



February 2007

Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: February 21, 2007 @7:30PM

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

PROGRAM: A POWER SUPPLY WORKSHOP hosted by Dave VE3BIP. Bring in your power supply for various tests.

Club Repeaters: VE3QAR: 146.985 Mhz / 444.475 Mhz. (118.8 Hz PL)
2 meter net: Tuesday 7:30 PM on VE3TJU 146.730

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Lakeshore Internet Services, 199 Front St, Suite 108
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Monthly Meetings: 3rd Wednesday 7:30 PM Loyalist College
(Pioneer Bldg.) Room P-2

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

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QARC Minutes for 17 January 2007

Meeting Called to Order by President Mike VE3OX at 7:30 PM, 23 in attendance.

Executive present:

President Mike VE3OX, Vice President Tim VE3UO,
Treasurer Miles VE3XDX, Past President Peter VE3UR, Secretary Bob VE3QWB
Welcome to the following: new member Bob Allison VE3CWS, Jeffrey Robbins
VE3JTR, Al Taylor VE3WV, Derek McGrath, guest speaker, from Seaway 911

ANNOUNCEMENTS by Mike VE3OX:

Observed a minute of silence for Silent Keys: Debbie Norman, VA3RGM, General
Manager of RAC, 27NOV2006 Harold Carruthers, VE3NW, QARC Vice-President
1947, President 1948, 10DEC2006 Norm Kalnay, VE3EBS, 12JAN2007

COMING EVENTS:

Eldorado Sled Dog Races, Saturday, 27JAN2007, meet at the Eldorado Fire
Hall at 8am. Contact Peter Blakely VA3PGB, to volunteer: 613-473-1711

(From the last minutes, a reminder of the Multiple Sclerosis Supercities
Walk 28MAY2007 - Belleville, to volunteer contact Ron VE3IVC)

(http://www.mssociety.ca/Ontario/scwalk_belleville.htm)

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion by Tim VE3UO, to update our constitution.

CURRENT WORDING:

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objects of the Corporation and shall consist of Full Membership, Associate Membership,
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Proficiency in Radio issued by Communications Canada, Radio Regulations, and being
currently the holder of a Station License. Full membership requires payment of the
annual dues and entitles one vote per member in Corporation business.

II) Associate Membership: shall include all others interested in Amateur Radio. Associate
members are required to pay 2/3 of the annual dues and are not allowed to vote on
Corporation matters.

III) Family Membership: shall include any family of two or more members in the same
household who hold an Amateur Radio Certificate Of Proficiency in Radio. Dues are not
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Seconded by Len VE3ASR. Carried.

BREAK for coffee, once again thanks to Dave VE3UGT's XYL Leona for the delicious home-made Chocolate Chip Cookies. They went pretty fast.

Kevin VA3GSI introduced our guest speaker, Derek McGrath from Seaway 911. Derek gave an interesting presentation on the workings of a 911-call centre and a little "behind the scenes" peak at some of the problems he has had over the years. The area his company answers 911 calls for has a new contract in April 2007, the companies trying for the contract were Seaway, the OPP call centre in North Bay, and Northern, in Sudbury. Derek said the contract will go to Northern, the lowest bid for the service. However, at such a low-ball bid, public education, follow-up and database updating services will suffer. Derek is looking at a career change after the end of his current 911 contract in April.

50/50 draw (\$ 12.00) was won by: Al VE3OWO

The door prize (a 3-way electrical outlet adapter) was won by: Kevin VA3GSI

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Miles VE3XDX reports the club has \$ 4,879.25 as of the end of December 2006. He has a complete year-end report, contact him for a copy. He asks that anyone who has QARC property or equipment please let him know so we can add it to our inventory list of assets.

Next months meeting will be a POWER SUPPLY WORKSHOP hosted by Dave VE3BIP. Bring in your power supply for various tests.

Our 60th Anniversary dinner will be on Saturday April 28, 2007 at the Napanee Lions Hall, the same as ten years ago the Kingston ARC will be joining us and helping pay for the hall rental. It will be a buffet dinner with tickets being \$ 21.00 each.

President Mike presented a Certificate of Merit to Tim VE3UO and Brian VA3BS in recognition of their efforts leading to MPP Ernie Parsons standing up in Queen's Park and acknowledging the QARC's upcoming 60th anniversary. Then Mike presented a Certificate of Merit to Peter VE3UR, Tim VE3UO and Dave VE3BIP, for their efforts in the recent radio contact from Centre Hastings High School to the International Space Station.

Meeting closed at 9:05 pm.

60th Anniversary Group Photo

Mark the **June 20th** QARC Meeting on your calendars now. We will be taking a photo of the membership as a souvenir of our 60th Anniversary. Details as to where the photo will be taken to be announced.

DX'pedition to Agalega

This is to inform you that preparations for DX'pedition to Agalega - 3B6 is underway by a group of Polish hams such as: Witek - SP9MRO, Danuta - SP9SX (Witek's XYL), Marek - SP9BQJ, Bogdan - SP3IQ, Wojtek - SP5BFX and his XYL Basia, Jozek - SP9-31029 and Wojtek - SP9PT.

