QUINTE QRM NEWSLETTER - MAY 1999

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: Wednesday, May 19,1999. @ 7:30 PM

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

PROGRAM: - Election of Executive for 1999-2000

- Harry McMurter VA3HJM will give a presentation on the Ontario Hydro HV Grid System.

Club Repeater: VE3QAR 146.985 MHz

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

Hams 'n Eggs: SATURDAYS 8:00 AM
Northway Restaurant
205 N. Front St, Belleville

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The QARC HAM TRADE CENTRE is also accessible through our home page. If you would like to list an item send e-mail to: hamtrade@qarc.on.ca

Meeting Minutes

There was no formal business discussed at the April meeting therefor no minutes was recorded. The evening was devoted to demonstrating some of the activities Quinte Amateur Radio Club members are involved in.

Annual Elections

Reprint from last month

The QARC will be holding its annual elections at the May meeting again this year. This is your opportunity to run for, or vote for, the club executive. If you would like more information about the duties and responsibilities of the executive or would like to run for an executive position please contact Dave Ward, VE3BIP. I will add your name to the list of candidates. If you do not want to run but think someone else would be a good candidate please nominate him or her. All executive positions (with the exception of past president) are open; President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Field Day

This year's field day will be a family affair. We'd like to have a lunch BBQ (hot dogs and hamburgers) as well as lawn games. In addition, we'll set up an automated fox and have hunting equipment available to borrow to practice on-foot fox hunting under expert supervision! This is a good aspect of our hobby that family can join in even without having a ham license.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Please refer to HTML version of newsletter.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS QARC FOXHUNTS

May 2 FOX: VE3BIP (automated fox)

| Hunter | Time | Distance | Points |
|---|---|---|---|
| VE3UO | 11 min | 1.8 km | 20 |
| VE3CSU/UGT | 14 min | 3.5 km | 31.5 |
| VA3PKH | 19 min | 5.2 km | 45 |
| VE3GRA/PBD | 50 min | 10.1 km | 100 |

Hunt Summary: The automated fox was hidden at the County Courthouse on Church St behind a large dumpster.

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Apr 25 FOX: VE3UO

| Hunter | Time | Distance | Points |
|---|---|---|---|
| VE3BIP | 21 min | 5.4 km | 48 |
| VE3GRA | 21 min | 7.0 km | 56 |
| VE3IVC | 51 min | 14.0 km | 121 |
| VA3PKH | 55 min | 14.0 km | 125 |

Hunt Summary: VE3UO hid at the western tip of Zwick's island in Belleville right at the shoreline. One literally had to be about 15 feet away from him before he was spotted !

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NOTE: We will be switching to Thursdays starting May 20. Our last Sunday hunt will be a European style on foot hunt on May 16 at West Riverside Park in Belleville. Contact Dave Ward VE3BIP for details.

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Apr 18 FOX: VE3GRA

| Hunter | Time | Distance | Points |
|---|---|---|---|
| VA3PKH | 19 min | 13.0 km | 84 |
| VE3UO | 41 min | 18.1 km | 131 |
| VE3BIP | 42 min | 23.0 km | 157 |
| VE3IVC | 54 min | 25.0 km | 179 |

Hunt Summary: VE3GRA hid on MacKenzie Rd which is in Quinte West, west of Tucker's Corners.

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Apr 11 FOX: VA3PKH

| Hunter | Time | Distance | Points |
|---|---|---|---|
| VE3GRA | 19 min | 7.7 km | 57.5 |
| VE3BIP | 17 min | 9.4 km | 64 |
| VE3UGT | 18 min | 9.5 km | 65.5 |
| VE3UO | 23 min | 8.7 km | 66.5 |

Hunt Summary: VA3PKH hid in a small laneway on Bell Blvd W (Quinte West) east of the 10 ACRE Truck Stop.

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European style fox hunt:

We're planning to have European still fox hunt within the next few weeks. This is a hunt that takes place ON FOOT. It will be in West Riverside Park and there will be three foxes to find. For this close in type hunting you should be able to find the foxes with no more than a deep tin can in which to drop your handy talky for attenuation. You then use your body to add additional attenuation, and by simply turning around you can get a good bearing in which direction the fox is. Of course, if you have a directional antenna and attenuator that is portable this will work too.

Stay tuned for more details and plan to come out and join the "hounds"!

SUPER CITIES WALK FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

HELP NEEDED!!! (Reprint from last month.)

The club has been asked to supply communications, again, for the Super City walk for Multiple Sclerosis, which will be held on Sunday, May 30 1999. The organizers were very happy with our assistance and are looking forward to working with us again. We will be asking all the club members to come out and assist as a mobile unit or a base at the checkpoints. We will require about 8 or 10 units.

