



October 2010

Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: Oct 20, 2010 @7:30PM

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

PROGRAM: Keith Harvey VA3KRV will give a presentation on the restoration of a recently acquired 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

QARC HomePage <http://www.qarc.on.ca/> webspace provided by:
Hay-Net Networks
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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 Meeting Minutes September 2010

- Meeting called to order by President Tim VE3UO at 7:30.
- Executive Present:
 - President Tim VE3UO
 - Vice President Dave VE3UGT
 - Treasurer Miles VE3XDX
 - Past-President Mike VE3OX

Tim welcomed everyone back after the summer. We had one guest, Mike Callan VE3TJY. Mike is a student at Loyalist College.

Tim asked for a motion to accept the minutes from June. A motion was made by Mike VE3OX, seconded by Keith VA3KRV. All present were in favour.

Memberships were due as of July 1st. 32 members have not renewed so far.

Instead of a formal meeting during the summer some members met for dinner. July was at the Boathouse Restaurant. August dinner was at the Buffet Gardens.

Field day was held again this year as a joint effort with Prince Edward Radio Club. The location was the same as last year on land owned by Eric Pierce VA3EP. A special thanks was given to Kevin Maylin VA3THB for the good food.

A yard sale of Ham equipment was held on Aug 28 at Brian Williams QTH. Items for the sale were donated by Bob Brain VE3GTD, Joann Woods VE3MNL and from the estate of Ron Chapman. \$2342.00 was raised for the club. Thanks to Bob, Joanne and the Chapman family.

There are still a few items for sale including two towers.

On Sunday September 12 a few club members provided communications for The Belleville Runners Club. They had a 10K and half marathon.

Mike VE3OX announced that the basic course will begin October 13. He has 6 students interested. Only 2 have confirmed. The course will run on Monday and Wednesday until November 29th with the exam being written on December 6th. The classroom is at the Belleville Police Children's Safety Village.

A decision will be made closer to the start as to continue with the course. Eric VA3EP is unable to help at this time. Doug VE3ZDG will be the examiner.

Tim asked if there was any interest in the upcoming foxhunt on Sunday. There was no response. The fall tour of the county hunt will be held Sunday Oct 17. Someone is needed to look after the refreshments and one more person is needed to be a fox.

Halloween Safe Streets SUN Oct 31. In order to participate you will need an up to date police check. CPIC checks are done at no cost for volunteers every second Tuesday (next Sept 28 12-5 PM)

The Christmas dinner will be the 2nd Wednesday of December. The location will be decided later.
ARES Report - Doug VE3ZDG:

Our group, Hastings group, Frontenac Group and Kingston group will be participating in a Loyalist District ARES exercise on Sunday, 7 November 2010, in the morning.

We are looking for operators who can commit to this date. These are the roles:

Mobile: Should have 50-60 watt radio, power supply, battery, prepared to operate from vehicle, client radio, or client antenna with or without power. Should be familiar with formal message traffic handling. These operators report to a staging manager near the 401 at Napanee about 9:30 am and are dispatched two to a location from there.

Staging Manager: There will be two staging managers working together, one from this group. The managers will be parked side by side in a parking lot, using talk-in frequency as well as the operational frequency at 50-60 watts from their vehicles. Their job will be to check in mobile operators and dispatch them as requested by the Community Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. They will hand out dispatch tickets, as well as maps and briefing notes prepared for them.

Monitor and Relay: This function is done from the operators home station. The station should have good 2 metre coverage of the Napanee area and email close to the radio. Should be familiar with formal message traffic handling.

I would appreciate it if you would all reply to me at dmonk@kos.net with a copy to the District Coordinator, Bill Milligan at VA3WOW@rac.ca by the end of the month. If you are not available please reply saying so. If you are, please indicate which roles you can perform (perhaps all three.) If you are available but do not have the full range of equipment please reply saying this, and we will pair you with another operator. If you have a dual-band repeater in your vehicle please let me know.

New Business:

Tim asked if there was any interest in forming a local chapter of the quarter century wireless club. Net controllers are needed for the Bay Bridge Net. Keith VA3KRV would like someone to take over as bulletin manager.

There were no 50/50 or door prize draws.

After the break Doug Monk VE3ZDG gave an interesting talk on the marine radio system. Keith Harvey VA3KRV gave us a hint on his topic for next month.

Halloween Safe Streets

We will most likely be assisting Belleville Community Policing with the Safe Streets project. If haven't had a Background check done this year, then one will be required again. However the Belleville police service has changed their scheduled free background check days, and are now doing them on a bi-weekly basis at the Children's Safety Village. Contact Tim VE3UO ve3uo@rac.ca for details.

The Community Policing Facilitator will be collecting the completed forms this week (Oct 11-15) for ALL volunteers, so this means we can go to the Community Policing Office (located at the Children's Safety Village BEHIND the Police Station) this week and fill in the forms there. Just be sure to mention that you're a volunteer from the Ham Radio club for Halloween Safe Streets. And of course don't forget two pieces of ID - one of which must be a photo-ID.

