



April 2007

Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: April 18, 2007 @7:30PM

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

PROGRAM: Nostalgic Night. So dig into your archives and look for anything that is connected with Amateur Radio over the last 60 years

**Club Repeaters: VE3QAR: 146.985 Mhz / 444.475 Mhz. (118.8 Hz PL)
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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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“We all know the early bird gets the worm but take note that it is the second mouse that gets the cheese.”

Minutes of the QARC meeting March 21, 2007

President Mike Papper VE3OX called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Welcome to Al Morton (nephew of Dave VE3UGT and Ralph VE3CSU) who wants to be in the next ham course. Mike has sent ads out to local high schools, members are asked to talk the class up, help get the word around. Class starts on April 16 at the Trenton Base Club room. Classes will be on Monday and Wednesday, two and a half hours per night, the last review class will be on June 6 with the exam being held on June 11. This will be the last class held at the Trenton Club room on CFB Trenton, as the club has to move out of that room by next fall. It is not known where their new meeting room will be.

Our club has to move for it's next meeting only. For our Open House meeting on April 18, we will be moving to Room P1. There will be no formal meeting, but there will be door prizes, refreshments and displays of equipment used over the 60 years that Quinte Amateur Radio Club has existed. Anyone with items they would like to show, please contact Mike or Tim to let them know how much space you will need.

And a reminder that QARC's 60th anniversary dinner will be shared with Kingston ARC at the Lion's Hall in Napanee on Saturday April 28. Price will be \$ 22.00 per person; the meal will be buffet style. Contact Mike for tickets VE3OX@RAC.CA

Financial Report: The club has \$ 5,240.96

Treasurer Miles VE3XDX made two motions

Motion to Change Bylaw #3

Bylaw #3 now states: There shall be membership dues. Dues are to be renewed annually on the anniversary of the date the member joins the corporation, and the amount of annual dues is to be fixed by the Board of Directors, and approved by a quorum of members present at any regular meeting or annual meeting.

Motion that Bylaw #3 be changed to read: There shall be membership dues. Dues are to be renewed on or before the beginning of the fiscal year starting July 1 of said year, and the amount of annual dues is to be fixed by the Board of Directors, and approved by a quorum of members present at any regular meeting or annual meeting. Members not renewing their dues prior to January 1 of fiscal year shall cease to be members of the corporation and their names removed from the membership list. Moved by Miles VE3XDX, Seconded by Tim VE3UO, CARRIED.

Motion to make Addition to Regulation #4 to read:

Those persons eligible to join the club during the fiscal year shall pay dues as follows:

First Quarter: (July August September): \$25.00

Second Quarter: (October November December): \$20.00

Third Quarter: (January February March): \$15.00

Fourth Quarter: (April & May): \$10.00

Note: It is expected that new members joining in June would normally pay Full Dues for the following fiscal year Moved by Miles VE3XDX, Seconded by Dave VE3BIP, CARRIED.

Mike VE3OX mentioned that one of our members, Al Taylor VE3WV, received

acknowledgement from ARRL for being a member for sixty years, he has been a ham even longer than that. Congratulations from all of us Al. You'll remember Al's birthday: <http://www.qarc.on.ca/ve3wv.htm>

REPEATER REPORT: Dave VE3BIP reports repeater work and negotiations are continuing. They are looking at taking over ownership of the former Loyalist College tower on Queen Mary School. That tower will put our antenna about sixty feet higher, and there is room inside for more equipment and thought is being given to perhaps adding dual band and battery backup, and keeping the antenna on Queen Victoria School. Since some of the plans would require spending club money, a motion to do so would be required. More information to follow.

ARES REPORT: Bill VA3WOW & Peter VE3UR report meeting with the emergency coordinator for Madoc Township and Centre Hastings. They are looking at putting a desk in their fire hall and installing an antenna. The ARES Manuals are made up and ready for ARES members to use. The Ontario ARES group has two radio nets per week, Sundays and Wednesdays at 8pm, via IRLP Reflector 9005. You don't have to be an ARES member to take part in the net, and wherever you are in Ontario, you can take part as long as you can make contact with an IRLP node.

