

Quinte 'QRM'

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

DATE / TIME: Monday, April 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM

LOCATION: RCSCC Quinte Sea Cadet Building
16 South Front St, Belleville

PROGRAM:

This meeting will also be streamed via ZOOM.

There is also a ZOOM meeting planned to be held the Thursday before the monthly QARC meeting. This month's date is **April 17 @ 7:30 PM**. All are welcome!

The ZOOM invitations will be emailed the day of the meeting(s).

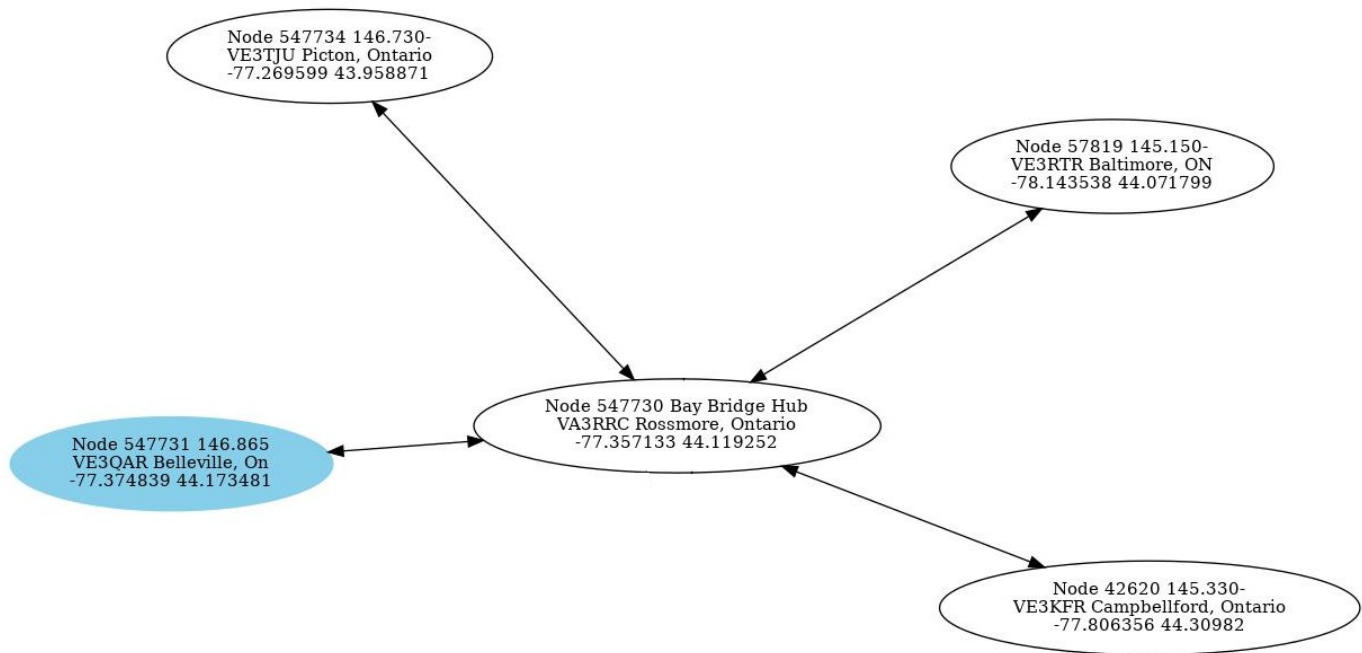
VE3QAR Belleville: 146.865 MHz (91.5 Hz) AllStar Node 547331	VE3BEL: 444.475 Mhz (118.8 Hz) WIRES-X Node ID: 30589 - Room ID: 40589
VE3TJU Picton (Base31): 146.73 MHz (118.8 Hz) AllStar Node 51001 (Echolink 636917)	VA3PEC Picton (Base31): 443.3 MHz (under construction)
VE3KFR Campbellford: 145.33 MHz/442.9 (162.2 Hz) AllStar Node 42620 (Echolink 238523)	VE3RTR Cobourg (Rice Lake): 145.15 / 444.975 (162.2 Hz) AllStar Node 57819
Monthly Meetings: Third Monday @ 7:00 PM RCSCC Quinte Sea Cadet building, 16 S.Front St	Hams 'n Eggs: Saturdays @ 8:00 AM Quinte Restaurant, 135 Cannifton Rd, Belleville
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QARC Members Group: https://qarc.groups.io/g/main - Post to the group: main@qarc.groups.io	

QARC DIRECTORS 2024 - 2025

President	Dave Ackerman	VE3OX	ve3ugt@myrac.ca
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AllStarLink - Bubble Chart

VA3RRC AllStar Node #547730

VA3RRC-L Echolink Node #747943

Minutes of QARC Meeting - March 17, 2025

The meeting was brought to order by club President Dave Ackerman VE3OX. Dave welcomed members and guests - Clayton VA3CLF who is a club member but hasn't been to a meeting for some time; Mike Lang and Jonathan Leonhardt who are both interested in obtaining their Operating certificates.

