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Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: **May 16, 2007 @7:30PM**

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

PROGRAM: Election of officers for 2007/2008 and **discussion on Field Day and other upcoming activities.**

Club Repeaters: VE3QAR: 146.985 Mhz / 444.475 Mhz. (118.8 Hz PL)
2 meter net: Tuesday 7:30 PM on VE3TJU 146.730
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Lakeshore Internet Services, 199 Front St, Suite 108
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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PAST PRESIDENT: Peter Hodgson VE3UR 613-962-1386 (phodgson@kos.net)

Minutes of the QARC meeting March 21, 2007

President Mike Papper VE3OX called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Welcome to Al Morton (nephew of Dave VE3UGT and Ralph VE3CSU) who wants to be in the next ham course. Mike has sent ads out to local high schools, members are asked to talk the class up, help get the word around. Class starts on April 16 at the Trenton Base Club room. Classes will be on Monday and Wednesday, two and a half hours per night, the last review class will be on June 6 with the exam being held on June 11. This will be the last class held at the Trenton Club room on CFB Trenton as the club has to move out of that room by next fall. It is not known where their new meeting room will be.

Our club has to move for it's next meeting only. For our Open House meeting on April 18, we will be moving to Room P1. There will be no formal meeting, but there will be door prizes, refreshments and displays of equipment used over the 60 years that Quinte Amateur Radio Club has existed. Anyone with items they would like to show, please contact Mike or Tim to let them know how much space you will need.

And a reminder that QARC's 60th anniversary dinner will be shared with Kingston ARC at the Lion's Hall in Napanee on Saturday April 28. Price will be $ 22.00 per person; the meal will be buffet style. Contact Mike for tickets VE3OX@RAC.CA

Financial Report: The club has $ 5,240.96

Treasurer Miles VE3XDX made two motions

Motion to Change Bylaw #3

Bylaw #3 now states: There shall be membership dues. Dues are to be renewed annually on the anniversary of the date the member joins the corporation, and the amount of annual dues is to be fixed by the Board of Directors, and approved by a quorum of members present at any regular meeting or annual meeting.

Motion that Bylaw #3 be changed to read: There shall be membership dues. Dues are to be renewed on or before the beginning of the fiscal year starting July 1 of said year, and the amount of annual dues is to be fixed by the Board of Directors, and approved by a quorum of members present at any regular meeting or annual meeting. Members not renewing their dues prior to January 1 of fiscal year shall cease to be members of the corporation and their names removed from the membership list. Moved by Miles VE3XDX, Seconded by Tim VE3UO, CARRIED.

Motion to make Addition to Regulation #4 to read: Those persons eligible to join the club during the fiscal year shall pay dues as follows:

First Quarter: (July August September): $25.00

Second Quarter: (October November December): $20.00

Third Quarter: (January February March): $15.00

Fourth Quarter: (April & May): $10.00

Note: It is expected that new members joining in June would normally pay Full Dues for the following fiscal year Moved by Miles VE3XDX, Seconded by Dave VE3BIP, CARRIED.

Mike VE3OX mentioned that one of our members, Al Taylor VE3WV, received acknowledgement from ARRL for being a member for sixty years, he has been a ham even longer than that. Congratulations from all of us Al. You'll remember Al's birthday: http://www.qarc.on.ca/ve3wv.htm

REPEATER REPORT: Dave VE3BIP reports repeater work and negotiations are continuing. They are looking at taking over ownership of the former Loyalist College tower on Queen Mary School. That tower will put our antenna about sixty feet higher, and there is room inside for more equipment and thought is being given to perhaps adding dual band and battery backup, and keeping the antenna on Queen Victoria School. Since some of the plans would require spending club money, a motion to do so would be required. More information to follow.

