



January 2006

## Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

**PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3**

### **NOTICE OF MEETING:**

**DATE / TIME:** January 18, 2006 @7:30PM

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

**PROGRAM:** Keith Harvey VA3KRV with a show & tell on his restoration of a 1947 Fraser Radio.

**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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# QARC November Meeting Minutes

Tim, VE3UO Secretary, QARC

Meeting opened by President Mike VE3VMP at 7:30 PM

Mike welcomed students from the Radio Course Frank Bott, Cliff Copeland and Eric Bronson. Visitors tonight were Chris VE3CDC, Scott VE3VIZ and XYL, and Al VE3OWO who joined the club tonight.

At this point a moment of Silence was observed for **Clare Jaynes VA3CWJ** (ex. VE3HWT) who passed away Nov 11.

## **Business Items:**

Basic Course is proceeding along. The Exam will be Wednesday Nov 23 at Bloomfield Community Center. Any hams currently licensed as Basic but do not have HF access can also write to attempt to get 80% pass - please contact Tim VE3UO ASAP. Mike VE3VMP noted that due to recent IC changes 23000 Canadian Hams now have access to the HF bands.

Mike VE3VMP has received a letter from Randy Nelson VE3WRN from CNIB. There is a person in Belleville (Elvins Gardens area) interested in studying for a Basic License and requires an 'Elmer' to assist. Contact Mike VE3VMP if you can help out.

PERC Christmas Dinner Saturday Nov 26 at Prince Edward Yacht Club in Picton. Cost is \$17.50 Contact Ian VE3EP.

QARC Christmas Dinner Wednesday Dec 14 at Kelseys, North Front St in Belleville.

RSVP to Mike VE3VMP. There are already 36 people confirmed.

Saturday Morning Breakfasts have had good attendances (approx 12-14 people) in the past few weekends. Breakfasts are held Saturdays at 8 AM at the Quinte Restaurant in Belleville.

**ARES Report:** 'Status Quo' at this time, regular meetings being held monthly with Quinte Healthcare Corp. There will be an exercise in Belleville in December, however it is not known if it will be a real one or a 'paper' exercise only.

Doug VE3ZDG reported there will be an Exercise on Sept 17 involving Darlington Nuclear Generating Station and hams in the area contacting EMO on Toronto on 7.153 MHz. Time from 10 AM to 3 PM.

**VE3QAR Repeater Report:** Tim VE3UO reported that he and Dave VE3BIP went to Queen Vic School on Tuesday Nov 14 to take the repeater to Dave's home to troubleshoot receive sensitivity problems. The repeater will be on the air with reduced coverage and at times will be off the air with little or no notice. The IRLP node will remain on QAR for the time being.

**Financial Report:** Bill VA3WOW noted the current balance is \$4799.47 .

**Foxhunts:** Currently not much interest but they will on Sunday afternoons over the winter months.

Mike VE3VMP noted that there is another member of the 'Icom Club' locally with Dave VE3UGT having purchased a 746 Pro. Dave has temporarily borrowed a Yaesu power supply from Tim VE3UO so his Icom is currently 'powered by Yaesu'. Dave also noted he has a Yaesu speaker plugged into his rig as well.

Al VE3LAW has brought in the ball caps ordered at the last meeting. If you are interested in obtaining one contact Al. Cost about \$10 depending on how many ordered.

**Door Prizes:** RAC paper cube/notepad won by Lee VA3LHM, and Radioworld ball cap won by Eric VE3GSI. The RAC cube was donated by Dave VE3BIP and the Ball cap from George VE3YD. Thanks!

After the Break and Rag Chew, Mike VE3VMP introduced our **Guest Speaker Mario DeCastris**. Mario opened DeCastris Electronics in Belleville and it is now run by Mario's son, Marco. Mario was involved in the first satellite dishes and cellular phone towers in the area.

Mario gave a presentation on his solar/wind power set up at his home in Prince Edward County near the Skyway Bridge. His observations were that you must be prepared to do your own maintenance and have some electrical/electronic knowledge. He also provided some interesting insights into dealing with Hydro One and other facets of being off the grid. He estimates his system will give him 3 to 4 days of back up power if there is a commercial power failure and there is no sun or wind.

We hope to do a 'Field Trip' to Mario's house in the spring to look at his system first hand - possibly the June Meeting.

Mike presented Mario with a QARC mug as a gift of thanks for coming to the meeting. Meeting Adjourned - attendance 43 people.

## **QARC Christmas Dinner**

The QARC Christmas dinner was held at Kelsey's Restaurant. There were about 40 in attendance. Many thanks to our President Mike Papper VE3VMP/VE3OX. Mike had a gift for all of the XYL's and thanked them for putting up with all the time we spend with our hobby. He then presented gifts to each of the Amateur's. These gifts ranged from antenna wax to pills to enhance your CW speed.

Thanks again Mike for a job well done.

