



March 2010

Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: March 17, 2010 @7:30PM

LOCATION: Loyalist College (Pioneer Building) Room P-1

PROGRAM: Our Annual 'Show and Tell' Evening. Please bring along any new Amateur related 'toys' you might have recently acquired or project you're working on, or a recent QSL card or Certificate you want to brag about.

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

**QARC HomePage <http://www.qarc.on.ca/> webspace provided by:
Hay-Net Networks
Hay-net.net**

Monthly Meetings: 3rd Wednesday 7:30 PM Loyalist College
(Pioneer Bldg.) Room P-1

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

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Minutes of QARC meeting 17 FEB 2010

Bob Moore, VE3QWB, Secretary, Quinte Amateur Radio Club

The meeting was called to order by President Tim at 7:30 Executive present: President Tim VE3UO Vice President Dave VE3UGT, Treasurer Miles VE3XDX & Secretary Bob VE3QWB

Tim welcomed everyone and Introduced our guests: Kristy Mills, Ron Sweet & Jeff Watkins VE3OWT who will put on a presentation of the Red Cross' 72 hour Emergency Preparedness program."

A reminder to everyone of the upcoming Community Policing Pitter-Patter Run on Sunday April 11. There is a revised procedure for volunteer background checks. Monday to Friday contact Constable George Bongard and identify yourself as a member of QARC, he will hold our paperwork and keep it all together. (Don't forget to bring two pieces of ID, one of which MUST be photo-ID.) If you are able to help with communications please contact Tim VE3UO.

On Sunday May 30 is the Super Cities walk for MS. If you are able to help with communications for this event, please contact Mike VE3OX or George VE3YD. For walk details, see the MS website at <http://tiny.cc/pZW0I>

Tim also reminds everyone of Field Day on June 26 & 27, 2010. Both PERC and QARC are looking for location ideas and are looking at last year's Field Day, asking what should be done differently, how can things be improved. Two deficiencies already identified from last year:

- 1) Bug proof accomodation required
- 2) Higher supports required for wire antennas.

A reminder to members, the meeting in May will include our annual election of club executive. Please consider letting your name stand for any position; President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary. As always, the Past President will run the elections, this year it will be Mike VE3OX. Please contact him if you or someone you know would be interested in letting your name stand for any position in the election. New incoming officers can depend on out-going officers to help them learn the ropes.

ARES Report

Bill VA3WOW reports that there were 23 teams taking part in last Saturday's sled dog races in Bancroft. Seven did the 50-mile course; others did the 20-mile course. There were 6 amateurs helping with communications. It was a good day, they didn't lose anybody. Loyalist District ARES meeting on the 10th of April, 9:30am, at Essroc Canada Inc near Picton. The meeting is for ARES coordinators from the District (Kingston & area, Hastings County, Belleville, Quinte West, and Prince Edward County) but anyone interested in attending is welcome. If you plan to attend, please contact Bill VA3WOW.

Tim asked again if there was any interest in putting on an Antenna Project, A few people have expressed an interest in a Moxon antenna. No firm plans have been set yet, but contact Dave VE3BIP or Dave VE3UGT if you're interested in the Moxon antenna project.

Repeater Report:

Tim reported the VHF repeater is working fine. It is set to ignore short mic clicks when not being used, so if you want to make a call, key up for a second or two, then start talking. Once the repeater has been opened, it will work normally. The UHF repeater is out of service. Dave VE3BIP is working on it, as time permits.

Coffee Break. Dave VE3UGT supplied coffee and goodies. Thanks to Dave's XYL Leona for the baking.

After the break our guests from Red Cross gave a very interesting and informative presentation. See their website for lots of helpful information: <http://tinyurl.com/yao6ozz>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50, but some folks stayed, visited, asked questions and picked up Red Cross handouts. Total attendance: 23.

Memorial Service for Ron Chapman (VE3IVC)

There will be a Memorial Service for Ron on **Saturday May 1, 2010** at 1:00 PM at the Burke Funeral Home, 150 Church St in Belleville.

Field Day 2010 – June 26 & 27

The Prince Edward Radio Club made a motion to hold Field Day at Eric VA3EP's place on Bradley Cross Road near Lake On The Mountain in Prince Edward County again this year. Art VE3SQG asked Tim to mention at our meeting that QARC is more than welcome to join them as always. Tim will be asking for a motion at QARC meeting to join them again this year at Eric's. There were a few 'issues' identified last year, but if we get working at organizing earlier this year we can hopefully resolve them.

Fox Hunting

The first foxhunt of the 2010-year will be on **Sunday, Mar 21**. The hunt will start at 1:30 at corner of Bridge and Sidney St. We are looking for someone to be the fox. If you have a spot that you think might stump the hunters please contact any of the regular hunters. (VE3BIP, VE3UO, VE3UR or VE3UGT)

Sunday March 21 1:30 PM starting at Sidney & Bridge St Belleville.

Sunday April 18 1:30 PM starting at Sidney & Bridge St Belleville.

Saturday May 1 This will be the spring **Tour of The County** hunt. Starting at 12PM at Pinecrest School, Bloomfield.

Wednesday June 9 7 PM. The start point is to be determined by the Fox. Check on VE3QAR repeater on the day of the hunt for start point.

