



June 2004

Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: June 16, 2004 @7:30PM

LOCATION: Loyalist College (Pioneer Building) Room P-2

PROGRAM:

- 1) Dave Ward VE3BIP update on BPL
- 2) Keith Harvey VA3KRV update on his tire pressure monitoring system
- 3) Eric Reid VE3GSI presentation on his visit to tour and operate W1AW

Club Repeater: VE3QAR 146.985 MHz.

2 meter net: Tuesday 7:30 PM on VE3TJU 146.730

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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 Quinte Restaurant 135 Cannifton Road

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Quinte Amateur Radio Club Minutes for May 19th, 2004

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm by our President, Peter VA3PKH. There was no old business. The new business at hand at this meeting was our annual elections.

Dave VE3UGT was not successful in obtaining new candidates for this year's election. In an informal election, the following agreed to executive positions:

President: Mike Papper (your truly) VE3VMP

Vice President: Greg Schatzmann VE3CH

Secretary: Tim Pekkonen VE3UO

Treasurer: Don Dalrymple VE3DQN and Bill Milligan VA3WOW

Past President: Peter Hodgson VE3UR (finally)

Thanks to Dave VE3UGT for being Past President for 4 years!!

Following the elections, an update by rear ARES representatives was given.

Paul VE3UUM talked for the Tri-county ARES and is now the section Emergency Coordinator for Ontario, congratulations Paul. We know that we have an excellent representative. Tri-county covers Central Hastings, eastern Peter bough, Trent Hill and down to Stirling. . Paul talked about how ARES got started in his area. They are involved in a number of community events and public services, especially notable are the Marmora Sled Dog races, the Eldorado Sled Dog races, and the Apsley Sled Dog races. Also involved in the clean up of the Trent River and Havelock Terry Fox Run.

TRI-County ARES also got involved in 2 major Emergency Events like the Blackout 2003 and the Standby Melrose Train De-railment.

They have antennas at the following locations:

Campbell ford Town Hall

North Kawartha Municipal Garage

Robert Empey hall, Marmora Township

Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Marmora Village

Carescent care Nursing Home Marmora Village

Madoc Village Fire hall

Ivanhoe Fire Hall

Eldorado, Madoc Township Fire Hall

Tweed Fire Hall (to be moved)

United Church Hall Marlbank

Havelock to be installed.

Paul became Ontario SEC on January 24. Ontario was re-alignd from 9 Districts to 12.

Projects or responsibilities for ARES in Ontario proposed this year are:

Standard procedures for communicating across province

Better relationship with EMO

Realign Districts to EMO Sectors

Involvement in the new increased interest in Emergency Preparedness shown in recent years

Attempt to produce some documentation to help new ECs better carry out their duties (MOU boilerplate)

Share ideas on emergency communications

Keep ARES relevant

Keep Province, Municipalities aware of what we do

Standard Digital mode for province wide communications

Insurance issues

And more

For more information go: to www.arsontario.ca.

Next Ron VE3IVC talked about ARES in the Belleville area: Antennas are located (or were located and will have to be re-installed)

Belleville Hospital

Belleville Fire dept.

OPP office at North Front and Bell Blvd.

Conservation Authority at Hwy #2 and Wallbridge Loyalist Road

Trenton Hospital

Conservation Authority in Trenton

Loyalist College

Belleville Police Station

Some of these will have to be reviewed and possibly relocated.

The Belleville ARC is involved in many public service events thought the year, some of which are

MS Walk-a-Thon

Pumpkin Watch

Mother & Daughter walk

Jamboree-on-the-air

And recently a new event in the area the BEAST Triathlon sponsored by the Belleville YMCA swim team., that include 200 participants.

Participating in these events provides members with valuable on-the-air message handling and helps to improve communication skills.

Ron has estimated that it would cost around \$1260 to provide a complete radio system setup per location. These funds may be available thru funding by the Trillium grants. Something to look into in the near future.

Doug VE3ZDG talked about ARES in Price Edward County. They have 7 members. Exercises that they participated in are:

Exercise Glider – welfare messages from air cadets on Glider Flying training programme passed to Cambellford and Kingston forwarded by e-mail.

Exercise Dragoon – five welfare messages from solders, via e-mail and NTS. Now have to part message forms for everyone in the group. Stand to in blackout, stand to hurricane Isabel. During blackout club executive installed a high-capacity battery for the repeater. Club executive then also implemented codes for the repeater to call OPP and Ambulance dispatch without going to 911. We found out that Bell will not notify authorities that phone are out, so during Isobel we monitored the nursing homes and the hospital every hour to make sure phones were working. We are trying to work together with QHC – Patrick Monahan, the new emergency coordinator.

