

Quinte 'QRM'

Newsletter of the Quinte Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
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NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: Monday April 17, 2023 at **7:00 PM**

LOCATION: RCSCC Quinte Sea Cadet Building
16 South Front St, Belleville

PROGRAM:

Note: The Meeting will be a Hybrid meeting available via ZOOM as well.

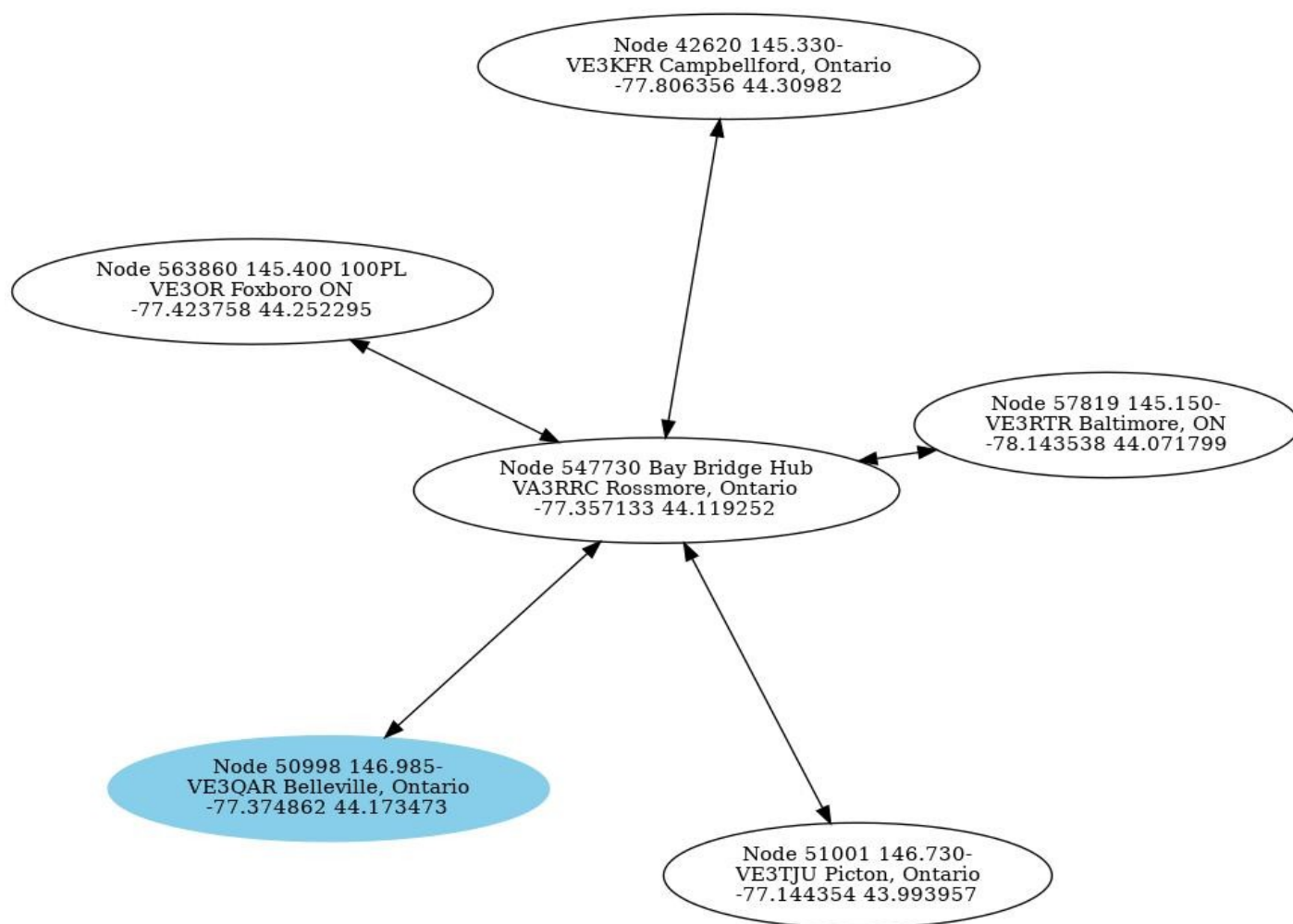
VE3QAR Belleville: 146.985 MHz (118.8 Hz) Allstar Node 50998	VE3QAR: 444.475 Mhz - Yaesu System FUSION (118.8 Hz) Node ID: 30589 Room ID: 40589
VE3KFR Campbellford: 145.33 MHz/442.9 (162.2 Hz) Allstar Node 42620 (Echolink 238523)	VE3RTR Cobourg (Rice Lake): 145.15 / 444.975 (162.2 Hz) Allstar Node 57819
Monthly Meetings: Third Monday @ 7:00 PM RCSCC Quinte Sea Cadet building, 16 S.Front St	Hams 'n Eggs: Saturdays @ 8:00 AM Quinte Restaurant, 135 Cannifton Rd, Belleville
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<http://stats.allstarlink.org/stats/547730/networkMap>

VA3RRC AllStar Node #547730

VA3RRC-L Echolink Node #747943

MINUTES OF QARC Meeting 20 March 2023

Due to technical difficulties with the Zoom setup, President Dave couldn't start the meeting until 7:15 pm.

