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Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: **May 20, 2009 @7:30PM**

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

PROGRAM: 1) Election of Executive for 2009-10.
2) Dave VE3BIP will be giving a presentation on the PICAXE micro-controller.

Club Repeaters: VE3QAR: 146.985 Mhz / 444.475 Mhz. (118.8 Hz PL)
2 meter net: Tuesday 7:30 PM on VE3TJU 146.730

QARC HomePage http://www.qarc.on.ca/ webspace provided by:
Kingston Online Services, 153 Front St,
Belleville K8N 2Y6 (613) 968-7137
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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Minutes of QARC Meeting 15 APR 2009

President Tim VE3UO opened the meeting at 7:30pm and started the meeting with a Moment of Silence in memory of Tom Lloyd VA3ZE/VE3UDO, Past President of the Kingston ARC & Repeater Trustee, who became a Silent Key on March 20/09.

Executive Present: President Tim VE3UO, Vice President Brian VA3BRW, Secretary Bob VE3QWB.

Tim welcomed members and guests to the meeting, including Joe Thibedeau VE3LVT (formerly VE3FZZ) and SWL's Kyle Youden, and Liam.

The meeting is being held in room 2H10 in the main building at Loyalist College because the meeting will be followed by a presentation and tour of the college's broadcast station CJLX-FM 91X and VE3ALC (Amateurs Loyalist College) shack.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
The annual 'Pitter-Patter' Run will be held at Loyalist College this Sunday April 19, it starts at 10AM. Members helping with communications are asked to meet Tim at the cafeteria, he will be there 9am, setting up.

The next Belleville Police CPIC checks will be held on Sat Apr 25 at the Belleville Police Service Safety Village between 8am and noon.

Art VE3SQG reports PERC will be holding their 2009 Auction on Thursday May 7, it starts at 7:00 PM in the Bloomfield hall. http://perc.lks.net/

The 2009 MS SuperCities Walk will be held on Sun May 24. Contact Ron VE3IVC if you can help with communications.

Dave VE3BIP reports the next 'Tour of the County' Foxhunt will be held on Sat May 2, see this web page for further information: http://www.qarc.on.ca/countyfox.html

Tim reminded members that we will be holding our club elections in May. As usual the Past President is the Nominations Committee chairperson so contact Mike VE3OX with your nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, for the next year.

ARES REPORT Doug VE3ZDG reports there will be Canwarn Training in Kingston on May 23. Len VE3LRM reports the same training will be in Peterborough on May 20.

REPEATER REPORT: The 2m repeater has been moved back to Queen Victoria School. Everything seems to be working fine, if anyone has any problems with it, please tell Tim.

FIELD DAY
At the last PERC meeting it was confirmed the location will be near Lake on the Mountain, in a field owned by Eric VA3EP. He is looking for a tent for 6m/VHF/UHF station. There will be a PortaPotty on site for bathroom breaks. We will be using the VE3RL callsign and running 3A class this year, with Brian VA3BRW setting up digital modes. More info at http://www.qarc.on.ca/fd2009/

NEW BUSINESS No New Business

DOOR PRIZES:
Greg VE3CH donated some 91X lanyards and a 91X T-shirt for door prizes, and Eric VE3GSI donated a Thumb Drive.

The T shirt went to Marlene VE3HBR, the lanyards went to Eric VE3GSI and Kevin VA3GSI and the USB thumb drive went to Doug VE3ZDG.

COFFEE BREAK Thanks to Dave VE3UGT for his work again.

Eric VE3GSI mentioned how he likes amateur radio contesting and has received certificates and awards, but none as surprising as the one he received in the mail today. It was a hand-broom with an ARRL 75 year medal attached, "2008 CW CONTESTS CLEAN SWEEP", which he passed around.

Greg VE3CH gave an interesting presentation on the history and equipment in the college's amateur radio station VE3ALC and their FM station 91X CJLX.

VE3ALC is an Echolink node, number 418240, accessible to amateurs in the area, and via Internet to the world. It operates on sim frequency 147.510 To verify it's connection, transmit 08. For more information on Echolink see http://www.echolink.org

Greg ended his presentation by giving Certificates to Tim VE3UO, Peter VE3UR, Quinte Amateur Radio Club, and will be giving one to Keith VA3KRV and Ron VE3IVC, in gratitude for their assistance and equipment donated to help get, and keep,VE3ALC on the air. Although they have assorted equipment they have a wish list of items, one of which is an antenna tuner.

