

Quinte 'QRM'

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

DATE / TIME: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Loyalist College (Pioneer Building) **North Parking Lot**
 284B Wallbridge-Loyalist Rd, Belleville

PROGRAM: 2nd Annual Trunk Sale of your ham goodies. See next page.

VE3QAR - 146.985 MHz (118.8 Hz)	VE3QAR - 444.475 Mhz - Yaesu System FUSION (118.8 Hz)
Monthly Meetings: 3rd Wednesday @ 7:00 PM Loyalist College (Pioneer Bldg) Room P2, Belleville	Hams 'n Eggs: Saturdays @ 8:00 AM Quinte Restaurant, 135 Cannifton Rd, Belleville
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QARC DIRECTORS 2016-17

Directors - Elected

President & Education (Radio Course)	Mike Papper	VE3OX	ve3vmp@rac.ca
Vice President & Director at Large	Mike Drake	VA3BKQ	va3bkq@rac.ca
Secretary & Membership	Bob Moore	VE3QWB	ve3qwb@rac.ca
Treasurer	Dave Ackerman	VE3UGT	ve3ugt@rac.ca
QRM Newsletter & Repeaters	Tim Pekkonen	VE3UO	ve3uo@rac.ca

Directors - Appointed

Webmaster www.qarc.on.ca	Chris Wiesner	VA3SM	va3sm@yahoo.ca
Refreshments	Hans Winzen	VE3OR	
Radio Communications	Peter Hodgson	VE3UR	ve3ur@rac.ca

This Month's Meeting - Wednesday June 21

We will be holding our 2nd Annual Trunk Sale in the parking lot which is directly north of the Pioneer Building at Loyalist College. So bring your best “junk” along to swap or sell. The only rule to follow is that if your item(s) do not sell is that you MUST take them back home with you. Please do not leave anything behind. We will be starting one half hour earlier, at 6:30 PM.

The plan is to have this event instead of a meeting in room P2, but in the case of a prediction of inclement weather this event will not be held and we will revert to a regular meeting in room P2. THE SALE WILL NOT BE MOVED INDOORS.

Please watch your email on June 21 in case we have to cancel due to inclement weather.

QARC Executive Officers July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

At this month's Executive Meeting the Directors made the following appointments:

Directors - Elected (acclaimed)

President	Tim Pekkonen	VE3UO
Vice President	Dave Ackerman	VE3UGT
Secretary	Bob Moore	VE3QWB
Treasurer	Allan Twamley	VE3XQV
Director at Large	Mike Drake	VA3BKQ
Past President	Mike Papper	VE3OX

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ARRL Field Day June 24 & 25, 2017

This event www.arrl.org/field-day is held annually on the 4th full weekend in June. This year members of the Prince Edward and Quinte Radio clubs will be at the Prince Edward Auto Club grounds in Ameliasburgh - For those using GPS navigation, the civic address is 800 Whitney Road, Ameliasburgh - <https://goo.gl/maps/CrL1uoktJNU2> .

QARC MINUTES May 17, 2017

At 6:30pm, a large group of us met on the Loyalist College parking lot to have a picture taken, celebrating QARC's 70th anniversary. After the photo was taken, we went into the meeting room.

Executive attending: President Mike Papper VE3OX, Vice President & Director At Large Mike Drake VA3BKQ, Treasurer Dave Ackerman VE3UGT, Secretary Bob Moore VE3QWB, Club Comms. Newsletter Tim Pekkonen VE3UO, Radio Communications Peter Hodgson VE3UR, Webmaster Chris Wiesner VA3SM, Refreshments Hans Winzen VE3OR. Members & Guests attending: 28

President Mike started the meeting early, at 6:47, by welcoming everyone and thanking everyone for coming early for the club's 70th anniversary group picture.

There were no Silent Keys reported.

We will be holding elections later, the head of the Nominations Committee, Tim VE3UO, will be running the elections.

