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Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

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NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: **Nov 15, 2006 @7:30PM**

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

PROGRAM: A video and an installation demonstration on PowerPole connectors

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 Minutes of Meeting for 18 October 2006

Meeting Called to Order by President Mike VE3OX at 7:30 PM.
Attendance with guests and members: 28
Executive present: Mike VE3OX, Tim VE3UO, Miles VE3XDX, Peter VE3UR, Bob VE3QWB
Observed a minute of silence for Silent Key James Joseph Lynch VE3JJL.
Welcome to the following:
VA3BRT - Elizabeth Trice, mother of Eric VE3GSI and Kevin VA3GSI VE3BS - Brian Smith VE3GI - Al Smith
VA3THB - Kevin Maylin - guest speaker
Mike VE3OX announced that the Q.A.R.C. Christmas Dinner will be held on Wednesday 13 DEC 2006, 6:30 PM, at Swiss Chalet. Please contact him to let him know how many seats you need. He thanks all the volunteers that helped with the Prince Edward County Marathon and asks that anyone who still has an OFFICIAL MARATHON VEHICLE sign, unless you will need it next year, please get it back to Mike. Thanks. With the club's 60th Anniversary coming up, it could be that we will have a joint dinner in Napanee with the Kingston club, as was done ten years ago. Mike presented Ron VE3IVC and Keith VA3KRV (not present) with Club Name Tags for giving the PEC Marathon briefing last month. Keith will receive his Tag at a later meeting.
Financial Report: Miles VE3XDX reported current bank balance of $4234.00.

COMING EVENTS:
Ron VE3IVC - Multiple Sclerosis Supercities Walk 28MAY2007 - Belleville http://www.mssociety.ca/Ontario/scwalk_belleville.htm
Tim VE3UO - Halloween Safe Streets Tuesday 31OCT2006 - Belleville http://www.qarc.on.ca/oct31.htm
To volunteer for these functions, please contact Ron or Tim.

A.R.E.S. Reports:
Peter VE3UR - Canadian astronaut Chris Hatfield will be at the Madoc High School on 26OCT2006 as a lead up to that school making radio contact with the International Space Station http://www.rac.ca/ariss/oindex.htm between 20 and 24 NOV 2006.
Bill VA3WOW reported on the phone/911 outage in Madoc Township Friday 13 OCT 2006. Volunteers were positioned throughout the township, including the Command Post at the township fire hall, the OPP station in Madoc and as far north as Trudy's on highway 62. Net Control was shared by Keith VA3KRV and Paul VE3UUM. Everyone was released from the call around 8:30 PM Friday, which was good news because we first heard the phones might be out until 8 AM on Saturday. Ron VE3IVC has two old club group photographs, from 1952 and 1976. With the help of some of the older members at the meeting, he was able to get some more names of those in the pictures, however, some of those pictured are still un-named.
Congratulations to Brian Williams VA3BRW who passed the Advanced test.

Next month's meeting will include a project on Anderson Powerpoles. http://www.andersonpower.com/ Contact Tim VE3UO to let him know how many connectors you want to put on your equipment.

NEW BUSINESS:
MOTION: As the Quinte Amateur Radio Club approaches its 60th year of existence, that we honour those surviving Radio Amateurs that were members of the Executive of the club in its first ten years by making those Amateurs Honourary Life Members of the Quinte Amateur Radio Club. Those Amateurs are: Harold Carruthers VE3NW, Vice President 1947, President 1948 & 49 Bill Barrie VE3AAS, President 1951, Al Smith VE3BCV (now VE3GI), President 1952, Al Bakyta VE3BHK, President 1953, Bob Sands VE3BOB, Secretary 1956, Ron Chapman, SWL (now VE3IVC), Treasurer 1956 (Note: Ron Chapman VE3IVC is already a Honourary Life Member of QARC for his work on behalf of ARES for Y2K.) Motion made by: Tim Pekkonen VE3UO Seconded by: Miles LeClair VE3XDX The Motion was carried.
Since not all the above are still in the Belleville area, a letter will be mailed to them telling them of their Honourary Life Member status.

Dave VE3BIP donated a RAC mug for a door prize. It was won by Richard VE3MHY

Ten minute break for coffee and chat, thanks to Dave VE3UGT's XYL for the delicious home-made Chocolate Chip Cookies.

PRESENTATION: RALLY OF THE TALL PINES - given by Kevin VA3THB.
This year the rally will be on November 24 and 25, the 24th being a big media day. This is the tenth year of the rally, the sixth year Kevin has assisted. Volunteer hams provide not only communications but also traffic control. See the website for more information or to register to be a worker: http://www.tallpinesrally.com. Workers will have a meeting at 9 PM on Friday night at the Dungannon Centre in L'Amable. If you can't make the meeting but still want to volunteer, alternate arrangements can be made. Communications will be using VE3FOY (Bancroft) 147.285 +, VE3YAC (Coe Hill) 145.450 -, Portable Repeater 147.225 +, VE3TBF (Wilberforce) 147.240 + and Simplex 146.580. Subsidy is available for some accommodations in the area. If you have any questions you can contact Kevin at: kevin.maylin@essroc.com. When the meeting was asked for volunteers, six members responded. Since they used sixty to seventy hams last year, they need as many as they can get, so register as soon as possible.
Mike thanked Kevin for the presentation and gave him a QARC mug.
Brian VA3BS won the 50/50 draw; $ 21.00
Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

QARC Christmas Dinner

This year the QARC Christmas dinner will be held Swiss Chalet in Belleville. This will take place on Wednesday December 13 at 6:30 PM. Note this is one week earlier than our normal meeting night. The third Wednesday is a little too close to Christmas. Please contact Mike Papper VE3OX if you plan on attending.