Wednesday July 14 7 PM. The start point is to be determined by the Fox. Check on VE3QAR repeater on the day of the hunt for start point.

Wednesday August 11 7 PM. The start point is to be determined by the Fox. Check on VE3QAR repeater on the day of the hunt for start point.

Sunday September 19 1:30 PM starting at Sidney & Bridge St Belleville.

Sunday October 17. This will be the fall **Tour of The County** hunt. Starting at 12PM at Pinecrest School, Bloomfield.

Sunday November 7 1:30 PM starting at Sidney & Bridge St Belleville.

Check on VE3QAR (146.985-) to confirm there will be a hunt.

More Info on-line at: <http://www.qarc.on.ca/files/foxhunt.htm> .

Mobile Operating

Bill 118 has been in effect since Oct 26, 2009, and the initial warning period has ended as of Feb 1, 2010. Police in Ontario will pull over and issue fines to drivers seen texting or talking on cellular telephones. It is entirely likely that some amateur radio operators, who are legally exempt from Bill 118 until **January 1, 2013**, will be stopped if they are seen to be operating their mobile radio equipment. In order to prevent any unnecessary delay, Canadian Amateurs in Ontario should consider carrying a copy of their Certificate of Proficiency plus a copy of the exemptions section of Bill 118.

This applies to your mobile radio only. The radio must be mounted in the vehicle. A hand held radio is not exempt.

If you are stopped by police for operating your two-way radio equipment, Radio Amateurs of Canada would very much like to hear from you. RAC will be keeping a record of any such stops for possible future use in our ongoing talks with government officials.

Heathkit DX100 Wanted

Richard Jones VE3MHY is looking for a Heathkit DX100, does anyone have one or know of one dead or alive? He used to have one many years ago and had many hours of fun with it, repairing, operating fixing again! If you have one you would part with please contact Richard at gw0mhy@yahoo.co.uk .



Maplecon 2010 A Gathering of QRPers in Ontario

WHAT: Maplecon 2010 QRP Gathering

WHEN: August 20-22, 2010

WHERE: Emily Provincial Park, Omemee, Ontario

Please note that Ontario Parks Reservation policy will not allow reservations more than 2 months prior. 100% confirmation of the group site cannot be made until June 20th.

THEME: Portable, Emergency Ready Communications

WHY: To gather with fellow QRPers for a fun/relaxing weekend of camping, QRP operating, demonstrations, telling of tall tales, show & tell, swap/trade/sell of equipment surplus to your needs, and chance to win fabulous prizes!

WHO: QRPers from across Ontario and the surrounding areas

ACTIVITIES:

- World's Simplest Antenna Building Contest included with every paid registration, with prizes to the winners!
 1. Create and build a homebrew antenna
 2. Bring it with you to the event
 3. Set it up and use it to make QSOs
 4. Attendees to vote on best design, and a performance based winner too
- BBQ lunch
- Sunday morning Coffee and Donuts
- Portable QRP Operating set-ups, learn from the other attendees
- Chance to meet other QRPers face-to-face and exchange ideas and discuss radio
- Swap / Trade / Sell Saturday afternoon
- Attendance Draw Prizes and Raffle Prize - Operate the "Official Event Station" VE3CW

Registration is open - **COST:** \$20

For PayPal or Credit Card Payments: see website:

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/wjhetherington/maplecon.htm>

To pay by cheque, Email: Jeff VA3JFF - va3jff@yahoo.ca

Includes tent camping at the group site (sorry, no trailers permitted on the group site)

Park access fees are extra and paid at the gate (2009 fees were \$4 per person and \$3 per vehicle)

BBQ Lunch on Saturday - Attendance Door Prize - Registration package for each attendee

Upcoming Hamfests & Fleamarkets

Ham-Ex 2010

Peel and Mississauga Radio Clubs
Saturday, March 27, 2010 - Brampton, Ontario

IRAC Fourteenth Annual Flea Market

Iroquois Amateur Radio Club
Saturday, April 3, 2010 - Iroquois, Ontario

The 34th Durham Region Amateur Radio Hamfest

The North Shore ARC and the South Pickering ARC
Saturday, April 17, 2010 - Whitby, Ontario

Smiths Falls Flea Market

Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club inc.
Saturday, May 8, 2010 - Smiths Falls, Ontario

Central Ontario Hamfest & Fleamarket

Guelph ARC & Kitchener-Waterloo ARC
Sunday, June 6, 2010 - Cambridge, Ontario

Belleville Pitter Patter Run 5 & 10 K

This year the Pitter-Patter run will be on **Sunday April 11** at Loyalist College in Belleville starting at 10:00 AM. This event is sponsored by Belleville Community Policing and therefore anyone volunteering for this event is required to have a Police background check done. However this can be done Monday to Friday at the Belleville Children's Safety Village, which is located on John St, south of Dundas St E, and BEHIND the Police Service Building. Ask for Constable George Bongard, or Jodi Donovan, who is the Community Policing Chairperson. And don't forget two pieces of ID, one of which must have a photo on it. If you have any further questions, please contact Tim VE3UO.

2010 Belleville MS Walk

This event will be held on **Sunday May 30**, starting and finishing at Moira Secondary School in Belleville. If you are able to help with communications for this event, please contact Mike VE3OX or George VE3YD. For walk details, see the MS Society of Canada website at <http://tiny.cc/pZW0I>