

Quinte 'QRM'

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

DATE / TIME: Monday, May 19, 2025 at 7:00 PM

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

PROGRAM: ELECTION of Executive Officers for 2025-26.

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 **May 15 @ 7:30 PM**. All are welcome!

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

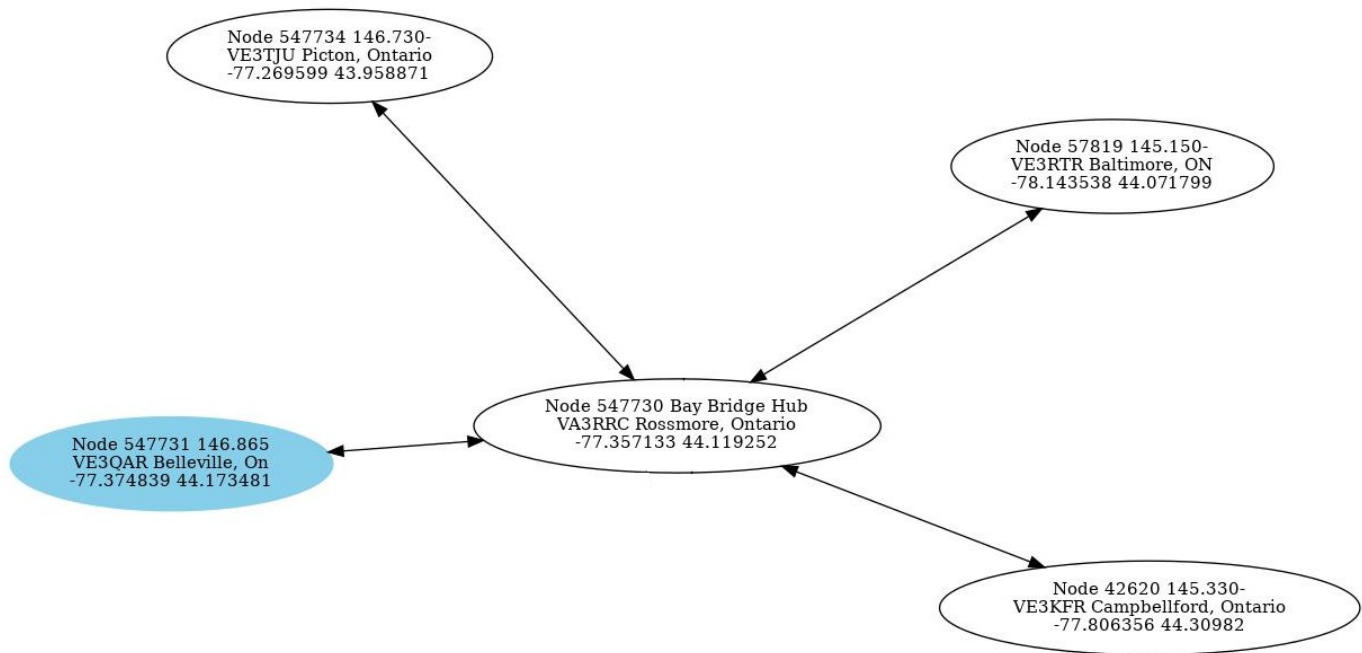
VE3QAR Belleville: 146.865 MHz (91.5 Hz/118.8 Hz) AllStar Node 547331	VE3BEL: 444.475 Mhz (118.8 Hz) WIRES-X Node ID: 30589 - Room ID: 40589
VE3TJU Picton (Base31): 146.73 MHz (118.8 Hz) AllStar Node 51001 (Echolink 636917)	VA3PEC Picton (Base31): 443.3 MHz (under construction)
VE3KFR Campbellford: 145.33 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
Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) www.rac.ca 720 Belfast Road, Suite 217, Ottawa, ON K1G 0Z5 E-mail: rachq@rac.ca Phone: 613-244-4367 or 1-877-273-8304	Amateur Radio Service Centre www.ic.gc.ca/callsign 2 Queen Street E, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 1Y3 E-mail: ic.spectrumamateur-spectreamateur.ic@canada.ca Phone: 1-888-780-3333 Fax: 705-941-4607
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
Vice President	Matthew Dwight	VE3FL	matthew@mdwright.com
Secretary	Dennis Kinnear	VA3DWK	va3dwk@gmail.com
Treasurer	Attila Kostya	VE3KAS	kassat@xplornet.com
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Appointed Positions:

