Quinte 'QRM'

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

DATE / TIME: **Monday March 20, 2023** at 7:00 PM

LOCATION: RCSCC Quinte Sea Cadet Building
16 South Front St, Belleville

PROGRAM: Updates on current and future planned events.

Note: The Meeting will be a Hybrid meeting available via ZOOM as well.

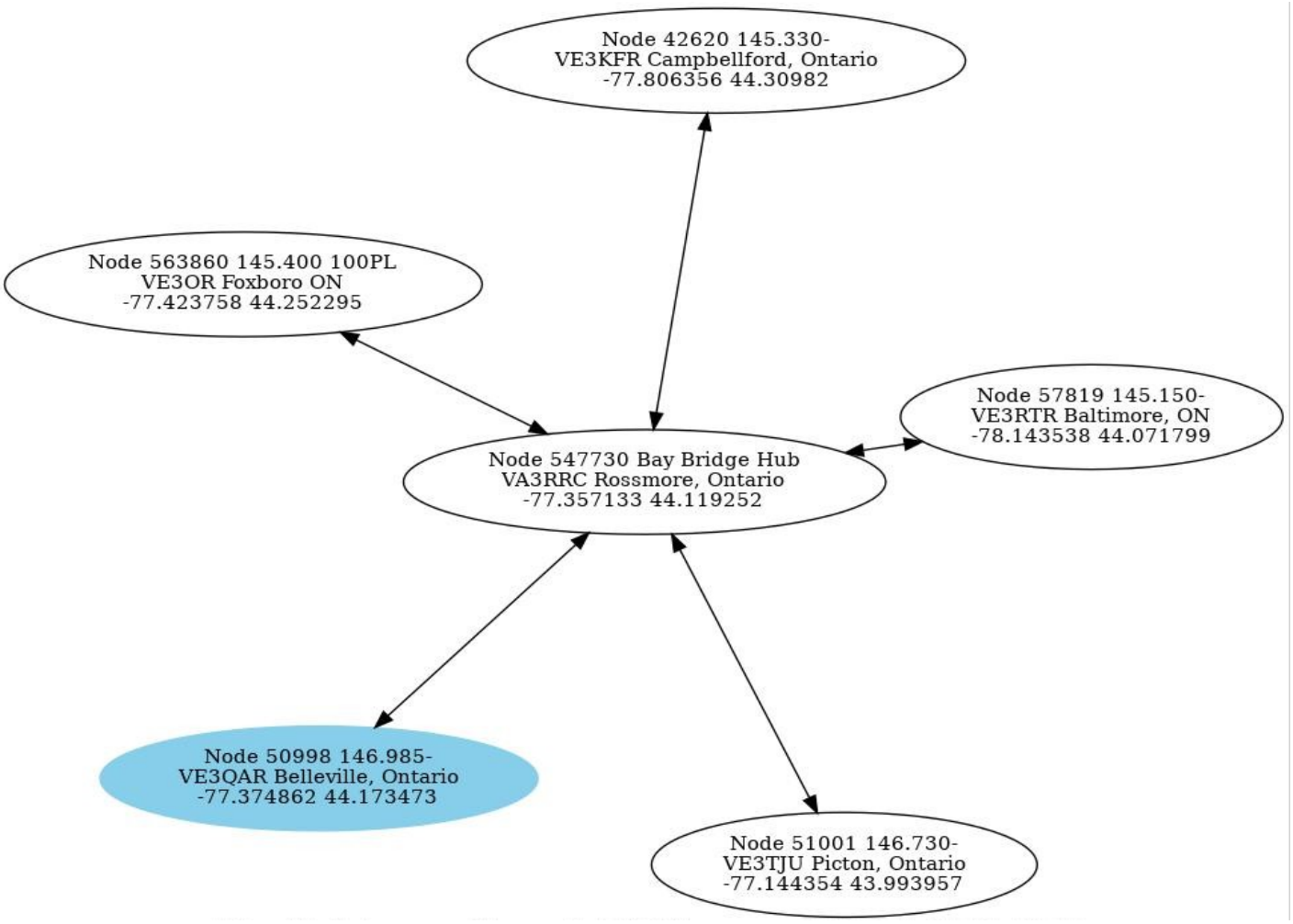
VE3QAR Belleville: 146.985 MHz (118.8 Hz) Allstar Node 50998	**VE3QAR:** 444.475 Mhz - Yaesu System FUSION (118.8 Hz) Node ID: 30589 Room ID: 40589
VE3KFR Campbellford: 145.33 MHz/442.9 (162.2 Hz) Allstar Node 42620 (Echolink 238523)	**VE3RTR Cobourg (Rice Lake):** 145.15 / 444.975 (162.2 Hz) Allstar Node 57819
Monthly Meetings: Third **Monday** @ 7:00 PM RCSCC Quinte Sea Cadet building, 16 S.Front St	**Hams 'n Eggs**: Saturdays @ 8:00 AM Quinte Restaurant, 135 Cannifton Rd, Belleville
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QARC Members Group: https://qarc.groups.io/g/main - Post to the group: main@qarc.groups.io	

