

# Quinte Amateur Radio Club

## Belleville, Ontario

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# Q R M newsletter

MEETINGS: Loyalist College. Third Wednesday each month.  
7:30 p.m. local time. Room No. P 20

EXECUTIVE: Immediate Past President - Bob Brain VE3GTD  
President - Clare Jaynes VE3HWT  
Vice President - Horace McNeill VE3LGQ  
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Treasurer - Al Smardon VE3OX

- 1) The new year has begun, and the club meeting upcoming will be on the 18th, as noted on the masthead. Looking back for a moment, the Christmas social meeting was a great party and a really impressive crowd was there.
- 2) During December there were the expected as well as the unexpected illnesses around the club. Cards were sent to several homes expressing wishes for a quick recovery.
- 3) The new directory is prepared at last as to content. As I write, I hope to begin getting it ready for the photostat machine today. Availability and cost will be revealed very soon, perhaps on this Thursday's net.
- 4) The Trenton repeater was out of service over the Christmas period. It was restored on January 3. The Picton repeater dropped out in December, but was quickly back on the air. The Baltimore repeater had some down time earlier as well.
- 5) Discussions have begun at C.F.B. Trenton office of Environment Canada regarding amateur radio participation in a weather net we hope to set up here in Hastings, Prince Edward and Northumberland Counties. George Elliott VE3GTF of Prince Edward Radio Club is spearheading this program. If you would like to be a part of a weather watch net, please get in touch with VE3GTF right away.
- 6) A new name for your new directory: VE2GA Ed. Gareau has arrived at Trenton. He is not yet settled in but will be soon. His address is 37 Parkview Heights, postal code K8V 5M1. I will pass along his telephone number when he gets it.

- 7) Your editor was pleased to receive an enquiry from British Columbia about ARES. This was in response to the columns by VE3SV in T.C.A. and Q.S.T. that I helped with.
- 8) Those of you at last May's lecture by me which was in part on G5RV type antennas, may recall that I said that the lengths can be adjusted. VE3IN spoke to me not long ago about his own experiments along that line, and he is at present using 51 feet one way, 94 feet the other, and the open wire line is 77 feet. He puts out a very good signal on 80, 20, and 10 metres with no tuner required. It just shows what can be done with difficult sites and a lot of cut-and-try.
- 9) Jim VE3DCX will be in Aylmer Police College for the next three months taking advanced training. Keep an ear out on 75 metres, and if he is trying to reach home at Tweed, call up myself or VE3AUU or one of the Tweed amateurs. I think there are three 'phone patches on Tweed exchange, so let's see that Jim gets to call home.
- 10) Today's rate of political inspired inflation is not considered too bad by some people, but at 6% per year your money is only worth 5/9 of today's value in only ten years.
- 11) Ron VE3IVC who is very active in photography as well as in amateur radio achieved second prize in the recent Ontario Hydro photography contest. Congratulations.
- 12) A report of an overturned auto on 401 highway was handled to O.P.P. by Dick VE3EER last month. The amateur at the scene was Tom VE3CDM, who is president of C.R.R.L.
- 13) The new radio amateur directory, dated January 1, 1989, has been changed in small but important ways. Q.A.R.C. deserves credit for having pioneered this concept some years ago. My work simply modifies what was put in place and which has served us all well. You will observe the enlarged VHF repeater list. Also, the persons responsible for the repeaters are now shown. Should a repeater fail, anyone can notify the proper person. Each new page will show its revision date. The area codes have been added to the 'phone numbers. The first names of all amateurs are shown, so you can quickly find them. All of the police numbers and other groups have been researched and new numbers put in where required. The area covered has been changed to show three counties. We believe we have all the amateurs in Hastings, Prince Edward and Northumberland. I am hopeful that it will be drawn to my attention if anyone has been missed. This directory ignores a person's affiliation or lack of it, and is wholly intended to be a serviceable tool, particularly in time of emergency. We all recognize

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that many of our ranks are not very active on the air, or physically handicapped in some way, when called upon in an emergency situation. This little booklet puts us in touch with each other. The price of the directory has been set at \$2.00. If mailed, the price will be \$2.75 postpaid. Any funds that accrue over direct costs will be assigned to the Q.A.R.C. general fund. This fund is spent almost wholly on the VE3KBR repeater, ARES expenses, and the club bulletin. The work on the directory was under my direction, and while a good many of you assisted, the main bulk of the work fell on Bill VE3NFP, and the Loyalist College computer system. Type data may be had from VE3NFP.

- 14) Regarding that new swap net I mentioned last month - see item 7 - The swap part is being held on each Saturday morning 10:00 am local time.
- 15) Please remember that when you indicate time to anyone, that you must state what kind i.e. EDST, ZULU, UTC, CST, and so on. Hopefully you are using UTC in your radio hobby, and EST or "local time" in your ordinary work.
- 16) The back page of this QRM contains the M.T.C. 'phone numbers to call to get information on road conditions around Ontario. This comes through Bill VE3NFP.
- 17) Norm VE3NFD has been quietly working to improve the VE3KBR repeater. By tastefully applying coax cables here and there he has wrought wonders. The much improved repeater is certainly appreciated.
- 18) Funny how things are catching. First, a whole flock of radio antenna towers went up around here, and Ron VE3IVC couldn't get a day off nohow. Recently it has been new rigs. Several amateur radio rooms locally are sporting new "boxes" these days. Fine business.
- 19) A CW practice session is being held on 28.333 mhz sponsored by WOGT Mickey at 2000Z. Apparently he offers voice items of interest also.

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Belleville	(613) 962-3451	Ottawa (Fr.)	(613) 745-4166
Brockville	(613) 345-3560	Owen Sound	(519) 376-9683
Burlington	(416) 639-2427	Pembroke	(613) 735-4186
Chatham	(519) 354-7504	Peterborough	(705) 277-3333
Cochrane	(705) 272-5775	Port Hope	(416) 885-6351
Cornwall	(613) 933-4012	Preston	(519) 743-2621
Hamilton	(416) 639-2427	St. Catherines	(416) 682-6641
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Kenora	(807) 548-5910	Sault Ste. Marie	(705) 256-6255
Kingston	(613) 544-2523	Stratford	(519) 271-8321
Kitchener	(519) 743-2621	Sudbury	(705) 522-0388
Lindsay	(705) 277-3333	Thorold	(416) 682-6641
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