

November 2007

Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: November 21, 2007 @7:30PM

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

PROGRAM: Eric VA3EP will give a demo on a Morse Code tutor he designed and built.

Club Repeaters: VE3QAR: 146.985 Mhz / 444.475 Mhz. (118.8 Hz PL)

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-2

Hams 'n Eggs: SATURDAYS 8:00 AM Quinte Restaurant 135 Cannifton Road

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Minutes of the Quinte Amateur Radio Club

Meeting October 17, 2007

Meeting called to order by President Mike at 7:32pm, by saying we were waiting for the arrival of our guest speaker, but would go ahead with the business part of the meeting.

Executive present: President: Mike VE3OX, Vice-President: Tim VE3UO

Past-President: Peter VE3UR, Treasurer: Miles VE3XDX

Secretary: Bob VE3QWB

Welcome to: VE3GTS Terry Shortt; VA3EP Eric Pierce; and once he arrives, Dave Goodwin, the R.A.C. rep for Ontario North and East VE3AAQ, and traveling with him will be VE2GK Gary Spence and VE2DWA Claudio Fernandez.

Mike also mentioned that VE3GBJ Jim Ballard and his XYL Peg are moving to New Brunswick and will be missed. Jim was not able to make the meeting tonight.

Correspondence: Letter received from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, requesting a donation for their Amateur Radio Program.

The CNIB Amateur Radio Program provides training materials in a variety of formats for

people with vision loss, provide free loan radios for those in financial need and makes affordable equipment available by lease or sale. They also represent Amateurs with vision loss to governments and manufacturers, distribute audio newsletters and Amateur magazines on CD and operate and maintain an Amateur station in Toronto. Although they are sponsored by the CNIB, they manage and finance their own activities. They also accept individual donations of money and equipment. Anyone wishing to send support, the address is CNIB Amateur Radio Program, 1929 Bayview Ave., Toronto, Ontario. M4G 3E8. Moved by VE3IVC Ron that we send them \$ 25.00, seconded by VE3FZ Al, carried. Cheque mailed.

Treasurer's Report: VE3XDX Miles handed out copies of the Fiscal Year End Report covering from July 2006 to June 2007, copies are available. Our bank balance is \$ 5189.17

ARES Reports:

VA3WOW Bill talked about the annual Simulated Emergency Test (SET) a couple weeks ago. It is a North America-wide exercise in emergency communications, administered by the ARRL and the RAC Emergency Coordinators and Net Managers. Both ARES and the National Traffic System (NTS) are involved. The SET weekend gives communicators the opportunity to focus on the emergency-communications capability within the community, while interacting with NTS nets. The 2007 dates were Oct 6 and 7. Bill and VE3UR Peter set up a mobile unit to monitor and contacted VE3ZDG Doug in Picton. VE3ZDG Doug reported five of their P.E.R.C. HF operators took part and EMO EOC had 370 stations on HF, Packet and other modes during the S.E.T.

VE3UR Peter thanked those who helped with the Hilly 100 rally in Bancroft last month.

VE3IVC Ron thanked those who helped with the Mother Daughter stroke walk at Zwicks last month.

VA3KRV Keith advised there is a walkathon in Warkworth on Saturday Oct. 20, anyone available to help is to contact Keith for further details.

Coming Events:

VE3UO Tim reminds members of the Halloween Safe Streets on October 31. Amateur Radio volunteers will once again be assisting Belleville Community Policing Volunteers and Loyalist College students by patrolling Belleville city streets to help keep them safe for Halloween 'Trick-or-Treaters'. In order to participate in Halloween Safe Streets, the Belleville Police Service requires a Background Check to be done on ALL volunteers, including 'ham' volunteers. Contact Tim for details or to volunteer.

VA3BRW Brian reminds members of the QARC Christmas dinner on December 12 at the Belleville Club. Social hour from 6pm to 7pm, then dinner. Tickets are \$ 35.00 each. Cash bar. Contact Brian for tickets. Brian.Williams@sympatico.ca

VE3BIP Dave was not at the meeting so Mike asked if anyone had any comments on the club's repeater. It is working and the IRLP node is also working again. VA3WOW Bill said when he is available to; he brings up the IRLP Reflector 9005 and takes part in the Ontario-Wide ARES net Sundays and Wednesdays at 8pm. The net is open to any Amateur Radio Operator that wants to take part; you don't have to be a member of ARES. It is interesting to listen to, with operators from all over Ontario, they can hear each other, and it's all going through the Internet to a reflector in British Columbia, then back out to connected IRLP nodes across Ontario.

