

# Quinte 'QRM'

Newsletter of the Quinte Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
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## NOTICE OF MEETING:

**DATE / TIME:** Wednesday, November 16, 2011 @ 7:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Loyalist College (Pioneer Building) Room P-2  
284B Wallbridge-Loyalist Rd, Belleville

**PROGRAM:** Nostalgia Night – A look back at the good old days of QARC and Amateur Radio – see next page for more details.

**Club Repeaters:** VE3QAR: 146.985 Mhz / 444.475 Mhz. (118.8 Hz PL)  
**Weekly VHF Net:** Tuesdays 7:30 PM on PERC Repeater VE3TJU 146.730

**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 Rd, Belleville

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## **Richard (Dick) Hayes VE3EER – SK**

It is with sadness that we record the passing of Dick Hayes VE3EER of Foxboro, ON on Wednesday November 2, 2011. The Funeral Service was held on Saturday November 5 at the John R. Bush Funeral Home in Belleville. Donations in memory of Dick can be made to either the Canadian Cancer Society or the BGH Foundation - Intensive Care Unit.

### **This Month's Meeting Agenda**

This month's meeting will be a Nostalgia Night. Please look through your archives and bring in an old photo, newsletter or some other piece of memorabilia from years gone by. As we move forward in time it's always fun to look back at the club and Amateur Radio of years ago. Perhaps recently licensed Amateurs will get a look at 'the good old days'?

Also at this month's meeting there will be a spreadsheet list compiled by Dave VE3UGT of all current and past members of QARC. We are trying to get a list of all past members along with the years they were members. The old meeting sign in books were used to update some of the list. Some of the Ham's that signed the meeting book may not have been members. Please bring any history of our past members you have. Most likely your memory will be the best help. So far we have 240 on the list.

The recently purchased FT-450D and Samlex power supply will also be at the meeting so members can have a look at our newest acquisition.

### **Callsign Look up Site Shutdown**

The call sign look-up site ([www.callsign.ca](http://www.callsign.ca)) has been shut down. It has a link which points to the Industry Canada web site. It seems to be slow and inefficient. For example, when one searches for a two-letter call, all calls (2 & 3 letter) will appear in a list. This takes about 30 seconds to 1 minute... EGADS!

Also Industry Canada has put up a new self serve site for Amateur Radio. In addition to callsign look-ups, one can also report change of address and request a replacement Amateur Radio Certificate. The new site URL is: [http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/025.nsf/eng/h\\_00001.html](http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/025.nsf/eng/h_00001.html)

### **QARC Christmas Dinner**

As reported in last month's minutes, The QARC Christmas Dinner will be held Wednesday **December 14** at the Red Rock Canyon, 365 North Front St, Belleville at **6:00 PM**. Please RSVP to Mike Papper VE3OX at 613-969-1744 or [ve3vmp@sympatico.ca](mailto:ve3vmp@sympatico.ca).

## **RAC Distracted Driving Committee meets with MTO Officials**

On October 20<sup>th</sup> the same day that the Honourable Bob Chiarelli was sworn in as the new Minister of Transportation, Steve Pengelly, VE3STV former RAC HLC, Jeff Stewart, VA3WXM Southern Ontario Director and Bill Unger, VE3XT North East Ontario Director met with the Assistant Deputy Minister – Road User Safety Division and the Director – Safety Policy and Education Branch.

One of the questions we were asked is why Amateurs believe we deserve an exemption to operate while mobile. We explained that in order to be proficient in the use of our radio systems including mobiles and repeaters, in order to ensure they are always in working order and in order to ensure we know where they work best and where they don't work well at all, we must continually test them. This is done by daily usage and by providing community service to many diverse groups across the Province. They were told that many communities rely on the Amateur Radio Operators in their areas as part of their emergency preparedness plans. They were also advised that Amateurs have installed, at no expense to the taxpayer, a communications infrastructure that provides a backup to existing telecommunications systems in which authorities can have confidence.

We demonstrated a 2 Metre radio to them and illustrated the difference between Simplex using PTT and Duplex with cell phones. We emphasized that to use our radios and communicate we did not have to remove our eyes from the road.

It was also brought to their attention that we are a relatively small group of private individuals and for us to continue our public service while having to comply with the new legislation, could be a financial hardship on some Amateurs.

The Ministry Officials raised several other questions as to why we cannot comply with the legislation. They were answered with solid technical and operational explanations as to the difficulties we would encounter in order to do this.

A reasoned set of arguments was presented to allay their concerns regarding safety and to explain why Amateurs should be treated differently than others and exempted on a permanent basis.