Fortunately there are no Silent Keys to report this month.

A **motion** to accept both **January** and **February minutes** was made by Dennis VA3DWK. The motion to accept the January minutes was seconded by Don VE3LYX and the motion to accept the February was seconded by Soo VA3SOO. Motions Carried.

A **treasurer's report** was made by Attila VE3KAS Stating we received \$ 339.00 in donations with a balance of \$ 6692.25. We also have a total of 89 club members.

Bob VE3QWB reported no **correspondence** this month.

Peter VE3UR reported that the **Crowe Valley Conservation Authority** issued a water condition statement for March 17-21, 2025.

VE3QAR is still having **interference** issues. Matthew VE3FL reports they may have to remove the MTR 3000 repeater and do some testing on the repeater and the cavity. Matthew said that we will most likely keep the repeater on the new frequency.

Dave VE3OX reported he had contacted Paul Turner in regards to using the car clubs facility for **Field Day** again this year. He also discussed using the same design as last year with just a colour and date change. It was decided to leave the ARRL in the design and change the colour to red.

Dave VE3OX reported that **Buffalo's on the Air** will again run this year on **Aug 9, 2025** with just Buffalo aircraft participating.

Dave VE3OX **adjourned** the meeting at 7:45 pm

Members in Attendance

Dennis VA3DWK,	Tim VE3UO,	Brian VE3GI,	Bob VE3SLO,
Hans VE3OR,	Clayton VA3CLF,	Peter VE3UR,	Brian VA3BRW,
Marlene VE3HBR,	Eric VE3GSI,	Bob VA3NGE,	Attila VE3KAS,
Tony VA3TTR,	Jason VE3NYA,	Sean VA3BZC,	Blair VE3BCA,
Don VE3LYX,	Soo VA3SOO,	Gary VE3ENF,	George VA3XMG,
Lee VA3LHM,	Brian VE3HQR,	Chris VE3CDC,	Matthew VE3FL,
Jonathan Leonhardt,	Mike Lang		

Online

Brad VA3CBU,
Ian VE3EP,
Noah Bower.

Bob VE3DOI,
VA3EFX Phil,

VE3IIT John,
Al VE3FZ,

VE3QQQ Champ,
Jeff VE3OWT,

Minutes taken by: Dennis Kinnear VA3DWK va3dwk@gmail.com

Lawrence "Joe" Thibedeau VE3LVT (VE3FZZ) - Silent Key

Joe became a Silent Key on March 18 in his 98th year. He was a retired Military Pilot with over 7300 flight hours at retirement. He was a Korean War Veteran and served in the special allied reserves and on a UN mission to Egypt in 1974. Joe retired as a Buffalo pilot and Captain at 424 Squadron at CFB Trenton. In his retirement he built a 45' cement boat and sailed it in the Caribbean with his XYL Irene, and had an H.F Amateur Radio station on board which was used to keep in contact with Amateurs in the Quinte area. On line condolences at www.rushnell.com

Elections Next Month

This is a reminder of the Annual Election of the Executive Officers, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director at Large which is held during the May Meeting. The Club's Fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.

If you are interested in an Executive position, feel free to contact one of the current Executive (listed on page 2 of this newsletter) and talk to them about the duties of the position.

The nominating Chairperson is traditionally the Past-President of the Club, so if you would like to run for a position, or submit someone for consideration, please contact Tim VE3UO ve3uo@myrac.ca with your nomination.

Next month's meeting is scheduled to be held on Victoria Day Monday **May 19, 2025**.

Antique Tractor Club Steak Barbeque

Quinte Antique Tractor Club will be hosting a steak barbecue on **Saturday June 7** from 5PM to 7PM (time to be confirmed) at the Elk's Lodge in Allisonville in the County. This is the same location as the Christmas dinner which is always a good meal. The cost is \$30 per person and includes all the fixings. For more information or to reserve a spot contact President Dave VE3OX dackerman13@gmail.com

Repeater Updates

The new frequency for VE3QAR is **146.865** MHz with **91.5 Hz** ctcss tone access. Unfortunately this has not resolved our issues, but the receive noise floor is quieter on 146.265 than it was on 146.385 MHz. Work is in progress looking at various system components. Full details at this month's meeting.