VE3ZDG Doug reminds everyone that the Prince Edward Radio Club will be holding their Christmas Dinner on December 1, 2007, at the Prince Edward Yacht Club at 7pm. Tickets are \$ 20.00 Everyone, even non-members, are welcome. Contact VE3FZ Al Law 613-476-8462 for tickets.

Mike mentioned upcoming contests, you can see a list of them and other events at <http://www.rac.ca/service/infocont.htm>

Mike then asked if anyone knew where the word 'radio' came from? It was used to describe 'wireless' at the INTERNATIONAL WIRELESS TELEGRAPH CONVENTION in Berlin, Germany on November 3, 1906. You can read some interesting items at the webpage: <http://earlyradiohistory.us/1906conv.htm>

Coffee Break

After the break, Mike introduced our guest speaker, Radio Amateurs of Canada Director for Ontario North & East Region, Dave Goodwin VE3AAQ Dave gave a very interesting presentation on what RAC is and what RAC does for Amateur radio operators in Canada, even those who do not belong to RAC, including an insurance policy. There is a wealth of information at their website: <http://www.rac.ca> You can contact Dave at PO Box 27084 Ottawa ON K1J 9L9 (613) 841-9791 ve3aaq@rac.ca
50/50 DRAW: \$ 30.00 won by VA3KRV Keith

Door prizes:

- 1 - an ARES coffee mug, courtesy of Dave Goodwin, won by VE3IVC Ron
- 2 - also from Dave, a RAC Operating Manual, won by VE3HNQ Harold Quinn
- 3 - a "one of a kind", hand painted QAC coffee mug, donated by Dave VE3UGT won by VA3JAD Joe

Meeting closed at 9:40, attendance was 40.

QARC Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas dinner will be held on **Wed. Dec. 12** at The Belleville Club, 210 Pinnacle St. Belleville. Cocktails 6pm to 7pm with dinner at 7pm. Tickets are \$ 35.00 per person. There will be prizes. Please see Brian Williams VA3BRW to purchase tickets for this. Brian will be selling tickets at the QARC November meeting. This is a new venue we are trying. This price is for a minimum of 40 people. As noted in the September minutes a motion was put forward and carried that the club would pay any shortfall. Please plan to attend and help make Brian's time spent organizing this event worthwhile.

Tour of The County Foxhunt

October 2007

The fall Tour of the County Foxhunt was held Oct 13. We had 11 teams hunting. The weather was great. One of the fox transmitters failed to start so there were only 2 foxes to find. Thanks to those who hid the foxes and to Dave and Ching Bee for the lunch after the hunt. Always good to get together to see who can come up with the best excuses as to why they drove so far.

Results

Dave	VE3BIP	#3 - 22.1	#2 - 36.1
Al & Dave	VA3UGT & VE3UGT	#3 - 23.2	#2 - 39.6
Mike & Brian	VE3OX & VA3BRW	#3 - 21.3	#2 - 45.0
Ian	VE3EP	#3 - 28.1	#2 - 45.0
Jim	VE3LP	#3 - 29.2	#2 - 59.0
Peter	VE3UR	#3 - 35.5	#2 - 67.1
Rick & Robert	VE3IQZ & VE3KEA	#3 - 26.4	
Alan & Paul	VE3IVO & VE3HMH	#3 - 28.8	
Terry & Rob	VA3BHL	#3 - 30.9	
John	VE3BPA	#3 - 44.8	
Mike	VE3MPA	#3 - 83.5	

Results and photos can be seen 'on the web' at:

<http://web.mac.com/dpward/TxHunting/Welcome.html>

New HF Net Formed

Doug Monk, VE3ZDG, via Glenn VE3GNA

A new HF net is being organized in the Loyalist District of Ontario ARES. The net will meet at 2030 local each Tuesday commencing October 23 on a frequency of 3.755 Mhz. Checkins are encouraged from the four groups in the district -- Hastings, Prince Edward, Kingston and Frontenac. I am quite sure that other stations will be welcomed as well.

Membership Dues

Our Memberships are going along fine. I appreciate your payment of dues in a timely manner. Here are a few reminders of the dues that are outstanding up to and including this November and the amounts owing.

