



October 2004

Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: Oct 20, 2004 @7:30PM

LOCATION: Loyalist College (Pioneer Building) Room P-2

PROGRAM: Dave Ward VE3BIP will give a demo on the construction of the foxhunt quad antenna kit and more info on the up coming County Foxhunt.

Club Repeater: VE3QAR 146.985 MHz.

2 meter net: Tuesday 7:30 PM on VE3TJU 146.730

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Monthly Meetings: 3rd Wednesday 7:30 PM Loyalist College
(Pioneer Bldg.) Room P-17

Hams 'n Eggs: SATURDAYS 8:00 AM Quinte Restaurant 135 Cannifton Road

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Minutes QARC Meeting Sept 15/04

Tim, VE3UO Secretary, QARC

Called to order at 7:21 PM by President Mike Papper VE3VMP. The early start was due to the fact that we were to meet our 'tour guides' at 8:00 PM at the Kente Building Main Entrance.

Items:

Moment of Silence observed in memory of Norm Moore VE3NFD and Bev Hovinga, XYL of Ron VE3UGU, both passed away this past summer. Doug VE3ZDG Mentioned the SATERN Net and Hurricane Watch Nets Active on 20m due to hurricane activity in the southern US.

A warm welcome was extended to Julien VA3JLN, a third year Electrical Engineering Student at University of Waterloo working at Proctor and Gamble. Julien has been licensed for 9 years and has primary ham interests are APRS and Foxhunting.

Al Smardon VE3OX is now in room 514 at Hastings Manor.

This past summer's activities consisted primarily of Field Day (this year our score was slightly higher than last years); and dinner get-togethers on the third Wednesdays of July and August - feedback from the group indicated that we should look for other venues for next summer!

Upcoming Activities:

Sun Sept 26: Cheerios Mother/Daughter Walk for Heart and Stroke to be held at Zwicks Island starting around noon - contact Ron VE3IVC.

Sat Oct 2: Kiwanis Colour Cribbage Tour in Prince Edward County. Organizer Doug VE3ZDG reports preparations going well for this event.

Sun Oct 3: Prince Edward County Marathon - Contact Mike VE3VMP or Ron VE3IVC. A reminder of the 'Net' on VE3TJU Sept 16 at 7:30 PM.

Sat Oct 23: Fall 'Tour of the County' multi transmitter foxhunt. Contact Dave VE3BIP.

Note that there will be a new start location the Town Hall in Bloomfield. We will probably finish there and meet for our post hunt debriefing.

Our 'weekly' Foxhunts will be moving back to Sunday afternoons.

Sunday Oct 31: Halloween Safe Streets in Belleville. A reminder a police check is required for all volunteers - contact Tim VE3UO.

Christmas Dinners:

PERC Sat Dec 4 at Prince Edward Yacht Club in Picton - contact Doug VE3ZDG.

QARC Wed Dec 15 at 6:30 PM at Kelsey's Restaurant in Belleville - please RSVP to Mike VE3VMP.

Basic Radio Course - Don VE3UHO indicated Trenton ARC Meeting room is available (except for TARC meeting night!).

Door Prizes: Cell phone headset mike won by Hermann VA3VHH; \$3 'Timmys' gift certificate won by Mike VE3VMP; \$2 'Timmys' certificate won by Paul VE3UUM.

This month's program was a tour of the Loyalist College Radio Station CJLX 92.3 FM. The tour was originally supposed to be conducted by Greg Schatzmann VE3CH who is the Station Manager, but he was called away by a family emergency. In his place he had arranged for two second year radio students, Kevin Bottaro and Korey Kennedy to conduct us through in two groups. We had a look at CBLC, the in-house station used primarily by first year students; production studios used for commercials and pre-recorded programs, and of course the main on-air studio.

After the tour we met back at our meeting room in the Pioneer building.

Other notes: The PERC picnic held this past Sunday at Al Laws was FB! (Mike reports he had a nice drive in the county getting to Al's.)

Hermann VA3VHH relayed some of his adventures at CFKL in Schefferville QC years ago.

TriCounty ARC meeting next Wednesday Sep 23 - Paul VE3UUM speaking on HF weak signals.

Trenton ARC Net Starting up again Sundays at 7:00 PM on VE3TRN 147.015.

TriCounty ARC Net Wednesdays 8:00 PM on VE3KFR 145.33.

Don VE3UHO reported that he attended a SciFi Convention in Boston this summer and met with other hams there. These conventions are usually held in Aug-Sep, and next year will be in Glasgow Scotland. They are trying for a special event callsign of MM0SF. Also decided on a VHF simplex channel of 147.42 MHz.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM - 19 people in attendance.

Prince Edward Radio Club Christmas Dinner

The Prince Edward Radio Club invites all members of the Quinte Amateur Radio Club and their guests to their Christmas Dinner, on Saturday 4 December 2004.

The dinner is at the Prince Edward Yacht Club, at the bottom of Fairfield Street in Picton, beginning at 6 pm. The price is \$20, including table wine.

Please notify Doug Monk VE3ZDG at dmonk@kos.net as early as possible if you plan to attend.