Will's VA3JWO local coverage repeater VE3RTY in Madoc is now on 146.985 MHz with a DCS code of 023 required for access. ("DCS": Digital Coded Squelch)

On the UHF side, the VE3BEL repeater 444.475 MHz (+) is **back on the air** as of April 12 in dual mode analog/C4FM. Currently working on restoring WIRES-X in C4FM digital mode. More details at this month's meeting.

QARC is on Facebook!

Jeff Watkins VE3OWT has created a Facebook page for the Club. Club Members who are on Facebook are welcome to check it out and join the page. Jeff says it is "a work in progress"
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1543235506633198>

Membership Dues Reminder 2025-26

Our Treasurer Attila VE3KAS will be sending out reminders early next month of Club Dues to be paid for the next financial year **July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026**. The dues are \$20 for members of Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) and \$30 for non-members of RAC. There are no additional fees for licensed Amateurs in the same household.

Please contact Attila VE3KAS at kassat@xplornet.com if you have any questions.

RAC Will Not Be At Hamvention This Year

April 8, 2025

At its meeting on March 27, 2025, the Board of Directors of Radio Amateurs of Canada voted unanimously to cancel RAC's plans to operate a booth at Hamvention (Dayton) in Xenia, Ohio in May. This decision was not taken lightly and was made with deep regret as our members and volunteers always look forward to attending this significant international event.

The relationship between Canada and the United States has become increasingly strained due to recent trade disputes and tariffs imposed by the US government. Adding to these challenges, controversial remarks from US leaders, including suggestions of Canada becoming the 51st state, have heightened concerns about Canadian sovereignty.

For Canadians, these tensions have had tangible impacts and there has been a decline in cross-border travel and tourism.

It is a complex and evolving situation, but it is our hope that we will be able to return to Hamvention in future years and we hope that Canadian Amateurs who do attend the event will have a safe and enjoyable experience.

Allan Boyd, VE3AJB/VE3EM
RAC President

<https://www.rac.ca/rac-will-not-attend-hamvention-this-year/>

2025 Hamfests & Fleamarkets

Saturday May 17 -	Rideau Lakes ARC Hamfest, Smiths Falls, ON https://www.ve3rlr.ca/p/httpsgoo.html
May 16-17-18	Hamvention® 2025 - Greene County Fairgrounds, Xenia, Ohio https://hamvention.org/
<u>Sunday</u> June 1 -	Central Ontario Hamfest, Cambridge ON https://hamfest.on.ca/
Saturday June 21 -	Rochester NY Hamfest https://rochesterham.org/hamfest.htm
Saturday July 12 -	51 st Annual Ontario Hamfest @ Milton ON Fairgrounds https://hambone.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2394
Saturday August 16 -	Parry Sound (ON) Hamfest https://hambone.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2393
Saturday Sept 6 -	Ottawa (Carp) Hamfest, Carp Fairgrounds, Ottawa https://oarc.net/2025-09-06-oarc-carp-hamfest/
Saturday October 18 -	Kingston Fall Hamfest 734 Montreal St, Kingston, Ontario https://www.ontars.com/2025_fests/kingston_ARC.jpg

For more information on these and other hamfests/fleamarkets, see:

<https://hambone.ca/rac/events/upcoming.php> & <https://www.ontars.com/>

QARC Financial Report

As of March 17, 2025

Revenue		Financial Assets	
	Balance		Balance
Membership Dues		BMO Chequing Account	
Donation to Club		Closing Balance - 17 Feb,2025	\$6,692.35
Draw		Credit	\$0.00
Coffee @ meeting		Debit	\$0.00
Sale of Club Equipment		Closing Balance - Mar,2025	\$6,692.35
PERC Melding with QARC			
		Petty Cash	
		Closing Balance - 17 Feb,2025	\$25.00
		Deposits	
		Expenses	
		Closing Balance - Mar,2025	\$25.00
Total Revenue	\$0.00	Total Revenue	\$6,717.35
Expenses		Nov to Dec - Account Activity	\$0.00
Bank Fees			
Incorporation Annual Fees		Inventory Assets	
RAC Insurance		Opening Balance	\$6,197.58
QARC Domain Fees		New Aquisition	
Zoom Annual Fees		Disposed Assets	
PO Box Annual Fees		Depreciation 20% from 2024	
Office Expenses		Total Assets Current Worth	\$6,197.58
Repeater/Antenna Relocation			
		Total Equity	\$12,914.93
Total Expenses	\$0.00		
Net Revenue	\$0.00		
Club Membership			
Paid up members - Individual	63	February:	
Family	8	Donation & Draw in memory of Kevin Reid	\$339.00
Life Members - Individual	8		
Family	1		
TOTAL active MEMBERS	89		

Treasurer report

Prepared by

Attila S. Kostya

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