Time of operation: 22 March 2007 for about 11 days.

They will be using two call signs: 3B6/SP9MRO and 3B6/SP9PT. The licenses are in their hands.

More information could be found on their web: <http://3B6.godx.eu>

QSL Via:

3B6/SP9MRO go to SP9SX

3B6/SP9PT go to SP9PT

Operation will be on all bands CW/SSB/RTTY

The cost of such DX'pedition is very high and they are looking for your generous donation. Details how to contribute are on their web page.

Please propagate this info throughout DX community

73 de Andy - VA3PL

Radio Shack branded parts

Keith VA3KRV

Hi folks... on my way back from Oshawa this morning I stopped by the Radio Shack store in Cobourg. He was up to his knees in RS packages that he had received from the contents of 4 stores he acquired.

If you are looking for components, connectors, switches LED's, bulbs and much of the gadgetry that RS had, it's worth a visit. He has hundreds of packages of resistors, caps, pots, diodes etc. So much that he hasn't catalogued it yet. He had boxes of digital photography stuff, as well as antenna mounts.

Co-incidentally I stopped in at the Source in Campbellford to pick up a temp probe they had ordered for me. I told them about my "treasure trove" in Cobourg. They responded that they had been sort of screwed by the Source, had boxes of old RS stuff they were told not to put out for sale. After my chat they have come to the conclusion that they will open the boxes and make it all available.

I was given the opportunity to visit the "back room", go through the boxes and see what might be useful to those of us who still believe that the best smell around is hot solder and the odd burned finger. Will keep you posted.

Tour of the County Foxhunt

The 2007 dates for the 'Tour of the County' multi transmitter foxhunt are Saturday **May 5**, and Saturday **October 13**. More info at: <http://www.qarc.on.ca/countyfox.html>

Belleville Community Policing Pitter-Patter Run

This year's 5k and 10k Pitter Patter Run will be on Sunday April 15, 2007 at Loyalist College in Belleville. QARC has been asked once again with provide communications for this event. The run starts at 10:00 AM and QARC volunteers are asked to meet in the Main Cafeteria between 9:15 and 9:30 AM for their location assignments. If you can help out with this event please contact Tim VE3UO at 613-969-8012 or ve3uo@rac.ca .

A map (in PDF format) which shows the roads the run covers can be found on the City of Belleville Website at <http://www.city.belleville.on.ca/portal/bvdiscover/citymap> . You will need to click on 'Section 1' .

QARC property

Below is a partial list of club property. If you have any club property please contact Tim VE3UO and he will add it to the list. If you can think of something the club owns even if you are not sure who has it please also let Tim know and maybe we can locate it

QARC Club Equipment Stored @ VE3UO

- Icom IC-735 HF Transceiver (serial # 30389) with HM-12 hand microphone, and DC power cord
- Icom SM-8 Desk Microphone (serial # 19551)
- Icom PS-55 Power supply (serial # 12415)
- Yaesu FP-707 12v 20 amp Power Supply (serial # 1E110136)
- MFJ VHF/UHF Peak reading SWR/Wattmeter
- Cushcraft R7 HF Vertical Antenna
- 3 lengths of RG-213U coaxial cable with PL-259 connectors; 100' , 75' , 50'
- 100' "Bury-flex" coaxial cable (for Rptr) terminated with N-connector on one end and PL-259 on the other

@ VE3UGT

- 1 48FT? Tower (Clair Jaynes)
- 2 HF beams (Joanne Woods; Tower & beam from VE3JLJ estate.)
- Approximately 125 Ft 1/2 inch Heliac
- 440MHz repeater & antenna (pole & coax belongs to Dave Ward)
- I think I have some odd lengths of coax. Not sure what condition it is in.
- 1 damaged ringo ranger 2M antenna Not sure if it is any good.

VHF Repeater @ Queen Victoria School, Belleville

- Hi Pro "R1" Repeater (Maggiore Electronic Laboratory)
- Sinclair 6 Cavity Res-Lok Q2330 VHF Duplexer (Serial # ??)
- Yaesu FP-707 12v 20 amp Power Supply (serial # ??)
- Cushcraft ARX-2B VHF antenna
- Approximately 80' RG-213U coaxial cable (PL-259 connectors both ends)

QARC JANUARY TREASURERS REPORT

Opening Balance as of January 1, 2007 4879.25

Revenue: Interest	.21	
Memberships	300.00	
50/50	12.00	
Coffee	12.25	
License plate/Name Tags	<u>15.00</u>	
Total Revenue	339.46	<u>+339.46</u>
		5218.71

Expenses: Cheque#172 Void		
Cheque#173 Mike Papper (picture frames)	39.67	
Cheque#174 Dave Ackerman (January coffee/newsletter)	39.77	
Cheque#175 Star Trophies (invoice 6853)	15.39	
Cash Miles LeClair (picture frames)	<u>38.72</u>	
Total Expenses	133.55	<u>-133.55</u>
		5085.16