



June 2008

Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

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NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: June 18, 2008 @7:30PM

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

PROGRAM: Al VE3OWO will give demo of his Flex HF radio.

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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Minutes of Q.A.R.C. meeting MAY 08.

The evening began with a special meeting at Quinte Conservation, north side of highway 2, just west of Wallbridge-Loyalist Road, at 6:30pm, where Q.A.R.C. and P.E.R.C. will be set up June 28 & 29 for Field Day 2008. Seventeen operators attended to check the site out, take measurements and plan tower locations, Eric VE3GSI tested some bands for noise. If you want to take part during Field Day, with setting up, operating and/or tearing down, contact President Mike VE3OX@RAC.CA

The regular meeting at Loyalist College was called to order by President Mike ve3ox, at 7:20pm. The early start due to club business, Field Day conversations, elections and a speaker later. Mike mentioned that a final planning meeting for Field Day 2008 will be held at the P.E.R.C. meeting Thursday June 12, 7:30pm, in Bloomfield. Mike said the tour of the fire hall last month was a success. It ended when Len VE3LRM was making a presentation of a club coffee mug and the fire alarm went off, all the firemen left in a hurry, leaving the hams standing there. Next month's meeting our guest speaker will be Al VE3OWO giving a presentation on his software defined FLEX radio.

Mike gave the sad news of two silent keys, we observed a minute of silence in memory of Orlan Fairman VE3AXZ, and Father Laurier Lamarche VE3GYS.

Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting; it was good to see such a large turnout, no doubt caused by everyone interested in running in the election.

Financial Report: Treasurer Miles VE3XDX reports the club has \$ 5,004.30

Repeater Report: Tim VE3UO reports a battery backup power supply has been added to the 146.985 repeater, and an automatic switch, if the main hydro goes offline. A change has been made, if the repeater is quiet for a length of time, it will ignore quick clicks. To activate the repeater, hold your mic open for a second then release it. Once the repeater has been started in this manner and a QSO is on, it will work normally.

Coming Events:

Doug ve3zdg reports that Prince Edward and Kingston ARES will be testing radios with the fire department, checking for interference, this coming Monday, from approx. 1pm to 3pm, using Picton, Belleville and Kingston repeaters TJU, QAR & KBR, also using SIM 146.580.

Doug also advised that ARES will be taking part in the REPATRIATION MEMORIAL DRIVE & RALLY on 31MAY2008 from Trenton to Toronto. Capt. Hal F Buller Adjutant, 709 (Tor) Comm Regt will be in his mobile VA3TSR (Toronto Signals Regiment) giving position updates over local repeaters and using GPS with APRS. He is looking for volunteers to position themselves along the "Highway of Heros", listen for his location messages and let the surrounding public know his expected arrival time to bridges, overpasses and key areas. A rally will start in Trenton that morning, around 3pm a procession of all participants will begin the 172km journey to Toronto. With a police escort, arrival time in Toronto will be around 5pm. At 2pm Emergency Management Ontario ARES will be activating Emergency Radio Station VE3EMO at the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre to conduct a Canada-wide Network. Amateur Radio operators across Canada will be invited to check in and pay their respects for our fallen soldiers and their families. VE3EMO will be using the Crossroads Reflector Channel

9206, the VE3ULR network in Cobourg VE3RTR 145.150, the ERA network, the YYZ network and the Ballantrae network. For further information see the following websites:

<http://redfridays.ca/rdr/index.htm>

<http://www.emoares.org/repatriation2008.html>

<http://www.ares.meskes.ca/php/bulletin.php?id=371&v=9>

Bill VA3WOW reports Kingston ARES will be holding an exercise on Monday May 24 from 9am til noon. Members of QARC and PERC are invited to take part. Contact Bill for details. va3wow@rac.ca

Ron VE3IVC is looking for the assistance of at least 10 hams, with the Belleville Super Cities WALK for MS on May 25th, 2008. Again this year there will be a 5K and a 10K route. The WALK starts from Moira Secondary School at 9:30am and goes until around 1pm, with food available at the school from 8am and after the walk. Contact Ron if you can help: ronald.chapman@sympatico.ca. There will be a meeting at the front of the school at 8:30am. See their

website:http://www.mssociety.ca/ontario/scwalk_belleville.htm

Brian VE3BRW gave a report on the trip he and Mike VE3OX had to the hamfest in Dayton. They had a great time and are willing to go back any time.

Dave VE3BIP gives the following at dates for Prince Edward Radio Club and Quinte Amateur Radio Club Hidden Transmitter Hunts 2008 Schedule.

Wed. June 11, 7pm, Sidney & Bridge Streets, Belleville

Wed. July 9, 7pm, Sidney & Bridge Streets, Belleville

Wed. Aug. 13, 7pm, Sidney & Bridge Streets, Belleville

Sun. Sept.14, 1:30pm, Sidney & Bridge Streets, Belleville

Sat. Oct. 18, 12:00pm, Pinecrest Elementary School, Bloomfield

(Tour of the County)

Elections: (conducted by Past-President Peter VE3UR) As chairman of the Nomination Committee, Peter had a list of those interested in letting their names stand for election, he gave the names and asked for further nominations from the floor. There were none.