Mike asked for reports on the operation of the new antenna on the 440 Fusion repeater. It reaches from near Shannonville Gravel Road almost to Brighton. Tim reports it is set at 20 watts, could be set for 50 watts, but will require more fans. It will be a couple weeks yet before the Fusion Wires-X is working, the repeater will have to be off the air for software updates.

Mike mentioned the financial report and minutes of the last meeting in the latest QRM and asked for a motion to accept the minutes as posted there. Moved by Chris VA3SM Seconded by George VE3GCG Carried.

Mike said there were 35 members at the 70th Anniversary dinner, including Ivan Graham, VE7JG (VE7GTT), ex. VA3IG, ex. VE3GTH, Club President in 1972 (our 25th Anniversary year), visiting from B.C. The club paid his tab.

Tim VE3UO reported the Pitter Patter run went well. There were fewer participants, but there were enough amateur volunteers, and he thanked them for helping.

The Tour of the County Foxhunt had to be postponed due to rain, no new date has been set yet.

Dave VE3UGT reported the MS Walk 10K route behind the hospital was flooded, anyone who wanted to do the 10K route was asked to do the 5K route twice. Since the weather was not great, nobody did. As a result, there were lots of amateur volunteers. Debbie Best has now raised over one hundred thousand dollars.

The June meeting will include plans for Field Day June 24 & 25 and a "tail gate" party, bring any items you want to show off, or sell.

Prince Edward Radio Club: Matthew VE3FL said their repeater VE3TJU was stable. They will be holding meetings during July and August.

QARC will not be holding meetings during July and August, but will be having dinner socials. The one in July will be at the Boathouse, usually about 20 - 30 folks show up. They will decide where the August dinner will be held.

Tri-County, Peter VA3PGB said the club is alternating meetings between Madoc and Campbellford, the fourth Wed. every month. Their next meeting is next Wed. in Madoc.

Mike passed out a stack of QARC QSL cards with our special call sign for the club's 70th anniversary, VE370RL, and told everyone to take at least one, if needed, he can get more printed.

Mike then asked Tim VE3UO to take over the meeting to run the election. Tim had checked with the current executive and the following have indicated they will let their names stand for the following positions:

Note: The Executive are all elected as Directors. Tim explained that the following individuals are willing to stand as Directors, and the positions they will fill on the new Executive:

Past President Mike Papper VE3OX (no further nominations required)
Vice President Dave Ackerman VE3UGT
Treasurer: Allan Twamley VE3XQV
Secretary: Bob Moore VE3QWB
President: Tim Pekkonen VE3UO
Director At Large: Mike Drake VA3BKQ

Tim then asked for any further nominations from the floor, for each position in turn (except Past President), three times each. There were no further nominations. Motion by Cliff VA3CAF seconded by Chris VA3SM that all nominations be closed. Carried.

Tim announced that the above is the executive for 2017 - 2018 then turned the meeting back over to President Mike.

Richard VE3RDZ reported his repeater in Trenton is ready to go on the air, he has done all the paperwork, now he is waiting for a call sign. It is a Yaesu Fusion repeater, at 443.075 with tone 118.8. He will let us know when it is available for use.

Secretary Bob VE3QWB reported all Thank You letters have been sent to the donors of door prizes for the anniversary dinner. He then made a Motion that QARC not hire an auditor in the next year. Seconded by Art VE3SQG. There was a discussion about the motion, with information from Matthew VE3FL, explaining how under the new Non Profit Organization rules, if this motion is not passed and someone asks for an audit, QARC might have to pay in the area of four thousand dollars for a professional audit. The members were asked if anyone objected to this motion. Nobody did, so it was passed unanimously.

Mike said there were some high quality microphones left over from the estate of Syd Horne VE3EGO. If you are interested, he can get you in touch with Syd's family.

Chris VA3SM mentioned the Rideau Lake Cycle Tour coming up the weekend of June 10 & 11. They are looking for volunteers to help with radio support. If you are interested for one or both days, please contact them directly: <https://www.ovmrc.on.ca/2017/05/rideau-lakes-cycle-tour/> . Please specify your availability in the Comments field, and also include any preferences or restrictions, if you have any.

The Prince Edward County MS Bike Tour will be on Sunday July 9.

http://mssoc.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=5639&pg=entry Contact Mike VE3OX if you can help with communications for this event.

Mike then called for a break. Thanks Hans VE3OR for the drinks and snacks.

After the break, Mike asked Matthew how the plans for Field Day were coming along. It will be at the same location as last year, Prince Edward Auto Club in Ameliasburgh, we will be VE3RL, 3A, with a GOTA station using the QARC special call sign to mark the club's 70th anniversary, VE370RL, which will be in a trailer for CW use on the midnight shift, Mike VE3OX will be doing CW on it. The logging software we will be using is N1MM, he has it on Notebooks. Dave VE3UGT informed us the car club will again make breakfast for those interested Sunday morning, bacon, ham, eggs and homefries for \$5. Field Day expenses will be split 50/50 by QARC & PERC. We will be giving the car club a \$100 donation for use of their property. There will be pizza Saturday night. Directions and a map will be included in the next QRM.

Dave VE3UGT gave us a financial report, our balance is \$4930.63

Mike closed the meeting at 7:40.

Our next gathering will be a tailgate party on June 21 at 6:30 PM in the parking lot on the north side of the Pioneer Building. July and August will be social dinners, then the next regular meeting will be on September 20.

Minutes taken by Secretary Bob Moore VE3QWB (@rac.ca)

DUES for 2017-2018 (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018)

- Full Membership: \$20 for RAC members; \$30 for non-RAC members.
- Family Membership: Second and subsequent licensed Amateurs in the same household: \$0
- New Members joining after January 1 pay \$15 for the rest of the fiscal year.
- Associate Membership & Student Membership: \$15

70th Anniversary Photograph

6" x 12" colour photographs are available for \$5 per photo. Please contact Mike VE3OX mikepapper@gmail.com 613-969-1944 if you are interested in obtaining one. We will look at possibly getting a high resolution scan done as well.

Special Callsign - VE370RL

The Club has obtained a special 70th Anniversary Callsign for use by members between June 15th and July 15th, 2017.

Summer Dinners

In lieu of meetings in July and August we will have dinner get-togethers. On **July 19**, the dinner will be at the Boathouse, 32 S Front St in Belleville at 6:00 PM. Please RSVP to Mike VE3OX mikepapper@gmail.com 613-969-1744. At the July dinner we will confirm the location of the **August 16** dinner, but it will most likely be at the Dugout, 514 Dundas St East, Belleville.

2017 Hamfests & Fleamarkets

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| Saturday July 8 - | Ontario Hamfest at Milton Fairgrounds |
| Saturday August 12 - | Parry Sound Hamfest - http://www.ve3rpl.com/hamfest-info.html |
| Saturday August 19 - | Rochester (NY) Radio Repeater Association Hamfest
http://k2rra.org/ |
| Saturday August 26 - | 9 th Annual Junk in the Trunk Hamfest - Newmarket, ON |
| Saturday September 9 - | Ottawa Amateur Radio Club Hamfest at Carp Fairgrounds
http://www.oarc.net/fleamarket/ |
| Saturday September 16 - | VHARA Swap Meet, Bobcaygeon, ON http://www.vhara.ca/ |
| Sunday September 17 - | London Amateur Radio Club Hamfest, Dorchester (ON)
Fairgrounds http://www.larc.ca/ |
| Saturday October 21 - | Montreal South Shore Hamfest, Longueuil, QC
http://www.ve2clm.ca/articles.php?lng=fr&pg=120 |
| Saturday Nov 4 - | 41 st Annual York Region Hamfest, Markham ON Fairgrounds
www.yrarc.org/index.php/our-hamfest |

For more information on these events, see: <http://rac.eton.ca/events/upcoming.php>

Distracted Driving Update

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) recognizes the importance of creating an effective regulatory environment that accommodates the use of new and innovative vehicle technologies which promote economic growth and prosperity in Ontario - however road safety remains a top priority. For the past 15 years, Ontario's roads have been among the safest in North America and MTO continuously strives to maintain and improve on this leading safety record.

