

Quinte 'QRM'

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

DATE / TIME: Monday, September 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM

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

PROGRAM: Jason Tremblay VE3JXT, who is the Community Services Officer for Radio Amateurs of Canada, will give a presentation via ZOOM on the Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) being launched.
[Http://www.rac.ca/ontario-ac-s-recruitment/](http://www.rac.ca/ontario-ac-s-recruitment/)

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	

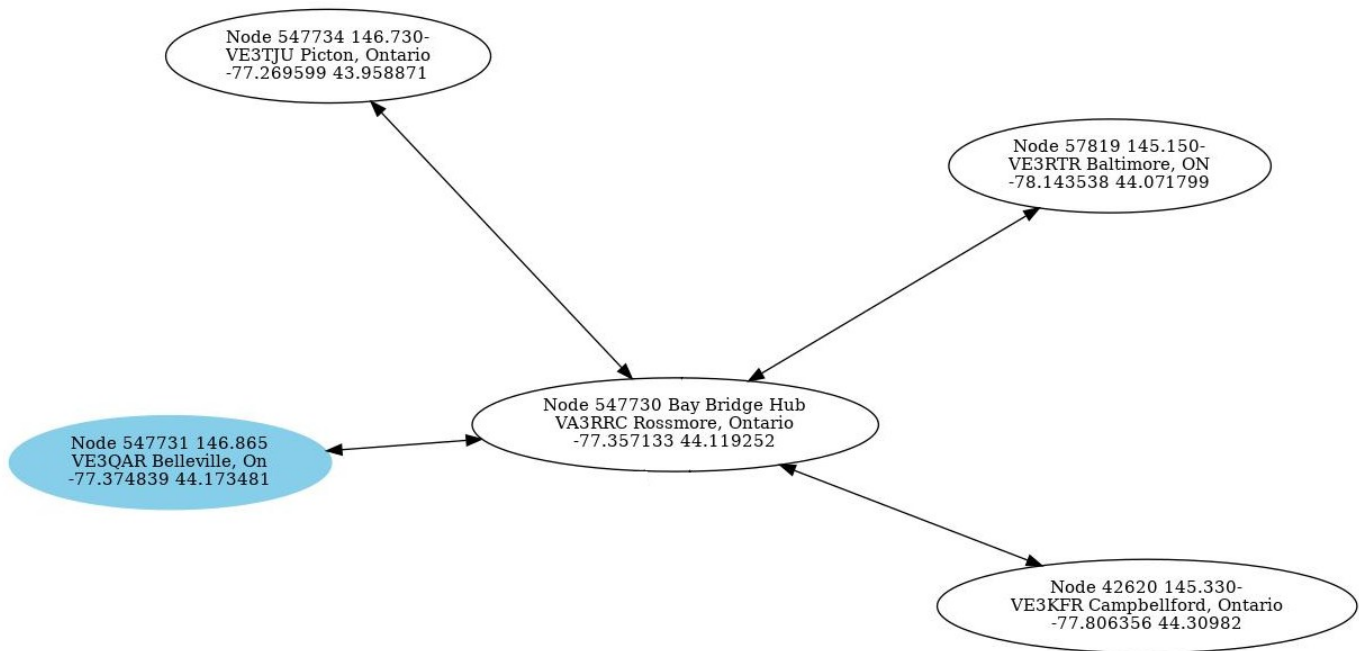
QARC Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1543235506633198>

QARC DIRECTORS 2025 - 2026

President	Dave Ackerman	VE3OX	ve3ugt@myrac.ca
Vice President	Dennis Kinnear	VA3DWK	va3dwk@gmail.com
Secretary	Sean Scally	VA3BZC	soscally@gmail.com
Treasurer	Attila Kostya	VE3KAS	ve3kas@gmail.com
Director at Large	Bob Williams	VA3NGE	va3nge@gmail.com

Appointed Positions:

Past President & 'QRM' Editor	Tim Pekkonen	VE3UO	ve3uo@myrac.ca
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AllStarLink - Bubble Chart

VA3RRC AllStar Node #547730

VA3RRC-L Echolink Node #747943

Minutes of QARC Meeting - May 19, 2025

The meeting was brought to order by club President Dave Ackerman VE3OX.

Silent Keys: **Brian Williams VA3BRW** made a Brief tribute to Kok Chen **W7AY** who, among other things, developed and maintained digital software for the Apple Macintosh platform. He passed away on April 23, 2025 after suffering a stroke. Thank you for your words Brian.

A **motion** to accept the Minutes as published in the newsletter of the April meeting was made by **Dennis VA3DWK** and seconded by **Brad VA3CBU**. The motion was carried.

A **motion** to accept the Treasurer's report as presented to the members was made by **Attila VE3KAS** and seconded by **Peter VE3UR**. The motion was carried. Attila reports that the club is now 92 members strong.

Dave VE3OX welcomed members and **guests** and in particular **Robert Tofflemire VE3DOI** attending his first in person meeting and **Chris Wiesner VA3SM** who makes the trek from the Campbellford area occasionally.

