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Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

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NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: **Sept 20, 2006 @7:30PM**

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

PROGRAM: This meeting will be a planning session for the Prince Edward Marathon. We are asking all volunteers to attend this special meeting.

Club Repeater: VE3QAR 146.985 MHz.
2 meter net: Tuesday 7:30 PM on VE3TJU 146.730
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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 Meeting Minutes

There were no minutes taken, as this was a field trip to Mario DeCastris's home in Prince Edward County to tour his solar/wind installation.

Prince Edward County Marathon

Amateur Radio Operators will be providing communications for the **Prince Edward County Marathon** on **Sunday October 1, 2006.** This will be our third year helping out with this event.

Quinte and Prince Edward Radio clubs are putting the call for assistance from all amateurs in our area, and from neighbouring radio clubs - Trenton, Tri-County and Kingston.

The major focus of our first meeting on the 20th will be the Briefing Session for the PEC Marathon. At this time tee-shirts will be handed out. We are asking all volunteers to attend this special meeting.

Please contact Mike Papper VE3OX email: **ve3ox@rac.ca** or **613-969-1744** if you can help out, or would like more information.

Simulated Emergency Test October 7, 2006

Glenn Killam, Ontario STM

The 2006 Simulated Emergency Test will be held on October 7. VE3EMO will be activated on October 7 from 1100 to 1400 and 1800 to 2100 hours local time (1500Z to 1800Z and 2200Z to 0100Z). VA3OPN will operate during these times plus approximately 1/2 hour before and after.

We expect to use 3.742 MHz and 7.153 MHz, the primary and secondary ARES frequencies in Ontario. 40 meters will be primary in the afternoon and 80 meters in the evening. The Ontario Phone Net should proceed as normal but may be pre-empted.

For details, visit the racaresontario.ca web site and click on the Ontario Phone Net Information link. Please read this information and print a hard copy for reference.

Tour of the County Foxhunt

The fall tour of the county foxhunt will be held on September 23. The start time has been moved to 11:30 am at the Bloomfield town hall. Please contact Dave Ward VE3BIP at dward@kos.net or 613 966 9982 for more information.

This year the foxhunt and the annual Prince Edward Radio Club picnic are going to be held on the same day. After the foxhunt everyone is invited to Al Law's VE3FZ home for picnic. The Club will supply the Hamburgers. Please contact Al Law at ve3law@rac.ca or 613 476 8462.

Basic Radio Course

Due to insufficient registration a Basic course will NOT be held this fall.

The next course will be scheduled for January 2007. Please refer any prospective candidates to my attention: Mike at ve3vmp@sympatico.ca or 613-969-1744.

A.R.R.L. Field Day 2006

By Al Taylor VE3WV

It was good to see a couple of young fellows operating one of the club stations at the Field Day site. Although not yet licensed, it was permissible because they were under watchful supervision of a licensed amateur.

Perhaps you wondered when Field Day originated. Unfortunately I am unable to give you a date, however the first year I was licensed 1935 I participated in Field Day. I can tell you the purpose of Field Day was to encourage radio amateurs to be able to set up their equipment, with a suitable antenna or antennae at an emergency location such as a public park, or a building available to the community. ARRL made it take the form of a contest, to contact as many stations as possible, and exchange a short message with Call sign, readability and strength and location. At that time we didn't have Radio Amateurs Canada. The Canadian Radio Amateurs were a Division of the American Amateur Radio League A.R.R.L. This started way back when there was not a sufficient number of radio amateurs in Canada to form an organization. ARRL took the Canadian hams under their wing, and we have shared the same frequency bands. If it had not been for A.R.R.L. I don't believe amateur radio activity in Canada would exist today. Commercial interests would have long ago latched onto the frequency bands we occupy in Canada.

So welcome the two young lads to our hobby, as long as we have young blood in the clubs our great hobby will continue, possibly not the way we have known it, but it will continue. Even during the time 71 years that I have been licensed there have been changes.

Rally of The Tall Pines

Just imagine if you took a small car, gave it four-wheel-drive, turbocharged it to over 300 horsepower, and then drove it flat-out sideways down twisty treacherous forest roads – lined with trees, rocks and rows of cheering fans. Kicking up dirt or snow, spitting flames. Sliding on the edge of control, and sometimes over it! This is rally racing at the Rally of the Tall Pines and it is taking the world by storm.

We are looking for volunteers to supply communications for this event on the weekend of Nov 24/25 2006. No we are not asking you to ride in the back seat and hope they don’t knock your mag mount off of the roof.

If you are interested in this Kevin Maylin VA3THB will be at the October meeting of QARC. More information will also be in the October issue of QRM.

Halloween Safe Streets 2006 - Tuesday Oct 31

Once again QARC will be teaming up with Belleville Community Policing volunteers and Loyalist College students to help keep Belleville's streets safe for Trick-or-Treaters on Tuesday Oct 31. As those who have participated in previous years know, a mandatory Police Check is required for all volunteers. Contact Tim VE3UO for a volunteer form.

QARC Christmas Dinner

We are looking for suggestions for the QARC Christmas Dinner. Should we go back to Kelsey's? Last year we had about 40 people and found this a little crowded. The area we had was the largest seating section Kelsey's have. If anyone has any suggestions please contact Mike Papper VE3OX.

A Good Samaritan

A man appeared before St. Peter at the pearly gates. "Have you ever done anything of particular merit?", St. Peter asked him.
"Well, I can think of one thing." the man offered. "Once, on a trip to Drumheller in the Badlands of Alberta, I came upon a gang of high-testosterone bikers who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. So I approached the largest and most heavily tattooed biker of them all and smacked him on the head, kicked over his bike, ripped his nose ring out, and and threw it on the ground."
I yelled, "Back off Biker Boy or you'll answer to me!"
St. Peter was impressed. "Wow! When did this happen???"
"Oh, about a couple minutes ago."