PEC Marathon

"Great Job - Well Done Thanks"

Mike & all the Ham gang! Can thank you folks enough for what you all did for us today.... I was extremely impressed with what I saw from your group & it may be a bad pun but I'd have to say the Hams saved our Bacon when it came to dealing with the water station & bussing issues and in terms of keeping the lines of communication going when the MIKE phones proved to be less than useless! The fact that the runners had glowing reports showed how well the shortages got overcome by some outstanding efforts by you, the OPP and other volunteers. The end result is what matters and we can all benefit from what we've learned this year to make next years bigger & better. We'll look forward to your full report & comments at our post-race meeting. We'll let you know when it will be once it's decided and I'm sure you'll be hearing from Mark Henry too. Thanks everyone.

Basic Radio Course

There is going to be a basic radio course starting later this fall. It will be held at the Trenton ARC meeting room at CFB Trenton. Times and dates are yet to be determined. If anyone can help with the teaching or knows of someone who would like to take the course please contact either Mike VE3VMP or Don VE3UHO.

New HF net began October 3.

Glenn Killam, EMSN Net Manager

A new HF net will commence operation On Sunday, October 3rd, 2004. The net will operate on a frequency of 3.742 mhz daily from 7 am to 6 pm. Due to a shortage of controllers at startup, the net will only cover the peak hours at first, namely 7 to 9 am and 4 to 6 pm. This new venture is to be named the Eighty Metre Service Net (EMSN).

The objectives of this net, as set out in its Constitution are as follows:

1. To provide a service to all Radio Amateurs in the form of a controlled on air "check in" frequency
2. To provide information, resources, and assistance to all Radio Amateurs wishing to learn more about "traffic handling", the NTS (National Traffic System), ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) and related subjects.
3. To provide a medium for all Radio Amateurs who wish to practice and hone their "traffic handling" skills.
4. To liaison with the OPN (Ontario Phone Net) for the purposes of passing traffic.
5. To promote excellence, the state of the art and the interests of Amateur Radio's many varied activities through a program of technical, regulatory and general information within the Amateur Service and to the Canadian public.

Complete information on the EMSN is posted on the World Wide Web, at

www.hfradionet

Fox Hunting quad antenna kit

Dave Ward VE3BIP

We are planning to put together a 2-meter quad antenna kit that people can use for foxhunting, or any other purpose for that matter. The antenna is a 2 meter 2 element quad. They have been used by many of the regular foxhunters for several years. However, due to normal wear and tear, like driving through bushes and low hanging trees, the original batch of antennas we made several years ago have been broken beyond what duct tape and super glue can repair.

It is "dowel and wire" construction and has about 6 dBi forward gain. The feed impedance is close enough to 50 ohms that you can transmit into it.

At any rate, I am trying to get an idea of how many people would be interested in purchasing such a kit. The cost of the parts is \$10. I hope to have the kits ready for the QARC meeting on October 20th.

If you are interested let me know at ve3bip AT rac.ca and I will reserve you a kit of parts.

QARC Christmas Dinner

This years Christmas Dinner will be at Kelsey's Restaurant in Belleville. Mike VE3VMP has reserved the lower section at the south end of the restaurant for Wednesday December 15. This is our normal meeting night. Please reply to Mike if you will be able to attend.

Fall Tour of The County Foxhunt

The hunt will begin at 12:00 noon on Saturday, October 23, 2004 and will begin at Bloomfield Community Centre in the village of Bloomfield. The community centre is located at 289 Main St. (Hwy. 33) in Bloomfield. There is a parking lot behind the community centre. The GPS co-ordinates are: 43 degrees, 59.224 min N; 77 degrees, 13.731 min W. (Grid square FN13jx)

If you are a first time hunter let us know and we can provide some instruction approximately 1/2 hour prior to the start of the hunt.

All transmitters will be within the natural boundaries of Prince Edward County and they could be located anywhere within the county. All transmitters will be in a publicly accessible area. This will be a combination of a driving and on foot hunt, although it will be possible to drive to within a few hundred meters of each fox. All foxes will be located along roads which are possible to navigate with a regular vehicle i.e. an SUV or 4 wheel drive vehicle will not be required.

47th Jamboree on the Air - 16-17 October 2004

JOTA is an annual event in which about 500,000 Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of amateur radio. It is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. The JOTA is a worldwide event. Units may operate for 48 hours or any part thereof, from Saturday 00.00 h until Sunday 24.00 h local time. It is for members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, and also for members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Full details of this event including frequencies can be found on the 'Amateur Radio Information Services Ontario' site at www.racont.ca

Trent District ARES

Peter K. Hodgson VE3UR
EC Hastings County ARES

As you have probably heard Hastings County ARES was formed effective July 1 2004 from the former Tri County ARES and Quinte ARES groups. The new group is a part of the Trent District which includes Haliburton, Peterborough, Northumberland, Prince Edward and Hastings Counties as well as the Township of South Algonquin.

The reason for this re-alignment was to make the ARES districts the same as the EMO districts.

If you were a member of one of the former groups and are interested in continuing to serve as a member of the new group would you please update your information at the following web page

<http://tcarc.ca/TDARES/join.php>

If you are unable to complete the on line form please fill in this form and send by mail to:
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or contact me at the following e mail address ve3ur@rac.ca or by phone 613 962-1386

Your Call-Sign:

Your Name:

Your Home Phone #:

Your Work Phone #:

Your address including 911 or street number:

Town:

Postal Code:

County:

Your E-mail Address:

Can your home station operate without commercial power? Yes / No

Do you have spare batteries for your handheld radio? Yes / No

If you have other ways you can help with ARES, describe them here: