Quinte 'QRM'

Newsletter of the Quinte Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
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NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: **To Be Determined**

LOCATION:

PROGRAM: Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Monthly meetings have been suspended. It is hoped they will resume as soon as possible.

The Basic Radio Course is also 'on hold' until further notice.

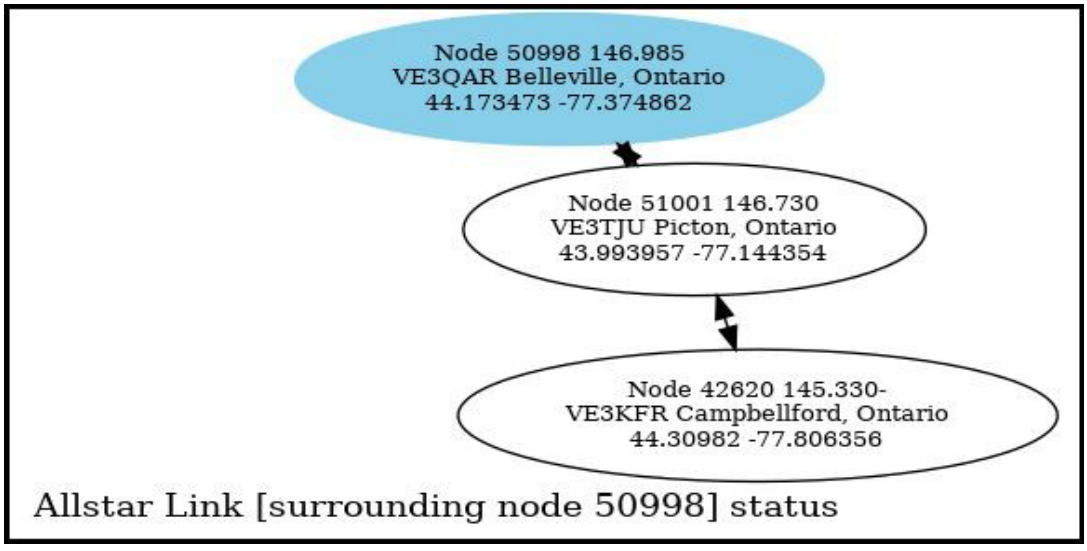
VE3QAR Belleville: 146.985 MHz (118.8 Hz) Allstar Node 50998	**VE3QAR:** 444.475 Mhz – Yaesu System FUSION (118.8 Hz) Node ID: 30589 Room ID: 40589
VE3KFR Campbellford: 145.33 MHz/442.9 (162.2 Hz) Allstar Node 42620	~~**Hams 'n Eggs:** Saturdays @ 8:00 AM Quinte Restaurant, 135 Cannifton Rd, Belleville~~
Monthly Meetings: 3rd Wednesday @ **7:00 PM** Loyalist College (Pioneer Bldg) Room P13, Belleville	~~**Tri-County Breakfast Meetings:** Saturdays @ 10:00 AM Riverview Restaurant, 6 Front St N, Campbellford~~
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http://stats.allstarlink.org/getstatus.cgi?50998

Six Meter Repeaters - Coming Soon!

There is word of a couple of 6 meter repeaters soon to be operational in the area. They may be on air testing as we speak. They are sponsored by Will VA3JWO & Sean VA3HD, and use the standard six meter -1.0 MHz offset.

Info as follows:

VE3RTY	53.15 Mhz	162.2 Hz tone	Colborne	sponsored by Sean VA3HD
VA3JWO	53.25 MHz	118.8 Hz tone	Ivanhoe	sponsored by Will VA3JWO

More information can be found at their respective QRZ.com pages.

Also, depending on where you reside in the Quinte area, you may be able to hear these repeaters in New York state -

W2SIX	53.63 Mhz	110.9 Hz tone	Bristol, NY	
KD2SL	53.67 MHz	103.5 Hz tone	Syracuse, NY	**http://www.kd2sl.com/**

Ontario QSO Party - April 18 & 19, 2020

With most of us on lock down currently, now would be a good time to check out the Ontario QSO Party. It is a fairly laid back affair, unlike some contests which are for the hard core operator. The QSO party is hardly like that and it's a good opportunity to get on the air, and maintain the “social distance” that is required these days.

The website for the QSO Party is **http://www.va3cco.com/oqp/** . The on air operating period for the contest is 2:00 PM EDT Saturday April 18 to 2:00 PM Saturday April 19 with a mandated break from 1:00 AM to 8:00 AM Sunday.

More Nets on Two Meters

With all the self isolation happening, there are additional two meter nets that have popped up locally giving us more opportunities to chat with our fellow hams. And of course the Bay Bridge Net continues on as usual Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on VE3TJU 146.73 and other repeaters via AllStar linking. The Nets are -

The Daily **Bay Bridge Net Morning Edition** originating on VE3TJU 146.73 MHz at 10:00 AM. It will also be on other AllStar linked repeaters, notably VE3QAR 146.985 and VE3KFR 145.33, but other repeaters may be linked up as well. No bulletins will be read, but you're welcome to check in and pass along any news you might have. Hang around and join the conversation, or just check in and out. This will be a very informal gathering of hams on the air.

The **Lanark North Leeds ARES** club will add two more nets per week in addition to their usual weekly ARES Net Wednesdays at 8:00 PM. The two additional nets are the 'Social Distancing Nets' on Mondays & Fridays at 8:00 PM. They will run until April 24 when the need will be re-evaluated. All three nets will occasionally be heard on VE3RNU 145.37 which is RF linked to their local repeaters, and on QAR/KFR/TJU via AllStar linking.

VE3RNU 145.37 MHz Update - This repeater located in **Tweed** is now tone access only – reprogram your radios with a **118.8 Hz** CTCSS tone. (As of March 25). There is also an AllStar node on the repeater – node #50693.

The next 'QRM' Newsletter will be issued when monthly QARC meetings resume. In the meantime keep in touch via the QARC IO Members message group. If you are a club member, but not on the IO group, please visit **https://qarc.groups.io/g/main**

Send a subscribe request to: **main+subscribe@qarc.groups.io** .

Once approved you can post messages to the group at: **main@qarc.groups.io**

The Group address and post message email address is at the bottom of page 1 of every issue of the QRM newsletter.

Presidential Comments

Strange times. Look outside and all looks normal. Look around and you get a different picture. First time club meetings have been cancelled other than maybe for a snow storm. Beginning to look like we may not meet again until September at the earliest. We are fortunate to be in a hobby that is all about social distancing. Now that we are advised to stay at home, activity on the air has really increased. Local repeaters are busy a good part of the day. If you listen to Ontars or the Sandbox net you often hear the controller say I haven't talked to you in a long time.

With it unlikely we will have a meeting before the end of our fiscal year we need to postpone elections. As there are no provisions for this in our bylaws the Executive's suggestion is we just stay with the current executive until meetings resume.

Please stay safe. Don't take any unnecessary chances. There was a post on Facebook with a picture of a city street. They had placed pictures of the virus everywhere it would likely be. The question below was "would you go out into this". Please keep in mind you cannot see the danger.

Ham radio is a hobby of experimenting, talking on air and socializing. For now the socializing has been put on hold. Looking forward to getting back to our monthly meetings and Saturday morning breakfast.

73, Dave VE3UGT – President, QARC **ve3ugt@rac.ca**

CANWARN Update

April 3, 2020 - This email is to regrettably inform you that we will not be proceeding with in-person CANWARN (severe weather spotting) sessions this year in light of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

We spent much of February and early March coordinating with partners and planning sessions. We likely do not need to tell you in detail, that the current COVID-19 situation changed quickly and dramatically; governments at all levels are responding to this crisis and encouraging everyone to do what they can to “flatten the curve” (such as physical distancing). As such, we will not be scheduling group-training sessions in order avoid the spread of the virus.

We do have some capacity for doing online webinar-style sessions. Given the current situation, and resource allocation, preferential consideration for these webinar-style training sessions will be given to those working in emergency management or critical infrastructure, and those with the ability to convene a group of participants (remotely). If you feel this style of training might meet your local safety training requirements, do let us know and we will work with you to organize something.

We are sorry for this disappointing news. We are grateful for your support. You can contact us at **ec.canalerteontario-canwarnontario.ec@canada.ca** if you have any questions or would like to coordinate a virtual session; someone on our team will triage your request.