Next Wednesday March 28, 2007, a group of our members will be going to the Tri-County meeting in Deloro, their website is: <http://www.tcarc.ca/public/index.php> and shows the following: Meeting March 28, 2007. Location: Deloro Community Centre. Time: 7:30 PM. Speaker: Peter Taylor VE3DRS. Subject: Multimeters. Peter has asked each Ham who attends, to bring their multimeter if they have one. Contact Mike ve3vmp@rac.ca if you plan on going so we can car-pool.

REMINDERS:

The Belleville Community Policing 'Pitter-Patter' 5K and 10K run will be held Sunday April 15 2007 at Loyalist College. Contact Tim ve3uo@rac.ca to help or for further details.

The Prince Edward Radio Club will be holding an auction on Thursday, May 3, 2007. <http://perc.lks.net/this.htm>

The Tour of the County foxhunts this year will be held on Saturday May 5 and Saturday October 13. Keep an eye on the website for details:

<http://www.qarc.on.ca/countyfox.html> Dave VE3BIP said he has been thinking about a way to increase the participation in our semiannual foxhunts by trying to include people who are interested in Geocaching. What he came up with is something he calls Photocaching which combines imprecise Geocaching combined with recognizing a location based on a photograph. The idea is that Photocachers could hunt for locations and thus compete with the Foxhunters. At the beginning of the hunt the Photocachers would be handed 3 pieces of paper, each with a photocache location and they would have to find each location. The Foxhunters would of course try to find the hidden transmitters. Contact Dave ve3bip@rac.ca if you are interested and check this link:

<http://web.mac.com/dpward/iWeb/Photocaching/Intro.html>

PRIZES:

A cap from Bartlett Provincial was won by Paul Lariviere va3zyx.

A Municipality of Centre Hastings coffee cup was won by Dick Hayes ve3eer.

A twenty five feet measuring tape was won by Glen Campbell ve3cjb.

The 50/50 draw was won by George Papper ve3yd, his half was \$ 20.50.

COFFEE BREAK

Ron Chapman ve3ivc gave a very interesting presentation on knots and ropes, everyone received a couple lengths of rope to learn some knots. You can get more information from these websites:

<http://www.gutenberg.org/files> (not working when tried, so check these others out)

<http://www.layhands.com/Knots/>

<http://www.animatedknots.com/>

<http://www.layhands.com/Knots/>

Meeting closed at 9:25pm. Attendance was 29

60th Anniversary Dinner

The 60th Anniversary Dinner planned for April 28 in Napanee has been canceled due to lack of interest. If you have already paid please see Mike VE3OX for a refund.

We are planning a dinner 3rd Wednesday in July.

Tour of the County FOX Hunt

Get out your rusty attenuators and antennas for this great semi-annual event. This year will be bigger than ever. If you do not have any equipment and would like to participate, contact any of the executive. There is lots of time to make the necessary parts required for the FOX HUNT.

The hunt will begin at 12:00 noon on **Saturday, May 5, 2007** 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).

*The Autumn 2007 'Tour of the County' has been scheduled for **Saturday October 13, 2007***

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'.

Radio Course

Please pass this along to anyone you think may be interested in becoming an Amateur. Mike VE3OX / VE3VMP Learn Amateur Radio Start:: April 16, 2007 - Mondays and Wednesdays for 14 lessons Exam: June 11, 2007 Time: 7:00pm to 9:30pm Location: Trenton Amateur Radio Club Room on Trenton Base Cost: \$75.00 - includes study guide, handouts, question bank, exam and Club membership for one year

For Information: Phone: Mike Papper at 613-969-1744 or email: ve3vmp@sympatico.ca

Note: The Morse Code is no longer a requirement to obtain your license.

