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Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: **Oct 18, 2006 @7:30PM**

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

PROGRAM: Kevin Maylin VA3THB with information about the Rally of the Tall Pines in Bancroft. Kevin is looking for a few volunteers to help with communications.

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QARC Minutes for September 20 2006

(Minutes taken by Tim VE3UO.)

Meeting Called to Order by President Mike VE3OX at 7:31 PM.

Executive present: Mike VE3OX, Tim VE3UO, Miles VE3XDX, Peter VE3UR. Absent: Bob VE3QWB.

Observed a minute of silence for Silent Keys Shirley Brooker VE3BCI, Ralph Barnes VE3PBR, Don Henderson VE3ECY, Ed Goodier VE3NI, and Ferd Schijns VE3SH (from Kingston ARC).

Welcome to the following guests and first time visitors: Rich VE3MHY (GW0MHY), Bill VE3CLQ (ARES EC Frontenac County), Ron VE3IDW, Marc VA3YTR, Jim VA3DSV, Rob VE3UZL, Carol VE3EZA, Rob and Carol's Son Sam, and Chris VE3MCX.

Mike announced that Vehicle callsign license plates are still $30 and that with the RAC logo it is about $86. Apparently there have been a few hams inquiring over the summer and been told that ham plates are the same price as other vanity plates. This is NOT the case, and has been verified by checking with the local licensing office in Belleville.

Financial Report: Miles VE3XDX reported current bank balance of $4234.00. Miles will also be contacting those members who memberships have expired with a gentle reminder to renew with the Club.

RAC Insurance: We had a delay in renewing our insurance as RAC requires a list of RAC members in the club (including membership numbers!) and the Executive had to contact several of our members asking for this information. We will endeavor to keep this info on file and would ask that if you join RAC, or your RAC membership number changes, to contact any member of the Executive with this information.

ARES (Ron VE3IVC): The following events are coming up: "Hilly Hundred" Bicycle Rally in the Bancroft area Sep 23; Heart and Stroke walk at West Riverside Park Sep 24.

ARES (Bill VA3WOW): Welcome to Bill Nangle VE3CLQ who is the new Emergency Coordinator for Frontenac County. Bill and Doug VE3ZDG attended the last Kingston ARES meeting. Kingston ARES are having a Simulated Emergency Test on Thursday Oct 12 from 9 AM to noon.

Bill also announced other Provincial ARES activities - details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Paul VE3UUM mentioned the "Hilly Hundred" Bicycle Rally in Bancroft as they are looking for volunteers to help out. Interested persons can contact Paul.

Ron VE3IDW mentioned the Kingston ARC meets the first Wednesday of the month. Their October meeting will be a presentation on Digital Scanners, and the November meeting will be a presentation by Rob VE3RPF on several amateur construction projects.

2007 will be the 60th Anniversary years of both Quinte and Kingston Radio Clubs and we are looking at organising a joint dinner similar to what we did for the 50th Anniversary. It was suggested that the Smiling Wilderness in Napanee might be a suitable location for this event. Also looking for a QARC member to act as Chairperson for our 60th Anniversary activities.

Morris VA3MEM mentioned that the organisers of the recent 'Kids for Cancer' Bicycle Tour held on Sat Aug 12 were very impressed with the communications and assistance provided by the ham radio operators for this event.

Upcoming QARC meetings: October 18: Kevin VA3THB will give a presentation on the Rally of the Tall Pines (http://www.tallpinesrally.com/) which will be held on Saturday and Sunday Nov 24 & 25. Kevin has helped with communications for this event in past years.

The November QARC meeting will be a presentation on Anderson Power Poles. These 12v connectors are becoming the standard for ARES in a lot of places. We will be taking orders at our October meeting and giving hands on demo on installing the connectors as well as a presentation on accessories and uses of power poles.

Our Christmas Dinner meeting will likely be at Kelsey's again, however the Executive is open to suggestions for other venues. Date of the Dinner TBA.

Basic Radio Course: Not much interest shown this fall for a course. Will try for a course to start January 2007.

Door Prizes:

2 Speakers donated by Eric VE3GSI: won by Bill VA3WOW & Marc VA3YTR.

Desk set donated by Star Trophies: Sam, SWL (son of Rob VE3UZL).

Attenuator donated by Eric VE3GSI: Won by Cliff VA3ECP.

50/50 Draw ($15) on by Miles VE3XDX.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to a briefing session on the upcoming Prince Edward County Marathon to be held on Sunday Oct 1. This part of the meeting was chaired by Keith VA3KRV and Ron VE3IVC.

Meeting Adjourned at 9: 15 PM - attendance was 40 people.