On **January 1, 2018**, specific time-limited exemptions for the holding and use of two-way radios outlined in *Ontario Reg. 366/09 - Display Screens and Hand-Held Devices* are set to expire. These exemptions currently allow the following to hold or use a two-way radio:

- Certain public function employees (eg., bus drivers);
- Commercial drivers;
- Amateur radio operators (eg., an Industry Canada-licensed operator which could include a commercial driver).

For two-way radios, the exemption allows a driver to push and hold the button on a hand-held two-way radio device when driving. The driver may push a button to talk and release it to listen, repeating as often as necessary to conduct a conversation. If the hand-held device is a microphone, it must be secured in, or mounted to the vehicle and within easy reach of the driver. Two-way radio hand-held devices that are clipped to the driver's belt or attached to his/her clothing are also exempt.

The limited-time exemptions which became effective on January 1, 2013, struck a balance between a real road safety concern related to the risk of distracted driving and the understanding that an additional five years would be enough time for the market to deliver hands-free alternatives to two-way radio technology.

In the absence of any further amendments to the current regulation, expiration of this exemption would prohibit the hand-held use of two-way radios for all road users (aside from law enforcement outlined in the current regulation). **For this reason, the ministry is considering three options to address the expiry of the exemption.**

- 1– **Extend the exemption for hand-held use of two-way radios for an additional seven years.**
- 2– **Make the exemption permanent.**
- 3– **Allow the exemption to expire (making hand-held use of devices illegal and requiring all currently exempted drivers to use hands-free alternatives only).**

For more detailed information, please see the attached backgrounder.

The ministry invites any comments on the expiry of the exemption, as well as any additional suggestions or comments on how the ministry could minimize distracted driving while supporting economic growth and prosperity in the province.

Comments Due Date: **June 14, 2017**

<http://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=24092&language=en>

BACKGROUNDER: Ontario's Distracted Driving Law - 5-Year Limited Exemption Review

The ban on the use of hand-held communication and entertainment devices and display screens came into force in Ontario on October 26, 2009 and was followed by a three-month education period after which police could begin issuing tickets as of February 1, 2010.

As part of the distracted driving law, a Minister's Regulation ([O.Reg 366/09 - Display Screens and Hand-Held Devices](#)) was made under the *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA) that created a three-year exemption for the hand-held use of two-way radios by certain commercial, public transit, and public function drivers, and licensed amateur radio operators which was set to expire on January 1, 2013.

Following consultations with the industry, stakeholders and the public, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) extended the hand-held two-way radio exemption for an additional five years to January 1, 2018. The extension was granted for the same specified commercial, public transit, and public function drivers, and licensed amateur radio operators.

The limited-time exemption struck a balance between a road safety concern and the understanding that an additional five years would be enough time for the market to deliver hands-free alternatives to two-way radio technology. Stakeholders had informed MTO that such a market was not yet developed.

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In the absence of any further amendments, expiration of this exemption would prohibit the hand-held use of two-way radios.

Distracted Driving Overview

In Ontario, it is against the law to:

- Operate hand-held communication and electronic entertainment devices while you're driving;
- View Display screens unrelated to your driving.

Let's Go Foxhunting!

Thursday	July 6	7:00 PM	Belleville
Thursday	August 3	7:00 PM	Belleville
Sunday	Sept 10	1:30 PM	Belleville
Sunday	October 15	12:00	Bloomfield - Tour of The County
Sunday	November 5	1:30 PM	Belleville

For more information please see: www.ve3bip.org .