Ontario has committed to consult with RAC early in the New Year on this matter so a permanent solution can be found prior to January 2013.

Bill Unger VE3XT, Chair

## Minutes – QARC Monthly Meeting – October 19, 2011

### Executive Present:

President Tim VE3UO

Secretary Bob VE3QWB

Treasurer Dave VE3UGT

Items for a silent auction were lined up on the front row of tables and drew a lot of attention before the meeting.

Once everyone got seated, President Tim VE3UO opened the meeting at 7:32

Moment of Silence for Silent Key Burton Moore VE3KFF.

Tim then mentioned that the Weather Net is no longer operating, after being on the air for 23 years. He then welcomed guests, members and new members, including Chris VA3SM, Ted VE3FUL, Bob VA3SLO and a student of the current course, Jim McBride.

Financial Report as per Newsletter - Dave VE3UGT.

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Peter VE3UR, seconded by George VE3GCG that QARC purchase a Yaesu FT-450D and Samlex Power supply (\$1084.80) from Radioworld. Prince Edward Radio Club has already voted to purchase the same radio. Reasons for QARC to also purchase one: both clubs do several events together, members would be familiar with radio operation with both clubs. The FT-450D has a built in tuner and keyer. Both the radio and the power supply are portable and easy to carry. We will also look at a carrying case for radio and power supply for ease of transportation and set up. Motion was CARRIED.

Halloween Safe Streets: QARC will not be participating this year due to lack of persons with valid background checks. Interested members will be asked to obtain valid checks annually starting Jan 2012 in order to be able to help with Pitter-Patter Run and Safe Streets 2012. The Community Policing Office will now be required to keep paperwork on file.

Radio Course Up-date: There are 12 students in the current class, running Mondays and Wednesdays at Children's Safety Village. Exam night is Wed Dec 7.

The QARC and PERC Tour of The County Foxhunt last Sunday saw nine (9 !) teams participating. For details see Dave VE3BIP's foxhunt web page.

### Upcoming Hamfests:

Sat Nov 5: York Region Hamfest Markham Fairgrounds.

**Sat Nov 12:** Kingston ARC breakfast and Fleamarket at Communications Museum. Info on KARC website.

## Minutes (cont'd) ..

QARC Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday Dec 14 at Red Rock Canyon, 365 North Front St, Belleville, at 6:00 PM. If you plan to attend, please contact Mike Papper [ve3vmp@sympatico.ca](mailto:ve3vmp@sympatico.ca) so he can reserve seats.

ARES Report: Bill VA3WOW gave details of the Loyalist District Exercise to be held on Sat. Oct. 22. There will be a District Net Control set up to communicate with sub-net-controls in Frontenac, Hastings, Kingston and Prince Edward areas, using HF and VHF. He also informed us of the Loyalist District ARES Meeting Sunday Oct. 23, 9:30, at ESSROC in Picton. The meeting starts at 9:30, will end around noon, followed by lunch at Chesterfields Restaurant, downtown Picton. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. For more details see [www.loyalistares.com](http://www.loyalistares.com).

Keith VA3KRV told us how the Weather Net shrank to a size of only four or five observers checking in. Since there are a lot of automated weather stations giving reports, it was decided to stop running the Weather Net. As a result, he had several pages of interesting information that was gathered over the years that should be archived, and he wanted to pass them on to someone who would do so. President Tim said he would take care of them.

Keith also mentioned that Patricia Plow VE3PBN has photo equipment for sale, anyone interested, contact Keith at [va3krv@persona.ca](mailto:va3krv@persona.ca).

Cliff VA3CAF advised that Dave VE3MDK is back home, recovering from a heart attack.

Tim reports it is time to renew our RAC insurance, this year it will cost the club approx. \$ 550.00 It is also time for members to renew their membership in QARC.

The 50/50 draw was won by Jim McBride, \$16.50

During the break, folks looked over the assortment of items up for sale; antennas, radios and accessories. Thanks to Gary VE3IVU for the snacks and drinks.

After the break the Silent Auction was closed and sold items were given to their new owners, with monies given to the treasurer.

Adjournment was at 9pm. There were 34 in attendance.

Bob Moore, VE3QWB [ve3qwb@rac.ca](mailto:ve3qwb@rac.ca) , Secretary, QARC

## North East Ontario Regional Directors Report for November, 2011



The monthly meeting of the Regional Directors was held on October 28, 2011. In reviewing the financial reports presented to the board we are actually operating in the black again. Not by a large margin, but we are clawing our way to fiscal stability. The other bit of good news we heard was that our membership is also stable now. We were losing more members than were signing up and that has also changed. Membership is steady and one of the points I want to focus on in 2012 is to increase regular membership and those Amateurs who can step up to be Maple Leaf Members. Amateurs all across Canada are realising it's important to support

their national organization.

