



March 2009

Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: March 18, 2009 @7:30PM

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

PROGRAM: Richard Jones VE3MHY. His topic will be ferrite cores demystified and their applications in Amateur 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 the QARC Meeting February 18, 2009

Bob Moore, VE3QWB, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Tim at 7:31pm

Executive present: President Tim VE3UO, Vice President Brian VA3BRW, Past President Mike VE3OX, Treasurer Miles VE3XDX, Secretary Bob VE3QWB
Tim welcomed members and one guest: Bob Foley, a friend of Rick VE3KFN.

Tim made the following announcements:

- Trenton ARC Net is on the air again, Sundays 7:00pm on VE3TRN 147.015
- Bay Bridge Net: We are looking to expand Net Controller base (more people!) - also looking for RAC Official Bulletin Station.

- For the Foxhunting Schedule for 2009 from Dave VE3BIP, see the website:

<http://www.qarc.on.ca/foxhunt.htm>

- a reminder that Belleville City Police require CPIC Checks for Community Policing Events. The next date they will be doing checks is on Feb 27 from 2PM to 8PM at Belleville Police Children's Safety Village. If anyone will be volunteering to help with events like the upcoming Pitter Patter run (Sunday April 19), contact Tim, he has the forms for checks and will get them to the Police.

ARES: Bill VA3WOW reported communications were provided for the Eldorado Gold Cup in January and last Saturday at the sled dog races in Bancroft. He thanks everyone that helped.

QARC upcoming meetings/events:

March 18: No presentation arranged, anyone with suggestions contact Tim.

April 15: VE3ALC & CJLX-FM Loyalist College radio Tour & Presentation by Greg VE3CH. Further details to follow

April 19: Pitter Patter run, 5k/10k from Loyalist College. If you can help with communications, contact Tim

May 20: Elections. No presentation arranged, anyone with suggestions contact Tim

June 17: We will be finalizing Field Day plans. No presentation arranged, anyone with suggestions contact Tim

Field Day plans have already begun. We will be operating a 3A installation; one digital mode and we hope to have physical separation of operating positions. Anyone with ideas or suggestions on what and where we hold our Field Day exercise, please contact Tim.

50/50 Draw - \$ 30 was won by Terry VE3GTS

Door Prize - an Icom ball cap donated by Lee VA3LHM was won by George VE3YD Al Taylor VE3WV donated a full set of 2008 QST magazines. These were drawn for with the condition that the recipient NOT be an ARRL member. Congrats to Pat VE3KJP.

We then broke for Coffee Break and Rag Chew. Thanks to Dave and his XYL Leona, for the coffee and great snacks again.

Brian VA3BRW introduced our guest speaker Brian Atkins of Sun Volts Solar. His informative presentation on alternate power installations ended with a Q&A period during which numerous questions were asked and answered. For further information see their website:

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

Before adjournment President Tim announced that one new member joined QARC this evening. Welcome to Bob Culp VA3ACE.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10. Attendance was 29.

Prince Edward Radio Club & Quinte Amateur Radio Club Hidden Transmitter Hunt 2009 Schedule

Sunday March 15 at 1:30PM. Start at Sidney & Bridge St Belleville. This will be a hunt by car. Dave VE3BIP is planning on hiding 2 transmitters.

Sunday April 5 at 1:30PM. Start at Sidney & Bridge St Belleville. This will be a hunt by car. The fox will be determined at the March hunt.

Saturday May 2 at 12 PM until 3PM or until all foxes are found by everyone. This will be the spring **Tour of the County** hunt. There will be 3 transmitters located somewhere in Prince Edward County. The hunt will start at Pinecrest Elementary School Bloomfield.

Wednesday June 10 at 7 PM. The start place is yet to be determined.

Thursday July 2 at 6PM. This will be a turkey shoot format. Hunters will hunt as a team. This is to simulate a group of armatures hunting for an interfering transmitter. The fox will be somewhere in Prince Edward County. The hunters will start at various points around the county.

