

Radio Association of Erie Newsletter

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Now that the holidays are behind us, it's time to settle down to some serious hamming. Here is a tip on how to not only accomplish that but perhaps also become the proud owner of an attractive engraved plaque to hang on ye ole Ham Shack wall. Enter the RAE yearly QSO Contest which begins February 1, 1964 and ends March 1, 1964. All contacts must be with stations located within a 150 air mile radius of Erie and must be confirmed by QSL cards. The QSL's and list of contacts made must be turned in to the Club by the first Thursday in April. All Erie County hams are eligible and invited to join the contest. The winner will receive an engraved plaque as mentioned above to warm up those rigs and make this contest a success.

Jim Pollard, KJNET, made a surprise visit to Erie during the holidays giving many of his friends a chance to have eyeballs with him. He reports that DX doesn't seem to be too good down Wellboro way at the present time. He said WJLKJ comes in like a ton of bricks. If you hear the rattle of a key, George, it's poor Jim trying to break. Jim is voiceless at present while working on a new modulator. There are 5 or 6 hams in his area but all are 6 meter boys. Jim went home loaded down with the makings of a 75 meter antenna so some noises should be coming into Erie from his QTH before long.

Joe Zuppo, KJ00Z, breezed into Erie from Great Lakes for the holidays. Joe is attending an Electronic School there and reports that the course is a tough one. With the Navy's help, Erie may end up with it's own private "Electronic Brain", named Joe.

Dob Hewitt, KJ0FA, is stationed with the Air Force in Maine and is reported to be on the air. Guess the Air Force figures it's safer to let him on rather than up in the air. Hi, Dob.

Fred Senoka, KJEU, is puzzling over his 75 meter antenna, referred to by his XYL as a "Net Noodle Special". Standing waves are 1:1 when the antenna is cut loose and allowed to drop to the ground but 2:1 when the antenna is hoisted up in the air where any self respecting antenna belongs -- and you think you have problems. Don't be surprised if you find him experimenting with his beam laying on the ground. Fred's present theory is, if you can't get over it, go under it.

Joe Leech, WJQE, attended the last club meeting and gave a very interesting talk on rescue helicopters and ham activity around Minot, North Dakota where he is stationed with the Air Force.

What local (or should I say loco) ham was seen climbing his tower in 10 degree weather to change the feed line? I know, but I'm not telling. One doesn't have to be crazy to be a ham but it sure helps.

Ken Milks, WJED, is back on the air with a 15 watt transmitter that puts out a real potent signal.

Ken Lucas, K3BLV, had his fill of our winter weather and fled down to 4-land, the coward. He is now making his home in Virginia so no more Big Loud Yap.

Leo Weiner, W3LOS, doing a fine job of passing messages throughout the world. There was a fine write up about Leo in a recent issue of the General Electric News.

Dick Pison, W06CCS, Ex-K3IFD, also known as The Chisler, is now permanently located in San Mateo, California. At last report, he was waiting for his tower to catch up with him so he can get back on the air and rag, chew with his old Erie buddies.

Bob Arndt, K3KIF, is back in Okinawa after a month in Japan attending JOM School. They kept him busy but not too busy to keep him from "having a ball". He reports he hears so much rare DX over there that he has to keep running for the Call-book to see what they are. It should happen to us.

Doc Cook, W3MTP, is back on the air after a long absence. His new NCX-3 with a Loudenboomer is putting out a mighty potent signal.

John Szurigala, W3FVH, is about to invade 6 meters.

Any one for Field Day? There are still a few bands open. It's never too early to start making plans for the big weekend in June.

A home is needed for the Club's Communication Truck. Anyone with knowledge of an available garage with a door at least 8 ft. high, please contact K3EUV. It has been found that snowdrifts and emergencies are not compatible.

We have noticed an increase in 10 meter activity these evenings. Tune up the rig and renew acquaintances. Let's start a back to 10 movement.

Sideband activity is picking up around town with several new voices being heard.

The Radio Association of Erie has an unmodified ART-13 with manual for sale. Make an offer if you are interested.

Anyone having equipment for sale or news items they would like to have printed in the Newsletter, contact the RAE. This is your newsletter. It is about hams, for hams and by hams so help make it a success by contributing any news or information you have.

Don't forget that club meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. It is also time to shake the old piggy bank again as the 1964 dues are due. Be sure to get yours to the Treasurer and remain an active member.

The Lake Erie Emergency Net meets every Sunday evening on 29.150 at 8 P.M. Join the net and then stay on the band for some enjoyable QSO's.

That's about it for this month. 73