



May 2010

Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: May 19, 2010 @7:30PM

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

PROGRAM: Elections of officers and Michael Bell VE3NOO will be giving a presentation on special callsigns and 4-letter special event suffixes.

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-1

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

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QARC Meeting April 21, 2010

Bob Moore, Secretary, Quinte Amateur Radio Club VE3QWB(at)RAC.CA

President Tim called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Executive Present: President Tim VE3UO, Vice President Dave VE3UGT,

Past President Mike VE3OX, Treasurer Miles VE3XDX, Secretary Bob VE3QWB

Attendance 35.

Welcome to members, visitors & guest speaker Greg VE3CH. Good to see Don VE3IVS, Bob VA3SLO, Eric VA3EG, Bob VE3BFS & Syd VE3EGO

There will be a Memorial Service for Silent Key Ron Chapman VE3IVC on Sat. May 1, 1:00 PM at the Burke Funeral Home, 150 Church St., Belleville.

The Tour of The County Foxhunt has been re-scheduled to Sunday May 2.

The MS Super Cities walk will be on Sunday May 30, at Moira Secondary School, 275 Farley Avenue, Belleville.

http://www.mssociety.ca/ontario/scwalk_division.htm?siteName=Belleville&siteNum=2

Breakfast Begins: 8:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremonies: 9:00 a.m.

MS Walk starts at: 9:30 a.m.

Lunch Begins: 10:30 a.m.

Awards: Presented during closing ceremonies at 11:30 a.m. If you can help with communications for this event, contact Mike [ve3vmp\(at\)sympatico.ca](mailto:ve3vmp(at)sympatico.ca)

At the Belleville Community Policing Pitter-Patter Run Sunday April 11 there were 128 participants this year. Thanks to the volunteers who helped out.

The RAC/ARRL Field Day this year will be held on June 26 & 27. The joint efforts of Prince Edward Radio Club and Quinte Amateur Radio Club will be either 2A or 3A, depending on if we have a digital setup or not. We will be using the same computer logging system. Site preparation will start earlier this year, Ralph VE3CSU will be making his trailer available for a station. The VHF repeater is working OK, however the IRLP node has low audio, it will be looked at. The UHF repeater is out of service, we are considering getting a commercial controller

ARES Report: Bill VA3WOW reports that two weeks ago Loyalist ARES, taking in Frontenac, Lennox & Addington, Prince Edward County, Hastings County, Belleville and Quinte West, held a meeting at Essroc in Picton. They will be starting a web page, they already have a Twitter account, http://twitter.com/ares_loyalist. He and Keith VA3KRV attended a Canwarn presentation in Peterborough, at the Canoe Museum, last night. Over 100 people took part, many of them amateur radio operators. Canwarn will also be putting on a presentation at the Legion Hall in Napanee on May 29, 9am til noon. If you want to attend, contact Jeff.Coulson@ec.gc.ca

Peter VE3UR reports that the Tyendinaga Fire Dept. will be putting on a mock evacuation exercise on May 7, from 6pm to sometime "late". They will be putting 100 kids, many of them Guides and Scouts, in a community centre for overnight. They will have displays from emergency services departments and asked if Amateur radio operators could set up a link between the centre and the fire hall, to demonstrate two-way radio communications. They will be setting up at 3pm with the communications setup to end maybe by 9pm. They might also be giving a demonstration on FRS radios. Contact Bill [va3wow\(at\)rac.ca](mailto:va3wow(at)rac.ca) or Peter [phodgson\(at\)kos.net](mailto:phodgson(at)kos.net) if you are interested in helping with this event.

Next month we will be holding our executive elections. Mike VE3OX is the nominating chairman, please contact him with your nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary [ve3vmp\(at\)sympatico.ca](mailto:ve3vmp(at)sympatico.ca) Consider letting your own name stand and let Mike know.

Our guest speaker for the May 19th meeting will be Michael Bell VE3NOO who will be giving a presentation on special callsigns and 4-letter special event suffixes.

For our June 16th meeting, Eric Pierce VA3EP will be giving a presentation on using green energy in your ham shack, and maybe even your whole house.

Tim reminded everyone of the Radio Shack PRO-60 Scanner silent auction, he has one bid on it now, anyone interested in it should have a look at it during the break.

Syd VE3EGO brought some QST magazines for anyone who wants them.

We had two door prizes: a screwdriver set donated by Keith VA3KRV was won by Brian VA3BRW. An Ontario Repeater Directory donated by Peter VE3UR was won by Mike VE3OX The 50/50 draw was won by Al VE3FZ, \$ 30.55

At 7:55 we broke for coffee and refreshments, thanks Brian.

The meeting resumed at 8:10.

Tim said there is some interest in a Morse Code course. Anyone interested is to contact Mike VE3OX.

The Scanner went to Kevin VA3GSI, earning the club \$ 40.00. Thanks Kevin.