\$25.00

VA3DMO, VA3VEC, VA3YID, VE3APF, VE3GBJ, VE3GTD, VE3HBM, VE3IVE, VE3JPW, VE3UR, VE3XFE, VE9EP

\$20.00

VA3WOW, VE3CSU, VE3TQJ

\$18.00

VA3THB, VE3FZ

\$16.00

VA3VHH, VE3ASR, VE3CH, VE3CJG/VE3HON, VE3NFP, VE3OWO, VE3UGT

These amounts will pay up to June 2008 the end of our fiscal year. Thank you in advance for your prompt return of your club dues and attention to this matter

Miles

Treasurer

QARC OCTOBER 2007 TREASURERS REPORT

Opening Balance as of October 1, 2007		+5012.16
Revenue: Interest	.23	
Memberships	130.00	
Coffee	14.50	
50/50	<u>30.00</u>	
Total Revenue	174.73	<u>+174.73</u>
-		+5186.69
Expenses : Cheque #199 Dave Ackerman	70.25	
(Sept/Oct newsletter/coffee		
Cheque #200 CNIB	25.00	
(donation)		
Cheque #201 Star Trophies	<u>47.88</u>	
(invoices 7207, 7236, 7242)		
Total Expenses	143.13	<u>-143.13</u>
		+5043.56
Closing Balance as of October 31, 2007		+5043.56

QUINTE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

FISCAL YEAR END

TREASURERS REPORT

JULY 1,2006- JUNE 30,2007

Opening Balance on July 1,2006		+
5006.46		
Revenue: Interest	2.49	
Memberships	1427.00	
Coffee	129.59	
50/50	175.00	
Equipment Sales	250.00	
Star Trophies	85.00	
Donations	180.00	
Radio Course	<u>315.00</u>	
Total Revenue	2564.08	
<u>+2564.08</u>		+757
0.54		
Expenses: Star Trophies	252.52	
Coffee/Newsletters	316.31	
Donations	175.00	
Repeater	500.00	
Radio Course	66.55	
Office Supplies	436.98	
Domain Renewal	37.10	
Post Office Box Renewal	117.70	
RAC Insurance	150.00	
Field Day	60.00	
Christmas	<u>269.21</u>	
Total Expenses	2381.37	
<u>-2381.37</u>		+518
9.17		
Closing Balance on June 30,2007		+5189.17

REVENUE BY MONTH

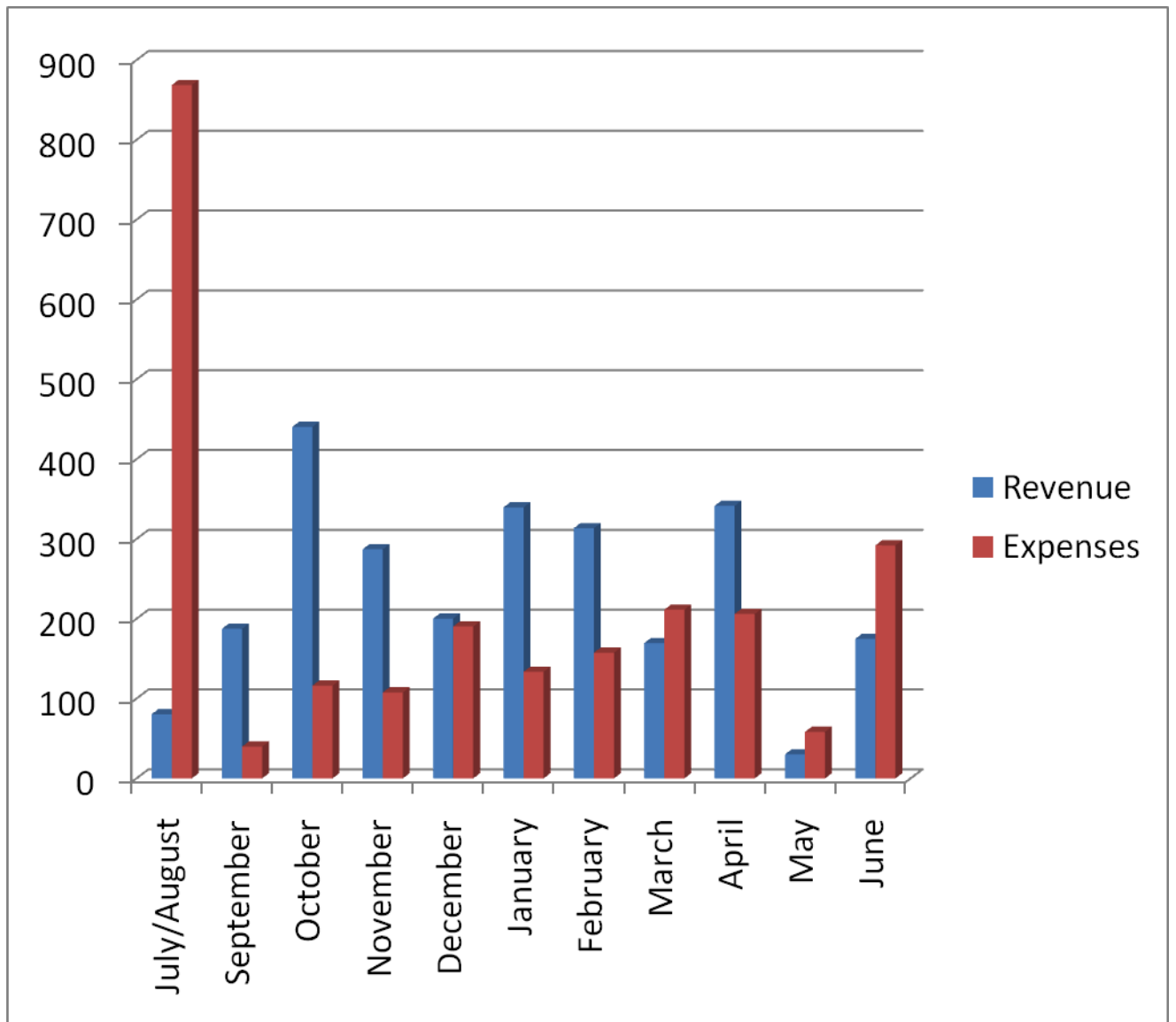
July/August 2006	80.38
September 2006	187.44
October 2006	440.44
November 2006	287.10
December 2006	200.21
January 2007	339.46
February 2007	313.50
March 2007	169.47
April 2007	341.37
May 2007	29.98
June 2007	<u>174.73</u>
Total	2564.08

