committee.

N3FAW reported that we have 165 members on the club roster, 111 Full, 32 Associate and 22 Life members.

Public service, we were asked once again to do the horse trials, KA3WUN will publish a list in the QUA RAE with the schedule of all public service events for the year.

A reminder from the repeater committee that the patch is readily available and usually on line, if not ask for a control operator to bring the patch up for usage. The proper usage of language while using the repeater is also requested. The #2 repeater is ready to go on the new tower just need a break in the weather for climbing the tower to install the antenna. Remember to use the proper break in procedures on the repeater and also when using wait for the harp before keying up to let breaking stations have a chance.

Contest committee reports that the Field Day site will once again be at Tony Zona's QTH and the topic for the March meeting will be on Field days.

WB3KKT reminds us all that articles for the QUA RAE should be submitted by the 15th of the month.

Education reports that the classes start on the 10 of February and run from 7 to 9 P.M. Monday and Thursdays with code and theory for Novice and code practice up to 13 WPM.

Norma reported that the last VE session in February had 18 candidates and 31 exams given. Next exam date will be on the 7th of March and the 8th of March they will be in Conneaut.

Ernie WB3DGD reported that the county emergency plan was sent to Harrisburg and hopefully soon we will have the emergency identification cards for distribution to eligible members.

Individuals that desire to be Skywarn spotters are reminded that they have to attend a training session in order to be qualified.

N3HPR passed out a list with all the committee chairpersons name and phone numbers, all areas need help so step forward and join in the fun. Greg needs help in getting the vendors settled in and N3EOY needs help with the talk in Tony needs someone with the expertise in setting up monitors around the hall for a closed circuit TV network to pass information to our visitors, anyone that can help contact Tony Zona. N3FAW will once again be looking for donations for the club table and also a place to store the equipment until the hamfest so give Bob a call if you have any equipment to donate or space to store equipment.

The second reading of the By-Law change was done by N3GDS, WB3KGT made motion to approve the change seconded by WB3DOM, motion carried. The change is to paragraph (F) Sub paragraph (2 d) as follows, This officer shall cut all checks and with the approvals as provided in [F(1) (e) page 5] herein and any expenditure exceeding \$100.00 requires the signature of the President or the Vice President as provided in [F (2) (a) page 6] herein satisfy the the obligations of the RAE.

Certificates were presented to N3HPR and N3HUM for completion of the presidents workshop they attended in Meadville.

WB3KGT introduced the speaker for the evening WA3HJC who's topic was message format and traffic nets.

meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Jerome Strohmeyer N3GDS



# **AMATEUR RADIO NEWS RELEASE**

## **For Immediate Release**

THE FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO, INC., a non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C., plans to administer forty-five (45) scholarships for the academic year 1992 - 1993 to assist licensed Radio Amateurs. The Foundation, composed of fifty local area Amateur Radio Clubs, fully funds five of these scholarships with the income from grants and its annual Hamfest. The remaining forty (40) are administered by the Foundation without cost to the various donors.

Licensed Radio Amateurs may compete for these awards if they plan to pursue a full-time course of studies beyond high school and are enrolled in or have been accepted for enrollment at an accredited university, college or technical school. The awards range from \$500 to \$2000 with preference given in some cases to residents of specified geographical areas or the pursuit of certain study programs. Clubs are encouraged to announce these opportunities at their meetings, on their nets, during training classes, and in their club newsletters.

Additional information and an application form can be requested by letter or QSL card, postmarked prior to May 31, 1992 from:

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College Park, MD 20740

The Foundation for Amateur Radio, incorporated in the District of Columbia, is an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. It is devoted exclusively to promoting the interests of Amateur Radio and those scientific, literary and educational pursuits that advance the purpose of the Amateur Radio Service.

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### **RAE Hamfest Alert !**

Last year the RAE received almost \$500 from sales of donated items at the Hamfest. Please look at the old gear you no longer need and consider donating to the RAE for sale.

Call Bob N3FAW at 866-3027

## *HAMFEST SEASON BEGINS*

Did it ever end? Atlantic Division hamfests are now scheduled in all 12 months of the year. Every effort is made to provide an ARRL official presence at each sanctioned hamfest. Your Section and Division leaders especially welcome Field Organization volunteers, club officers, and club newsletter editors to stop by the ARRL table for an "eyeball QSO." Information on ARRL sanction for hamfests is available from Bernice Dunn, KA1KXQ, at ARRL Headquarters.

## *MILESTONES*

The Rochester Amateur Radio Association celebrated 60 years of ARRL affiliation ... the Reading Radio Club and York Amateur Radio Club are 60 years old ... the Radio Association of Erie reached the half-century mark ... W3TKQ at the Franklin Institute Science Museum in Philadelphia was re-dedicated and now presents state-of-the-art ham radio to visitors of all ages ... Vice Director Craigie was one of the Radio Club of America's 1991 Fellows.

## *ON THE AIR*

Should ARRL sponsor FM VHF operating events, perhaps similar to Novice Roundup, but tailored especially for the Technician-class licensee? If so, what kind of events would be fun and help develop operating skills? Send your comments and suggestions to the Director.

Atlantic Division bulletins on packet radio will continue in 1992. VE team leaders can send schedules of planned test sessions to the Vice Director -- tests coordinated by any VEC will be included in the license test calendars. Operating events bulletins highlight activities of special interest to hams in our Division, particularly state QSO parties and special event stations. Monthly hamfest bulletins are also distributed. We appreciate the cooperation of packet system operators throughout the Division in the timely circulation of these bulletins. We value everyone's feedback on the usefulness of these bulletins.

The W1AW packet BBS is NOT a regular PBBS. It serves only to inject ARRL bulletins into the forwarding system. It does not receive incoming messages for the League. Please do not address packet messages to League officials or staff @ W1AW.

## *SPECTRUM PROTECTION ACT*

The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act (H.R. 73 / S. 1372) needs your support. If you have not already contacted your Senators and Representative asking for co-sponsorship of this legislation, please write soon. Letters from constituents make all the difference. Your local library can provide the addresses of your Senators and Representative.

## *WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE*

WARC '92 will convene in Spain in February of this year. The International Amateur Radio Union and the ARRL are prepared. ARRL's International Affairs Vice President Larry Price, W4RA, and Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ, will be among the IARU observers at the conference. ARRL Manager of Technical Development Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, has been named a member of the official United States government delegation.

## *LET US HEAR FROM YOU*

We appreciate the many club newsletters received each month. These club papers are read carefully and help us stay in touch with your viewpoints and activities. If we and your Section Manager are not on your mailing list now, please add us at this time, so we can get to know you better.

Please relay the information in this newsletter to other hams in your area, via club meetings, newsletters, bulletins, and nets. Thanks for your help in keeping the lines of communication strong.

73 de

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