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Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: **November 16, 2005 @ 7:30PM**

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

PROGRAM: Mario DeCastris will give presentation on setting up a home to exist off the Commercial power grid using solar and wind power.

Club Repeater: VE3QAR 146.985 MHz.
2 meter net: Tuesday 7:30 PM on VE3TJU 146.730
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Belleville K8N 5H5 (613) 962-9299
Monthly Meetings: 3rd Wednesday 7:30 PM Loyalist College
(Pioneer Bldg.) Room P-2
Hams 'n Eggs: SATURDAYS 8:00 AM Quinte Restaurant 135 Cannifton Road
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QARC EXECUTIVE

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Minutes – QARC Meeting Oct 19, 2005

Executive Officers Present:
Mike Papper VE3VMP President; Tim Pekkonen VE3UO Secretary
Bill Milligan VA3WOW Treasurer (interim); Peter Hodgson VE3UR Past President

Absent:
Greg Schatzmann VE3CH Vice-President

1) Meeting Called to Order by President Mike Papper at 7:32 PM.

2) The following Guests were welcomed to the meeting:
Chris Chant VE3CDC, Cliff Copeland, Rod MacLean, Liz Dubas VE3ZGR.

3) Guest Speaker this evening was Joe Shields from the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada Belleville Center http://www.rascbelleville.ca/ .

4) Coffee Break and Rag Chew. 50/50 Draw winner Dave Ackerman VE3UGT who pocketed $16.50

Announcements and Old Business:

5) Basic Radio Course underway with 9 students registered. The Exam will be on Wed Nov 23.

6) QARC Christmas Dinner to be held on Wednesday Dec 14 at Kelsey's Restaurant in Belleville. Meet and Greet at 6:30 PM - Dinner at 7:00 PM. Please RSVP to Mike VE3VMP by Dec 7, 2005.

7) New 2-letter calls in the area: Ian Morrison VE3EP (VE3IEM), Al Law VE3FZ (VE3LAW) and Mike Papper VE3OX (VE3VMP).

8) Mike VE3VMP noted more no-code countries are coming on line. Italy recently went 'no-code' joining other countries such as the United Kingdom, Germany, Australia and New Zealand. There are approximately 24 no-code countries at this time.

9) Looking for the person who bought the Eico Grid dip meeting at the annual auction last May. The coils from the grid dip meter have shown up and would like to get them to the rightful owner.

10) Al Law VE3LAW (VE3FZ) is taking another order for callsign hats. The cost is expected to be about $10-$12 depending on the size of the order. These hats have name and callsign on them only therefore are not 'club specific'.

11) VE3QAR Repeater Status: The repeater has been suffering from some sensitivity issues recently . Dave VE3BIP and Tim VE3UO were at the repeater site on Monday Oct 17 and had a look at the repeater. They found a few loose connectors on the duplexer harness but the repeater still is not working 100%. The duplexer is quite old and it is felt it needs retuning. To that end the repeater will be taken out of service shortly to be checked out.

Ian VE3EP asked whether we could check out linking or slaving QAR to the Picton Repeater VE3TJU. We will look into the possibility of doing so and the cost involved. Our first priority at this time is to get QAR working better.

12) ARES Report: Quinte Hospital Corp is holding a 'paper' exercise at Trenton Hospital on Oct 20. They are still hoping to have VHF equipment in three hospitals. It was noted that a new repeater VA3FOY 147.285 Mhz might be useful to link Bancroft Hospital to Belleville.

ARES has also assisted in four activities recently, Hilly Hundred Bicycle Tour, Cheerios Mother/Daughter walk, Kiwanis Colour Cribbage Bicycle Tour, and the Prince Edward County Marathon.

The 2006 Prince Edward County Marathon will be held Sunday Oct 1, 2006. Mark your calendars now. Keith Harvey VA3KRV noted we have to look at where we assign volunteers with hand held radios next year!

12) Dave Ward VE3BIP announced that the Fall 'Tour of the County' multi transmitter foxhunt will be held in Prince Edward County this coming Saturday Oct 22 starting at 12 noon.

13) Halloween Safe Streets Monday Oct 31 - Police Check required for all volunteers participating . Please Contact Tim Pekkonen VE3UO A.S.A.P. to fill our the required form.

14) York Region Hamfest at the Markham Fairgrounds Sat Oct 29. Last one of the season!

New Business:

15) Motion that Bill Milligan VA3WOW be appointed to be Treasurer for the rest of the 2005-06 term to replace Don Dalrymple VE3DQN (SK).

Motion made by Bob Moore VE3QWB, seconded by Ian Morrison VE3IEM.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

16) Meeting Adjourned at 9:35 PM. Attendance was 30.

QARC Christmas Dinner

This years dinner will be held at Kelsey's Restaurant on North Front Street in Belleville on **Wednesday December 14** - Meet and great at 6:30 PM - Dinner at 7:00 PM. Note that this is one week earlier than our normal third Wednesday meeting day. Please RSVP to Mike Papper VE3VMP at 613-969-1744 or ve3vmp@sympatico.ca .