He started with a welcome to folks at the Sea Cadets hall and those on Zoom.

Dave had no news of any Silent Keys, and neither did anyone else.

Secretary Bob VE3QWB made a **motion** to accept the **minutes of the last meeting**, as published in the last newsletter. Seconded by Brian VA3BRW. **Carried**

Treasurer Allan VE3XQV was not present, so Dave VE3OX made a **motion** to accept the **treasurer's report**, as published in the last newsletter. Seconded by Bob VE3QWB. **Carried**

Field Day this year is 24 and 25 June. The car club is willing to rent their area to us again this year, if we decide to be there. No decision is required tonight, but Dave asked folks to contact any of the executive if they have any other location suggestions. For info see <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

As mentioned last month, and further to Phill's VA7XOZ Zoom presentation, the local **Buffalo aircraft activation on-air event** will be on **22 July**, at the air museum in Trenton. Dave VE3OX and Tim VE3UO had a Zoom meeting with the museum and Phill (who gave a presentation on the event last month) gave instructions. The museum has 4 or 5 retired aircraft technicians that will hook up the aircraft's antenna to our radio. We have permission to operate the radio inside the aircraft. At 4:08 pm today, Tim received confirmation our special call-sign **VC3BUFF456** for the event has been approved.

Repeater reports: Picton repeater **VE3TJU** has an antenna connector problem, so temporarily it is using another antenna, a Ringo Ranger, half way down the tower, so coverage is not as good. Brian VE3HQR reported a problem with the **VE3RTR** repeater. Barry VE3BLM has loaned his Bell Hub from his cottage. He will be opening the cottage soon and will need it back. Brian VE3HQR is working on an xplornet service. Also, something has gone wrong with the PA on the **VE3KFR** VHF repeater. The power output is very low. Dave VE3OX reported both Belleville repeaters are working ok.

Dave then talked about **club activities**, fox hunts and summer dinners instead of meetings in July and August, maybe pick a restaurant, and maybe some Saturday or Sunday have a fox hunt, if there is any interest. There will be more conversations in the future.

Bob VE3QWB reminded members our club will be holding **elections** at the **May 15** meeting and he will not be running for director/secretary, someone else will have to take over the position. Dave said that three years ago he said he was ready to step down from being President. Tim VE3UO said as the Past President he will be chair of the nominating committee and although Bob and Dave are stepping down, he believes they will mentor and help the new directors. Anyone wishing to have their name stand to be a director or have

suggestions, are asked to contact any of the executive or Tim. There usually isn't a formal meeting in June, as we have the trunk sale, the new executive term starts July 1st, but we usually don't hold any official meetings during July and August.

At 8:02 Dave said that was the end of his agenda, the coffee and snacks were ready and ended the meeting.

Thanks to John VA3JO and Dave VE3OX's XYL Leona for the **coffee** and **snacks**.

Next meeting will be live in the hall and on Zoom on 17 April 2023 at 7pm.

Minutes taken by club secretary Bob VE3QWB ve3qwb@myrac.ca

Silent Key - Richard Shettell VE3KFN

Rick was a retired lockmaster on the Trent Canal System. He was more involved with the Trenton Radio Clubs, but was a past member of QARC as well. His Obituary -

SHETTELL, Richard Passed away peacefully at home on Monday, April 3rd, 2023 at the age of 76. Beloved husband of the late Rita Shettell for 32 beautiful years. Dear son of the late Leo & Marion Shettell (née Mariner) and brother of Anthony and Susan. Cherished father of Christopher, Joseph and the late Michael. Richard will be truly missed by extended family, neighbours and many friends. Keeping with Richard's wishes, cremation has taken place. A Graveside Service will take place at St. James Roman Catholic Cemetery, Belleville on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023 at 2 PM. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Trenton Food Bank.

Ontario QSO Party Coming Up

This contest is this coming weekend **April 15 & 16**. Operating hours are from Saturday 2:00 PM to Sunday 1:00 AM (EDT) and from Sunday 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. For more information and contest rules please see: <http://www.va3cco.com/oqp/> Also this weekend is the Quebec QSO Party on Sunday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

See: <https://wp1.quebecqsoparty.org/>

World Amateur Radio Day - Tuesday April 18

Search the Web for information and events to be held on April 18, including one by Radio Amateurs of Canada - <https://www.rac.ca/operating/world-amateur-radio-day-april-18/>
There is lots more information on line!



CC115 Buffalo Ham Radio Event Update

Our special callsign **VC3BUFF456** has been applied for, approved, and paid for. The breakdown of the callsign as follows - **VC3** is a special Ontario prefix, **BUFF** denotes Buffalo aircraft and **456** is the last three digits of the Trenton Aircraft tail 115456.

We are awaiting warmer weather in order to visit our local aircraft in order to check the antenna and connect a coax cable so we can use our Amateur Radios to make some contacts and talk with three other Buffalo aircraft located in Summerside PE, Winnipeg and Comox BC.

