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Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: **Nov 17, 2004 @7:30PM**

LOCATION: Loyalist College (Pioneer Building) Room P-2

PROGRAM: Our speakers this month will be Bill VA3WOW and Peter VE3UR. Their topic will be the recent restructuring of ARES.

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(Pioneer Bldg.) Room P-17
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QARC October Meeting Minutes

Called to order by President Mike VE3VMP at 7:30 PM.

Reports:

Basic Radio Course - Trenton ARC has offered the use of their clubhouse, and we have VE3ASR, VE3BIP, and VE3LAW volunteered so far as instructors - Mike asked for names of candidiates for the course, and to contact him with this information. Also contact Mike if you can help out with instructing.

Halloween Safe Streets - Ron VE3IVC reported we are still looking for volunteers for this event - a reminder that a police background check is required for ALL volunteers.

ARES - Bill VA3WOW and Peter VE3UR to put on a presentation at the November meeting on the new ARES structure in Ontario and how it affects us locally.

ARES SET - Simulated Emergency Test this coming Saturday (Oct 23) - Bill VA3WOW and Doug VE3ZDG will be set up in Picton in order to pass traffic to E.M.O. in Toronto via HF. (Paul VE3UUM will be passing traffic via WinLink as well.)

Eric VE3GSI donated this months door prize - Radio Amateur Callbook on CD. Tickets were sold for the prize at a 'loonie' each, or three for a 'toonie'. The sales produced a profit of of $25 for the club and was won by ..... Tim VE3UO !!

Brian VE3GRA donated some back issues of QST - free for the taking. Thanks Brian!

If anyone is interested in a callsign cap, contact Al VE3LAW. There is a minimum order of 10 required for a price break. Al took the original order at the last PERC meeting and distributed several at tonight's meeting.

Al VE3WV brought in a 'Radio Trade Builder' book, circa 1930 for people to look at.

Morris VA3MEM brought in a stock of Radio Shack 'goodies' he picked up recently at the Madoc store which recently changed franchisees and were selling off. During the break and rag chew the membership browsed through the stock and bought a good portion of the goodies at bargain prices! Morris is also looking for the memory backup lithium cell for the Radio Shack HTX-404.

Financial Statement: As of Sept 3 balance is $4405.53. Revenue is $95.93 Expenses $213.30.

Field Day - Peter VE3UR reports that he received a QSL card from NA1SS, the International Space Station which was active during the Field Day period. (Peter worked the ISS using the Field Day callsign VA3PEC.)

PEC Marathon Feedback - Ron VE3IVC gave an overview of the marathon. We will be doing this event again next year - Sunday Oct 2, 2005. Also it appears that the Kiwanis Bicycle Cribbage Ride will be Saturday Oct 1, 2005.

Christmas Dinners:

Prince Edward Radio Club Sat Dec 4 at Prince Edward Yacht Club Picton, contact Doug VE3ZDG dmonk@kos.net .

QARC Wednesday Dec 15 at Kelsey's Restaurant in Belleville, contact Mike VE3VMP ve3vmp@sympatico.ca .

This Month's Program: Dave VE3BIP gave a talk on Foxhunting - mentioning the types of hunts we have had and described some of the receiving antennas and attenuators that can be used for tracking the hidden transmitter. Also mentioned the upcoming 'Tour of the County' hunt on Saturday (Oct 23).

Meeting adjourned after the break - Attendance was 17 as indicated by the sign-in book, but a head count yielded 27 'bodies' in the room. Members and guests are urged to sign the book when they arrive at the meeting!

Christmas Dinners

A reminder of the upcoming Christmas Dinners. Prince Edward Radio Club Sat Dec 4 at Prince Edward Yacht Club Picton, contact Doug VE3ZDG dmonk@kos.net. There will not be a regular monthly meeting on Thursday December 2.

QARC Wednesday Dec 15 at Kelsey's Restaurant in Belleville, contact Mike VE3VMP ve3vmp@sympatico.ca. This is in place of our regular monthly meeting.

Halloween Safe Streets 2004

The Belleville Police Service Media Release in the following paragraph certainly says it all regarding this years Safe Streets Patrols in Belleville. QARC mobiles teamed up with Community Policing volunteers, some 'Belleville Bulls', and Loyalist College student volunteers in patrolling the city streets. QARC volunteers also handed out 'pumpkin' flashlights to the trick-or-treaters, which were very popular, and they quickly ran out of the quantity they had.

Thanks go out to the following QARC volunteers: Brian VA3BS, Joan VA3JLS, Dave VE3BIP, Glen VE3CJG, Sandra VE3HON, Scott VE3HZZ, Ron VE3IVC, Dave VE3KZD, Dave VE3UGT, Tim VE3UO, and Peter VE3UR.