EXPENSES BY MONTH

July/August 2006	868.66
September 2006	639.85
October 2006	116.23
November 2006	107.73
December 2006	190.31
January 2007	133.55
February 2007	157.49
March 2007	211.30
April 2007	206.02
May 2007	58.30
June 2007	<u>291.93</u>
Total	2381.37

Repeater Fund

Opening Balance on July 1, 2006	2435.00
Cavities	-500.00
Closing Balance on June 30, 2007	1935.00
Repeater Fund	1935.00
General Fund	<u>3254.17</u>
Total Funds	5189.17



The Poodle ... And the Leopard

A wealthy old lady decides to go on a photo safari in Africa, taking her faithful aged poodle named Cuddles along for the company.

One day the poodle starts chasing butterflies and before long, Cuddles discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.

The old poodle thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep doo-doo now!" Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat.

Just as the leopard is about to leap the old poodle exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard! I wonder if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young leopard halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees.

"Whew!" says the leopard. "That was close! That old poodle nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard.

So off he goes, but the old poodle sees him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figures that something must be up.

The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard.

The young leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old poodle sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?" but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old poodle says.

"Where's that damn monkey? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another leopard!"

Moral of this story....

Don't mess with old farts...

Age and treachery will always overcome youth and skill! Bullshit and brilliance only come with age and experience.

RAC Elects Executive Officers for 2008-2009

(RAC Bulletin #24)

In accordance with RAC Bylaw Section 8, the Nomination Committee met by telephone conference on October 20, 2007 to elect positions to the Executive of Radio Amateurs of Canada for the term 2008-2009.

Nomination Chair Ken Oelke, VE6AFO, convened the meeting.

As a result of the election process, the following individuals will take office commencing January 1, 2008:

David Goodwin	VO1AU/VE3AAQ	President
Guy Richard	VE2XTD/VE2QG	First Vice-President
Daniel Lamoureux	VE2KA	Vice-President International Affairs
Rich Ferch	VE3KI	Vice-President Regulatory Affairs
Norm Rashleigh	VE3LC	Vice-President Industrial Liaison
Robert (Bob) Cooke	VE3BDB	Vice-President Field Services
Linda Friars	VE9GLF	Corporate Secretary
Dave Parks	VE3AV	Treasurer

The position of Vice-President Public Relations still remains vacant. The RAC Board of Directors extends sincere thanks to the outgoing Executive members for their dedication to and participation in the organization during their time in office.

Susan Cooke, VE3SUH
RAC Corporate Secretary

Note: We didn't know it at the time, but we had the next RAC President speaking at our October Meeting !!

Don't forget the QARC Dinner on Wednesday December 12, 2007 at the Belleville Club 210 Pinnacle St in Belleville. Contact Brian Williams VA3BRW va3brw@rac.ca for information and tickets.