



*October 2007*

## Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

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

### **NOTICE OF MEETING:**

**DATE / TIME:** October 17, 2007 @7:30PM  
**LOCATION:** Loyalist College (Pioneer Building) Room P-2  
**PROGRAM:** Dave Goodwin VE3AAQ. See below for more details

**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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**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 September Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order by President Mike VE3OX at 7:30 PM.

Executive present: President Mike VE3OX, Vice President Tim VE3UO, and Secretary Bob VE3QWB

Welcome to: Rob Allan VE3HAR "Mr. Satellite", Don Shears VE3UHO and Jeff Robbins VE3JTR.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Prince Edward Radio Club and Quinte Amateur Radio Club took part in the 2007 Field Day, operating from Huff's Island Community Centre again. (See the last QRM newsletter for the results.) President Mike reported it was a successful Field Day, better than last year. A better place is being sought for next year. One possible place is the Quinte Conservation building on the north side of Old Highway 2 just west of Wallbridge Loyalist Road. We held a Field Day there some years ago, in tents in the field out back, but this time we would have access to the washrooms inside. Mike also reported the summer dinners went well, with the one in July being our 60th Anniversary Dinner.

QARC has renewed its insurance with Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) Please let Mike know if you join R.A.C., or stop being a member, as the number of members we have that belong to RAC lowers our insurance costs. The club also renewed its Canada Post mailbox for another year. This saves having club mail going to someone's home and changing that address after an executive change.

Mike introduced tonight's guest speaker, Richard Jones VE3MHY, who came from Great Britain, now works at the Electro-Magnetic Compatibility Lab for Northern Telecom. He will be talking about Feed Lines. Plans are in the works for one of our upcoming meetings to be a field trip to the EMC chamber.

Mike asked if anyone had any news from over the summer. VA3JAD Joe Davidson said he found a TechNet on Fridays at 8pm on IRLP over the Vancouver Reflector and carried over Echolink. The Net Control is in Australia.

VE3UO Tim Pekkonen informed us that while he was at the Smiths Falls Hamfest he was talking to Dave Goodwin VE3AAQ, the R.A.C. Director for Ontario North and East and invited him to one of our meetings. Dave will be attending our October 17 2007 meeting to make a presentation. If anyone has any particular concerns or situations they would like to have Dave address, let Tim know, he will pass them along. Dave also volunteered to bring anything down from the RAC store that members might have ordered, thereby saving shipping charges. Again, let Tim know if you have ordered something from the RAC store so he can pass along to Dave. Since his presentation will be a few days after the RAC Board meets to elect a new executive, he hopes to have some hot news of how RAC will change in 2008. All members of area clubs are invited to attend to meet our RAC representative, get some news and get questions answered. Tim also reminds members that again this year QARC will be teaming up with Belleville Community Policing volunteers and Loyalist College students for Halloween Safe Streets 2007 on Wed. Oct 31. If you would like to help, contact Tim for a volunteer form.

VE3BIP David Ward reports he has a replacement node for the IRLP link, he is working on setting it up, should be up and running in about a week.

## **ARES REPORT**

VA3WOW Bill Milligan and VE3IVC Ron Chapman remind members of the Hilly 100 bicycle race in Bancroft this weekend. There are a total of four routes, so all volunteers are welcome. Hams to meet in Bancroft at 6:30am, the race starts at 7:30am and goes until around 3pm. Contact Bill or Ron if you can help. Ron also reports the Heart & Stroke Walkathon will be held this Sunday 23 Sept. at Zwicks Island. Walkers will start at the Bandshell, walk around the Island, doing either a 4k or 2k walk. Walk starts at 1pm. They could use 6 or more hams, if you can volunteer, contact Ron. Communications will be with handhelds on the QAR repeater.

For the attention of volunteers for the Prince Edward County Marathon the organizers have decided not to use Amateur Radio operators in the Marathon this year, they will be trying phones. If phones don't work they might ask for help next year.

**Motion:** The executive of QARC are directed to organize the Christmas dinner, to be held at The Belleville Club, budgeting for 40 participants and with a per person ticket cost of no more than \$35; and that the club will be financially responsible for any deficit should there be fewer than 40 paying participants at the event. Moved by: VA3BRW Brian Williams Seconded by: VE3UGU Ron Hovinga A discussion of the motion followed, since this would require club funds. When the vote was held, the motion was carried. There will be more info at the October meeting.

VE3ZDG Doug Monk reports the Prince Edward Radio Club will be holding their Christmas Dinner on December 1, 2007, at the Prince Edward Yacht Club at 7pm. Tickets are \$ 20.00. Everyone, even non-members, are welcome. Contact VE3FZ Al Law 613-476-8462 for tickets.