Dave VE3OX turned the meeting over to **Tim VE3UO** to preside over the **annual election of officers**. Tim reports that he received one email of someone volunteering to serve on the executive and someone else agreed to serve in person.

Tim VE3UO announced the candidates as follows:

President: Dave Ackerman VE3OX;	Vice President: Dennis Kinnear VA3DWK;
Secretary: Sean Scally VA3BZC;	Treasurer: Attila Kostya VE3KAS;
	Director at Large: Bob Williams VA3NGE

Tim asked three times if anyone else would stand for any of the five positions with no one stepping forward . Tim **acclaimed the five as the officers** for 2025/2026. Tim also thanked **Cameron Hall VE3GVG** for serving as director at large and **Matthew Dwight VE3FL** for serving as Vice President. Both are stepping back from the Executive.

Dave VE3OX Showed the members a **Kenwood D710** dual band transceiver that has been donated by **Sandra Campbell VE3HON** to the club. The radio will be offered for auction to end at the Junk in the Trunk meeting on June 16.

Matthew VE3FL is looking for 3 or 4 volunteers to help out with radio communications for the **County Kids of Steel** event on **Sunday June 8**. Please contact Matthew directly if you can help out.

Dave VE3OX reports that the car club property is booked for Field Day and will be the usual setup. It has been suggested that we either do a BBQ or pizza Saturday evening. **Dennis VA3DWK** said he will organize this for Field Day.

Dave VE3OX reports that this year's **Field Day T-shirts** have been ordered and are the same price as last year. Dave also reports the this year's Buffalo's on the Air will be the same format as last year . This year's Callsign is **VE3BUFFT**. Dave made a **motion** to pay the \$60 fee to ISED for the special event callsign and it was seconded by **Don VE3LYX**. The motion was carried.

Dave VE3OX informed us that the **annual PERC picnic** is planned for **August 16, 2025** from 2:00 PM until ? **Betsy VE3SQG** has offered to host the event again. In the past PERC paid for the hot-dogs and hamburgers. Salads and desserts are pot luck. Dave VE3OX made a **motion** that the cost be covered by the club which is around \$200 and it was seconded by **Matthew VE3FL**. The motion carried.

Dave VE3OX reports that the **VE3BEL** UHF Fusion repeater (444.475 MHz) is back at his place and is digital only. And seems to be working ok now.

The VHF repeater **VE3QAR** (146.865 MHz) has been switched to dual split tone and seems to be performing better. (**91.5hz** input tone; **118.8hz** output tone)

Dave VE3OX made a **motion** that we pay the annual **Zoom fee** of \$215 and it was seconded by **Brian VA3BRW**. Dave also made a **motion** that we make the same donation as last year for AllStar of \$35 and it was seconded by **Jim VE3VDQ**. Both motions were carried.

There is no formal meeting in June but there is our annual Junk in the Truck event outside at the Sea Cadet Hall starting one half hour earlier at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned.

Members in Attendance:

Dennis VA3DWK,	Bob VA3SLO,	Tim VE3UO,	Peter VE3UR,
Hans VE3OR,	Eric VE3GSI,	Marlene VE3HBR,	Daryl VA3UAP,
Bob VA3NGE,	Attila VE3KAS,	Lee VA3LHM,	George VA3XMG,
John VE3IIT,	Robert VE3DOI,	Brian VA3BRW,	Jeff VE3OWT,
Bob VE3QWB,	Jim VE3VDQ,	Sean VA3BZC,	Don VE3LYX,
Blair VE3BCA,	Don VE3UHO,	Chris VA3SM,	Gary VE3JGK,
Brad VA3CBU,	Chris VE3CDC,	Cameron VE3GVG,	Matthew VE3FL
Dave VE3OX.	<u>Via Zoom:</u>	Phil VA3EFX,	Al VE3FZ

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

Membership Dues 2025-26

This is a reminder that club dues are due for this current fiscal 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 our Treasurer Attila VE3KAS at ve3kas@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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Fall 2025 RAC Basic Course

The course will be starting on Thursday, **September 18** and end on Thursday, **November 27**. Radio Amateurs of Canada is once again offering an online Amateur Radio course so that individuals from all across Canada can obtain their Amateur Radio Operator Certificate with Basic Qualification.

Course information:

The course will again be conducted with the assistance of the Annapolis Valley Amateur Radio Club (AVARC) of Nova Scotia.

This course prepares students for the Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) Basic Qualification Level Operator Certificate exam to operate on allocated Amateur Radio frequencies.

It is open to everyone across Canada and even abroad. Classes will be recorded, so occasional absences are not a problem.

Schedule and Cost:

Date: The Basic course will be held on Thursdays and Sundays commencing on Thursday, September 18 and ending on Thursday, November 27.

Time: Classes will be held on **Thursday evenings** from 6 pm to 9 pm (1800 - 2100) Eastern Time and **Sunday afternoons** 1 pm to 4 pm (1300 - 1600) Eastern Time. There may also be a handful of additional classes if necessary.

