Quinte 'QRM'

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

DATE / TIME: Wednesday February 17, 2021 at 7:30 PM

LOCATION: *ZOOM* 'Virtual' Meeting. An email will be sent out on the day of the meeting with the appropriate log in information.

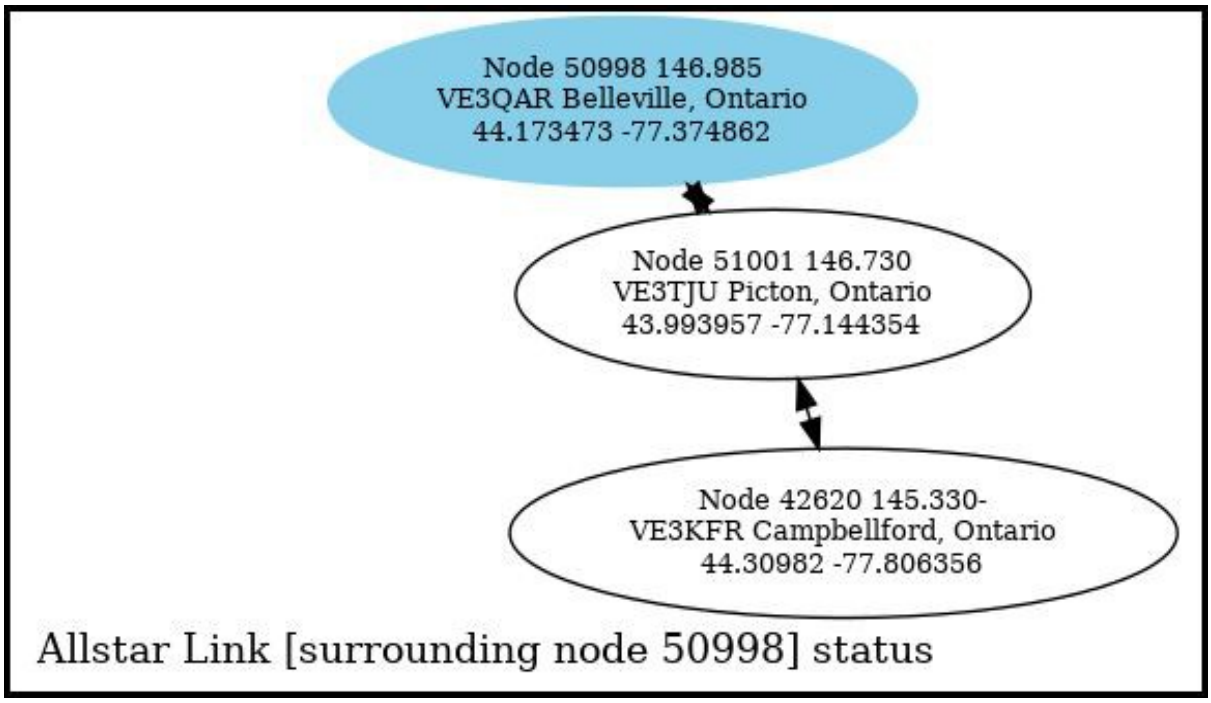
VE3QAR Belleville: 146.985 MHz (118.8 Hz) Allstar Node 50998	**VE3QAR:** 444.475 Mhz - Yaesu System FUSION (118.8 Hz) Node ID: 30589 Room ID: 40589
VE3KFR Campbellford: 145.33 MHz/442.9 (162.2 Hz) Allstar Node 42620	~~**Hams 'n Eggs:** Saturdays @ 8:00 AM Quinte Restaurant, 135 Cannifton Rd, Belleville~~
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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QARC DIRECTORS 2020 - 2021

President	Dave Ackerman	**VE3UGT**	**ve3ugt@rac.ca**
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Past President & 'QRM' Editor	Tim Pekkonen	**VE3UO**	**ve3uo@rac.ca**
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QARC Zoom Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2021

President Dave VE3UGT starting the meeting with a welcome to everyone and thanks for joining the Zoom meeting.

Dave informed us of Silent Key **Robert Rollins VE3BIV.** Robert was in the Basic course in 1992. He was a club member for a few years after. Hasn't been involved in quite a few years.

Dave also reported receiving a Thank You card from **Sandra Campbell VE3HON** for our donation in SK Glen's honour, **VE3CJG**.

Dennis VA3DWK is planning another basic course. It will be completely on line, starting Feb. 9. Anyone interested in taking the course is to contact Dennis.

Dave said Radio Amateurs of Canada continues to offer courses. So far about 400 have attended the advanced course. I think the number in the basic is well above that. A lot of clubs are also offering courses. If anyone is interested in taking a RAC on-line course, contact them directly at racgm@rac.ca

Tim VE3UO said he is still looking for an **'Elmer'** for a lady signed up for a Basic course with the Burlington club, subsequently moved to Brighton. Tim received an email from the fellow running the Burlington course, some might know him, Hugh McCully VE3AYR, he made those little yellow Radio Pocket Reference Guide books. Tim will send her an email. Also, he is sure Dennis VA3DWK could use a few Elmers for his course.

Field Day will likely be same as last year. But if we are able to get together should we go back to the Car club or look for a new site? There is a chance the Car club site might not be available. Any suggestions of sites? A discussion followed, including a list of several sites used in the past. Send any site suggestions or ideas to Dave.

May is **election of officers**. Last May being early in the pandemic we did not hold elections, we were not even having virtual meetings. If anyone is interested in running for a Director position, or wishes to suggest to someone to run, please contact Tim VE3UO as he will be running the election, as per the club's history of the Past President running the next election of officers.

