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Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: **June 16, 2010 @7:30PM**

LOCATION: Loyalist College (Pioneer Building) Room P-1

PROGRAM: Eric Pierce VA3EP will be giving a presentation on using green energy in your ham shack, and maybe even your whole house.

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:
Hay-Net Networks
Hay-net.net
Monthly Meetings: 3rd Wednesday 7:30 PM Loyalist College
(Pioneer Bldg.) Room P-1
Hams 'n Eggs: SATURDAYS 8:00 AM Quinte Restaurant 135 Cannifton Road

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QARC Minutes May 19 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:30 with 26 members & guests in attendance.

Executive attending:
President Tim VE3UO Vice President Dave VE3UGT
Past President Mike VE3OX Treasurer Miles VE3XDX
Secretary Bob VE3QWB

Welcome to members, guests and this evening's guest speaker Michael Bell VE3NOO.

Announcements:

- anyone available to help this Saturday May 22, meet at Silent Key Ron VE3IVC Chapman's residence to help with tower removal
- the Super Cities MS Walk on Sunday May 30 Walk at Moira Secondary School, 275 Farley Ave Belleville. Breakfast Begins: 8:00 am Opening Ceremonies: 9:00 am Walk starts at 9:30 Lunch begins at 10:30 Awards to be presented during closing ceremonies at 11:30

http://www.mssociety.ca/ontario/scwalk_division.htm?siteName=Belleville&siteNum=2
If you can help with communications for this event, contact Mike VE3OX ve3vmp@sympatico.ca
He has 7 volunteers but could use a couple more.

- The Kingston ARC Meeting on Wed. June 2 will feature Eric Meth VE3EI on D-Star. Dinner before the meeting starts at 5:00 PM; Meeting at 7:00 PM @ Smitty's Restaurant Princess St Beside Chapters.
- Kingston ARC will be holding their Breakfast and Fleamarket at Communications Museum Sat November 13 - more info to follow.

ARES Report from Bill VA3WOW and Peter VE3UR
Last Friday they worked with the Tyendinaga Twp fire dept who put on a mock evacuation exercise. See last month's meeting minutes for all the details.
There will be a Canwarn Training course Sat May 29 9:00 AM at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, 26 Mill St E., Napanee. If you want to attend email to canwarn.ontarioregion@ec.gc.ca to confirm.
Last Sunday Bill visited with the Frontenac ARES group that was setting up for Field Day near Hay Bay.
They are thinking about setting up a system to check-in with the PERC/QARC group during Field Day
Doug VE3ZDG reports he and Tim VE3UO installed a mag-mount 2m/70cm metre antenna on the metal roof of the Belleville Red Cross office on Parks Drive Belleville, north of Walmart. They need a list of volunteer communicators to operate from their office if necessary. Contact Tim VE3UO if you are able to help.

Tim let us know that the Repeater Committee's recommendation is to purchase a controller for the club's UHF Repeater, a CAT-250 ($299US) and a Communications Specialists TS-64 CTCSS board ($54.95US) for a total of approx $400. We need a motion to be able to go ahead with these repairs.
Motion made by Mike VE3OX, seconded by Kevin VA3GSI. CARRIED

Field Day update: The site is being prepared, the grass will be cut more ahead of time. If you are interested in helping operate on Field Day, contact Tim VE3UO.

New Business:
Mail received from the CNIB Amateur Radio Program chairman Terry Bray VE3NED
asking for a donation to help almost 500 Canadian members living with vision loss.Their repeater VE3NIB in downtown Toronto is now linked to IRLP node 2271. Have a look at their website for more information: http://www.cnib.ca/en/living/learning-leisure/amateur-radio/Default.aspx
Motion to send them $25 made by Mike VE3OX, Seconded by Peter VE3UR. CARRIED

This year's Heart & Stroke Event is on Sunday July 11 (notice new date!!) in the morning. This is the Sunday of Waterfront Weekend, but they plan to be finished by 12 noon. They will be

introducing a 10k run as well as the 2k and 4k walk. We are looking for volunteers from QARC to assist with communications so we can commit to them that we will be available. If you can help, contact Tim VE3UO.