Cost: The registration fee for the course is \$50 plus GST/HST. The cost of the Basic Study Guide is extra and an order link will be provided upon completion of payment.

To register for the Basic Course and for more information please visit:

<https://www.rac.ca/rac-basic-course-registration-page-fall-2025/>

The RAC Fall **Advanced** Certification Course is already underway. See:

<https://www.rac.ca/amateur-radio-courses/mlo-advanced-course-registration/> for more information.

2025 Hamfests & Fleamarkets

- Saturday Sept 6 - Ottawa (Carp) Hamfest, Carp Fairgrounds, Ottawa
<https://oarc.net/2025-09-06-oarc-carp-hamfest/>
- Saturday Sept 27 - Eastern Ontario Hamfest, St Albert, ON
<https://eohamfest.com/>
- Saturday October 18 - Kingston Fall Hamfest
734 Montreal St, Kingston, Ontario
https://www.ontars.com/2025_fests/kingston_ARC.jpg
- Saturday November 8 ? There is mention on the York Region Amateur Radio Club website of a Hamfest on November 8, but very few details.
<https://yrarc.org/ham-fest/>

For more information on these and other hamfests/fleamarkets, see:
<https://hambone.ca/rac/events/upcoming.php> & <https://www.ontars.com/>

**Kingston Amateur
Radio Club**

Fall HamFest

Oct 18, 2025

**Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 560**

734 Montreal Street, Kingston

Vendor - 07:30 \$10.00 Per Table

Public - 08:30 \$5.00 Entrance

Closing - 12:00 Indoor Event

**For More Information:
Contact Tim (VA3TIC)
va3tic@gmail.com**

HamFest Call In:

VE3KBR

146.94(-)

(Tone)

151.4

 Radio Amateurs
of Canada

Did You Purchase the Yaesu Handie-Talkies at this past June's Trunk Sale?

There were two HT's sold at the Trunk Sale, a FT-60 and a VX-150, but unfortunately at the time with no wall wart chargers. The chargers have been located and in the possession of VE3UO. If you want them please contact Tim and he will bring them to this month's meeting.

Halloween Safe Streets

We will be assisting Belleville Community Policing and Loyalist College students in keeping the streets of Belleville safe for the younger trick-or-treat crowd. Activity will take place from approximately 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on **Friday October 31**.

If you would like to help out please send your date of birth and Driver's License Number to Tim VE3UO ve3uo@myrac.ca . This is so the Police Service can do a quick check on your status.

It should be noted that ALL volunteers participating will be getting this Police Check done.



Field Day Results

Call Used: VE3RL **GOTA Station Call:** (NONE) **ARRL/RAC Section:** ONE **Class:** 3A

Participants: 31 **Club/Group Name:** Quinte Amateur Radio Club

Power Source(s): Generator, Battery, Solar

Power Multiplier: 2X

Preliminary Total Score: 2,516

Bonus Points:

100% emergency power	300
Public location	100
W1AW Field Day message	100
Formal messages handled (4 x 10, max of 100)	40
Natural power QSOs completed	100
Entry submitted via web	50
Total bonus points	690

	<u>CW</u>	<u>Digital</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total QSOs	204	55	395	
Total Points	408	110	395	913

Claimed Score = (QSO points x power mult) = **1,826**

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

	CW		Digital		Phone	
	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)
160m						
80m	16	100	3	100	32	100
40m	134	100	28	100	133	100
20m	50	100	16	100	211	100
15m	3	100	5	100	18	100
10m	1	100	2	100	1	100
6m			1	100		
TOTAL	204		55		395	



QARC Financial Report

As of September 15, 2025

Revenue

	<i>Balance</i>
Membership Dues	\$160.00
Donation to Club	\$860.00
Draw	
Coffee @ meeting	
Sale of Club Equipment	
Total Revenue	\$1,020.00

Expenses

Bank Fees	\$4.50
Incorporation Annual Fees	
Insurance	
QARC Domain Fees	
Zoom Annual Fees	\$242.84
PO Box Annual Fees	
Office Expenses	
Club Picnic	\$125.66
Field Day	\$158.14
Total Expenses	\$531.14

Net Revenue **\$488.86**

Club Membership

Paid up members -	Individual	53
	Family	7
Life Members -	Individual	8
	Family	1
TOTAL active MEMBERS		77
Unpaid Members		17
Total		94

Financial Assets

	<i>Balance</i>
BMO Chequing Account	
Opening Balance - Jul 01, 2025	\$8,370.17
	Credit \$1,020.00
	Debit \$531.14
Closing Balance - Sep 15, 2025	\$8,859.03
Petty Cash	
Opening Balance - Jul 01, 2025	\$27.00
	Deposits
	Expenses
Closing Balance - Sep 15, 2025	\$27.00

Total Revenue **\$8,886.03**

Jul to Sep - Account Activity **\$488.86**

Inventory Assets

Opening Balance	
New Aquisition	
Disposed Assets	
Depreciation	
Total Assets Current Worth	\$0.00

Total Equity **\$8,886.03**

Treasurer report
Prepared by
Attila S. Kostya
VE3KAS