ARES REPORT: Bill VA3WOW & Peter VE3UR report meeting with the emergency coordinator for Madoc Township and Centre Hastings. They are looking at putting a desk in their fire hall and installing an antenna. The ARES Manuals are made up and ready for ARES members to use. The Ontario ARES group has two radio nets per week, Sundays and Wednesdays at 8pm, via IRLP Reflector 9005. You don't have to be an ARES member to take part in the net, and wherever you are in Ontario, you can take part as long as you can make contact with an IRLP node.

Next Wednesday March 28, 2007, a group of our members will be going to the Tri-County meeting in Deloro, their website is: http://www.tcarc.ca/public/index.php and shows the following: Meeting March 28, 2007. Location: Deloro Community Centre. Time: 7:30 PM. Speaker: Peter Taylor VE3DRS. Subject: Multimeters. Peter has asked each Ham who attends, to bring their millimeter if they have one. Contact Mike ve3vmp@rac.ca if you plan on going so we can car-pool.

REMINDERS:

The Belleville Community Policing 'Pitter-Patter' 5K and 10K run will be held Sunday April 15 2007 at Loyalist College. Contact Tim ve3uo@rac.ca to help or for further details.

The Prince Edward Radio Club will be holding an auction on Thursday, May 3, 2007. http://perc.lks.net/this.htm

The Tour of the County foxhunts this year will be held on Saturday May 5 and Saturday October 13. Keep and eye on the website for details: http://www.qarc.on.ca/countyfox.html Dave VE3BIP said he has been thinking about a way to increase the participation in our semiannual foxhunts by trying to include people who are interested in Geocaching. What he came up with is something he calls Photocaching which combines imprecise Geocaching combined with recognizing a location based on a photograph. The idea is that Photocachers could hunt for locations and thus compete with the Foxhunters. At the beginning of the hunt the Photocachers would be handed 3 pieces of paper, each with a photocache location and they would have to find each location. The Foxhunters would of course try to find the hidden transmitters. Contact Dave ve3bip@rac.ca if you are interested and check this link: http://web.mac.com/dpward/iWeb/Photocaching/Intro.html

PRIZES:
A cap from Bartlett Provincial was won by Paul Lariviere va3zyx.
A Municipality of Centre Hastings coffee cup was won by Dick Hayes ve3eer.
A twenty five feet measuring tape was won by Glen Campbell ve3cjg
The 50/50 draw was won by George Papper ve3yd, his half was $ 20.50

COFFEE BREAK

Ron Chapman ve3ivc gave a very interesting presentation on knots and ropes, everyone received a couple lengths of rope to learn some knots. You can get more information from these websites:
http://www.gutenberg.org/files (not working when tried, so check these others out)
http://www.layhands.com/Knots/
http://www.animatedknots.com/
http://www.layhands.com/Knots/
Meeting closed at 9:25pm. Attendance was 29

Field Day 2007

QARC and PERC will again this year will hold field day at the Huffs Island Community Centre. Date and Time Period: Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and ending at 2100 UTC Sunday. Field Day 2007 will be held June 23-24, 2007. We will likely run two stations. It would be nice to run both station for the full 24 hours. There will be more information at upcoming PERC & QARC meetings and in next month's newsletter.

We are also planning to run a Get-On-The-Air (GOTA) Station. Bring along anyone who would like to give the radio a try.

Super Cities WALK for MS

The Belleville Super Cities WALK for MS is happening on May 27th. Please contact Ron VE3IVC if you can help with the communications for this.

Anniversary Photo

Wednesday June 20: This will be a photo of Club Members and will be taken prior to our Club Meeting in June. Please meet at 7:00 PM to be included in the photo - location of photo will be at Loyalist College - Meet in the usual parking lot. ** Please bring your camera if you want to take your own photo of the group.

Results of The May 2007
Tour of the County Fox Hunt

On Saturday May 5 we held our annual spring fox hunt. The weather was perfect and we had 10 teams entered including 2 from Peterborough and 1 from Georgetown.