Wednesday August 12 at 7PM. This will be a walk in the park on foot hunt. The location and number of transmitters are yet to be determined.

Sunday September 20 at 1:30. Start at Sidney & Bridge St Belleville. This will be a hunt by car. The fox will be determined at the August hunt.

Sunday Oct 18 at 12PM until 3PM or until all foxes are found by everyone. This will be the fall **Tour of the County** hunt. There will be 3 transmitters located somewhere in Prince Edward County. The hunt will start at Pinecrest Elementary School Bloomfield.

Sunday November 8 at 1:30 PM. Start at Sidney & Bridge St Belleville. This will be a hunt by car. The fox will be determined at the October hunt.

Foxhunt Rules

Everyone is welcome. If you have never hunted before come to the start location and ride along with one of the more experienced hunters. There is some spare equipment available so ask one of the regular hunters if you may borrow some equipment to try foxhunting.

First transmission will be as noted in the schedule above, and the hunt should be over within 90 minutes or less. (Except for the Tour of the County Foxhunts).

The fox can be anywhere with the following guidelines. Must be heard from the start point. Must be in a public location; i.e. no private property. Must be in a safe location; e.g. not in a high traffic area.

**** Shortest driving distance wins.****

After the hunt we can meet at a location to be determined to do a post hunt analysis, pick a fox for the next month, and discuss other important events of the day.

For more info, contact: Dave Ward, VE3BIP ve3bip@rac.ca

WWW: <http://www.qarc.on.ca/foxhunt.htm> and: <http://qarc.on.ca/countyfox.html>

Flea Markets

Hamex 2009 Mississauga and Peel Amateur Radio Clubs
Saturday, March 28, 2009 Brampton, Ontario

Iroquois Amateur Radio Club
Saturday, April 4, 2009 Iroquois, Ontario

Montreal Amateur Radio Club
Friday, April 10, 2009 Arrondissement de LaSalle (Montreal)

Durham Region Hamfest (33rd Annual)
North Shore ARC & South Pickering ARC Saturday, April 18, 2009
Whitby, Ontario (just east of Toronto, Ontario)

St Lawrence Valley Repeater Council Spring 2009 Meeting – 1:00 PM
Brockville Firehall, 360 Laurier Blvd
Saturday, April 25, 2009 more info: www.slvrc.org

Smiths Falls Flea Market, Celebrating 25 Years
Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club inc.
Saturday, May 9, 2009 Smiths Falls, Ontario

ONTARIO HAMFEST 2009
Burlington Amateur Radio Club
Saturday, July 11, 2009 Milton, Ontario

Hamfest 2009
Brantford Amateur Radio Club
Saturday, August 15, 2009 Burford, Ontario

VHARA HAMFEST
Victoria Haliburton Amateur Radio Association
Saturday, August 22, 2009 Lindsay, Ontario

Ottawa Amateur Radio Club 13th Annual Hamfest
Saturday, September 12, 2009 Ottawa (Carp), ON
(**Note:** this event has moved to the Saturday after the Labour Day week-end)

Barrie-Orillia Hamfest
Barrie Amateur Radio Club & Orillia Amateur Radio Club
Saturday, September 12, 2009

32nd Annual London Amateur Radio Club Flea Market
Sunday, September 27, 2009 London Ontario

Montreal South Shore Annual Hamfest
Club Radio Amateur Rive-Sud de Montreal
Saturday, October 24, 2009 Longueuil/Quebec (10 minutes from downtown Montreal)

ARRL Field Day - June 27 & 28 2009

Field Day plans have already begun. We will be operating a 3A installation; one digital mode and we hope to have physical separation of operating positions.

Three sites have been suggested. Quinte Conservation Belleville, (last years site) at VA3EP Eric Pierce's QTH near Glenora and at the Huffs Island Schoolhouse.

There will be more discussion on this at upcoming PERC & QARC meetings. Anyone with ideas or suggestions on what and where we hold our Field Day exercise please come to the meetings or contact any of the club executive.