Flea markets are listed on the RAC website but as they get close are canceled. Doesn't look like there will be any to attend this year. Possibly some by fall. Let's hope it is ok to go to Carp in September.

The daily **Bay Bridge Net** at 10:00AM is still going strong. This past Monday was net number 300. So far we have had 130 hams check-in at least once. Last Friday Joe VA3JLF was check-in number 4000. The average is a little over 13 but lately we are well above that.

Dave asked if any suggestions for club events that would meet the social distance protocol, DX stories, or improvments to shacks.

Tim VE3UO mentioned about a week ago he made a contact in Nova Scotia from his back deck through the ISS repeater. QSL cards are in the mail.

Minute's (cont'd) ..

Brian VE3GRA said there was a satellite pass around 7pm this evening, he tried to see it but too much mist. He showed the handheld little 3 element beam he uses.

Dave then went through the group of attendees as if running a net to see if anyone had anything else to bring up, several conversations were had.

ATTENDEES:

Al VE3FZ	Bob VA3NGE	Bob VE3QWB	Brian VE3GRA
Brian VE3GI	Cameron VE3GVG	Christine VA3CSW	John VA3JO
Dave VE3UGT	Dave VE3BIP	Dennis VA3DWK	Earl VE3EPJ
Hans VE3OR	James VA3JXB	Jeff VA3ZVZ	Matthew VE3FL
Mike VA3BKQ	Peter VE3UR	Tim VE3UO	Tim VE3WGJ

Minutes taken by Bob VE3QWB (@rac.ca) QARC secretary.

Basic Licensing Course Update

Dennis Kinnear VA3DWK reports he has nine students signed up and the course has just started. The course will run until the end of March. If you have any questions, or can help out with instructing or 'elmering' contact Dennis at **va3dwk@gmail.com** .

Accredited Examiner Wanted

The Club is looking for an Accredited Examiner to conduct examinations for the Basic & Advanced Amateur Licenses. Examiners must hold an Amateur Radio Operator Certificate with basic, Morse code (5 wpm) and advanced qualifications. For more information please refer to RIC-1 *"Guide for Examiners Accredited to Conduct Examinations for Amateur Radio Operator Certificates"* found at **http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/sf01007.html** ,

and more information for Accredited Examiners is at:
https://ic.gc.ca/eic/site/025.nsf/eng/h_00003.html

Contact Dave VE3UGT or Dennis VA3DWK if you're interested in becoming an Accredited Examiner. QARC currently has two Examiners: Pete Blakely VA3PGB and Doug Monk VE3ZDG.

The Belleville Sea Cadet Corps leads the way again

(from: https://www.quintenews.com/2021/02/07/release-a-first-for-a-canadian-cadet/)

Belleville Sea Cadet PO2 **Duncan Culliton (VA3FSY)**, has recently received his federal Morse Code operator licence endorsement. His examiner is quoted as reporting "He has a particularly good fist -perfect character formation & spacing steady speed." As one of the cadets that obtained his Amateur Radio Licence, Duncan Culliton went on to study Morse Code adding that endorsement to his license.

The Communications Department of the Belleville Sea Cadet Corps, led by **SLt Matthew Batten (VE3ZQW)**, was launched as a local unit initiative to introduce more science, technology, engineering, and math back into the optional Sea Cadet training program, as well as a primer for naval/maritime communications using amateur radio. Cadets are currently being trained towards their own amateur radio qualifications, with plans to have our unit station **(VA3GKY)** accredited as a **CFARS** (Canadian Forces Affiliate Radio Service) station, as well as a Amateur Radio Emergency Service **(ARES)** station, allowing us to take part in Canadian Forces, Coast Guard, Police/Emergency and disaster communications training.

After in-person training was shut down due to Covid, our communications initiative took advantage of a socially distanced basic amateur radio course offered virtually through the **Radio Amateurs of Canada** organization. Ten members of our unit (9 cadets and one officer) sat through over 55 hours of online lectures in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Of the first ten QUINTE members, five have passed the federal qualification exam with 70% or more, with four obtaining "honours" of 80% making them licenced with the Amateur Radio Association of Canada. Three of those graduating have gone on to careers at Royal Military College in Communications and electronics. As a result of our success, 7 other Sea Cadet Corps in Ontario have now partnered with QUINTE's initiative, enrolling their cadets in the on-line courses. Participation in the Amateur Radio association can lead to a career in electronics, even making the cadets eligible for grants & scholarships in that field.

The Belleville Sea Cadet Corps, RCSCC Quinte, supported by the Navy League of Canada Belleville Branch, normally meets Thursday nights at 16 South Front St. Training continues to occur virtually, when in-person training is not possible. Youth between the ages of 12-19 can join. More information is available on our web site **www.bellevilleseacadets.com** or phone 613 962-4647.

QARC Financial

As of January 31, 2021

	31 Jan 2021
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Chequing - BMO	5,629
Petty Cash	71
Total Chequing/Savings	5,700
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	230
Total Accounts Receivable	230
Other Current Assets	
Inventory Asset	548
Over/Short	34
Undeposited Funds	410
Total Other Current Assets	992
Total Current Assets	6,922
Fixed Assets	
Club Equipment	205
Total Fixed Assets	205
TOTAL ASSETS	**7,127**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Prepaid Dues	
PPD 21/22	20
Total Prepaid Dues	20
TCARC Merger Funds	1,393
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,413
Total Current Liabilities	1,413
Total Liabilities	1,413
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	5,553
Retained Earnings	-450
Net Income	611
Total Equity	5,714
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	**7,127**