

Quinte 'QRM'

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

DATE / TIME: Monday March 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

PROGRAM: Preparation for the Upcoming Solar Eclipse on Monday April 8. This includes possibly being ready in case we are called out to provide communications locally for this major event.

We will also discuss whether we should form an ARES or ACS (Auxiliary Communications Service) group within the club. This discussion will be chaired by Peter Hodgson VE3UR.

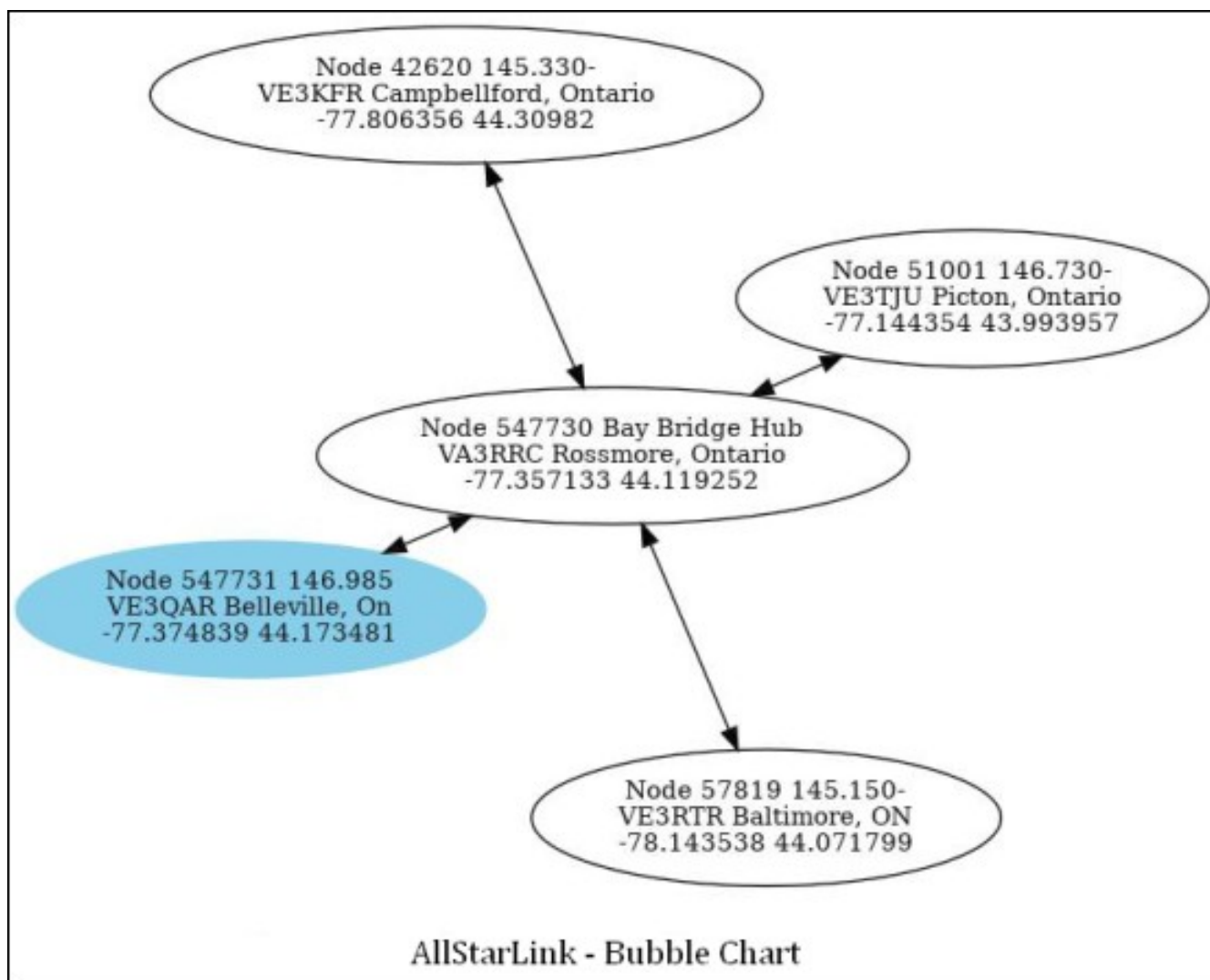
VE3QAR Belleville: 146.985 MHz (118.8 Hz) Allstar Node 547331	VE3QAR: 444.475 Mhz - Yaesu System FUSION (118.8 Hz) Node ID: 30589 Room ID: 40589
VE3KFR Campbellford: 145.33 MHz/442.9 (162.2 Hz) Allstar Node 42620 (Echolink 238523)	VE3RTR Cobourg (Rice Lake): 145.15 / 444.975 (162.2 Hz) Allstar Node 57819
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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QARC Members Group: https://qarc.groups.io/g/main - Post to the group: main@qarc.groups.io	