Tim VE3UO announced that Syd VE3EGO has donated his KLM KT-34XA H.F. Tri-band beam to the Club.

At this point Tim turned the meeting over to Past President Mike VE3OX to run the election of officers.

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	Tim VE3UO	Doug VE3ZDG	Cliff VA3CAF
President	Cliff VA3CAF	Cliff VA3ECP	Al VE3OWO

Nominations closed by Brian VA3BRW

This election was held by a show of hands after the nominees left the room. PRESIDENT FOR 2010/2011: Tim VE3UO.

V-Pres. Peter VE3UR Kevin VA3GSI Cliff VA3CAF
V-Pres. Dave VE3UGT Bryan VA3BRW Al VE3OWO
Nominations closed by Brian VA3BRW. This election was held by ballot:
VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 2010/2011 Dave VE3UGT

Sec. Bob VE3QWB Peter VE3UR Bryan VA3BRW
Sec. Al VE3OWO Cliff VA3CAF Cliff VA3ECP
Nominatioins closed by Peter VE3UR
Al VE3OWO declined, with thanks to his nominator.
SECRETARY FOR 2010/2011 Bob VE3QWB (acclaimed)

Treas. Miles VE3XDX Brian VA3BRW Al VE3OWO
No other nominations made.
Nominations closed by Brian VA3BRW
TREASURER FOR 2010/2011 Miles VE3XDX (acclaimed)

Since we have the same President, the Past President also remains the same, Mike VE3OX.

Mike declared the elections closed and returned the meeting to Tim VE3UO. Tim thanked Mike for running the elections.

Tim gave a two minute presentation on the Canadian Tire Mobile Power Pack that is on sale for $39. He modified it by taking the clamps off and adding Power Poles (and voiding the warranty!). It contains a 14 Amp hour gel-cell.

We broke for coffee & snacks. Thanks Brian VA3BRW

The door prize was a 9 LED aluminum flashlight donated by Kevin VA3GSI. It was won by Cliff VA3ECP.

The 50/50 draw of $ 23.00 was won by Al VE3OWO

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Our guest speaker Michael Bell VE3NOO gave his interesting presentation on Special Event Call Signs as per RIC-9 from Industry Canada. Michael has several special call signs, VE3FRED and VE3PARK for example. To get more information, see his website: http://www.ve3noo.ca/index.html
and his presentation to QARC at http://www.ve3noo.ca/qarc.html
Adjournment at 9:40.
Bob Moore VE3QWB, Secretary, Quinte Amateur Radio Club. VE3QWB@RAC.CA

Amber Alert

As some of you know, I have been a Belleville area RAC Amber Alert station, even was around to make a couple broadcasts, but none for the last year or so. Tonight I received the following message, they have re-worked how Amber Alerts are distributed. This new system will make urgent information available to a lot more people a lot faster. The old system had a couple bottlenecks in it, but by sending the information out to cell phones will get alerts out farther, faster.

Anyone receiving an alert on their cell phone would be directed to the webpage with all the Alert info and would then be able to get on their area repeaters and spread the word even farther. So if you want to receive Amber Alerts, follow the directions in the following message. Hope all is well with all of you.
73 de VE3QWB Bob Moore ve3qwb@rac.ca ve3qwb@cogeco.ca
Secretary Quinte Amateur Radio Club www.qarc.on.ca

Special Event Station VE7TUB

The Nanaimo Amateur Radio Association, VE7NA,(www.ve7na.ca) will host a 24 hour special events station VE7TUB beginning on July 24, 2010 to commemorate the annual running of the World Championship Bathtub Race to be held on 25 July 2010 in Nanaimo, British Columbia. For more information on the World Championship Bathtub Race visit www.bathtubbing.com. For more information on special event station VE7TUB visit www.ve7tub.ca.
Thank you very much,
Jean-Michel Hanssens, VA7CIP
Media and Community Relations,
Nanaimo Amateur Radio Association

Heart & Stroke Walk - Zwicks Island

This year's event will be held on Sunday July 11 and will introduce a 10k run as well as the 2k and 5k walk. This event is being held at Zwicks Island in Belleville and is on the same weekend as the Waterfront weekend. The plan is have it completed by 12 noon, so that it won't conflict with Waterfront Events being held later in the day.

