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Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: **October 21, 2009 @ 7:30PM**

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

PROGRAM: **Geoff Smith VA3GS**, RAC Director, Ontario South, and **John Iliffe VA3JI**, RAC Past-President and co-author of the *Canadian Amateur Radio Basic Qualification Study Guide* talking on current issues of the day affecting Amateur Radio.

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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QARC September 2009 minutes

Tim VE3UO called the meeting to order at 7:35PM.

Tim asked for a moment of silence for Silent Key George Foster VA3GF.

The new executive was introduced. The only change from last year is the Vice President. Brian Williams VA3BRW decided not to seek another term. The Vice President for this term will be Dave Ackerman VE3UGT.
The minutes for the June Meeting accepted as posted. Motion to approve was made by Al Barkley VE3WOW and seconded by Cliff Fairbanks VA3CAF.
Upcoming Events:
Heart & Stroke Walk Sunday Sept 20 @ Zwick's Island 10:30 AM
Halloween Safe Streets - (no info yet) - SATURDAY Oct 31. A current Police background check is needed to participate in Halloween Safe Streets.
Basic Course starts Oct 5. Instructors are to send info to Tim VE3UO to be put on a CD for the students. Mike Papper VE3OX organized the course and is also hosting it at his home. To date he has 8 students. Hopefully soon we will have 8 new hams.
There is now a 2 metre repeater in Quinte West. VE3TRR is located at the QTH of Cliff Fairbanks in Stockdale. The frequency is 147.015 / 147.615 with a 91.5 tone on the output. Kingston ARC donated the repeater. Quinte ARC has loaned a set of duplexers. Tim suggested that we make this a long term loan. All present were in favour.

ARES Report by Bill Milligan VE3WOW.
Hilly 100 took place in the Bancroft / Barrys Bay area. Keith Harvey VA3KRV was net control.
Belleville Red Cross HQ @ 88 Parks Drive have ordered a 2M / 70CM antenna.

Speakers for the Oct Meeting will be Geoff Smith VA3GS, RAC Director, Ontario South, and John Iliffe VA3JI, RAC Past-President and co-author of the *Canadian Amateur Radio Basic Qualification Study Guide* talking on current issues of the day affecting Amateur Radio.
Nov Meeting: Possibly Lee VA3LHM from Durham Radio?
Other topics: invite Red Cross to speak?; local police on impact of Bill 118?

Christmas Dinner:
There are two possible locations for the QARC Christmas dinner. The River Inn located in Corbyville and Swiss Chalet in Belleville.
PERC Dinner Sat Nov 28 confirmed. Ours is Wed Dec 9th or ... ?

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

Door Prize was won by Al VE3OWO. A windup flashlight donated by Mike VE3OX

50/50 Draw $28.00 was won by Lee VA3LHM.

After the coffee break we had a show & tell:
Keith VA3KRV showed some pictures and told us about some audio equipment he had restored.
Tim VE3UO demonstrated his 'BuddiPole' HF portable antenna.
Peter VE3UR demonstrated his new Yaesu VX8 handheld radio.
Dave VE3BIP showed us a new foxhunt antenna he had recently built.

FLEA MARKET & BREAKFAST

14 Nov 09

Breakfast Buffet at Garrison Golf & Curling Club
Cost-$5.50——0800-0900

Flea market at the Military Communications & Electronics Museum
0900-1130 (set up starts at 0830)

Tables are $5 each and admission is by donation to the Museum

Tables must be reserved by contacting Terry,
va3trm (@symbol) bell.net
If you plan to attending breakfast let Terry know #'s

Talk-in on 146-94 (tones 151.4)

The Museum is located on Hwy 2,about 1 km East of Hwy 15—opposite Vimy Barracks entrance

Everyone is encouraged to join us for breakfast– The Golf Club is located in McNaughton Barracks(Hwy 2)– enter opposite McDonalds, right turn at the stop sign, left turn at 2nd street

This event is co-sponsored by the Museum and KARC

The Museum Kit Shop will be open and you can tour the Museum

There will be lots of test equipment available, along with some electronic parts all donated by a good friend of Ham radio and the Museum—So bring your surplus gear and not only swap some gear, but maybe a few stories and tall tales of great adventures and far off DX contacts

Miserable wx is now here—time to build that antenna and put it up—it will work better if you to are miserable also.

Visit our website at:
http://www.ve3kbr.com/

Attend the KARC meetings-the first Wednesday of each month– 1900 hrs- at Smitty's Restaurant, Princess St. Saturady morning breakfast 0800 at Smitty's Restaurant





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Ontario's New Rules For Hand-Held Wireless And Entertainment Devices

September 30, 2009 10:39 AM

As of **October 26, 2009**, Ontario's new distracted driving law will make it illegal for motorists to use hand-held wireless communication devices or any hand-held electronic entertainment devices while driving.

This includes hand-held cell phones, texting and e-mailing.

Hands-free devices will still be permitted.

This new law also prohibits viewing a display screen unrelated to the driving task such as laptops or DVD players while driving.