Fessenden Radio Day - Sunday, June 14, 2009

Brome County Historical Society Museum, 130 Lakeside Sreet, Knowlton (Lac Brome), QC
11:00 to 15:00 EDT (15:00Z-19:00Z)

The museum exhibits are open from 11 AM to 4:30 PM, out on the same Sunday, the annual fundraising Spring Antique Flea Market will be held outside on the museum grounds. Many Vendors set up their tables and tents by sunrise, but the grounds are huge and lots of space for tables. A canteen will provide visitors with coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches etc. all day and many restaurants are located within a walking distance.

Operating frequencies:

15M, 21250 SSB

20M, 14175 SSB

40M, 7075 SSB

80M, 3775 SSB

CW frequencies 25 khz up from the band edge

QARC FEBRUARY 2009 TREASURERS REPORT

Opening Balance as of February 1, 2009		5597.02
Revenue: Interest	.30	
Memberships	35.00	
Coffee	19.54	
50/50	30.00	
Sale of Study Guide	50.00	
Total Revenue	134.84	<u>+ 134.84</u>
		5731.86
Expenses: Cheque#234 Star Trophies (Invoice#7973)	6.78	
Cheque#235 Dave Ackerman (Coffee/newsletter)	32.06	
Total Expenses	38.84	<u>-38.84</u>
		5693.02
Closing Balance as of February 28, 2009		5693.02

April 15 QARC Meeting - VE3ALC

The April meeting will be a presentation of the history and a tour of the recently relocated **VE3ALC** ham radio station at Loyalist College. As the actual shack is not very big, we will also be able to have a tour of the **CJLX-FM (91X)** radio station as well. Please note the meeting room for this month will room **2H10**, in the main Kente Building of the College. We will return to our regular meeting room in the Pioneer Building in May.

Belleville Community Policing Pitter Patter Run

This year's pitter-patter run will be occurring on **Sunday April 19**. The actual run starts at 10:00 AM. As in previous years a Police Background check is required for all volunteers for this event. At this time it is unknown if another session by the Belleville Police Service will be held before the actual event takes place, therefore we may have a limited pool to call upon for assistance. If you would like to know when then next background checks session will be held, contact Tim VE3UO.

MS SuperCities Walk for MS

This event is scheduled to take place on Sunday May 24, starting and finishing at Moira Secondary School in Belleville. Contact Ron VE3IVC if you are available to assist with this event.

Basic Radio Course

If you know someone that would like to get his/her Amateur Radio license, please contact Mike Papper VE3OX at 613-969-1744 or e-mail at ve3vmp@sympatico.ca for information.

Bay Bridge Net Update - Controllers Wanted

The Tuesday Bay Bridge Net on VE3TJU (146.73 Mhz) at 7:30 PM has been operating for several years in it's current format with a core group of Net Controllers taking the load of acting as the Net Control Station. Some of the controllers have expressed a desire of stepping out of the rotation and taking a lesser role of acting as NCS less frequently.

The Bay Bridge Net is a very informal net and would be a good training ground for anyone wanting to 'get their feet wet' in a net control situation. We are therefore at this time asking for volunteers to act as net controllers either in a fixed rotation, or as a 'fill-in' controller as the need arises. If you are interested in helping out and getting some experience as a net controller in a friendly environment, contact one of the two club Presidents, Art Sinclair VE3SQG (PERC), or Tim Pekkonen VE3UO (QARC).

At the same time the role of the **Official Bulletin Station (OBS)** should be looked at. Keith Harvey VA3KRV has been the OBS for the Net for a good period of time now and is looking to pass the torch on to another person at this time. Keith would be willing to work with the new OBS in order to ensure the transition is a smooth one. Please contact Keith for more information on the role and duties of the OBS.

Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) has a new President

At the February 24th, 2009 Radio Amateurs of Canada Board teleconference meeting, President **Dave Goodwin, VE3AAQ/VO1AU**, announced that he was resigning his position effective immediately. Dave indicated that his decision was motivated by his inability to devote enough time to RAC affairs because of a recent increase in personal and professional responsibilities.