Basic Exam Rewrite

If there are any Basic License holders who would like to rewrite the Basic test to improve their mark above 80% and get access to the H.F bands, we can accommodate you at the Radio Course Examination on November 23. Please contact Tim VE3UO (ve3uo@rac.ca) by Wednesday Nov 16 so an exam can be copied for you. Please note there will be a $5 fee to cover the cost of photocopying an examination**.**

Get your QARC Tee-Shirt and Mug

A few of the members of the club have been seen in public wearing nifty Tee shirts with the QARC logo and personalised with name and call on them. These are ideal for representing the club at public events and to wear to your favourite fleamarket or hamfest. We will also be offering coffee mugs as well with the same logo and your name and call on them. The price for the tee shirt is $10 ($35 for non-members), and the price for the mug is also $10. NOTE: As we were unsure of the pricing of the shirts, some of the first folks to get shirts were over charged. You will be rebated for the overcharge, or you can use the difference for the cost of a mug if you so desire. There will be samples of the tee shirt and mug at the November meeting.

Halloween Safe Streets 2005

Once again QARC members were out assisting Belleville Community Policing and Loyalist College Student Volunteers on Halloween evening Monday October 31. And yet again a quiet evening was reported by all the ham volunteers on the road. Belleville Police Service also reported a quiet evening, with the exception of an egg or two being tossed in the city. Our ham volunteers were fewer this year, but thanks go out to Bill VA3WOW, Glen VE3CJG, Scott VE3HZZ, Ron VE3IVC, Peter VE3UR, and Tim VE3UO. Sandra VE3HON was not directly involved with the QARC vehicle patrols, but was one of the Community Policing volunteers in the city's Northwest area.

Has Your Address Changed?

(From RAC Web Page - http://www.rac.ca/adr.htm)

It has become apparent, through examination of records maintained by Industry Canada and by Radio Amateurs of Canada, that the Canadian callsign database is becoming corrupted by inaccurate information. One of the prime reasons for this is the failure of some Radio Amateurs to advise IC of address changes.
Amateurs are reminded of Section 14 of Radiocommunication Information Circular 2 (RIC-2), which states:
"***The holder of an Amateur Radio Operator Certificate shall notify the Department within thirty (30) days with respect to a change of mailing address.***"
Please note that this refers to a MAILING address and that it is not an option but **a requirement**.
Contact the Industry Canada Amateur Radio Service Centre at:
Phone: 1-888-780-3333 (toll free) or Fax:(613) 991-5575
E-mail: spectrum.amateur@ic.gc.ca
Industry Canada Amateur Radio Service Centre
P.O. Box 9654 Postal Station "T" , Ottawa, ON, K1G 6K9

For Sale.. For Sale.. For Sale..

1) Clare Jaynes VA3CWJ 613-962-3753 has the following for sale:
Delhi 40 foot self-supporting tower, CDR heavy-duty rotor, HF 3 element tri-bander, Cushcraft 22 element beam, Cushcraft Ringo Ranger 2 vertical.
Everything still assembled - asking $600 or best offer.
Clare also has a Kenwood TS-520, KW SuperMatch Tuner & Lambda Laboratory Power Supply. Asking $400 or best offer.
Clare might also be willing to combine the two packages into one and is willing to discuss a reduced price for any purchaser who is willing to take the tower down.

2) We have just received word that Harold Carruthers VE3NW will be moving to an apartment in the near future and is selling a 48' Delhi self-supporting tower and beam. Harold's ham equipment is also for sale -for more details contact Ron Chapman VE3IVC ve3ivc@rac.ca or 613-966-2910.

Tour of the County Foxhunt Results – Saturday Oct 22

1 Transmitter Found
Miles VE3XDX and Mike VE3VMP, Tx#3 49.6 Kms
Paul and Alan VE3IVO, Tx#3 54.7 Kms

2 Transmitters Found
Rick VE3IQZ and Len VE3LRM, Tx#3 37.2 Kms, Tx#1 52.3 Kms
Barry VE3BLM and Teresa VE3TRM, Tx#2 43 Kms, Tx#1 84 Kms

3 Transmitters Found
Dave VE3BIP and Ching Bee, Tx #3 30.0 Kms, Tx#1 46.0 Kms, Tx#2 63.7 Kms
Brian VE3GRA, Marg, Adele VE3PBD & Judy VA3JAS, Tx #3 28.9 Kms, Tx#1 45.8 Kms, Tx#2 64.5 Kms
Tim VE3UO, Tx #3 32.0 Kms, Tx#1 53.3 Kms, Tx#2 70.2 Kms

DNF
Al VE3LAW and Sue
Jim VE3PLP and Robert VE3KEA

Foxes
Tx #1: Dave VE3UGT - hid on McIntyre Road just south of Victoria Rd
Tx #2: Bob VE3QWB - hid at the end of Cty Rd 39 (west of Consecon)
Tx #3: Dave VE3UGT - his his automated fox on Marsh road at the north end of the swamp

For more information on the 'Tour of the County' foxhunt, visit
http://www.qarc.on.ca/countyfox.html

And Finally . . . . .

If this month's newsletter looks a bit anemic and repetitive, it's because Dave Ackerman VE3UGT, the newsletter editor, is experiencing some computer problems and Tim Pekkonen VE3UO hastily put this month's newsletter together. We did **NOT** fire Dave *(He can't get out of the job that easily!).*
Our apologies if you sent any articles via email to Dave for inclusion in the newsletter. Hopefully things will be back to normal for the next QRM Newsletter. As always, send your articles and items to Dave at ve3ugt@rac.ca for inclusion in the newsletter.