As a result, your new executive for 2008-2009 is as follows:

President - Tim Pekkonen VE3UO

Vice-President - Brian Williams VA3BRW

Secretary - Bob Moore VE3QWB

Treasurer - Miles LeClair VE3XDX

Past President - Mike Papper VE3OX

Former Past President Peter Hodgson VE3UR can take a well-deserved rest, thanks for your work Peter.

Door Prizes: 2008-2009 ARRL Repeater Directory won by Eric VE3GSI
"DX Engineering" ball cap won by Al VE3FZ
CQ HF Survivor Guide won by Ron VE3UGU
50/50 Draw: \$ 25.00 won by Dave VE3BIP

Coffee Break at 8pm, while guest speaker Don Shears VE3UHO got set up for his presentation.

After the break, Don gave a very interesting presentation of his time spent working with the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan on the Unoccupied Air Vehicle (UAV) Don assured us his presentation and pictures had been passed for viewing, he was not giving away any secrets.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40, there were 36 in attendance.
Bob Moore, ve3qwb, Secretary.

New Executive Selected

The following is the new Executive of the Quinte Amateur Radio Club for 2008-09, effective July 1, 2008. The campaigning was fierce, and the speeches were memorable, but when all was said and done, and the dust had settled, the following folks emerged as your new Executive:

President:	Tim Pekkonen VE3UO	613-969-8012	tim.ve3uo@gmail.com
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Thanks to Peter Hodgson VE3UR, who is the outgoing 'Past-President', for serving as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

ARRL Field Day.

Saturday June 28 at 2PM local time until Sunday June 29 at 2PM.
This year's Field Day location is the Quinte Conservation Authority Headquarters at 2061 Old Highway 2, just west of Wallbridge-Loyalist Road. Setup will begin between 9 and 10 am. There will be two transmitters. (2 alpha)

Amateur Radio Club Hidden Transmitter Hunts 2008 Schedule.

Wed. June 11, 7pm, Sidney & Bridge Streets, Belleville. There will be 2 transmitters operated by Brian VA3BRW and Peter VE3UR.

Wed. July 9, 7pm, Sidney & Bridge Streets, Belleville. Number of foxes to be determined.

Wed. Aug. 13, 7pm, Sidney & Bridge Streets, Belleville. Number of foxes to be determined.

Sun. Sept. 14, 1:30pm, Sidney & Bridge Streets, Belleville. Number of foxes to be determined.

Sat. Oct. 18, 12:00pm, Pinecrest Elementary School, Bloomfield. The fall tour of the county foxhunt. There will be 3 foxes located somewhere in Prince Edward County.

QARC Membership Update

The QARC dues structure was changed to correspond with the financial year, which runs from July 1 to June 30, so as a result most memberships are now expiring on June 30, 2008. A number of people have already renewed to June 2009. According to our records, the following memberships expire June 30 and annual dues (\$25) from July 2008 to June 2009 are payable: VA3BRT, VA3ECP, VA3GCL, VA3GSI, VA3KRV, VA3PGB/PWS, VA3TNY, VA3UGT, VA3WOW, VE3BFS, VE3CH, VE3CJG/HON, VE3GRA, VE3GSI/HBR, VE3GTS, VE3IVU, VE3JOW, VE3JTR, VE3LRM, VE3MCX, VE3MHY, VE3MNL, VE3NOO, VE3OCC, VE3OWO, VE3SQG, VE3TDZ, VE3UGU, VE3UHO, VE3XDX, VE3YD and VE3ZDG.

Some folks had memberships that expired under the old dues structure during the 2007-08 fiscal year, and partial dues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 are required: VA3VHH (Nov 07), VE3ASR (Nov 07), VE3HNJ (Dec 07), VE3KWM (Dec 07), VE3CWS (Jan 08), VA3ORC (Feb 08), and VE3TFI (Feb 08).

QARC MAY 2008 TREASURERS REPORT

Opening Balance as of May 1, 2007		5344.25
Revenue: Interest	.24	
Memberships	264.00	
Coffee	20.50	
50/50	25.00	
Equipment Sale	<u>15.00</u>	
Total Revenue	324.74	<u>+ 324.74</u>
		5668.99
Expenses: Cheque#213 Tim Pekkonen (repeater power project)	337.02	
Cheque#214 Star Trophies (invoice #7500)	13.56	
Cheque# 215 Dave Ackerman (coffee/newsletter)	43.37	
Cheque#216 Mike Papper (in memory of Orlan Fairman)	<u>25.00</u>	
Total Expenses	418.95	<u>- 418.95</u>
		5250.04
Closing Balance as of May 31, 2008		5250.04

Why we love children . . .

1) NUDITY I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

2) OPINIONS On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

3) KETCHUP A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'

4) MORE NUDITY A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

5) POLICE # 1 While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, 'Are you a cop?' 'Yes,' I answered and continued writing the report. 'My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?' 'Yes, that's right,' I told her. 'Well, then,' she said as she extended her foot toward me, 'would you please tie my shoe?'

6) POLICE # 2 It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. 'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked. 'It sure is,' I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, 'What'd he do?'

7) ELDERLY While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

8) DRESS-UP A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, 'Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit.' 'And why not, darling?' 'You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning.'

9) DEATH While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he goooes.' (I want this line used at my funeral!)

10) SCHOOL A little girl had just finished her first week of school. 'I'm just wasting my time,' she said to her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write and they won't let me talk!'

11) BIBLE A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. 'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'