Greg VE3CH gave a very interesting and informative presentation on the Echolink node that is set up at Loyalist College by VE3ALC (Amateurs of Loyalist College) Like IRLP, it uses Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and allows links from radio to radio, but it also handles links from computer to radio, radio to computer and computer to computer. There are over 200,000 users world-wide. Their simplex frequency is 147.510, if you are not in the Belleville area, you can use the Internet to talk out of their node, number 418240. For more information on Echolink, see the webpage www.echolink.org The Loyalist College Echolink is linked to repeaters in Bradford, Burlington, Newmarket, Williams Lake B.C. and Tappen B.C., but can be disconnected for just local/internet use. If you have any questions contact Greg at [ve3ch\(at\)rac.ca](mailto:ve3ch(at)rac.ca). As with IRLP, when you connect with a distant station or repeater, when the link is in place wait 15 to 20 seconds to ensure the repeater is not already in use and when keying up, wait a couple seconds before you begin talking. As with normal calling, give your callsign a couple times, once phonetically, and your location. Keep in mind there will be a bit of a delay before you hear a reply. Using your computer on Echolink there is even a text box that you can use while using your computer microphone to talk. There is even an iPod "APP" for Echolink. When you are done talking send the pound key to disconnect.

Adjournment at 9:15.

For Sale

Don Barber VE3IVS has the following for sale: Cushcraft A14810S 2 metre 11 element yagi, rotor, 20 foot tower and 50 feet of coax. Price is \$150 firm. Contact Don at 613-394-4569.

Rob Allan VE3HAR has a Yaesu G-5500 Azimuth & Elevation rotor and antenna for sale. Contact Rob at rallenator@gmail.com .

Club Dues are due (soon!)

As the next fiscal year will start on July 1, dues will soon be due for 2010-11. Out Treasurer, Miles VE3XDX, will cheerfully accept payment starting at this month's meeting.

SuperCities Walk for Multiple Sclerosis

This annual event takes place on **Sunday May 30**, and Mike VE3OX is looking for volunteers to help out with communications. This 5k and 10k walk starts at 9:30 AM, and will be completed by 12 noon. If you're able to help out, contact Mike at ve3ox@rac.ca or 613-969-1744.

Heart & Stroke Walk

As last year's turn out of participants was down considerably, it was decided to change things for this year. The date has been moved from September to **Sunday July 11** and will introduce a 10k run as well as the 2k and 5k walk. This event is still being held at Zwicks Island in Belleville and is on the same weekend as the Waterfront weekend. The plan is have it completed by 12 noon, so that it won't conflict with Waterfront Events being held in the afternoon.

The event is still approximately two months away, but we would like to determine if we can provide enough people to provide communications for this event. If you are able to help out this year, please contact Tim VE3UO at 613-969-8012 or ve3uo@rac.ca.

North East Regional Directors Report May 2010



The annual Board of Directors meeting was held in Ottawa from April 30th to May 1st. This year as a cost cutting measure we had the entire meeting at an Ottawa hotel.

When we came away from the meetings we have decided to focus on two areas. The first is to increase the number of RAC members, and this is probably not a new idea. The difference this time is to actually do it? Over the last few months I have highlighted reasons to renew or become a RAC member. Do you know an Amateur who “has everything”, consider a subscription to TCA. You will see more about this in upcoming TCA’s.

As a follow up to the above, there are many folks who are saying Amateur Radio is dying. Well now we have proof to say that is nonsense! Statistics from Industry Canada for the last three years show a growth in the number of licensed Amateurs. ***Remember these numbers are from Industry Canada.***

	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010
Active Amateurs in Canada	56764	58439	59745
New Amateurs (Basic w/honours)	1172	1561	1583
New Amateurs (Morse 5 WPM)	34	23	31
New Amateurs (Morse 12 WPM)	3	6	7

It seems even CW is holding its own.

The second major effort we hope to work on is improvements to your magazine, TCA. This is already a magazine that “punches above its weight” and you can expect to see more improvements. Stay tuned.

Finally it’s not too early to start thinking about the RAC Canada Day Contest. Full details and rules are in the May/June TCA.

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at ve3xt@rac.ca.

73

Bill VE3XT

North East Ontario

Regional Director

Guides Canada 100th Anniversary

On May 15th Guides Canada will celebrate their 100th Anniversary conducting Rallies across Canada, many of the venues will be operating GOTA (Guides on the Air) stations, in Toronto over 6000 guides and leaders will meet at Ontario Place. In cooperation with Guides Canada and Emergency Management Ontario the Toronto EmComm Group will be establishing an Amateur Radio Station at Ontario Place so Guides can talk to Guides at other venues across Canada, venues in Ontario include; Toronto, Thunder Bay, Sudbury and Ottawa.

The Ontario Place station will be operational on 20 meters (14.140 -/+) and on the Ontario Public Service Reflector (IRLP) Channel 9035 from 13:00 to 20:00 UTC. (9:00 am to 4 pm ET). We would like to connect with other venues across Canada on this special day for Guiding and would like to here from other groups running GOTA stations.

https://2010.girlguides.ca/national_rally_day

Please reply to;

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6 Metre Round Table

A few local Hams have started a round table on 6 metre FM. It starts at 8PM on Monday evening on 52.540. It is to get on the air on a band that does not get much use locally. Please join in.

This week after the FM group was done a few of us went to SSB on 50.130. It would be nice to see a few distant stations on to better test the SSB mode.

Election of QARC officers.

This month is election night. If anyone is willing to run for any of the 4 executive positions please contact Mike Papper VE3OX.