The walk will start at Moira Secondary School and there will be two groups. One will be walking the 5 K route and the other will be taking the 10K route. The walk will start at about 9 am and should be about 3 hours total time. There will be refreshments at the checkpoints and at the school.

Last year we found that the base station run by Don VE3DQN was able to contact everyone along the routes. It will be at Moira Secondary School. We will be using VE3QAR 146.985 for our communications and simplex freq. for auxiliary use.

Please let Ron Chapman VE3IVC (e-mail:rchap@bel.auracom.com) know if you will be available. Phone 966-2910 or check into the weekly net on Wed. night at 7 PM. Mobile and or hand held units would be suitable.

This is good practice for an ARES exercise!

10 Metre Band With 5 WPM

Industry Canada has announced a proposal to allow individuals holding an Amateur Radio Operator Certificate with Basic and Morse code (5 WPM) Qualifications to operate in the 28.0 MHz to 29.7 MHz (10 metre) amateur radio frequency band.

Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) submitted the proposal to Industry Canada at the Canadian Amateur Radio Advisory Board meeting held in May 1998, in response to requests from radio amateurs across Canada. Many radio amateurs believe that this would be an important step for the growth and stability of the amateur radio service. It would provide amateurs, who now meet basic international requirements, with the opportunity to operate world wide long distance (DX) communications and to increase their HF operating skills. It is also believed that this proposal would encourage operators with only Basic Qualification to learn Morse code (5 WPM) and increase the overall number of amateurs with HF knowledge and skills.

Details on the proposal and how to make comments before June 30, 1999 are posted on the Industry Canada web site at http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/SSG/sf01772e.html

RAC President Resigns

Patrick Doherty, VE3PD has resigned his position as President of Radio Amateurs of Canada. He succeeded long-time President J. Farrell Hopwood, VE7RD on Jan 1 this year. Like all other RAC Executive Officers and Directors, the RAC President is an unpaid volunteer. Under the RAC Constitution, First Vice President Doug Leach, VE3XK is Acting President until a new President can be elected by the RAC Board of Directors.

During his four months in office, Mr. Doherty brought about major changes in the operation and management of the organization. RAC, like many other national organizations, was faced with decreasing membership and consequent falling revenues during 1998. Mr. Doherty drastically cut RAC expenses in order to balance the budget for 1999. Purchases of The Canadian Amateur magazine were reduced to six issues per year from the previous eleven. A downsizing and realignment of head office staff and rented office space along with other cost-cutting measures have significantly reduced operating expenses. Following a significant loss in 1998, the financial situation is turning around. RAC membership also is now growing again after a low at yearend.

President Doherty also reorganized the RAC management team to deal with other changes in the Amateur Radio environment. He brought on board Treasurer John Watson, VE3GTX and a new Vice President for Industrial Liaison Don Rowed, VE3KII. Vice President Tim Ellam, VE6SH moved to Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, and Tim Ray, VE3XV took on the task of RAC Honourary Counsel.

Sincere thanks for his contributions to RAC and best wishes for the future are extended to Mr. Doherty.

LOCAL REPEATER LISTING:

Our Secretary Peter VA3PKH has compiled a comprehensive listing of local repeaters. It is located at http://www.qsl.net/va3pkh/repeater.html

LIFE IS IRONIC!

An American businessman was at the pier of a small coastal Mexican village when a small boat with just one fisherman docked. Inside the small boat were several large yellowfin tuna. The American complimented the Mexican on the quality of his fish and asked how long it took to catch them. The Mexican replied only a little while. The American then asked why didn't he stay out longer and catch more fish? The Mexican said he had enough to support his family's immediate needs. The American then asked, but what do you do with the rest of your time? The Mexican fisherman said, "I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, take siesta with my wife, Maria, stroll into the village each evening where I sip wine and play guitar with my amigos, I have a full and busy life, senor."

The American scoffed, "I am a Harvard MBA and could help you. You should spend more time fishing and with the proceeds buy a bigger boat with the proceeds from the bigger boat you could buy several boats, eventually you would have a fleet of fishing boats. Instead of selling your catch to a middleman you would sell directly to the pronoop

distribution. You would need to leave this small coastal fishing village and move to Mexico City, then LA and eventually NYC where you will run your expanding enterprise."

The Mexican fisherman asked, "But senor, how long will this all take?" To which the American replied, "15-20 years." "But what then, senor?" The American laughed and said that's the best part. When the time is right you would announce an IPO and sell your company stock to the public and become very rich, you would make millions. "Millions, senor? Then what?"

The American said, "Then you would retire. Move to a small coastal fishing village where you would sleep late, fish a little, play with your kids, take siesta with your wife, stroll to the village in the evenings where you could sip wine and play your guitar with your amigos."

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Your articles and contributions are welcome !

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