We are in touch with police detachment commander and Fire Chief Emergency Coordinator.

Eric VE3GSI talked about ARES in Napanee. Area. The administration of the Napanee Hospital approached Marlene VE3HBR, Eric's XYL, who is a nurse there, to set up an emergency station in the hospital. Normally it's the other way around! The station cost around \$544, less the cables. Another antenna was installed at the Water Works for Y2K.

Dave VE3UGT was not able to make the meeting so the usual coffee was not served, but we enjoyed the Tim-Bits while they lasted.

There were 3 Door prize at this meeting:

1st won by: Ron VE3IVC – Tim Horton's Gift Certificate

2nd won by Al VE3GBY

3rd won by Peter VE3UR

Next month:

There will be 3 guest speakers.

The 3rd Wednesday of July the QARC will have a dinner at the Winchester Arms on Dundas St.

In August the dinner will be at Atlantis on North Front St.

The attendance was 16.

Mike, VE3VMP
Secretary, QARC

The new QARC Executive 'elected' at the May Meeting is as follows:

President: Mike Papper VE3VMP

Vice-President: Greg Schatzmann VE3CH

Secretary: Tim Pekkonen VE3UO

Co-Treasurers: Don Dalrymple VE3DQN & Bill Milligan VA3WOW

Peter Hodgson VA3PKH FINALLY becomes Past President.

The New Executive takes power July 1, 2004.

Quick IQ Test

There is a mute who wants to buy a toothbrush. By imitating the action of brushing one's teeth, he successfully expresses himself to the shopkeeper and the purchase is done.

Now if there is a blind man, who wishes to buy a pair of sunglasses, how should he express himself? Think about it first before scrolling down for the answer. The answer is at the end of the newsletter.

Bulletin Service Loses Database

Due to a system failure caused by a recent lightning strike, the HFRADIO dot NET Canadian Amateur Radio Bulletin service has lost its database of subscribers. In order to continue receiving those weekly bulletins, subscribers are asked to send an email to webmaster@hfradio dot net with the word "subscribe" in the subject line.

New President Was Famous Years Ago.

This was taken from the Port Colborne News Paper a few months ago.

Fifty years ago four members of the Port Colborne junior chess club were in Toronto participating in the junior chess tourney sponsored by the Junior Chess Federation. Our own Mike Papper (VE3VMP) along with three other players. Mike won 20 lost 4 and had 2 games unplayed.

FIELD DAY - JUNE 26 AND 27, 2004

This years Field Day will again be a joint effort with the Prince Edward Radio Club. The Huff's Island Community center has been confirmed as the location for this year's Field Day operations. We invite all members to take part either as operators, bystanders, food and drink providers, and moral supporters - whatever. It's great fun so be sure to drop by on Saturday June 26th and Sunday June 27th.

Kingston Amateur Radio and Communications Fleamarket

Saturday, September 11, 2004

Location description

Drill Hall Alpha, Vimy Barracks, CFB Kingston. Hall is located in the Forde Building. From HWY 401 take HWY 15 South until you reach the end (HWY 2). Turn left and watch for the signs. Approximately 1 km east is Vimy Barracks. Vendors enter at 7:00 AM, Door open to the general public from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. General admission \$2, tables \$10, commercial vendor tables \$20. Door prizes may be substituted for commercial vendors admission only. One free admission given with each table rental. 50/50 draw tickets \$1.00

Talkin 146.940 (-) VE3KBR

Plan on visiting the Communications Museum while you're here. Visit their site by clicking here:

<http://www.c-and-e-museum.org/>

The museum is located just across the street from the Fleamarket. The hall will have a canteen open and washrooms are available on site. For more information or tables can be reserved by calling Max VE3TMT during the evenings at 613-544-9288 or by e-mail to ve3tmt@yahoo.ca.

Kiwanis Colour Cribbage Ride

Doug, VE3ZDG confirmed PERC's participation in the Kiwanis Colour Cribbage ride to be held October 2nd in the County. This is a bicycle tour of Prince Edward County. There are many checkpoints along the route. The organizers found it a great help last year to have communications with these checkpoints. Call Doug at 476-5593 if you'd like to help out.

Poland is rapidly becoming an Amateur Radio Superpower

After enduring political and economic change, Poland is rapidly becoming an Amateur Radio superpower.