**DRAWS:** There was no 50/50 draw.

Door prizes: A three-way antenna switch was won by VA3ECP Cliff Copeland, and a Cooler Bag was won by VA3ORC Owen Clark

## **COFFEE BREAK**

After the coffee break, Richard gave a very informative sixty-minute presentation on Feed Lines.

## **October Meeting Program**

This months meeting will be a presentation from Dave Goodwin VE3AAQ who is the current RAC Director for Ontario North/East. There is a Radio Amateurs of Canada Board of Directors meeting occurring just a few days before Dave comes down to address us, so we will be one of the first groups to hear the latest news from RAC. If you have any concerns regarding RAC and Amateur Radio please pass them along to Tim VE3UO ([ve3uo@rac.ca](mailto:ve3uo@rac.ca)) so he can pass them along to Dave.

Please note: Members from our neighbouring clubs, Prince Edward, Trenton and TriCounty are also invited and welcome to attend the meeting.

## **FOR SALE:**

40' Delhi heavy duty self-supporting tower (estate sale.) Tower has been taken down. Asking \$150 or best offer. Contact Tim VE3UO [ve3uo@rac.ca](mailto:ve3uo@rac.ca) of Dave VE3UGT [ve3ugt@rac.ca](mailto:ve3ugt@rac.ca) .

## QARC Christmas dinner

Our Christmas dinner will be held on Wed. Dec. 12 at The Belleville Club, 210 Pinnacle St. Belleville. Cocktails 6pm to 7pm with dinner at 7pm. Tickets are \$ 35.00 per person. There will be prizes. Please see Brian Williams VA3BRW to purchase tickets for this. Brian will be selling tickets at the QARC October meeting. This is a new venue we are trying. This price is for a minimum of 40 people. As noted in the September minutes a motion was put forward and carried that the club would pay any shortfall.

Please plan to attend and help make Brian's time spent organizing this event worthwhile.

## Club Dues

At the October QARC executive meeting it was decided to re-adjust the amount of money some members owe in dues as a result of the dues restructuring, which left some members owing a portion of their 2006-2007 membership dues. Peter proposed that the maximum charge for a 2007-2008 membership be \$ 25.00. Seconded by Tim. Carried.

## QARC Membership Update

The following memberships are due September and earlier:

Call	Name	Amount	Call	Name	Amount
VE3ZPB	Margaret	\$25.00	VE3JPW	Warren	\$25.00
VE3GBJ	Jim	\$25.00	VE3EP	Ian	\$25.00
VE3XFE	Geoff	\$25.00	VE3GTD	Bob	\$25.00
VE3IVE	Clayton	\$25.00	VE3UR	Peter	\$25.00
VA3DMO	David	\$25.00	VA3WOW	Bill	\$20.00
VE3APF	Gerry	\$25.00	VE3CSU	Ralph	\$20.00
VE3HBM	Barry	\$25.00	VE3TQJ	Wayne	\$20.00

The following memberships with New expiry dates:

Call	Name	Date	Dues Rcvd
VA3GSI	Eric	June 2008	\$20.00
VA3JAD	Joe	June 2008	
VA3PGB	Peter	June 2008	
VA3PWS	Susan	June 2008	
VE3JTR	Jeff	June 2008	\$25.00
VE3MHY	Richard	June 2008	\$22.00
VE3PBK	Ken	June 2008	\$20.00
VE3QWB	Bob	June 2008	
VE3TDZ	Doug	June 2008	
VE3UHO	Don	June 2008	\$25.00
VE3ZDG	Doug	June 2008	\$20.00
VA3BS / VA3JLS	Brian / Joan	June 2008	\$18.00

The following members will be removed from the membership List –  
Dues overdue:

Call	Name	
VA3VEC	Sean	VE3ERM Richard
VE3GTS	Terry	VA3WEA Dan
VE3OWT	Jeff	VA3YID Hugh

## **Halloween Safe Streets 2007 – Wed. Oct 31**

Once again QARC will be teaming up with Belleville Community Policing volunteers and Loyalist College students to help keep Belleville's streets safe for 'Trick-or-Treaters' on Wednesday October 31. This year should be a bit different than past years, in that the switch to Standard Time will occur after Halloween, instead of on the weekend before. This means the 'Trick-or-Treaters' will have more daylight to go door to door. As those who have participated in previous years know, a mandatory Police background check is required for ALL volunteers participating in this event, including the ham radio volunteers. Contact Tim Pekkonen VE3UO for a volunteer form. The deadline for submitting the form will be at the monthly meeting on Oct 17. The form (PDF format) can also be printed off the QARC website at <http://www.qarc.on.ca/oct31.htm> .

