



November 2009

# Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

## NOTICE OF MEETING:

**DATE / TIME:** November 18, 2009 @7:30PM

**LOCATION:** Loyalist College (Pioneer Building) Room P-1

**PROGRAM:** Our speaker this month will be Leanne Latter Emergency Planning Coordinator Hastings County.

**Club Repeaters: VE3QAR: 146.985 Mhz / 444.475 Mhz. (118.8 Hz PL)  
2 meter net: Tuesday 7:30 PM on VE3TJU 146.730**

**QARC HomePage <http://www.qarc.on.ca/> webspace provided by:  
Hay-Net Networks  
<http://www.hay-net.net/>**

**Monthly Meetings:** 3rd Wednesday 7:30 PM Loyalist College  
(Pioneer Bldg.) Room P-1

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

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# Minutes of QARC meeting Oct 21 2009.

Dave Ackerman VE3UGT

Tim Pekkonen opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. He announced meetings will be held in P1 for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Executive Present were

Tim Pekkonen VE3UO, Dave Ackerman VE3UGT, Miles LeClair VE3XDX

Tim asked for approval of the minutes for the September meeting. It was noted that the Red Cross had purchased a 2 metre antenna only not antenna and radio. This had been noted in the minutes but corrected before being sent out in the newsletter.

Membership dues were due in June. There are still a large number that have not paid. Those who have not paid will be removed from the mailing list at the end of November.

Mike VE3OX reported that the basic course is going well. He has 9 students and expects all to pass.

The exam is planned for November 30.

The Qarc domain & web hosting is now with Hay-Net Networks as of Oct 20.

Halloween Safe Streets is coming up. A reminder from Tim that a police background check is required to participate in this or any Community Police event.

November 18 meeting speaker will be Leanne Latter Emergency Planning Coordinator Hastings County.

The annual meeting of the Loyalist ARES District will be held at Essroc in Picton on November 7 @ 10:00 AM. Please contact Bill VA3WOW by Oct 30 if you plan to attend.

QARC club has a roll of 12/3 extension cord approximately 200FT long. Tim suggested we make 3 cords of 66Ft, one for each of the 3 area clubs. No decision was made at this time. It was left for further discussion.

The annual Christmas Dinner will be held at Swiss Chalet on Wednesday December 9 at 5:00 PM.

There will not be a regular meeting at Loyalist College in December.

The Prince Edward Radio Club will hold their Christmas Dinner at the Prince Edward Yacht Club on Saturday November 28.

Bill 118 cell phone legislation take effect Oct 26 2009. Armature Radio operators are exempt from the law until January 1 2013. It is recommended that you carry a copy of Bill 118 and your Radio Certificate.

The fall Tour of the County Fox hunt was held Sunday October 18. There were 8 teams hunting. One team found all three, four teams found two, one team found one and 2 teams failed to find any of the foxes.

There was no new business.

After the coffee break we had a presentation by John Ilffe VA3JI on the newly formed company, Coax Publications. They publish the new study guide for the basis course. After John finished Geoff Smith VA3GS RAC director for Ontario South talked about the role RAC takes in representing all armatures to Industry Canada and the advantages of being a member of RAC.

## Membership 2009-10

The QARC Fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 annually. There are still some members who have not paid 2009-10 dues. According to the bylaws, these people will be taken off the membership register in December and this will be the last 'QRM' newsletter that they will receive. Please consider some of the excellent meeting speakers and topics that we have heard at our meetings, and we ask that you keep your QARC membership active. If you are in this group you will have received a notification in your email message, or a small note if you receive your newsletter via Canada Post. Club Dues are \$25.

## December Christmas Dinner Meeting

This year's Christmas Dinner will be held on **Wednesday December 9 at 5:00 PM** at the Swiss Chalet Restaurant in Belleville. You will be able to order off their menu, but in order to reserve an area for the group to sit together, we need to know how many people will be attending. Please advise Mike VE3OX [ve3ox@rac.ca](mailto:ve3ox@rac.ca) or 613-969-1744 if you will be attending. And as always, spouses are welcome! Note once again the time is **5:00 PM**.