Take care and stay safe! In the meantime, here are some websites that may be of interest to you:

National Weather Service Spotter Guide:
https://www.weather.gov/media/bis/Weather_Spotter_Field_Guide.pdf

National Weather Service Spotter Glossary: **https://www.weather.gov/oun/spotterglossary**

Environment Canada Lightning Safety:

https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/lightning/safety.html

In addition, Environment Canada has a weather app called WeatherCAN available for both Apple and Android devices. This app represents the most direct way to receive our various severe weather watches and warnings. The app can be found in the app store on your Apple or Android device. More information on the app can be found here:

https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/weather-general-tools-resources/weathercan.html

2020 Hamfests & Fleamarkets

NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Some Hamfests & Fleamarkets are being cancelled. Check the website for the event you're interested in for the latest information. ***(A ~~strikethrough~~ indicates the event has already been cancelled as of April 5, 2020.)***

~~**Saturday April 25**~~	~~Durham Region Hamfest, Pickering ON~~ **https://www.durhamhamfest.com/**
~~**Saturday May 9**~~	~~36th Annual Smiths Falls Fleamarket~~ **https://www.ve3rlr.ca/p/httpsgoo.html**
~~**May 15-16-17, 2020**~~	~~Hamvention® 2020 – Greene County Fairgrounds, Xenia, OH~~ **http://hamvention.org/** **(https://greenecoexpocenter.com/events/hamvention)**
~~**Saturday June 6**~~	~~93rd Rochester NY Hamfest – Hilton, NY~~ *(maybe in August?)* **https://rochesterham.org/hamfest.htm**
~~**Sunday June 7**~~	~~Central Ontario Hamfest & Fleamarket, Cambridge, ON~~ **https://secure.eton.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2074**
~~**Saturday June 13**~~	~~London Vintage Radio Club Fleamarket 2020 – Guelph, ON~~ **http://lvrc.homestead.com/fleamarket.html**
Saturday June 20 -	Hamilton ARC 'Tailgate Treasures' - Summer Swap, Hamilton ON **https://secure.eton.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2094**
Saturday July 11 -	Ontario Hamfest at Milton Fairgrounds *(may be cancelled)* **https://www.barc.ca/ontario-hamfest**
Saturday August 8 -	Parry Sound Amateur Radio Club Hamfest, Nobel, ON **http://hamfest.ve3rpl.com/**
Saturday September 12 -	Ottawa Amateur Radio Club (Carp) 24th Annual Hamfest **http://www.oarc.net/pages/hamfest**
Saturday October 3 -	Hamilton Amateur Radio Club Hamfest – Ancaster, ON **https://secure.eton.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2092**
Saturday October 17 -	Montreal South Shore Hamfest, Longueuil QC **https://secure.eton.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2068**

QARC Financial

As of March 31, 2020.

	Jul '19 - Mar 20
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
50/50 Proceeds	96.55
Contribution To Club	160.00
Dues	950.00
Total Income	1,206.55
Gross Profit	1,206.55
Expense	
Annual Facitlies Rent	162.72
Bank Service Charges	7.00
Donations	125.00
Field Day	4.62
Insurance Expense	460.74
Meals & Entertainment	110.75
Miscellaneous Expense	95.63
NSF Cheques	30.00
Office Supplies	115.96
Refreshments	35.00
Total Expense	1,147.42
Net Ordinary Income	59.13
Net Income	**59.13**

			Mar 31, 20
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Chequing/Savings			
Chequing - BMO			6,047.33
Petty Cash			150.93
Total Chequing/Savings			6,198.26
Other Current Assets			
Inventory Asset			65.00
Total Other Current Assets			65.00
Total Current Assets			6,263.26
Fixed Assets			
Club Equipment			160.00
Total Fixed Assets			160.00
TOTAL ASSETS			**6,423.26**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
Prepaid Dues			
PPD 20/21			110.00
PPD 21/22			20.00
Total Prepaid Dues			130.00
TCARC Merger Funds			1,393.13
Total Other Current Liabilities			1,523.13
Total Current Liabilities			1,523.13
Total Liabilities			1,523.13
Equity			
Opening Balance Equity			5,552.83
Retained Earnings			-711.83
Net Income			59.13
Total Equity			4,900.13
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY			**6,423.26**