"Winning Combo!.....

Mother Nature teamed up with a lot of dedicated Community Volunteers to make for a relatively quiet Halloween. A little damp, a little wind, and a full turn out for Operation Safe Streets allowed regular police patrols to deal with the more serious matters. Those who donated their time and efforts to this worthwhile project certainly deserve a great deal of thanks."

Basic Amateur Radio Course

The Quinte Amateur Radio Club, The Prince Edward Radio Club and The Trenton Amateur Radio Club are planning a Basic Amateur Radio Course. The course will be held at the Trenton ARC room at CFB Trenton on Tuesday evenings (except the 2nd Tuesday of the month as this is TARC meeting night). So far 10 students have expressed interest in the course.

If you know of others that are interested in taking the course please contact Mike Papper at 969-1744 or ve3vmp@sympatico.ca within the next few weeks.

Pow Wow Club Net

Good news for all of you nighthawks, the Pow Wow Club resumes operations as of October One, so if your awake and looking to make contacts with fellow Canadian Hams tune into 3.750 Mhz at midnight seven days a week. Propagation that time of the evening on 80 metres is usually very good and you will here Amateurs checking in from Newfoundland to Vancouver.

ARES

The provincial ARES simulated emergency test 22 Oct 2004.
This exercise consists of each District Emergency Coordinator sending a message by HF voice and another by HF "Airmail" (delivery via internet) to the duty officer at the provincial headquarters of Emergency Measures Ontario in Toronto. Bill Milligan is sending the messages in the morning for Trent District via me VE3ZDG and Paul Davidson VE3UUM.

There is no local exercise here because we are hoping for an exercise with the hospital in November.

Ian Morrison VE3IEM and Mike Grainger VE3ADC are designated to man the station at the PE Memorial Hospital in a no-phones emergency, with the rest of us providing relief and outside support. At the moment there are no radios there, purchase of a HF and a 2-metre set are being considered by hospital management, so we will need to bring our own 2 metre radios. The antenna lead comes out of the ceiling in Darlene Johnson's office in the SE corner of the building, next to the office of Sally Cowan, the site administrator. There is an emergency power supply but might as well bring a battery and charger as well. Before the HF radio and antenna are installed we my need to relay messages by 2 metre to an HF operator.

A really positive development in Bancroft: The volunteer coordinator at the hospital contacted Judy Vance, formerly VE3LXC, who not only applied to get he old call sign back but also got in touch with Terry Mole VE3KBX, Gord Jenkins VE31WY and Frank Hicks VE3MHF, who now part of the team supporting the Bancroft hospital amateur radio setup.

THE FLU SHOT

In recent negotiations for influenza vaccine between a Canadian health official and an American representative, it was clear that there was a disconnect between the American government's sudden reliance on Canada for influenza vaccine despite the fact that the U.S. wants to discourage Americans from buying routine prescription drugs from Canadian pharmacies.

Not seeing the irony in the request, the American continued to press for the vaccine and then demanded to know why the United States would be charged for the vaccine when Canadians get theirs "for free."

The Canadian official replied, "Oh it's not free, the government pays for it."

"Well then," the American replied, "How much will it cost us?"

The Canadian replied, "Well, we don't know...we'll let you know."

In frustration, the American replied, "Well, it's urgent, so just send an invoice with the shipment. By the way...how will the vaccine be delivered?"

After careful consideration, the Canadian official replied, "By cow. Twenty vials of vaccine will be tied around the neck of every cow that passes over the border. Now...if you want faster delivery, there are some softwood lumber trucks available..."

Treasures Report

MONTH TO DATE

Revenue		Expenses	
Membership Dues	$100.00	RAC Membership	
Coffee	$24.55	Office Supplies	$15.46
50/50 Draw	$25.00	Incorporation	
Donations to QARC		News letter printing	$20.97
Interest	$0.19	Insurance	
		Social Events	$74.97
		Donations	
Total revenue	$149.74	**Total Expenses**	$111.40
		Month to Date Income	$38.34

YEAR TO DATE

Revenue

Expenses

Membership Dues			
Donations to QARC	$125.00	Social Events	$74.97
50/50 Draw	$30.00	Post box rental	$80.25
Coffee	$51.00	Office supplies	$36.27
Repeater Move	$39.10	News letter printing	$38.52
Interest	$0.00	Door Prizes	
	$0.75	Insurance	
		Donations	$75.00
		RAC Membership	
		Hall Rental	
		Incorporation	
		Name Tags	$8.05
		Berevement	$50.00
Total revenue			
	$245.85	**Total Expenses**	$363.06
		Year to Date Income	-$117.21
		Cash on Hand	$4,405.69