Canadian Emergency Management College

Bill Milligan (VA3WOW) ... Loyalist A.R.E.S. District Emergency Coordinator.

I was recently offered an opportunity to attend the Canadian Emergency Management College in Ottawa. I met many people, including a former club-mate whom I had not seen in 15 years, and experienced the stress of providing communication during a simulated disaster.

I was informed that the site was a former convent which has replaced the "Emergency Preparedness College" in Arnprior as Canada's emergency training centre.

There were three areas of operation: the simulation room (from which the instructors fed information to the "emergency responders" regarding what was said to be happening), the site (the simulated incident site, where the incident was said to be taking place) and the Emergency Operations Centre (where students acted as police chief, fire chief, etc. and plans were made). Students were first-responders representing police, fire, social services, transportation, community-works, etc. departments from across Canada. The mayor's position was filled by an actual mayor from the Sudbury area. College staff played the roles of reporters, contractors, etc. Press conferences and news reports were pre-recorded and played over the closed-circuit televisions.

It was my role, as one of nine amateur radio operators, to provide communication for all three sites (in 3 different exercises). The college provided my room, meals and traveling expenses. I helped to pass messages to and from emergency responders from all over Canada who were there to learn how to operate under the pressure of an emergency situation.

Each of the three rooms contained a large map on a central table. Round discs represented resources that were being deployed. A camera over the map-table in the simulation room was broadcast to the simulated incident site on closed-circuit tv. Desks were situated around the perimeter of the room for each service. Each desk had a designation plate (example, "police") and a site map of the incident site on the wall. Most desks had a telephone.

(During the final exercise the phones were cut off which forced all communication to be handled through amateur radio simplex transmissions.)

As well as using amateur radio to replace phone transmission of information, it was used in all three exercises to provide a flow of information from the simulation room to the other sites in order to control the flow of the exercise (example: "phone service goes down").

Each room contained a fax machine for simulation of digital messages. The amateur radio operators at each site numbered, logged, sent and received all faxed messages.

I enjoyed the experience, learned much and hope that I will be able to return to gain more experience in the future. ...

Tour of the County Foxhunt

This is a reminder of the Tour of the County Foxhunt on Sunday October 17. Hunt starts at 12 noon at Pinecrest School in Bloomfield. Info on line at <http://www.qarc.on.ca/files/countyfox.html>.

Radio Amateurs of Canada

Geoff Bawden VE4BAW – Président, Radio Amateurs du Canada

Fellow amateur radio operators:

The Board and Executive of the Radio Amateurs of Canada are meeting at the end of October to develop a vision for RAC in the 21st Century. In addition we will be establishing a two year operational plan for 2011 and 2012.

We are asking current, past and future potential members of Radio Amateurs of Canada, amateur radio clubs and associations to provide your thoughts and recommendations on a set of questions found on which will be found on our website. We would appreciate receiving your response by October 20th.

We have already received submissions from a number of members, clubs and associations and we wish to thank-you for your input. Feel free to add to your previous comments.

Please visit the RAC website at <http://www.rac.ca/en/rac/strategic-future/survey/> to provide your input

What is your vision of what RAC should be achieving in the 21st Century?

How do you wish to be consulted on the proposed vision? [TCA is the communication vehicle with the largest take-up by members but there are other channels of communication]

What services from RAC do you value the most? [TCA, liability insurance, band planning, QSL bureau, website, blog, RAC bulletins, Director's bulletins, Canada and Winter Day Contests, engagement on the international scene with the International Amateur Radio Union and other international bodies, engagement with Industry Canada, spectrum protection, Field Services, CEPT certificates, RAC email alias, other] Please identify and explain.

What services do you value the least? Please identify and explain.

How can the RAC support and promote local club membership?

How can the RAC support and promote Field Service membership [ARES]?

What are your preferred communication channels from RAC to members, amateurs and clubs? [TCA, bulletins, website, blog, email, other]

What would you or your friends be prepared to pay for membership?

Would you like to see a tiered membership fee with tiered services e.g. with or without TCA or with or without QSL bureau?

Would you prefer TCA as an electronic journal?

Would you be prepared to be a RAC volunteer: Field Services, Executive position, Director, Assistant Director, or another position?

What have we forgotten to ask you?

Please forward your responses on the questions above to VO1PRB@RAC.CA by October 20th. Thank you for helping to enhance amateur radio in Canada.

Paul Burggraaf, VO1PRB
RAC Corporate Secretary

Silent Keys

Alan Davis VE3HNJ passed away last Sunday Oct 10. Visitation and Service this Friday afternoon Oct 15 at McConnell Funeral Home in *Tweed*.

Vallentin (Val) Reitav VE3JOW passed away Sunday Oct 10. Visitation and Service Saturday Oct 16 12 noon at McConnell Funeral Home in *Madoc*.

Tim Pekkonen's (VE3UO) mother (Mrs Rauni Pekkonen) passed away Sunday Oct 10 in Belleville. There will be a graveside service this Friday afternoon at Belleville Cemetery.