Tim VE3UO is looking for people with Handie-Talkies so they can be stationed on strategic locations on the route to keep an eye on the participants and report any problems to a central base station. We will most likely be using a 2m simplex channel. If you are able to help out this year, please contact Tim VE3UO at 613-969-8012 or ve3uo@rac.ca .

Foxhunts

A reminder there will be two foxhunts during the summer months - Wednesday July 14 and Wednesday August August 11 starting at 7:00 PM. For more information see, http://www.qarc.on.ca/files/foxhunt.htm .
The Autumn 'Tour of The County' multi transmitter hunt will be on Sunday October 17 starting at 12 Noon

North East Regional Directors Report May 2010

Bill VE3XT North East Ontario Regional Director ve3xt@rac.ca.

The monthly meeting of the Regional Directors was held on May 20, 2010 starting at 2330Z.

I received and email from a new Amateur who is probably going to give up on radio. He found the Amateurs in his community to be aloof and not particularly friendly. And I have noticed something similar when you go to a new city and listen on 2. You hear a few people talking, finish and you announce you're mobile. And no reply. You are pretty sure they have heard you but no one answers. It's not a good feeling. So please if you hear a new call on the repeater please say hello and welcome them to your city. You my make a new friend and the travelling Amateur will realise why it's such a great hobby.

It the last report I mentioned how RAC helps Amateurs in Canada, and now I would like to mention several ways you can help RAC. We have several funds set up for specific purposes, the Youth Education Fund, Defence of Amateur Radio and one for the RAC Foundation.

This month I would like to highlight the RAC Foundation Fund. It will come as no secret that RAC seems to be in a perpetual state of near financial ruin. Some may say this is due to poor management, but having been a Director for several years now and as chair of the Administration and Finance Committee I know we are very careful with your dues that you pay. If you look back to the financial statement published last October you will see most Executive and Directors never spent the monies allotted to them. I suspect many of us use our own funds to subsidize RAC activities.

The RAC Foundation Fund is to allow RAC to make donations to young Hams to continue their education or to make equipment available to groups to promote Amateur Radio or have equipment that is for use in a time of an emergency. I know times are difficult but if you would like to help a young Amateur further his education, or help a group of Amateurs get a club station on the air a donation to this Fund would help. This donation would be a suitable way to remember an Elmer who helped mentor you or a fellow amateur who is now a Silent Key. Thanks.

The other thing I want to highlight is the upcoming weather training put on my Geoff Carlson form Environment Canada. He is probably coming to a location near you. If you want more information email him at Geoff.Coulson@ec.gc.ca

6 Metre Round Table

A few local Hams have started a round table on 6 metre FM. It starts at 8PM on Monday evening on 52.540 MHz. It is to get on the air on a band that does not get much use locally. Please join in.
If there is interest, there will also be activity on 50.130 USB. It would be nice to see a few distant stations on to better test the SSB mode.

Club Dues are due

As the next fiscal year will start on July 1, dues will soon be due for 2010-11. Out Treasurer, Miles VE3XDX, will cheerfully accept payment at this month's meeting.

Field Day June 26 - 27

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). This is the same location as last year. Thank-you to Eric VA3EP for the use of his field and for the prep he does to make things ready for us.

It will again be a joint effort between PERC and QARC. This year the plan is to run 2 Alpha. We are going to run one station on 40, 80 & maybe 160 Metres. The other station will be 10, 15 & 20 Metres. With the stations setup this way either one can be phone or CW and not affect the log.

Summer Dinner Meetings

During July and August we will meet for dinner on our normal meeting night as there are no formal club meetings. A decision will be made as to the restaurants at the meeting this month. Please contact Mike VE3OX if you plan to attend. Mike will need to let the restaurant know at least 48 hours in advance.