



April 2005

Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: April 20, 2005 @7:30PM

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

PROGRAM: Dave Sharpe VA3OPC will be talking about the commercial satellite business.

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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March QARC Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Mike VE3VMP at 7:36 PM.

Mike welcomed guest Dimitri VE3ZXU to the meeting.

A moment of silence was observed for Art Blick VE3AHU of Kingston who passed away recently.

Mike announced the Basic Course exam was held yesterday (March 15) and we now have 8 new hams: Len Arminio, Tracy Greven, Goeff Harbinson, Bob Moore, Richard Mutton, Mike Upton, Dan Watkins and Jeff Watkins. Callsigns coming soon!

Also three hams from the Trenton ARC wrote and passed their Advanced: George Game VE3AFG, Attila Kostya VE3KAS, and Don Shears VE3UHO.

RAC Insurance: We are the first club in Canada to purchase RAC Insurance. The cost was \$125 (or 5 QARC members dues) as we have approximately 60% of our members who are RAC members. Our previous insurance required 30 members dues! We received \$433.08 from our insurance company as a result of cancelling our current policy.

April Meeting: Dave Sharpe VA3OPC will be talking about the commercial satellite business.

Upcoming Events:

TriCounty ARC Swap meeting in Deloro Wed March 23.

Pitter Patter Run: Sunday April 10 starting and finishing at Loyalist College. The run starts at 10 AM volunteers to meet at Loyalist Cafeteria at 9 AM. Contact Tim VE3UO if you can help out.

Annual Auction: to be held Thursday May 5 at the Bloomfield Community Center.

'Tour of the County' Foxhunt: Saturday May 14 at 12 Noon at Bloomfield Community Center. There will be three transmitters plus a 'beginners' transmitter as well. Contact Dave VE3BIP for more info. Dave is also sourcing parts for an Active Attenuator building project.

MS SuperCities Walk: Sunday May 29 at Moira Secondary School - contact Ron VE3IVC.

Belleville Police Torch Run Monday June 13 - contact Ron VE3IVC. (more details to follow)

It was announced that Al Taylor VE3WV has been licensed 70 years this month. Congratulations!

Break and 50/50 draw: once again won by 'Lucky George VE3YD' who pocketed \$11.50. A reminder that Jan, Feb and March 50/50 proceeds to be donated to the Red Cross for Tsunami relief.

Program/speaker: Dave VE3UGT introduced Denise Reynolds from TAS. The program was primarily a discussion whether amateur radio could help TAS in an emergency situation. As amateur radio is non commercial in nature it was determined that we could possibly help in emergency dispatch of fire calls, and not any TAS commercial accounts. We also explained to Denise the difference between our hobby and getting a 'Restricted Radio Operators' license. Denise mentioned that there might possibly some people at TAS interested in getting a Ham License and she will take the information obtained tonight back to TAS. We also expressed to Denise the desire to locate a repeater (for emergency communications) on their tower on Oak Hill as the increased coverage from their site would greatly enhance our emergency communications ability.

At the close of the meeting Al Davis VE3HNJ mentioned the article and picture in the Mar/Apr 2005 issue of the Canadian Amateur regarding Jack Ravenscroft Park in Kanata. Al knew Jack since boyhood and he passed along some memories of his long friendship with Jack.

Meeting attendance was 23.

70 Years as a Ham

March 11 2005 marked the 70th year since Al Taylor VE3WV passed his 10 Words per Minute to get his Amateur Radio License. He waited until April 1st to get his call to save paying for part of an additional year. Maybe Al can give us a short talk on what Amateur Radio was like back then.

Tour of the County hidden transmitter hunt

Dave VE3BIP

Announcing the Fourth Annual 2005 Tour of the County hidden transmitter hunt. This year's hunt will be on Saturday May 14th beginning at 12:00 noon. The start point is the Bloomfield Community Centre in Bloomfield, Ontario. The format of the hunt will be similar to previous years, three transmitters hidden anywhere in Prince Edward County. Take up to 3 hours to find as many as you can.

In addition, this year we are adding a fourth "Learner's" transmitter for people who are relatively new to the hobby. The learner's transmitter will operate on a separate frequency, transmit more frequently than the regular transmitters and be within 10 miles of the starting point. Of course, if you find the Learner's transmitter in the first hour or two you are more than welcome to search for the others as well. There will also be a few folks available who can get you started with loaned equipment, or instructions or both. So if you have never tried hidden transmitter hunting before this is your chance to give it a try.

As always there will be a get together with refreshments afterwards to brag or trade horror stories as the case may be.

Please pass along this message to anyone else that you think might be interested. We always have fun with this event and the more the merrier.

For more information check at <http://www.qarc.on.ca/countyfox.html> or contact Dave Ward at ve3bip@rac.ca

Basic Course Completed:

Our winter 2005 course wrapped up on March 15 with 8 hams graduating! Congratulations to: **VA3MJU** Michael Upton; **VA3WEA** Dan Watkins; **VE3ERM** Richard Mutton; **VE3LRM** Len Arminio; **VE3OWT** Jeff Watkins; **VE3QWB** Bob Moore; **VE3XFE** Geoff Harbinson; and **VE0TG** Tracie Greven.