Sponsored by the Quinte Amateur Radio Club, Trenton Amateur Radio Club and Prince Edward Radio Club This course would also be suitable for any Amateur that would like to upgrade to Advanced.

Prince Edward Radio Club annual Ham Auction

The Prince Edward Radio Club is hosting the annual Ham Auction at the Bloomfield Town Hall - Thursday May 3, 2007 starting at 7pm. Stuff can be brought in anytime after 6 pm. The hall is right on the main street of Bloomfield - if any difficulty finding it, help can be provided on VE3TJU 146.730

Your clubs are most welcome to participate.

As before the dynamic duo of Peter Lower VE3KWM and Keith Harvey VA3KRV will be performing the auctioneering duties.

This is a fun auction to redistribute low value items from one basement to another. It is not designed for the sale of valuable ham gear, as there are better ways of doing it. So don't bring your ICOM 7800 unless you will be happy with \$50 for it. (If you are ok with that please call VE3FZ before the auction for a side deal).

The basic rules are:

1. Each club handles the finances for their items
2. As last year, no reserve bids
3. It is expected most items will be donated to their respective clubs. If the owner wants the proceeds, there will be a 15% commission to the club.

The main goal of the evening is to have fun and to be bemused by what people consider treasures. PERC already has received some donations of equipment.

Please make your respective club members aware of the auction through your meetings and bulletins.

QARC MARCH TREASURERS REPORT

Opening Balance as of March 1, 2007		5240.96
Revenue: Interest	.22	
Memberships	124.00	
Coffee	14.75	
50/50	20.50	
Licence Plate Covers	<u>10.00</u>	
Total Revenue	169.47	<u>+169.47</u>
		5410.43
Expenses: Cheque #178 VOID		
Cheque #179 Peter Hodgson (ARES Manuals)	122.95	
Cheque #180 Mike Papper (Rope)	16.73	
Cheque #181 Ralph Ackerman (coffee & cookies)	18.22	
Cheque # 182 VOID		
Cheque # 183 Star Trophies (invoice6920)	21.66	
Cheque # 184 Mike Papper (Paper)	5.13	
Cash Miles LeClair (office supplies)	4.56	
Cash Dave Ackerman (newsletter)	<u>22.05</u>	
Total Expenses	211.30	<u>-211.30</u>
		5199.13
Closing Balance as of March 31, 2007		+5199.13

Old Gunslinger

Sitting in a saloon one Saturday night, he recognized an elderly man standing at the bar who, in his day, had the reputation of being the fastest gun in the West. The young cowboy took a place next to the old-timer, bought him a drink and told him the story of his great ambition.

"Do you think you could give me some tips?" he asked.

The old man looked him up and down and said, "Well, for one thing, you're wearing your gun too high. Tie the holster a little lower down on your leg."

"Will that make me a better gunfighter?" asked the young man.

"Sure will," replied the old-timer.

The young man did as he was told, stood up, whipped out his 44 and shot the bow tie off the piano player.

"That's terrific!" Said the hot shot. "Got any more tips for me?"

"Yep," said the old man. "Cut a notch out of your holster where the hammer hits it. That'll give you a smoother draw"

"Will that make me a better gunfighter?" asked the younger man.

"You bet it will," said the old-timer.

The young man took out his knife, cut the notch, stood up, drew his gun in a blur, and then shot a cufflink off the piano player.

"Wow!" exclaimed the cowboy "I'm learnin' somethin' here. Got any more tips?"

The old man pointed to a large can in a corner of the saloon. "See that axle grease over there? Coat your gun with it."

The young man went over to the can and smeared some of the grease on the barrel of his gun.

"No," said the old-timer, "I mean smear it all over the gun, handle and all."

"Will that make me a better gunfighter?" asked the young man.

"No," said the old-timer, "but when Wyatt Earp gets done playing the piano, he's gonna shove that gun up your ass, and it won't hurt as much."