

Quinte 'QRM'

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

DATE / TIME: Monday, January 19, 2026 at 7:00 PM

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

PROGRAM: Update on getting the Sea Cadet Amateur Radio Station
VA3GKY operational again;
Update on Hastings County Emergency Communications;
Winter Field Day - whose going to be operating this year ?

The meeting will also be streamed via ZOOM.

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| 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 |
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| QARC Members Group: https://qarc.groups.io/g/main - Post to the group: main@qarc.groups.io | |

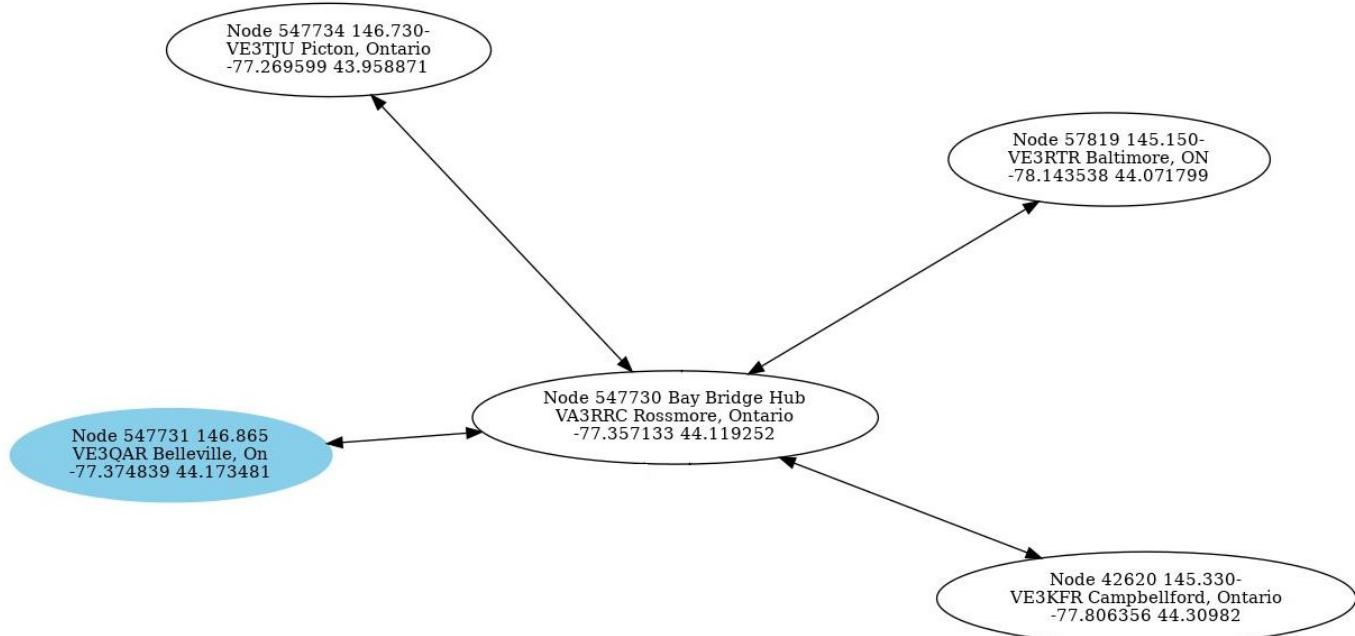
QARC Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1543235506633198>

QARC DIRECTORS 2025 - 2026

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AllStarLink - Bubble Chart

VA3RRC AllStar Node #547730

VA3RRC-L Echolink Node #747943

Minutes of QARC Meeting - November 17, 2025

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

Silent Key: A moment of silence for **Don Dulmage VE3LYX** who passed away peacefully on Oct 29th and will be missed by many members and friends.

Dave VE3OX welcomed attendees.

A **motion** to accept the **Minutes** as published in the newsletter of the last meeting was made by Sean VA3BZC and seconded Dennis VA3DWK . The **motion was carried**.

A **motion** to accept the **Treasurers report** was made by Attila VE3KAS and seconded Don VE3UHO . The **motion was carried**.

Member Brad VA3CBU who attended a public meeting on proposed installation of **Over the Horizon Radar** site in Ontario has consulted with RAC who are now aware and researching.

Guest speaker Belleville Fire Prevention Officer **Richard Quick** spoke to the membership about Lithium Ion battery safety and other topics.. among many topics, he had these important tips -

Use proper equipment: Always use the charger that came with your device or a reputable, certified third-party charger. Incompatible chargers can cause issues.

Charge on a hard, flat surface: Never charge devices on soft surfaces like a bed, couch, or carpet, as they can trap heat. Avoid charging near exits, windows, or where you sleep.
Unplug when fully charged - Modern devices have safeguards, but it is still best practice to unplug once fully charged.

Allow for cooling - Let a battery cool down after use before recharging and after charging before using again.

Monitor for damage - If a battery becomes excessively hot, smells strange, or shows signs of swelling, bulging, or leaking, stop using it immediately.

Safe storage and handling - Store in a cool, dry place: Avoid storing batteries in direct sunlight or hot/cold cars.

Protect from physical damage: Do not throw, puncture, or drop batteries, as physical damage can lead to internal shorts and fires

More Minutes - (cont'd)

Keep away from metal: Store batteries away from anything that can cause a short circuit, such as coins, keys, or tools.

Keep out of reach of children: Keep batteries away from children and pets.

Use protective cases: When transporting spare batteries, keep them in a non-metal, protective case.

Safe disposal: Never put them in household trash: Lithium-ion batteries can cause fires in waste trucks and landfills. Use designated drop-off sites. Take used batteries to special waste drop-off locations or local recycling centers.

Protect terminals: When disposing of loose batteries, cover the terminals with non-conductive tape (like electrical tape) or place each one in a separate plastic bag to prevent them from touching each other.

Richard also mentioned **changes** to the **Fire Code** which will require Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors on every level of a dwelling that has wood or gas burning appliances; or attached garage, effective **January 1, 2026**.

Members thanked Richard for coming out answering many fire safety questions.

Other Business: Dave VE3OX discussed the **Christmas Dinner** we go to with the Tractor Club. The dinner will be on the 29 November , the cost is 30\$ per person. If you would like to go, sign up is with Dave, with a cutoff date of the 23 November , this year beef is on the menu with entertainment and door prizes . Dave also has tickets for the Tractor Draw available . Doors open at 2 pm Dinner at 6 pm.

Dave VE3OX and Tim VE3UO met with **Nathan Dudley** the new head of **Hastings County Emergency services** . The services are interested in where QARC can fit into the over all plan during emergencies. Dave and Tim briefed him on the role amateurs played during the 1998 ice storm .. another meeting is planned for the new year .

The **VE3BEL UHF repeater update** by Matt VE3FL the Wires X was shut of and the repeater was placed in dual mode , however after a flurry of activity at first it went back to being mostly silent . The thoughts now are to perhaps change it to a **DMR repeater**. Some members very familiar with DMR will be consulted about the feasibility of doing this ... this subject is still a work in progress .. stay tuned!

The **Campbellford Santa Claus parade** is Saturday 22 November please contact Brian VE3HQR if you are able to help.

The motion to pay Chris VA3SM our webmaster for fees in arrears. As well as the motion to make a donation to Allstar link org to support 6 nodes used by us and our continued support every year made has been fulfilled as follows ;

OVHCloud VPS for 1 year \$85.53

OVHCloud additional IP \$2.00

OVHCloud domain qarc.ca transfer fee \$14.45

OVHCloud domain quintearc.ca transfer fee \$14.45

AllStarLink donation \$146.34

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Members in Attendance:

Dennis VA3DWK,

Tim VE3UO,

Brian VE3GI,

Bob VA3NGE,

Lee VA3LHM,

Bob VE3QWB,

Jim VE3VDQ,

Sean VA3BZC,

Chris VE3CDC,

Klaas VA3TBT,

Bob VE3QWO,

Hans VE3OR,

Brian VE3HQR,

Barry Munro,

Brian VA3BRW,

Blair VE3BCA,

Gary VE3JGK,

Bob VE3QWB,

Attila VE3KAS,

Peter VE3UR,

Jonathan VE3ISH,

Cameron VE3GVG,

Matthew VE3FL,

John Kavaratzis,

Dave VE3OX,

Brett VE3SJA,

Gary VE3ENF,

Brian VE3GRA,

Chris VA3SM,

Phil VA3EFX,

Jason VE3NYA,

Don VE3UHO

Via Zoom:

Al VE3FZ,

Eric VA3DOO,

Brad VA3CBU,

Derek VA3DPP,

Kevin VE3KJN

Minutes taken by: Sean Scally VA3BZC soscally@gmail.com

Winter Field Day



For those that like to operate in the great outdoors, check out Winter Field Day. This year's event will be held Saturday and Sunday January 24 & 25. Full details at:

<https://winterfieldday.org/>

2026 Hamfests & Fleamarkets

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| Saturday February 7 - | NPARC Big Event 45, Niagara Falls, ON https://nparc.ca/ |
| Saturday April 4 - | Iroquois Hamfest & Fleamarket, Iroquois, ON https://iroquoisarc.ca/page3.html |
| Saturday April 18 - | Durham Hamfest, Pickering, ON https://durhamhamfest.com/ |
| Saturday May 2 - | Rideau Lakes Hamfest, Smiths Falls, ON https://www.ve3rlr.ca/p/httpsgoo.html |
| Saturday July 11 - | Ontario Hamfest at Milton (ON) Fairgrounds https://www.barc.ca/ontario-hamfest |
| Saturday September 12 - | Ottawa (Carp) Hamfest https://hambone.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2443 |
| Saturday October 3 - | Eastern Ontario Hamfest - St Albert, ON https://eohamfest.com/ |

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 November 17, 2025

| Revenue | | Financial Assets | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | <i>Balance</i> | | <i>Balance</i> |
| Membership Dues | \$275.00 | BMO Chequing Account | |
| Donation to Club | \$135.00 | Opening Balance - Jul 01, 2023 | \$8,843.04 |
| Draw | | Credit | \$410.00 |
| Coffee @ meeting | | Debit | \$666.02 |
| Sale of Club Equipment | | Closing Balance - Sep 20, 2023 | \$8,587.02 |
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| Total Revenues | \$410.00 | Petty Cash | |
| <hr/> | | Opening Balance - Jul 01, 2023 | \$27.00 |
| Expenses | | DRAW | Deposits |
| | | | \$5.00 |
| | | | Expenses |
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| | | Closing Balance - Sep 20, 2023 | \$32.00 |
| <hr/> | | Total Revenue | \$8,619.02 |
| Bank Fees | \$3.00 | <hr/> | |
| Incorporation Annual Fees | | Jul to Sep - Account Activity | -\$256.02 |
| Insurance | | <hr/> | |
| QARC Domain Fees (past) | \$332.79 | Inventory Assets | |
| Zoom Annual Fees | | Opening Balance | |
| PO Box Annual Fees | | New Aquisition | |
| Office Expenses | | Disposed Assets | |
| Coffee Exp meeting | \$67.16 | Depreciation | |
| QARC Website & AllStar Exp | 263.07 | Total Assets Current Worth | \$0.00 |
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| Total Expenses | | Total Equity | \$8,619.02 |
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| Net Revenue | -\$256.02 | <hr/> | |
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| Club Membership | | VE3LYX Don Dulmage Silent Key | |
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| Paid up members - Individual | 64 | <hr/> | |
| | Family | <hr/> | |
| Life Members - Individual | 8 | <hr/> | |
| | Family | <hr/> | |
| TOTAL active MEMBERS | 88 | <hr/> | |
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| Unpaid Membership | 9 | <hr/> | |
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| Total | 97 | Treasurer report | |
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