QARC DIRECTORS 2023 - 2024

President	Dave Ackerman	VE3OX	ve3ugt@myrac.ca
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Appointed Positions:

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VA3RRC AllStar Node #547730

VA3RRC-L Echolink Node #747943

QARC Meeting Minutes February 19, 2024

The meeting was brought to order by President **Dave Ackerman VE3OX** at 7:00 PM.

Silent Keys - A moment of silence was held for Bob Bennett VE3ALP and Evan Cunningham VE3WTF.

Dave VE3OX welcomed members, visitors and guests - Tony VA3TTR and Soo VA3SOO were both in attendance with the possibility of seeking membership.

A **motion** to accept the **January minutes** as published in the newsletter was made by Dennis VA3DWK and seconded by Bob VE3QWB. **Motion carried.**

A **Treasurer's report** was made by Attila VE3KAS to the membership. A **motion to accept** the treasurer's report was made by Attila VE3KAS and seconded by Tim VE3UO. **Motion was carried.**

Bob VE3QWB reported that he received no **correspondence** for the club between the November and January meetings.

Peter VE3UR gave a report from the February 7 Hastings County **Solar Eclipse Exercise** he and Tim VE3UO attended with more information to follow as to what, if any, role we may play in the upcoming solar eclipse Monday April 8.

Dave VE3OX reported on upcoming plans for the **Buffalo aircraft** on the air project to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the downing of a Buffalo aircraft in the MiddleEast with Nine Canadian peacekeepers on board on August 9, 1974. This year's proposed date is **August 5, 2024.**

Attila VE3KAS presented a video on the basics of **fox hunting** and also an example of a fox hunting antenna . Tim VE3UO also had a couple of examples of antennas for fox hunting on display. This sparked some discussion on the possibility of resuming some fox hunting this spring and summer.

Dave VE3OX started a discussion on whether to use the car club location for **Field Day** again this year. It looks like we will use this location again as no viable alternative was presented.

Dave also spoke on the upcoming **repeater relocation** of **VE3QAR** and possible ways to raise money for the project. Possibly donations from club members could offset the expense.

Dave VE3OX adjourned the meeting.

Members in attendance:

Dennis VA3DWK	Hans VE3OR	Don VE3LYX	Matt VE3FL
Tim VE3UO	Bob VE3QWB	Attila VE3KAS	Dave VE3OX
Gary VE3ENF	Brian VE3HQR	Eric VA3DOO	Chris VE3CDC
George VA3XMG	Lee VA3LHM	Peter VE3UR	Will VA3JWO
Brian VE3GI	Brett VE3SJA	Brian VE3LEG	Tony VA3TTR
Soo VA3DOO			

Elections in May

The Club's fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30. The May meeting is the annual election of Executive officers for the club. The Positions that are elected are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director at Large. All other Executive positions are appointed. The current Executive is listed on the top of page 2 of this newsletter.

The Annual Election is typically not the most exciting meeting of the year to attend, but your support is required and appreciated. If you would like to run for an elected position on the Executive, or nominate someone to do so please contact the Past President, Tim Pekkonen VE3UO at ve3uo@myrac.ca .

It has been a long standing tradition in the club that the Past President is the Chairperson of the Nomination Committee for the new Executive.