Hastings County ARES:

From Peter VA3PGB AEC

The following article is taken from the Tri-County ARC Webpage:

A thank you to all the Hams who assisted in the recent ARES call-out, due to the lack of phone service in the 473 exchange and the failure of 911 service. From those who provided net control services, to those out in the field, and those who stayed on stand by in case they were required for relief. I realize that many of these people travelled a fair distance, and at a moments notice. This is the kind of thing that we have come to expect from the radio group in this region. Fire chiefs Darren Morrison of Madoc Township and Morgan McGuire of Tudor and Cashel township were very impressed at the services that we provided. They were somewhat surprised, so many would come out to assist.

The following Hams came out to operate from various locations in and around Madoc township: **Peter Blakely, VA3PGB; Tim Pekkonen, VE3UO; Morris McCaul, VA3MEM; Bill Milligan, VA3WOW; Joe Davidson, VA3JAD; Brian Williams, VA3BRW; Brian Redden, VE3HQR; Andrew Redden, VA3HQU; Ron Switzer, VE3RBI; Bob Moore, VE3QWB**.

These two Hams were able to operate as Net Control Stations During the event as well as acting as recruiters to get in touch with other hams via the telephone and radio to get the help required, they also were in unaffected areas and could make outgoing phone calls if required: **Keith Harvey, VA3KRV; Paul Davidson, VE3UUM**.

Finally these Hams were in reserve and prepared to head out if required to relieve the hams already on station if the phone outage continued for some time: **Ian Morrison, VE3EP; Cliff Fairbank, VA3CAF; Ron Chapman, VE3IVC; Bob Sloan, VA3SLO; Kevin Maylin, VA3THB; Mike Grainger, VE3ADC**.

QAR Repeater's

The SLVRC Frequency Coordinator has approved our request for 444.475 MHz. As you most likely aware the Coordinator for the Vermont Independent Repeater Coordinating Committee (VIRCC) had an issue with our repeater output possibly keying up a low in/high out repeater in Central Vermont. Fortunately our Coordinator (Luc Pernot VE3JGL) agrees with me that the chances of this happening are remote at best, so we are good to go!

The VHF repeater is still located in my garage. (VE3UGT Dave) It is still having trouble receiving. The receive footprint is a lot smaller than the transmit footprint. The renovations are complete at Queen Victoria School and they have constructed a cabinet for the repeater. When the repeater is repaired it will be returned to the school.

When the VHF repeater moves back to the school the UHF repeater will return to my garage a better location can be found.

QARC OCTOBER TREASURERS REPORT

Opening Balance as of October 1, 2006		4382.02
Revenue: Interest	.19	
Memberships	300.00	
Coffee	19.25	
50/50	21.00	
Ron Chapman	100.00	
(Sale of VE3LAX tower)		
Total Revenue	440.44	+440.44
		4822.46
Expenses: Cheque#162 Etherworx	37.10	
(Domain renewal)		
Cheque#163 Mike Papper	25.00	
(Donation in memory of Al Taylor's XYL)		
Cheque#164 Star Trophies	22.80	
(Invoice # 6750)		
Cash to Dave Ackerman	30.33	
(Oct. coffee and newsletter)		
Total Expenses	115.23	-115.23
		4707.23
Closing Balance as of October 31, 2006		4707.23

Job Interview

Four men were sitting around a conference room table being interviewed for a job. The interviewer asked, "What is the fastest thing you know of?"

The first man replied, "A thought. It pops into your head, there's no forewarning that it's on the way; it's just there. A thought is the fastest thing I know of."

"That's very good," replied the interviewer. "And now you, sir," He asked the second man. "Hmmm, let me see.....a blink!," said the second man. "It comes and goes and you don't know it ever happened. A blink is the fastest thing I know of." "Excellent!" said the interviewer. "The blink of an eye. That's a very popular cliché for speed."

He then turned to the third man who was contemplating his reply. "Well, out on my dad's ranch, you step out of the house and on the wall there is a light switch. When you flip that switch, way across the pasture the light at the barn comes on in an instant. Turning on a light is the fastest thing I can think of." The interviewer was very impressed with the third answer and Thought he had found his man. "It's hard to beat the speed of light.", he said. Turning to the fourth man, a Newfoundlander, he posed the same question. "After hearing the three previous answers, it's obvious to me the fastest thing known is diarrhea," said the Newfie. "What!" said the interviewer, stunned by the response. "Oh, I can explain," said the Newfie, You see, the other day I wasn't feeling so well and ran for the bathroom. But, before I could think, blink, or turn on the light, I shit my pants."

He got the job.