Also George Game **VE3AFG**, Attila Kostya **VE3KAS**, and Don Shears **VE3UHO** wrote and passed the Advanced Examination.

STOP THE PRESSES !!!!! Miles Leclair **VE3DX** wrote and passed the Basic Examination on Saturday April 9. Congratulations !!

Ham Radio Course Fall 2005: We are tentatively planning our next Basic Course to start in September 2005 and will be finished the last week of November 2005. If you are interested in taking the course, contact [Mike Papper VE3VMP](#) at (613) 969-1744.

Broken Radios

Five members of QARC went to a Ham Radio Fleamarket. They were Tim VE3UO, Peter VE3UR, Dave VE3UGT, Jeff VE3OWT and Dan VA3WEA. There were lots of used 2 metre radios there but they all needed repair. The group decided to each buy a radio, as they knew there were club members that could help fix them. The five radios, each priced differently cost \$5.00, \$12.00, \$20.00, \$30.00 and \$40.00. One had no audio, another would not transmit, one the display did not work, one the volume control did not work and another the antenna connector was broken. The club members who helped fix the problems were Dave VE3BIP, Mike VE3VMP, Don VE3DQN, Bill VA3WOW and Ron VE3IVC. They each helped with a different radio. You have to find out from the clues below who bought which broken radio, how much it cost and who fixed it.

- 1: Dave VE3UGT did not buy the most expensive radio.
- 2: The radio that Dave VE3BIP fixed cost more than Tim VE3UO's radio, but less than both Jeff VE3OWT's radio and the radio that the volume control did not work on.
- 3: Dan VA3WEA's radio cost more than the radio that Don VE3DQN fixed which cost more than the radio with the broken antenna connector, which cost more than the radio that the display did not work on.
- 4: Jeff VE3OWT's radio cost more than the radio that Bill VA3WOW worked on, but less than the radio that had no audio.
- 5: The combined cost of Dan VE3WEA's radio and the radio that would not transmit was \$10.00, more than the radio that Mike VE3VMP fixed (Which didn't have the no audio problem)

The answers will be posted at the meeting and in next month's QRM.

CW only Field Day sight.

By Glenn Killam, VE3GNA, A/BM

Glenn Killam, VE3GNA, would like to hear from any ex-RCAF or current Canadian Forces CW operators who would be interested in an all-CW (Or mostly-CW) Field Day operation this year. Keyers, straight keys, and "bugs" could all be used. For more information see the RAC ARES Ontario web site under "extended bulletins," or contact Glenn via email at ve3gna@rac.ca.

Ghost Towns Of Ontario

By Glenn Killam, VE3GNA, A/BM

Several months ago I floated the idea of "Dx-Peditions" to some of the many ghost towns across this great land of ours. My letter was published in The Canadian Amateur (TCA), and I have had a few replies, mostly positive. Since this can be a year-round event, we do not need to wait for warmer weather, as we do with IOTA. I realize that not everyone subscribes to TCA, so I am using this medium to spread the word. Please e-mail me with your thoughts at ve3gna@rac.ca.

PEC Marathon

The following dates are when last year's PEC marathon will be aired on TSN:

Sunday April 24 11:30 - 12:00

Thursday April 28 12:30 - 13:00

Monday May 2 01:30 - 02:30

Tuesday May 3 04:30 - 05:00

For Sale .. For Sale .. For Sale ..

Delhi 40 foot self supporting tower, Heavy Duty Rotor, HF 3 element tri-band beam, Cushcraft 22 element 2m beam, Cushcraft Ringo Ranger 2 vertical antenna. Everything is still assembled – purchaser to take down. Asking \$700 – contact Clare Jaynes VA3CWJ at 613-962-3753.

Treasurers Report

MONTH TO DATE

Revenue		Expenses	
Membership Dues	\$100.00	RAC Membership	
Coffee	\$9.25	Office Supplies	\$16.06
50/50 Draw	\$11.50	Incorporation	
Donations to QARC		News letter printing	\$16.90
Interest	\$0.29	Insurance	-\$433.08
		Social Events	
		Donations	
		Radio Course Printing	\$23.28
		Repeater Repairs	\$10.00
Total revenue	\$121.04	Total Expenses	-\$366.84
		Month to Date Income	\$487.88

YEAR TO DATE

Revenue		Expenses	
Membership Dues	\$750.00	Social Events	
Donations to QARC	\$70.00	Post box rental	\$80.25
50/50 Draw	\$134.50	Office supplies	\$171.35
Coffee	\$43.40	News letter printing	\$142.03
Repeater Move	\$0.00	Door Prizes	
Interest	\$1.55	Insurance	\$426.32
Study Guide Sales	\$540.00	Donations	\$152.97
		RAC Membership	
		Incorporation	
		Name Tags	\$8.05
		Berevement	\$50.00
		Radio Course Printing	\$43.52
		Repeater Repairs	\$10.00
		Misc Radio Course Purchases	\$669.52
Total revenue	\$1,539.45	Total Expenses	\$1,754.01
		Year to Date Income	-\$214.56
		Cash on Hand	\$4,308.54