This event will take place on **Saturday July 22.**

History and Information about the Buffalo Aircraft (taken from *National Airforce Museum of Canada's website*): http://airforcemuseum.ca/eng/?page_id=4812

CC-115 BUFFALO De Havilland Canada

The CC-115 Buffalo was first used by the RCAF in 1967, as a utility transport aircraft. These small, agile aircraft have the ability to take off and land on rugged and short landing strips, which made them well-suited for a variety of transport operations throughout Canada and United Nations missions around the globe. The Buffalo also played a critical role in search and rescue, as its all-weather capabilities made it ideal to service the rough and mountainous terrain of the Rocky Mountains and the Arctic.

Buffalo 115456 left the De Havilland Plant at Downsview, Ontario on August 27, 1967 and was officially taken on strength with the RCAF on October 12, 1967. It began its service with 429 Tactical Transport Squadron at St. Hubert, Quebec on November 9, 1967.

On October 29, 1975 Buffalo 115456 was converted to a dual role Transport / Search and Rescue aircraft, and subsequently served with 442 Transport and Rescue Squadron at CFB Comox, BC until its retirement in September 2020. During this time, the CC-115 Buffalos served as one of the primary search and rescue aircraft within the Canadian Armed Forces.

Buffalo 115456 was retired and transferred to the Museum, arriving from CFB Comox, BC in October 2020.

Specifications

Tail #: 115456

Wingspan: 29.25 m

Length: 24 m

Height: 8.53 m

Max Weight: 19,560 kg

Max Speed: 420 km/h

Crew: 2 pilots, 1 flight engineer, 1 navigator, 2 search and rescue techs

Role: Transport, Search and Rescue

In service: 1967-2020

Elections in May

Our May meeting is traditionally the election of a new Executive to take office on July 1, 2023. Note I said “new” as is it time to see some new faces running the club's affairs. Our current President, Dave Ackerman VE3OX/VE3UGT has been President for a number of years and steered the club through the 'COVID' years, and would very much like to become the Past-President come July 1. If you have any questions about any of the Executive positions, don't hesitate to contact any of the current Executive (listed at the top of page 2 of any newsletter) to find out what the job is all about, and would be willing to mentor you as you become familiar with the job.

PS Outgoing Secretary Bob Moore VE3QWB has agreed to let his address to remain as the club's mailing address for now, so he will unofficially become our “Postmaster”.

So please give this matter some serious consideration and come to the May meeting prepared to help and serve YOUR Amateur Radio Club.

73, Tim VE3UO - Nominations Chairperson
ve3uo@myrac.ca

2023 Hamfests & Fleamarkets

- Saturday April 15 - Montreal Amateur Radio Club Hamfest
<https://www.marc.ca/fest/>
- Saturday April 22 - Durham Hamfest, 1867 Valley Farm Rd S, Pickering, ON
<https://www.durhamhamfest.com/>
- Saturday May 13 - Simcoe County (Spring) Hamfest - Barrie, ON
<http://scare-radio.com/Scare-Radio.com/Home.html>
https://secure.eton.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2264
- May 19, 20 & 21 - Hamvention® 2023 - Greene County Fairgrounds, Xenia, Ohio
<http://hamvention.org/>
- Saturday May 27 - NPARC Big Event - Niagara Peninsula ARC, Stevensville, ON
https://secure.eton.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2262
- Saturday June 3 - 37th Annual Smiths Falls Fleamarket, Smiths Falls, ON
<https://www.ve3rlr.ca/p/httpsgoo.html>
- Sunday June 4 - Central Ontario Hamfest - Kitchener-Waterloo, ON
<https://www.hamfest.on.ca/>
- Saturday June 17 - Steeltown Tailgate Treasures 2003, Grimsby, ON
<https://hamiltonarc.com/events/TAIlgATE/index.html>
- Saturday July 8 - Ontario Hamfest (Milton Ontario Fairgrounds)
<https://www.barc.ca/ontario-hamfest>
- Sunday August 20 - London Amateur Radio Club Hamfest - Dorchester, ON
<https://www.larc.ca/PDF/Hamfest2023.pdf>
- Saturday September 9 - Ottawa (Carp) Hamfest - Carp (ON) Fairgrounds
<https://oarc.net/2023-09-09-oarc-carp-hamfest/>
- Saturday September 16 - Simcoe County (Fall) Hamfest - Barrie, ON
https://secure.eton.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2265
- Saturday October 14 - Kingston Amateur Radio Club Hamfest
https://secure.eton.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2283
- Saturday October 21 - Montreal South Shore Hamfest - Longueuil, QC
<https://www.ve2clm.ca/activites/hamfest>

For more information on these and other hamfests/fleamarkets, see:
<https://secure.eton.ca/rac/events/upcoming.php> & <https://www.ontars.com/>

Google Map Link showing our meeting location:

RCSCC Quinte Sea Cadet Building
16 South Front St, Belleville:

<https://goo.gl/maps/BGnS22FqPGae928L8> .