## **'The Voice' leaving CBC**

By DENIS ARMSTRONG, SUN MEDIA September 27, 2007

Finally, Rob Clipperton won't have to get up at 4 a.m. any more. After 28 years, the veteran radio host and ubiquitous voice of CBC -- that's him reading the news every morning and counting down

the National Research Council time signal every day at 1 p.m. -- is hosting his last In Town and Out on Saturday from 6-9 a.m.

**ALWAYS ON AIR** "People here often joke that I never go home and that I'm always here because my voice is on the air all the time," Clipperton, 56, laughed. After three years at CFRA, Clipperton moved to the public broadcaster in 1979, working his way in 1982 up to hosting In Town and Out until 1989, when he moved to host Radio Noon. Four years later, "The Voice," as colleagues call him, was back hosting the Saturday morning show. He laughs when he remembers the time he had to interview a hot-air balloon pilot while 2,000 feet in the air and so dizzy with fear, he had to do the interview down on his knees with his eyes shut.

Of the thousands of interviews he's done, two stand out: British mystery author P.D. James and actress-activist Lynn Redgrave. "It's going to be very bittersweet leaving this place," Clipperton said. "One minute, you're interviewing a famous celebrity and then you're at the scene of a crime."

**RATINGS LEADER** He leaves the show a ratings champion. In Town and Out is the highest-rated show in its time slot on the CBC's national network. "I think its successful because it's just ordinary people talking to each other, telling stories," he explained.

Clipperton gets a real send-off Oct. 13 when he returns to the show as interim host Donna Leon's guest from 8-9 a.m.

<http://ottsun.canoe.ca/Showbiz/OtherShowbiz/2007/09/27/pf-4529577.html>

# Computer Software Update Problems

## GirlFriend 6.0 to Wife 1.0

Last year a friend of mine, system administrator as myself, changed the application *GirlFriend 6.0* by *Wife 1.0* and found that the update was not very successful. First of all *Wife 1.0* leaves very little system resources for other applications, not only this, but he has also realized that *Wife 1.0* is a prolific processor of *Babys 1.x*, which are additionally consumers of valuable resources.

There was no mention of this particular fact neither from the product manufactures nor in the warranty, although some colleagues had informed me that this was expected, due to the nature of the application.

But surprises didn't end up there; additionally *Wife 1.0* configures itself so that it always starts when the system is initialized, from where it can monitor the rest of the processes. My friend is noticing that some applications like: *NightOfPoker 10.3*, *BeerParty 2.5* and *PubNight 7.0* no longer can be run, because *Wife 1.0* locks the system when they are selected (even so they always worked fine before).

During the installation, *Wife 1.0* installs automatically services not desired, like *MotherInLaw 55.8* and the DEMO version of *BrotherInLaw*. The most outstanding effects of these services are the progressive and daily degradation of the system. My friend is very seriously considering changing the version of the application *Wife*, but there are some features that he would like to be added to the next version (*Wife 2.0*), these are: A "Forget me" button and another for minimizing. A new option that allows installing *Wife 2.0* with an option of "Desinstall at any time", without losing the cache and other valuable system resources. An option to run the network controller in "promiscuous" mode, that allows to the system to try shareware version of different applications, to have a better knowledge of the market.

I have decided to avoid all the headaches associated with *Wife 1.0*, continuing with *GirlFriend 2.0*. Even so, I have found many problems. Apparently you can't install *GirlFriend 2.0* on *GirlFriend 1.0*, you have to desinstall *GirlFriend 1.0* first. Additionally, apparently, the versions of *GirlFriend* have conflicts to share the same I/O (Input/Output) port. The technical support has said me that it is a known bug and that they are looking for some way to bypass the problem, because it seems to be implemented in the kernel (heart) of the application and it is not a good idea to change it. Even worse, the program to uninstall *GirlFriend 1.0* doesn't work very well, leaving unwished traces of the application in the system. Another problem: all the versions of *GirlFriend* continually give annoying messages about the advantages of changing to *Wife 1.0*. After talking again with the service they suggest me to ignore those messages, and when I point that for that solution it was not necessary to phone them, they go back again on the explanation of the former problem (bug in the kernel).

**WIFE 1.0 INCOMPATIBILITIES:** If you try to install *Lover 1.1* before uninstalling *Wife 1.0*, this erases the files *MS-Money*, and after it uninstalls itself. Then *Lover 1.1* won't install, claiming that system resources are too low. To avoid this effect, try to install *Lover 1.1* in a different environment and never run a file transfer application, like *LipStickSpot 6.0*. Also try to avoid renting applications, because it's known that they can transmit viruses that can affect *Wife 1.0*. Another solution is to run *Lover 1.1* through a network provider with and anonymous name. Once again, avoid viruses that can be accidentally loaded.