The number of licenses is growing in Poland, and now exceeds 16,000. It is no longer compulsory to belong to an organization, as it was prior to 1989. There were then hundreds of Amateur Radio clubs coordinated by three entities: PZK, the scouts and the National Defense League. Although the overall level of education in theory and practical operating techniques was good, suitable equipment was very difficult to get. After drastic changes of politics and economics in early 1990s, the number of clubs has declined but almost anyone can afford to buy a piece or two of modern equipment. The result is an army of well-trained and well-equipped Amateur Radio operators in Poland.

The full story written by Henryk Kotowski, SM0JHF can be found on the ARRL website at: www.arrl.org/news/features/2004/05/28/2/?nc=1

RAC Youth Education program experiments with an IRLP school net

From the *Canadian Amateur Radio Bulletin*

(Thanks to Neil Carleton VE3NCE)

School teacher Neil Carlton - VE3NCE, recently sent us a copy of the following e-mail message to Mark Richardson - VA3OB0 at the Lester B. Pearson High School in Burlington, Ontario, and Brian Jackson - VE6JBJ at the Chestermere Lake Middle School, Chestermere, Alberta.

The e-mail tells about plans to establish an IRLP network to interconnect schools participating in the RAC Youth Education program.

" Brian and Mark, it was great talking with you today by IRLP after school. After twenty minutes on-air, we had a plan all worked out. Isn't amateur radio wonderful!

Thanks Brian for calling on your way to Calgary. Through the marvel of amateur radio, we were able to talk over a lot of ideas about a school-to-school YEP net. I'm glad that Tom Kelly (sp?) - VE6TDK could join us too from the amateur radio station at the Calgary Aerospace Museum. After our discussion, I reached Mark on his way home from school too.

Mark coordinated the first YEP school-to-school IRLP net earlier this year between his school and mine. Taking part at Lester B. Pearson High School were students Matt - VA3OPO, Paul - VA3OSX, Kristen - VA3KKS, and Brian - VA3BCC. Everyone agreed it was a very successful experiment, and we talked about doing the next net with Brian and his students in Alberta before the school year ended. When Terrance and the other volunteers from the WARA are back at Central Middle School, in Victoria, perhaps in the fall, our aim is to have all four schools take part.

Now we're all set for Tuesday. Thanks Mark for agreeing to be net control next week.

The plan is to meet on the Raleigh reflector, node 9217, at 3:40 p.m. Eastern, 1:40 p.m. Mountain, this coming Tuesday, May 25. Mark has kindly arranged an open invitation for us to use the reflector for YEP nets. On Tuesday, Mark and/or one of his students will open the net and call for check-ins. Participating will be:

1. Chestermere Lake Middle School, Chestermere, Alberta - Brian and his grade 6 class;
2. Calgary Aerospace Museum, Alberta - Tom and students visiting the Museum;
3. Lester B. Pearson High School, Burlington, Ontario - Mark and his high school students;
4. R. Tait McKenzie Public School, Almonte, Ontario - I'll be here with the grades 4 to 6 students in the Shortwave Listening and Amateur Radio Club.

I look forward to talking with everyone on Tuesday"

For Sale

Kenwood 440 with Kenwood PS \$800 contact Shawn Meeks VE3MEE 962-0493.

Quick IQ Test Answer

He opens his mouth and says, "I'd like to buy a pair of sunglasses."

If you got this wrong...please go dig a hole and hide.

Treasurers Report

MONTH TO DATE

Revenue		Expenses	
Membership Dues		RAC Membership	
Coffee		Office Supplies	\$56.06
50/50 Draw		Incorporation	
Donations to QARC	\$68.50	News letter printing	\$22.34
Interest	\$0.20	Insurance	
		Social Events	
		Donations	
Total revenue	\$68.70	Total Expenses	\$78.40
Month to Date Income			-\$9.70

YEAR TO DATE

Revenue		Expenses	
Membership Dues	\$850.00	Guest Speaker	\$40.71
Donations to QARC	\$98.50	Post box rental	\$77.04
50/50 Draw	\$50.00	Office supplies	\$207.74
Coffee	\$43.39	News letter printing	\$148.29
Repeater Move	\$0.00	Door Prizes	\$5.00
Interest	\$1.69	Insurance	\$654.48
		Donations	\$92.50
		RAC Membership	
		Hall Rental	\$60.00
		Incorporation	
		Name Tags	\$8.05
Total revenue	\$1,043.58	Total Expenses	\$1,293.81
Year to Date Income			-\$250.23
Cash on Hand			\$4,516.06