Locations

Transmitter #1 was located on Bethel Rd about 1/2 way between Cty Rd 4 and Cty Rd 5.
Photocache #1 was at the intersection of Doxsee Rd and Cty Rd 4
Transmitter #2 was at the Rutherford Stevens Lookout on Cty Rd. 13
Photocache #2 was at Wapoos at N44 00.108 W77 00.000
Transmitter #3 was on Closson Rd very close to Cty Rd 2.
Photocache #3 was on Burr Rd directly in front of the UEL Cemetery

Results

Team	Number Found / Total Distance			
Peter VE3FZ Al VE3KWM	3 / 81 Km	Tx3 - 15.5 km	Tx 1 - 51 km	Tx 2 - 81 km
Brian VE3GRA	3 / 85.3 Km	Tx 2 – 43.4 km	Tx 1 – 63.2 km	Tx 3 – 85.3 km
Peter VE3UR	3 / 92.1 Km	Tx 3 – 26.9 km	Tx 1 – 54.4	Tx 2 – 92.1 km
Ian VE3EP	3 / 107 Km	PC 1	PC 2	PC 3
Tim VE3UO	2 / 46.8 Km	Tx 1 – 26.0 km	Tx 3 – 46.8 km	
Ron VE3IVC	2 / 67 Km	Tx 3 – 26 km	Tx 2 – 67 km	
Terry VA3BHL	2 / 70+ Km	Tx 3	Tx 2 – 70+ km	
Jim VE3PLP	1 / 32 Km	Tx 3 – 32 km		
Mike VE3OX	1 / 37.9 Km	Tx 3 37.9 km		
Robert VE3KEA	1	Tx 3		

Club Dinner

Wednesday July 18 A 60th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the **Red Rock Canyon** Restaurant in the Bell Tower Market Place, North Front St in Belleville. There will be some door prizes and other goodies available! RSVP Mike Papper **ve3ox@rac.ca.**
There will also be our regular summer diner meeting at The Boathouse Restaurant South Front St on August 15.

Basic & Advanced Course

A combined basic and advanced course started April 16. There are four students for the basic and three for the advanced. If you know of someone who would like to write either exam contact Tim VE3UO. The exam for the course will be on Monday June 11.

QARC APRIL 2007 TREASURERS REPORT

Opening balance as of April 1, 2007			5199.13
Revenue: Interest	.22		
Memberships	128.00		
Coffee	10.15		
50/50	18.00		
Radio Course	185.00		
Total Revenue	341.37		+341.37
			5540.50
Expenses: Cheque #185 KARC (reimburse hall share)		87.50	
Cheque #186 Mike Papper (office supplies)		19.76	
Cheque #187 Dave Ackerman (coffee/newsletter)		32.21	
Cheque #188 Mike Papper (study guides)		66.55	
Total Expenses		206.02	-206.02
			5334.48
Closing Balance as of April 30, 2007			+5334.48

The Pastor's Donkey - VERY True

The pastor entered his donkey in a race and it won. The pastor was so pleased with the donkey that he entered in another race and it won again.
The local paper read: PASTOR'S ASS OUT FRONT.
The Bishop was so upset with this kind of publicity that he ordered the pastor not to enter the donkey in any more races.
The next day the local paper headline read: BISHOP SCRATCHES THE PASTOR'S ASS. This was too much for the Bishop, so he ordered the pastor to get rid of the donkey. The pastor decided to give it to a nun in a nearby convent. The local paper, hearing of the news, posted the following headline: NUN HAS THE BEST ASS IN TOWN.
The Bishop fainted. He informed the nun that she would have to get rid of the donkey so she sold it to a farmer for $10. The next day the headlines read: NUN SELLS ASS FOR $10.
This was too much for the Bishop, so he ordered the nun to buy back the donkey and lead it to the high plains where it could run free. The next day the headlines read: NUN ANNOUNCES HER ASS IS WILD AND FREE. Alas The Bishop was buried the next day.
MORAL OF THE STORY???
Being concerned about public opinion can bring you much grief and misery and even shorten your life. So, be yourself and enjoy life. Stop worrying about everyone else's ass and you'll live longer.