Halloween Safe Streets

Thanks and 73, Tim VE3UO

Yes October is here and it's that time again where I am asking for volunteers to help out with patrolling Belleville city streets on Tuesday October 31. This is one of Belleville Community Policing's higher visibility projects, and we will be assisting Community Policing volunteers and Loyalist College students with this task. The hours are from approximately 5 PM to 8 PM. Our role is to primarily to keep the streets safe for the junior trick-or-treaters during the early hours of the evening. (I think we will probably be pressed into service for pizza delivery again.)

As always, a background check is required for ALL volunteers that evening and a form is on the QARC website at http://www.qarc.on.ca/oct31.htm . Please print it out, fill it out, and get it to me ASAP. If you have trouble printing, get in touch with me and I can get a form to you.

Rally of The Tall Pines

We are looking for volunteers to supply communications for this event on the weekend of Nov 24/25 2006. If you are interested in this Kevin Maylin VA3THB will be at the October meeting of QARC.

Fall Tour of the County Fox Hunt

Here are the results of the Fall Tour of the County Fox Hunt.
The foxes were located at the following locations
Fox #1 (Miles VE3XDX) - Located on County Rd 13 just east of Little Bluff Conservation Authority. No one managed to find this fox, except an OPP officer, although Tim VE3UO and Richard VE3MHY were only a few kilometers away when the hunt ended.
Fox #2 (Dave VE3BIP) - Located on Fish Lake Road just east of Fish Lake.
Fox #3 (Unmanned) - Located on County Rd 14 just east of Doxsee Rd at Sunset Lookout Conservation Authority. Sunset Lookout is a small conservation area, less than 1 acre, which overlooks the western end of Big Island. It appears that it has not been maintained in the past few years and is a bit overrun.
Results
3 Foxes
- No team found all three foxes.
2 Foxes
Brian VE3GRA; Fox #3 15.2 Km, Fox #2 26.1 KM
Tim VE3UO and Richard VE3MHY; Fox #2 18.2 KM, Fox #3 29.4 Km
1 Fox
No team found just one fox
DNF
Jim VE3PLP and Allan VE3IVO and family.

Upcoming Foxhunts

The spring foxhunt will begin at 12:00 noon on **Saturday, May 5, 2007** at the **Bloomfield Community Centre** in the village of **Bloomfield**. The community centre is located at 289 Main St. (Hwy. 33) in Bloomfield. There is a parking lot behind the community centre. The GPS co-ordinates are: 43 degrees, 59.224 min N; 77 degrees, 13.731 min W (Grid square FN13jx). **(Google Maps Co-ordinates)**
*** The Autumn 2007 'Tour of the County' has been scheduled for **Saturday October 13, 2007.*** Same location and start time as the spring hunt..

Repeater Update

The UHF repeater is now on 444.475 MHz from Gerry's (VE3APF) QTH in the 'swamps of Thurlow'. As before it has a 118.8 PL tone on the output and switchable on the input. Gerry is working on the issue of certain people's voices switching the input, so we are still in a testing phase.
On the VHF side, 146.985 is still at Dave Ackerman's QTH. As most people are aware, there were some renovations at Queen Victoria School this past summer. The School Board has provided us with a new home for the repeater, and all that is left to do is run the coaxial cable to the new location.

QARC SEPTEMBER TREASURERS REPORT

Opening Balance as of September 1, 2006			$4234.43
Revenue: Interest	.19		
Memberships	150.00		
Coffee	22.25		
50/50	15.00		
Total Revenue	187.44		+ 187.44
			4421.87
Expenses: Cheque#160 Dave Ackerman (coffee supplies)		22.04	
Cheque#161 Dave Ackerman (September newsletter)		17.81	
Total Expenses		39.85	- 39.85
			4382.02
Closing Balance as of September 30, 2006			$4382.02

Doctor's Office

This is so true! They always ask at the doctor's office why you are there, and you have to answer in front of others what's wrong and sometimes it is embarrassing. There's nothing worse than a Doctor's Receptionist who insists you tell her what is wrong with you in a room full of other patients. I know most of us have experienced this, and I love the way this old guy handled it.

An 86-year-old man walked into a crowded waiting room and approached the desk.... The Receptionist said, "Yes sir, what are you seeing the Doctor for today?"

"There's something wrong with my dick", he replied. The receptionist became irritated and said, "You shouldn't come into a crowded waiting room and say things like that."

"Why not? You asked me what was wrong and I told you," he said. The Receptionist replied; "Now you've caused some embarrassment in this room full of people. You should have said there is something wrong with your ear or something and discussed the problem further with the Doctor in private." The man replied, "You shouldn't ask people questions in a room full strangers, if the answer could embarrass anyone. The man walked out, waited several minutes and then re-entered.

The Receptionist smiled smugly and asked, "Yes??" "There's something wrong with my ear", he stated. The Receptionist nodded approvingly and smiled, knowing he had taken her advice. "And what is wrong with your ear, Sir??" "I can't piss out of it," he replied.

The waiting room erupted in laughter.

Mess with seniors and you're gonna lose!