I would also like to welcome Frank Greene the new Office Administer. Frank brings a wealth of business experience and hope you get a chance to say hello to him soon.

There are some changes to RAC Insurance, please see the last RAC Report or the RAC Web page for more info.

The first communiqué of the Ontario Ares Restructuring Committee has been presented to the Amateurs of Ontario. You can see the full statement at the RAC web site and I encourage you to read it and comment. We have made suggestions but it's your Section and if you don't speak up we won't know what you are thinking.

Also in October, Steve VE3STV our former HLC and Jeff, VA3WXM Southern Ontario Director and myself met with the MTO's ADM and his Director for Policy in Toronto. The entire report is on the RAC web page and I encourage you to read it all. We presented a reasoned and logical report and then answered the questions they had. MTO have committed to contact us early in 2012 with their comments and follow up. Here is the link for both of the documents: <http://www.rac.ca/>

We are still in need of a Treasurer as Margret is pursuing her studies and schooling does not leave her with a lot of time for RAC. I have to say thanks to Margret as she has done a WONDERFUL job in that position and thanks to her, Chris and now Frank our books are in good shape. If you have some financial experience and are proficient in Quick Books would you consider helping out RAC? If you're interested contact me at the email below.

When talking to, Don VE3HOL in Timmins he told me that their club was chosen by ICOM to receive a new DStar repeater and they are busy setting it up. Congratulations to them. Could we see an article and pictures in the RAC Report some time ahead?

Finally this is a bit of a heads up that the Board is thinking of publishing TCA as an e-magazine early next year. We feel Amateurs are a tech savvy group and will adapt to this new format. Tell me what you think.

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at [ve3xt@rac.ca](mailto:ve3xt@rac.ca).

Bill VE3XT  
North East Ontario  
Regional Director

## QARC Treasurers Report

<b>Revenue</b>	Month to Date Oct 1 to Oct 30, 2011	Month to Date Nov 1 to Nov 30, 2011	Year to Date July 1 2011 to Date
Opening Balance	\$8,985.64	\$8,607.17	\$9,098.11
Membership dues 2010/11	\$225.00		\$475.00
Membership dues 2011/12			\$25.00
Coffee @ meeting	\$25.58		\$36.54
Radio course fees	\$800.00		\$800.00
Donations to club	\$78.99		\$78.99
50/50 Draw	\$16.50		\$16.50
Bank Interest			\$0.18
Sale of club equipment	\$136.00		\$136.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$1,282.07	\$0.00	\$1,568.21
<b>Expenses</b>			
News letter printing			\$53.15
Coffee supplies for meeting	\$78.99		\$101.88
Course expences	\$468.50	\$37.29	\$505.79
PO box yearly fee			\$152.55
Incorperation anual fee			\$0.00
Star Trophies			\$3.96
Fox Hunt			\$0.00
Field Day			\$124.18
QARC Domain Renual	\$28.25		\$28.25
Donations		\$25.00	\$25.00
Christmas Dinner			\$0.00
Insurance			\$0.00
Misc	\$1,084.80		\$1,126.68
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$1,660.54	\$62.29	\$2,121.44
<b>Net Revenue</b>	-\$378.47	-\$62.29	-\$553.23
<b>Closing Balance</b>	\$8,607.17	\$8,544.88	\$8,544.88

## Kingston ARC Hamfest - Saturday Nov 12

Location is the Military Communications & Electronics Museum, 95 Craftsman Blvd - Take Hwy 2, about 1 km East of Hwy 15 – opposite Vimy Barracks entrance. Talk-in on VE3KBR 146.94 (tone 151.4)

0900-1200 (set-up starts at 0800). General admission is by donation to the Museum.

This event is co-sponsored by the Museum and KARC. The Museum Kit Shop will be open and you can tour the Museum.

Bring your surplus gear and swap not only some gear, but maybe a few stories and tall tales of great adventures and far-off DX contacts! Door Prizes, 50/50 Draw.

Proceeds from the Draw and table rental benefit KARC.

**NOTE !!** QARC will have a table at the Hamfest.

### More Puns For Educated Minds

- When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
- If you jumped off the bridge in Paris , you'd be in Seine .
- A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'
- Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says 'Dam!'
- Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
- Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.'  
The other says 'Are you sure?'  
The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'
- Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal?  
His goal: transcendental medication.
- There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten DID.