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AllStarLink - Bubble Chart

VA3RRC AllStar Node #547730

VA3RRC-L Echolink Node #747943

Minutes of QARC Meeting - April 21, 2025

Club president Dave Ackerman VE3OX brought the meeting to order. Dave welcomed guests and members.

A moment of silence was observed for **Joe Thibedeau VE3LVT** who passed away on March 18, 2025 at the age of 98 and **Ian MacFarquhar VE9IM** former RAC Vice President who passed away on April 8, 2025.

A **motion** to accept the March minutes as published was made by **Dennis VA3DWK** and seconded by **Bob VA3ACE**. The motion was carried.

Attila VE3KAS made a treasurer's report that was published in the news letter and indicated that we have 89 club members. A **motion** to accept Attila's report was made by **Jeff VE3OWT** and Seconded by **Don VE3UHO**. The motion was carried.

Dave VE3OX announced that about a month into the **Bay Bridge morning Net's** sixth year **Cam VE3GVG** shattered the nets check in record with **30 stations checking in**. The previous record was on two occasions with 24 check ins. The daily morning net averages 12-20 check ins.

Dave VE3OX Reported that the Prince Edward Auto Club park is booked for Field Day <http://www.arrl.org/field-day> . Dave also asked about the evenings dinner as to whether we have a BBQ or order pizza. Dave left it with the members to think on it til the next meeting.

Dave VE3OX inquired about **T-shirts** for the upcoming Field Day , they are the same price as last year. He sent around an order sheet as he would like to have them made before the May meeting. He reports that last year he had a hard time getting some of the shirts in peoples hands.

Dave reports that the **UHF Fusion repeater (444.475)** is back at Dave's QTH. It is digital only. The call sign has been changed to **VE3BEL**. This has caused a few issues with connecting to rooms. Hopefully it will be resolved soon. The VHF repeater **VE3QAR 146.865** is still having issues. Matthew VE3FL reports that they may try using split tones next to try to resolve the problem. Dave VE3OX also made a **motion** that the club purchase a Beelink mini PC at a cost of Approx. \$224.87 to use with the UHF repeater and it was seconded by Dennis VA3DWK. The motion was carried.

June is our annual trunk sale so there will be no formal meeting.

Eric VE3GSI again donated a few items from his late Brother Kevin VA3GSI's estate to be raffled.

Dave VE3OX adjourned the meeting.

<u>Attendees:</u>	Dennis VA3DWK,	Hans VE3OR,	Bob VA3NGE,
Brian VA3BRW,	Bob VE3QWB,	Jeff VE3OWT,	Peter VE3UR,
Don VE3UHO,	Attila VE3KAS,	Eric VE3GSI,	Marlene VE3HBR,
George VA3XMG,	Lee VA3LHM,	Bob VA3SLO,	Jason VE3NYA,
Blair VE3BCA,	Sean VA3BZC,	Don VE3LYX,	Phil VA3EFX,
Bob VA3ACE,	Brad VA3CBU,	Chris VE3CDC,	Cameron VE3GVG,
Matthew VE3FL,	Tim VE3UO.		

<u>Virtually:</u>	Ian VE3EP,	Doug VE3LSD,	Al VE3FZ,
	Gary VE3JGK,	Kevin VE3KJN	

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

Elections This Month !

This is a reminder of the Annual Election of the Executive Officers, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director at Large at this month's 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.