HANDS-FREE DEVICES

The new law applies only to hand-held wireless communications and hand-held electronic entertainment devices. This means drivers must only use wireless devices that can be used in a "hands-free" manner:

- a cell phone with an earpiece or headset using voice dialing, or plugged into the vehicle's sound system
- a global positioning system (GPS) device that is properly secured to the dashboard or another accessible place in the vehicle
- a portable audio player that has been plugged into the vehicle's sound system.

Some wireless devices require that users push a button to activate and/or deactivate the device's "hands-free" function. This activity is permitted under the law.

HAND-HELD DEVICES

All drivers

Drivers will not be permitted to use hand-held communication and entertainment devices when driving, with the following exceptions:

- Calling 9-1-1 in an emergency situation
- When the driver has safely pulled off the roadway and is stationary or is lawfully parked.

Other devices not included in the ban:

- Viewing a display screen used for collision avoidance systems
- Viewing a display screen of an instrument, gauge or system that provides information to the driver about the status of systems in the motor vehicle.

Emergency Response Personnel

Police, fire department and emergency medical services personnel will be permitted to use hand-held wireless communications devices and view display screens in the normal performance of their duties.

The use of hand-held radios by amateur radio operators (who provide assistance, especially in emergency situations such as severe storms and blackouts) will be phased out within three years, to allow hands-free technologies to be developed.

Commercial Drivers

A small percentage of drivers in transport-related industries (e.g., school buses, taxis, couriers) and public service workers (e.g., transit and highway maintenance workers) rely on the use of certain types of wireless devices and display screen technologies in the performance of day-to-day operations.

To help these businesses stay competitive, Ontario is granting a three-year phase-out period for the commercial use of two-way radios, including mobile and CB radios, to allow for hands-free technologies to be developed.

The new law will not affect mobile data terminals, logistical tracking devices and dispatching devices. They will be exempt for commercial and public service vehicle drivers who are engaged in the performance of their duties.

Hand-mikes (push-to-talk systems) and portable radios (walkie-talkies) may be used in a hands-free mode. This would mean the driver can use a lapel button or other hands-free application as long as the hand-mike or walkie-talkies is not held while driving.

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THE YORK REGION AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
Presents the 33rd Annual

YORK REGION A.R.C. HAMFEST

Saturday, October 24, 2009

Markham Fairgrounds, Markham, Ontario

10801 McCowan Rd at Elgin Mills Rd E

Admission : $6:00 per person Doors open to general public at 9:00 AM with a ticket booth set up indoors – no freezing while waiting in line.

Talk-in: VE3YRA 145.350 (-)

Over 200 vendors **---** Lots of space for socializing **---** Exhibits **---** Free Parking
Great Door Prizes **---** Refreshments **---** Grand Prizes including (2) $500.00 gift certificates
Licensing Examinations (register with Hamfest Co-ordinator prior to Hamfest to ensure we bring enough exams.)

VENDOR INFORMATION: ***Tables only available by Mail.*** Registration form available at YRARC.COM or on **reverse** of this flyer. Payment must accompany registration, cheque or money order. No reservations taken by email, telephone. If you have questions regarding your registration, please contact the Hamfest Coordinator *PRIOR* to the event at the email address below. Returned Cheques and NSF will be charged an administration fee and the replacement of the cheque. Hams are a good bunch of people, so please advise the Hamfest Co-coordinator PRIOR to Hamfest if there is a problem with your cheque.

All tables are 8ft. Reserve your space early. First come, first served. **Questions and further information?**

yrarc.hamfest@gmail.com Web Site: YRARC.COM

VC3COPP Commemorates 100th Anniversary of OPP

From October 2 to October 31, 2009, Special Event Station VC3COPP will be on the air at various times, on various bands and from several locations around Ontario. Many OPP members are Radio Amateurs and VC3COPP will be operated by current and retired members to mark a century of policing by the third largest deployed police service in North America.

A collector's QSL card has been designed and will be made available to anyone, including Short Wave Listeners, who sends a QSL or reception report. A stamped, self-addressed envelope is required in every case.

QSLing and other information may be found online at: ***www.qsl.net/ve3bdb/vc3copp.htm*** .

14th Annual Heart and Stroke Walk – Sunday Sept 20

This walk was held at West Zwick's Park in Belleville. Although the weather was excellent for this event, the turnout was much less than expected. This was probably due to the current economic climate ,and also due to the fact there were other fund raising events occurring the same day. The QARC was there to help out again with 4 hams – Glen **VE3CJG**, Dave **VE3UGT**, Tim **VE3UO** and Peter **VE3UR**. However two or three more would have been helpful to cover some gaps in the course.

Autumn 'Tour of The County' Foxhunt

This event will take place on **Sunday October 18** starting at 12 noon from Pinecrest Elementary School, which is just outside Bloomfield. It will follow the same format as in previous years – it is a three-transmitter foxhunt with the score based only on distance traveled (to encourage safe driving speeds and make you more efficient with your direction finding skills!) The hunt lasts a maximum of three hours with refreshments at the Bloomfield Community Center (town hall) afterwards. Complete info can be found at: http://www.qarc.on.ca/files/countyfox.html

There are also regular hunts held monthly during the year with the final hunt of the 2009 season scheduled for Sunday **November 8**, starting at 1:30 PM.