## Halloween Safe Streets

On Saturday October 31, members of the Quinte Amateur Radio club assisted Belleville Community Policing with its Halloween Safe Streets program. This involves patrolling the city streets while the younger 'trick-or-treaters' were out making their rounds in search of Halloween goodies. As in previous years, the radio club members reported a quiet evening on the streets. A big 'Thank-You' to this year's volunteers: Brian VA3BS, Cliff VA3ECP, Joan VA3JLS, Glen VE3CJG, Mike VE3OX, Tim VE3UO, and Peter VE3UR.

## Club Web Page

As mentioned earlier the Quinte ARC Website [www.qarc.on.ca](http://www.qarc.on.ca) is now being hosted by Hay-Net Networks. This is the same company that also hosts Radio Amateurs of Canada, part of the Montreal Amateur Radio Club, and the St Lawrence Valley Repeater Council sites. Note that the web hosting is 'gratis' but the club pays an annual fee for the Domain Name.

# North East Regional Directors Report November 2009



As you may have heard there have been some changes in the Executive at RAC. At a meeting of Directors which is held on a yearly basis to confirm the Executive for the coming term several changes were made. A majority of Directors chose Geoff Bawden, VE4BAW as President elect and Paul Burggraaf, VE9PRB as Secretary. Margret Tideman, VE3VXN was appointed as Treasurer as she ran unopposed. The remaining Executive is the same.

Shortly thereafter President Bob Cooke, VE3BDB, and Directors Geoff Smith, VA3GS and Noël Marcel, VE2BR all submitted their resignations. Until January 1, 2010 1<sup>st</sup> VP Ian MacFarquhar, VE9IM will be acting President.

There is no doubt there has been a re-organization at HQ, and it is unfortunate that the former President and 2 directors have resigned. However in the 3 years that I have been a Director I really believe now is the best shape RAC has been in. If I think back, we have been through a legal suite that threatened to bankrupt RAC, a major IT meltdown, a couple of Presidents and the other minor details that come with this type of organization.

Now we are in a situation where we have new and very competent Office Manager, an existing Office Clerk, and new Treasurer who with an Executive committed to help them can now plan for the future.

The President Elect is Geoff, VE4BAW. He is retired from a senior level in the Manitoba government. He is very much a consensus builder who will build a team that can take RAC and turn it into a Amateur Radio Organization that will rival any other.

There is always the issue of not enough members and I suspect that will be an ongoing concern. But there are some new initiatives as well that will help RAC go forward. More to follow

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at [ve3xt@rac.ca](mailto:ve3xt@rac.ca).

73

Bill VE3XT  
North East Ontario  
Regional Director

# Flu Prevention

In 1919 when the flu killed 40 million people there was this Doctor that visited the many farmers to see if he could help them combat the flu. Many of the farmers and their family had contracted it and many died.

The Doctor came upon this one farmer and to his surprise, everyone was very healthy. When the Doctor asked what the farmer was doing that was different the wife replied that she had placed an unpeeled onion in a dish in the rooms of the home, (probably only two rooms back then). The doctor couldn't believe it and asked if he could have one of the onions and place it under the microscope. She gave him one and when he did **this, he did find the flu virus in the onion**. It obviously absorbed the bacteria, therefore, keeping the family healthy.

Now, I heard this story from my hairdresser in AZ. She said that several years ago many of her employees were coming down with the flu and so were many of her customers. The next year she placed several bowls with onions around in her shop. To her surprise, none of her staff got sick. It must work. (And no, she is not in the onion business.)

The moral of the story is, buy some onions and place them in bowls around your home. If you work at a desk, place one or two in your office or under your desk or even on top somewhere. Try it and see what happens. We did it last year and we never got the flu.

If this helps you and your loved ones from getting sick, all the better. If you do get the flu, it just might be a mild case.

What have you to lose? Just a few bucks on onions!!!!!!!!!!

**NOTE:** The Quinte Amateur Radio Club is not responsible if you use this as your only defense for the H1N1 flu but if you come to the meeting smelling like onions we will understand.