Solar Eclipse Monday April 8

At this time it is unknown whether our services as Amateur Radio communicators will be required during this event. The potential of a large number of people arriving in the Quinte & Prince Edward County area to observe the eclipse is there, and it may totally depend on the weather forecast for the day.

There is information on the web concerning the eclipse. The following is just a small sampling of what is 'on the web' -

Weather Network Information Page: <https://tinyurl.com/37dsxprr>

Canadian Space Agency Eclipse Page: <https://tinyurl.com/58f2dn52>

<https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/solar/2024-april-8>

<https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/in/canada/belleville?iso=20240408>

https://eclipse2024.org/eclipse_cities/states.php?type=total&state=Ontario&country=Canada



2024 Hamfests & Fleamarkets

- Saturday April 6 - Iroquois Amateur Radio Club Fleamarket, Iroquois, ON
https://hambone.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2320
- Saturday April 13 - Montreal Amateur Radio Club Fleamarket, Lachine, QC
<https://www.marc.ca/fest/>
- Saturday April 20 - Durham Hamfest, Pickering, ON
<https://www.durhamhamfest.com/>
- Saturday May 11 - Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club Hamfest, Smiths Falls, ON
<https://www.ve3rlr.ca/p/httpsgoo.html> ****New Location****
- Saturday May 18 - Steeltown "Tailgate Treasures" Event, Grimsby, ON
https://hamiltonarc.com/hamfest/grimsby_tailgate/index.html
- May 17, 18 & 19 - Hamvention® 2024 - Greene County Fairgrounds, Xenia, Ohio
<http://hamvention.org/>
- Saturday May 25 - NPARC 'Big Event 44' Hamfest & Fleamarket, Stevensville, ON
https://nparc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/20240122_Big_Event_44_Flyer.pdf
- Sunday June 2 - Central Ontario Amateur Radio Fleamarket, Cambridge, ON
<https://www.ontars.com/KW%20Fest/Hamfest-2024-Gray.pdf>
- Saturday July 13 - 50th Annual Ontario Hamfest - Milton Fairgrounds
<https://www.barc.ca/ontario-hamfest>
- Saturday September 7 - Ottawa (Carp) 2024 Hamfest, Carp Fairgrounds, ON
<https://oarc.net/hamfest2024>
- Saturday September 28 - Eastern Ontario Hamfest 2024, St Albert, ON
<https://prarc.tech/hamfest/>
- Saturday October 19 - Montreal South Shore Hamfest, Longueuil, QC
<https://www.ve2clm.ca/activites/hamfest>

For more information on these and other hamfests/fleamarkets, see:

<https://hambone.ca/rac/events/upcoming.php> & <https://www.ontars.com/>

QARC Financial Report

15 Jan - 19 Feb 2024

Revenue	Balance	Financial Assets	Balance
Membership Dues		BMO Chequing Account	
Coffee @ meeting		Opening Balance - Jan 15, 2024	\$4,034.74
Donation to Club		Credit	
50/50 Draw		Debit	\$81.40
Sale of Club Equipment		Outstanding Cheques	\$100.00
		Closing Balance - Feb 19, 2024	\$4,053.34
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Total Revenue	\$0.00	Petty Cash	
		Opening Balance - Jan 15, 2024	\$12.50
		Deposits	
		Expenses	
		Closing Balance - Feb 19, 2024	\$12.50
		Net Revenue	\$4,065.84
Expenses		Jan to Feb - Account Activity	-\$81.40
Bank Fees	\$2.50		
Incorporation Annual Fees		Inventory Assets	
Insurance		Opening Balance	\$1,029.16
QARC Domain Fees		New Aquisition	
Zoom Annual Fees		Disposed Assets	
PO Box Annual Fees		Depreciation	
Office Expenses		Total Assets Current Worth	\$1,029.16
Coffee @ meeting	\$78.90		
		Total Equity	\$5,095.00
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Total Expenses	\$81.40		
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Net Revenue	-\$81.40		

Club Membership

Paid up members -	Individual	49
	Family	5
Life Members -	Individual	9
	Family	1
		70

Outstanding Cheques

CNIB \$100.00

Treasurer report
Prepared by
Attila S. Kostya
VE3KAS