Dave became RAC President on Jan 1st, 2008 at the end of President Earle Smith's tenure. All attending the teleconference thanked Dave for the time he could devote to RAC's affairs both as a Director and then as President.

At the same teleconference meeting, the RAC Board elected **Bob Cooke, VE3BDB**, to be the RAC President until the end of the current term on Dec 31, 2009. Bob has a long history of working with RAC. His involvement started in the early 1990s as an Assistant Director and he was elected and served as RAC Ontario South Director from November 2001 to January 2005. He was then elected by the RAC Board as Vice president for Field Services, serving from January 2006 to February 2009 when he resigned to accept the appointment as President.

Daniel A. Lamoureux, VE2KA,
Vice President for International Affairs, Radio Amateurs of Canada

RAC new Vice President for Field Services

February 26, 2009

The Radio Amateurs of Canada Board of Directors has appointed **Sue Cooke, VE3SUH**, as Vice President for Field Services. She will act as VPFS for the remainder of a two-year term which ends December 31, 2009, or until a permanent replacement is identified and appointed, whichever comes first. Former VPFS Bob Cooke, VE3BDB, resigned from that post to accept appointment as the RAC President. Both appointments were made at a Board meeting on February 24, 2009.

Sue brings to the VPFS position a wealth of experience in administration, having spent 30 years with the Ontario Government service. She has been a licenced Radio Amateur for nearly ten years and her operating qualifications include Morse Code. Sue's previous service with RAC embraces three years as an Assistant Director in Ontario South Region, two years as an Official Bulletin Station and a two-year term as RAC's Corporate Secretary. She is a RAC Certified Emergency Co-ordinator, having successfully completed the CEC exam.

Daniel A. Lamoureux, VE2KA
Vice President for External Affairs, Radio Amateurs of Canada

FARM KID

(NOW AT San Diego MARINE CORPS RECRUIT TRAINING)

Dear Ma and Pa,

I am well. Hope you are. Tell Brother Walt and Brother Elmer the Marine Corps beats working for old man Minch by a mile. Tell them to join up quick before all of the places are filled. I was restless at first because you get to stay in bed till nearly 6 a.m. But I am getting so I like to sleep late. Tell Walt and Elmer all you do before breakfast is smooth your cot, and shine some things. No hogs to slop, feed to pitch, mash to mix, wood to split, fire to lay. Practically nothing.

Men got to shave but it is not so bad, there's warm water. Breakfast is strong on trimmings like fruit juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, etc., but kind of weak on chops, potatoes, ham, steak, fried eggplant, pie and other regular food, but tell Walt and Elmer you can always sit by the two city boys that live on coffee. Their food, plus yours, holds you until noon when you get fed again. It's no wonder these city boys can't walk much.

We go on 'route marches,' which the platoon sergeant says are long walks to harden us. If he thinks so, it's not my place to tell him different. A 'route march' is about as far as to our mailbox at home. Then the city guys get sore feet and we all ride back in trucks.

The sergeant is like a schoolteacher. He nags a lot. The Captain is like the school board. Majors and colonels just ride around and frown. They don't bother you none.

This next will kill Walt and Elmer with laughing. I keep getting medals for shooting. I don't know why. The bulls-eye is near as big as a chipmunk head and don't move, and it ain't shooting at you like the Higgett boys at home. All you got to do is lie there all comfortable and hit it. You don't even load your own cartridges they come in boxes.

Then we have what they call hand-to-hand combat training. You get to wrestle with them city boys. I have to be real careful though, they break real easy. It ain't like fighting with that ole bull at home. I'm about the best they got in this except for that Tug Jordan from over in Silver Lake. I only beat him once.. He joined up the same time as me, but I'm only 5'6' and 130 pounds and he's 6'8' and near 300 pounds dry.

Be sure to tell Walt and Elmer to hurry and join before other fellers get onto this setup and come stampeding in.

Your loving daughter,
Alice