

QARC Meeting Minutes - November 17 1999

Executive Present :

President: Dave Ackerman VE3UGT
Past President: Dave Ward VE3BIP
Secretary : Peter Hodgson VA3PKH

General Meeting :

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. President Dave VE3UGT

Guest Speaker : The guest speaker for the evening was Don Demeza VE3AZV who spoke about the Mississauga Marine Mobile Net, and radio control sailboat racing. The marine net operates every morning on 14121mhz and has done so since it was founded by Doug Last VE3NBL and Dr. Ernie Meyer VE3EGM in 1983. At the present time there are 32 active boats, and there were 164 boats listed on the net last year. Only about 10 of the 400 boats crossing the Atlantic last year had ham radio equipment on board. The net deals primarily with emergencies (not many) health and welfare messages and weather information. The net opens formally at 7:45 am local time here in Ontario although there are earlier check ins starting at 7:30 am.

Don then showed us an example of a radio controlled Soling 1 metre sailboat he had built. These models were introduced to the Belleville area when Dr Ken Douglas saw them in Florida, and interest has grown to the point where there are now 20 members in the local club, and the regular Tuesday races in the summer months attract 10 or 11 boats. The races are usually held at the BQYC until the weeds grow back and then at Roblin Lake. QARC member Brian Credico VE3GRA was this years top racer. The hull kits are available from the hobby store in Napanee or via the Internet at www.v_models.com and cost about \$100.00 . They could be completed in a week or so although most builders take all winter. A simple two channel radio would cost about \$100.00 as would the sail servo.

New Business : Dave VE3BIP won the 50/50 draw and donated his winnings to the club. Tim VE3UO reported that a meeting would be held at Read re the repeater relocation during the week of November 22. A battery rundown test was also going to be conducted at VE3QAR to ensure that the battery was capable of operating the repeater in the event of any Y2K related failures. The repeater puts out about 17w on mains power and 10w on 12 volt batteries . Next months meeting will be the annual dinner meeting at the Northway on December 15 at 7:00 p.m.. Due to the club's financial state at the present time the 15% tax/gratuities will be added to the individual checks, not paid by the club .

Ron VE3IVC spoke about ARES and Y2K related activities. The Belleville, Trenton, and Picton hospitals will all be fitted with antennas. Two amateurs are needed at each of these hospitals on December 31 1999. Antennas are also in place at Napanee City Hall, Napanee Hospital, and Belleville Fire Department . The new Red Cross office at the Bell Front

Centre will also have an antenna installed for communication with the evacuation centres if required.

Members & Guests in Attendance at the meeting 17 November 1999

VE3GBJ	JIM BALLARD	VE3APF	GERRY WILKINS
VE3IVC	RON CHAPMAN	VE3HNQ	HAROLD QUINN
VE3UGT	DAVE ACKERMAN	VE3BAM	HAYWARD MOORES
VE3UO	TIM PEKKONEN	VA3WOW	BILL MILLIGAN
VE3OX	AL SMARDON	VA3LHM	LEE McMURTER
VE3ZZ	RICHARD MAKI	VE3WV	AL TAYLOR
VE3HZZ	SCOTT HARNS	VE3NBL	DOUG LAST
VE3KWT	BILL WORKMAN	VE3KJP	PAT KOVAC
VA3VHH	HERMAN HARMS	VA3PKH	PETER HODGSON
VE3AZV	DON DEMEZA	VE3EER	DICK HAYES
VE3BIP	DAVE WARD		