President Tim made a motion that QARC donate an antenna tuner to VE3ALC from the estate of Bob Allison VE3CWS.
Seconded by Joe VA3JAD. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned to tour the two radio stations.
The crowd was split into two groups and lead by Greg VE3CH and Len VE3LRM.

Attendance: 30

MS Supercities Walk

This years MS walk will be on Sunday May 24 at Moira Secondary School in Belleville. If you can assist with this event, contact Ron Chapman VE3IVC at 613-966-2910 or ve3ivc@rac.ca

Kingston Repeater is now Tone Access

The Kingston repeater **VE3KBR** on **146.94** MHz is now tone access only. In order to work it you need a CTCSS tone of **151.4** Hz. The reason for the switch to tone access only is to help alleviate QRM problems with **VE2CRA** in Ottawa, which has also become tone access only using **100** Hz.

For Sale

Swan 350 HF Transceiver from the estate of Bob Allison VE3CWS. Now is the opportunity to own a 'Classic' HF transceiver. Asking price is $150. contact Tim VE3UO ve3uo@rac.ca .

Fox Hunt http://web.mac.com/dpward/TxHunting

There were 8 cars on the road hunting the usual 3 foxes. This time nobody found all three. With plotting the fox locations on Streets & Trips the shortest distance to all 3 would be 66.1 KLM's. (Bob, Doug then Ian) The shortest distance for Doug & Bob would be 32.3 (Bob then Doug). The winners Dave & Paul didn't drive very far out of their way.

Team	Transmitters Found	Sequence
Dave VE3BIP & Paul VE3ZXY	2	# 1 @ 16.5 klm # 3 @ 35.5 klm.
Tim VE3UO	2	# 3 @ 20.5 klm # 1 @ 38.3 klm
Jim VE3LP	2	# 1 @ 35.0 klm # 2 @ 41.4 klm
Peter VE3UR	2	# 1 @ 28.4 klm # 3 @ 46.0 klm
Brian & Vicky	2	# 1 @ 27.3 klm # 3 @ 46.6 klm
Rick VE3IQZ	1	# 1 @ 24.8 klm
Teresa & Barry VE3TZM & VE3BLM	1	# 1 @ 35.1 klm
Mike VE3MPA	N/A	

Fox Locations

#1 Doug VE3ZDG	Demorestville Conservation Area
#2 Ian VE3EP	West end of Army Reserve Road
#3 Bob VE3QWB	Alisonville Conservation Area

The next hunt will be Wednesday June 10 at 7PM. The start point is yet to be determined. Check the QARC website or listen on VE3QAR 146.985 on the evening of the hunt for the start location.

The Peterborough Amateur Radio Club also holds regular hunts. PARC Fox Hunts are usually held once a month starting on top of Armour Hill in Peterborough. Tune up on VE3PBO (146.625-) and then switch to Simplex (146.580) to find the FOX. The minimal equipment required is a two-meter Handi. All are welcome. Check their website for dates & times. Usually Sunday @ 1:30PM http://www.nexicom.net/~harm/PARC/index.htm

The Manotick Amateur Radio Group (near Ottawa) is planning to start foxhunting. Check their website http://www.ve3rix.ca/ for times and dates. More info on these hunts will be available in future QRM newsletters and on the QARC foxhunt page.

2009 Field Day

This year's Field Day location will be on Bradley Cross Road, in Prince Edward County, approximately 500m south of Lake on the Mountain Road (County Road 7).

Google Map showing Location: tinyurl.com/fday4

PDF File with Photos showing the site: (courtesy of Eric VA3EP) can be found here. http://www.thecountygeek.com/pdf/Potential_Field_Day_Site.pdf NOTE: File Size is 11 Megabytes.

The plan is to be 3 Alpha this year. One station will be digital. The other two will be phone and a phone/cw.

Election of Executive

This month's meeting is the election of the Executive for the 2009-10 Fiscal year which runs from July 1 to June 30 annually. It's not too late to nominate someone for one of the four Executive positions available. The Past-President (in this case Mike VE3OX) serves as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, so you can contact him with your nomination.(ve3ox@rac.ca or 613-969-1744)

Also, this is a reminder that annual dues ($25) are payable for 2009-10 and our Treasurer Miles VE3XDX will cheerfully accept your dues for next year at this month's meeting.

Smiths Falls Hamfest – May 9, 2009



Dave VE3BIP, Tim VE3UO, Dave VE3UGT, Peter VE3UR



Rose (XYL of VA3JAD), Peter VE3UR, Joe VA3JAD