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 VE3QAR frequency of **146.865** MHz with 91.5 Hz ctcss tone access has not totally resolved our intermod issues. Testing using a DCS code and split ctcss tones resulted in the split tone set up providing a better result to resolve our problem. On April 24, the repeater configuration was changed to a **91.5 Hz** ctcss tone on the input and a **118.8 Hz** tone on the output. This seems to have significantly improved the issue with only a slight echo effect observed from time to time.

For those wondering this configuration will remain in effect for the foreseeable future. There are no plans to switch back to the old frequency of 146.985 MHz.

On the UHF side, the VE3BEL repeater 444.475 MHz (+) is operational in C4FM WIRES-X mode. Node ID: 30589 - Room ID: 40589

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>

Silent Auction Item

The Club is offering via Silent Auction a **Kenwood TM-D710A** Dual Band Transceiver from the estate of Glen Campbell VE3CJG. Dave VE3OX has loaded in the frequencies from his own D710A and tested Glen's radio. The Silent Auction will conclude at the June Trunk Sale on the 16th.

Membership Dues Reminder 2025-26

Our Treasurer **Attila VE3KAS** will be sending out reminders later in the 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.

Atlantic Canada QSO Party

Contest Period: 1200z Saturday June 7 to 0200z Sunday June 8.
(0800 EDT to 2200 EDT Saturday)

Bands: 80-40-20-15-10 meters only.

Modes: SSB.CW,or mixed mode. No digital modes. No cross mode contacts.

More Info: <https://www.acqp.ca/>

LET'S IGNITE THE AIRWAVES: VHF ACTIVITY DAY ON JUNE 15

Join us and celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Ontario VHF Association
<https://ovhfa.org/OVHFA/index.html> , by making lots of contacts on 50 mHz and up.

Amateurs across Ontario and adjacent US states will be activating non-repeater FM frequencies en masse, on **Sunday, June 15th** . Plan now to join in the fun. Start making plans now and help us spread the word! Whether you activate a park or summit for POTA or SOTA, participate in the ARRL June VHF Contest, or make contacts from your HT at home, the goal is to make short and sweet contacts with lots of people. You can even make contact with the same station on as many bands as possible.

What you can do now:

Mark **Sunday June 15th** on your calendar, Program the common VHF and UHF FM simplex frequencies into your radios. Spread the word.

That's all for now. More information will be shared in the upcoming weeks leading up to VHF FM Activity Day!

For more information, contact Chris VE3RWJ at ve3rwj@winsystem.org

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 April 21, 2025

Revenue

	<i>Balance</i>
Membership Dues	\$80.00
Donation to Club	\$210.00
Draw	\$70.00
Coffee @ meeting	
Sale of Club Equipment	
PERC Melding with QARC	

Total Revenues	\$360.00
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Expenses

Bank Fees
Incorporation Annual Fees
RAC Insurance
QARC Domain Fees
Zoom Annual Fees
PO Box Annual Fees
Office Expenses
Repeater/Antenna Relocation

Total Expenses	\$0.00
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Net Revenue	\$360.00
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Club Membership

Paid up members -	Individual	63
	Family	8
Life Members -	Individual	8
	Family	1
TOTAL active MEMBERS		89

Financial Assets

	<i>Balance</i>
BMO Chequing Account	
Closing Balance - 17 Feb,2025	\$6,692.35
Credit	\$360.00
Debit	\$0.00
Closing Balance - Mar,2025	\$7,052.35

Petty Cash	
Closing Balance - 17 Feb,2025	\$25.00
Deposits	\$1.00
Expenses	
Closing Balance - Mar,2025	\$26.00

Total Revenue	\$7,078.35
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Nov to Dec - Account Activity **\$360.00**

Inventory Assets

Opening Balance	\$6,197.58
New Aquisition	
Disposed Assets	
Depreciation 20% from 2024	
Total Assets Current Worth	\$6,197.58

Total Equity	\$13,275.93
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March
Donation by Eric Reid to Club **\$280.00**

Treasurer report
Prepared by
Attila S. Kostya
VE3KAS