## **Hello To all Sled Dog Race Fans:**

As you may know, the Tri-County ARC and many other Radio Amateurs provide communications for the Eldorado Sled Dog Race each year. This year the event is on Saturday January 28. Preliminary times for the beginning of the Race are as follows:

0700 - registration

0745 - drivers meeting

0900 - race start

As you can see the Race is 1 hour earlier than previous years

The anticipated route will start at the Madoc Township Hall in Eldorado and travel North up the Hastings Heritage Trail to Sarafians Road where they will turn around and return to the field across from the Eldorado hall. **There are at least 13 road crossings between these locations**

We need at least 1 net controller and minimum of two operators at the start finish.

As you can see we will need many hands to make this work. If you are available on January 28, Please Contact Pete VA3PGB at (613) 473-1171 or Paul VE3UUM at (613) 472-3449.

Thanks Pete VA3PGB

## **CANADIAN AMATEURS TO LOSE 220-222 MHz**

Barring an outpouring of "compelling arguments to the contrary," Industry Canada will reallocate the 220-222 MHz portion of 220-225 MHz from the Canadian amateur service to the mobile and fixed services. Under the provisional reallocation, which will take effect January 25, the amateur service will be allocated the 219-220 MHz subband on a secondary basis. Additionally, the amateur service may be permitted use of 220-222 MHz "in exceptional circumstances on a secondary basis to assist in disaster relief efforts."

### **For Sale ...**

Last fall a Heathkit Apache Transmitter was donated to the club. Physically and mechanically it appears to be in reasonable condition as all the switches and knobs seem to work. However it has not been powered up in a very long time so it is not known if this transmitter works or not. If are interested in acquiring this Heathkit gem please contact Tim VE3UO [ve3uo@rac.ca](mailto:ve3uo@rac.ca) as he is currently storing it. A picture of the TX can be seen at <http://www.qarc.on.ca/apache.jpg>

We also had a Swan 350 HF Transceiver and matching power supply donated to the club. It will receive but I cannot get it to transmit. The relays click but there is no output. For more information please contact Dave VE3UGT [ve3ugt@rac.ca](mailto:ve3ugt@rac.ca) or 962-3991.

### **Club Membership / Email List**

As a result of the club purchasing insurance through RAC a list of those club members who are/are not RAC members had to be provided to RAC. As we now have a starting point it was decided to add some other information, membership expiry month, mailing address and email address to this list and make it available for distribution to QARC members. It's recognised that some people may not want their email address distributed, so we would like to ask if you do not want your email address distributed to the club to please contact Tim VE3UO, Club Secretary and advise him of this. Please note this information WILL NOT be put on the Club's website and that it will only be available from the Executive of the Club.

Tim VE3UO will have a copy of the list at the January meeting and you can see him there for additions/ corrections to the list.

### **Ham Radio Course:**

Our next course is tentatively planned to start Monday March 13, running Mondays and Wednesdays with the exam to be held Wednesday May 3. Course fee is \$75. This includes a study guide and photo copied handouts. If you already have a study guide the fee will be reduced by the guide cost.

We are still looking for a location to hold the course. If anyone knows of a meeting room large enough for about 10 students that would be available Monday & Wednesday evenings for about 8 weeks (At little or no cost) March 13 to mid May please contact Mike VE3VMP. For more information about the course, please contact Mike Papper VE3VMP [ve3vmp@sympatico.ca](mailto:ve3vmp@sympatico.ca) or at (613) 969-1744 for more information.

# Test for Dementia

Below are four (4) questions and a bonus question. You have to answer them instantly. You can't take your time, answer all of them immediately. OK? Answers are on the last page. Don't peak!!!

Let's find out just how clever you really are....

Ready? GO!!!

## First Question:

You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in?

## Second Question:

If you overtake the last person, then you are...?

## Third Question:

Very tricky arithmetic! Note: This must be done in your head only.

**Do NOT use paper and pencil or a calculator. Try it.**

Take 1000 and add 40 to it. Now add another 1000. Now add 30.

Add another 1000. Now add 20. Now add another 1000

! Now add 10. What is the total?

## Fourth Question:

Mary's father has five daughters: 1. Nana, 2. Nene, 3. Nini,  
4. Nono. What is the name of the fifth daughter?

## Okay, now the bonus round:

A mute person goes into a shop and wants to buy a toothbrush. By imitating the action of brushing his teeth he successfully expresses himself to the shopkeeper and the purchase is done. Next, a blind man comes into the shop who wants to buy a pair of sunglasses; how does HE indicate what he wants?

**Answer First Question:**

If you answered that you are first, then you are absolutely wrong! If you overtake the second person and you take his place, you are second!

**Answer Second Question:**

If you answered that you are second to last, then you are wrong again. Tell me, how can you overtake the LAST Person?

You're not very good at this, are you?

**Answer Third Question:**

Did you get 5000?

The correct answer is actually 4100.

If you don't believe it, check it with a calculator! Today is definitely not your day, is it? Maybe you'll get the last question right....

**Answer Forth Question**

Did you Answer Nunu?

NO! Of course it isn't.

Her name is Mary. Read the question again!

**Bonus round answer**

He just has to open his mouth and ask...

It's really very simple.... Like you!

KEEP THIS GOING TO FRUSTRATE THE  
SMART PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE