



March 2002

Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: March 20th 2002 @7:30 PM

LOCATION: Loyalist College (Pioneer Building) **Room P-17**

PROGRAM:

Club Repeater: VE3QAR 146.985 MHz. 2 meter net: Wednesday 7:00 PM

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Monthly Meetings: 3rd Wednesday 7:30 PM Loyalist College
(Pioneer Bldg.) Room P-17

Hams 'n Eggs: SATURDAYS 8:00 AM Northway Restaurant 205 N. Front St

Foxhunt: Sundays at 2PM. Check in on VE3QAR for details.

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QARC EXECUTIVE

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Quinte Amateur Radio Club Minutes

For February 20th, 2002

The executive present were:

President	VA3PKH	Peter Hodgson
V. President	VA3WOW	Bill Milligan
Secretary	VE3VMP	Mike Papper

Prior to the meeting Tim, VE3UO conducted a RAC code proficiency test using the Morse Cat programme on his new lap top computer. Eric, VE3GSI and Mike, VE3VMP both passed the 20 wpm test. Due to the delay in testing the meeting was opened at 7:35 PM by president Peter Hodgson, VA3PKH.

Bill VA3WOW welcomed a new member into the QARC, **Pat, VA3YTT**.

Ron, VE3IVC, reported on the ARES antennae site testing and tagging. It was found that at the Moira Conservation Authority site the PL 259 plug was cross-threaded and was replaced. At the BVL General Hospital site the PL-259 was cut off when renovations were made at that location. There are plans to relocate the antenna and the appropriate repairs will be made. Identification tags were added at all the sites with a date stamp. Eric, VE3GSI reported on the antenna at the Napanee hospital site and was found to be "OK".

About 15 Hams participated in the recent annual Dog Sled races.

Tim, VE3UO, reported that there is no further developments on the repeater antenna relocation project that is scheduled for this coming spring/summer. Stand-by.

Tim is looking for volunteers for the upcoming Loyalist 5K and 10K Run on March 17th. About 6 to 10 Hams are required. Contact VE3UO, if interested.

Dave, VE3BIP, talked briefly on the IRLP status and said there are 350 nodes listed and Sweden is one of them. Dave mentioned that VE3MXR in Cobourg, on 70 cm, is linked to the VE3YYZ (444.975), in Toronto, and provides good coverage from here to Toronto.

Brian, VE3GRA, provided an up-date on FOX Hunting. Club is still very active and invites new participants. In last Sunday's hunt Tim, VE3UO found the FOX in 13 minutes. He also holds the record of 4 minutes.

Brian mentioned the **PALINDROME** phenomenon --- **20 02** --- **20 02** --- **20 02**, that will occur tonight. The numbers represent: 2 minutes after 20.00 hours (8 PM); on February

20th; in the year 2002. The last time this occurred was 1001 --- 1001 ---1001, and will never occur again!!

The “Door Prize Draw was M/S Streets & Trips software donated by Eric VE3GSI, which works on all MS platforms 3.1 and up was won by: Ron, VE3IVC,

VE3PKH showed a video on Amateur radio – a vital Resource - borrowed from the KARC. This was a promotional film on about amateur radio operators, what they do and the valuable services they provide, especially when all other forms of communications become unavailable because of an emergency or disaster situations. The tape lasted about 20 minutes.

Dave, VE3UGT, mentioned that the Trenton Club will make their phone patch available to QARC members or amateurs in the Quinte area, since they (TARC) are welcome to the IRLP link. An access code is required. If anyone is interested in it, please contact one of the executive.

The 50/50 draw was won by Harry, VA3HJM.

After the Video, about 8:30 PM, we had our usual “rag chew” and refreshments.

The meeting adjourned about 9:00 PM

The attendance was 20. .

Mike, VE3VMP
Secretary, QARC

For Sale

Hallicrafters SX-38 SW Receiver Asking \$300
Hallicrafters S-27 Receiver for Aircraft bands Asking \$200
Contact: Terry Hebden 968-8738

From the Iroquois Amateur Radio Club "Raccoon Times" Newsletter:
GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE, THAT CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:

1. No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
2. When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.
3. If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
4. Never ask your 3-year-old brother to hold a tomato.

5. You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
6. Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
7. Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
8. You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
9. Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.

GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE, THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

1. Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.
2. Wrinkles don't hurt.
3. Families are life fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
4. Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
5. Laughing is good exercise. Its like jogging on the inside.
6. Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fibre, not the toy.

GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD:

1. Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
2. Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
3. When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
4. You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
5. It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
6. Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
7. Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE:

1. You believe in Santa Claus.
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus.
3. You are Santa Claus.
4. You look like Santa Claus.