QARC DIRECTORS 2022 - 2023

President	Dave Ackerman	**VE3OX**	**ve3ugt@myrac.ca**
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http://stats.allstarlink.org/stats/547730/networkMap

VA3RRC AllStar Node #547730 **VA3RRC-L Echolink Node #747943**

MINUTES OF QARC Meeting 20 February 2023

Executive attending:

President	Dave Ackerman	VE3OX
Vice President	Cameron Hall	VE3GVG
Secretary	Bob Moore	VE3QWB
Director at Large	Dennis Kinnear	VA3DWK

President Dave VE3OX opened the meeting at 7:03 pm by welcoming everyone, those in person and those on Zoom, including our presenter tonight, **Phillip Tanner VA7XOZ**, on Zoom, from Comox, British Columbia, a member of the Comox Valley Amateur Radio Club.

Dave turned the meeting over to Phillip, saying we would hold our club business meeting later.

Phillip started off by saying he has planned a special event on 22 July 2023 to celebrate the retirement of the Search and Rescue Royal Canadian Air Force CC115 Buffalo aircraft. Although he has not made a video about this special event yet, he has posted a video about building his buff box: **https://tinyurl.com/2p8v932y** . There are Buffalo aircraft parked at museums in Comox BC, Winnipeg, Trenton and Summerside PEI and maybe one coming in Ottawa. Phil has approval from the military to have amateur radio operators near the aircraft to hook up to their antennas that stretch from above the cockpit to the tail, either from inside or outside the aircraft, depending on the weather. His plan includes a special call sign for each aircraft, using the tail number as part of the callsign. The one in Trenton would be **VC3BUFF456** as 456 is the tail number. Phil will be sharing his findings about how to make antenna connections. The planes have had their equipment removed, so amateurs would use their own power supplies and radios. He hopes for aircraft to aircraft comms, maybe even BC to PEI directly. There might be a problem with planes facing different directions resulting in no plane to plane comms. But being a special event with each plane having it's own callsign, the event could include all other contacts.
There will be more information in the future, including frequency plan. Phillip was done his presentation at 7:33, we had a few discussions about the presentation and at 7:39 we took a break before the business part of the meeting.

Dave started the meeting again at 8:03 by thanking **Christine VA3CSW** and **John VA3JO** for drinks and snacks, and mentioned that his XYL Leona sent the baking and Happy Birthday to John. The club appreciates their efforts.

Dave then asked if anyone had information re Silent Keys. Nobody did.

Approval of the minutes from January. Secretary **Bob VE3QWB** made a motion to accept the minutes of the January meeting as printed in the newsletter. Seconded by **Matthew VE3FL** **Carried**

Approval of the treasurer report. Treasurer **Allan VE3XQV** was not present, so **Dave VE3OX** made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as printed in the last newsletter. Seconded **by Bob VE3QWB**. **Carried**.

Correspondence. Bob VE3QWB advised we have received the insurance paperwork from RAC. If anyone wants a copy, contact Bob.

Approval of motion to change bylaws. As per last month's meeting, Tim VE3UO when informed us he was going to make a motion to change the club's bylaw regarding what is needed to form a quorum for official meetings.

The current bylaw states:

31. At the first meeting of the fiscal year, in addition to any other business that may be transacted, the report of the directors, the financial statement and the report of the auditors shall be presented. The members may consider and transact any business either special or general at any meeting of the members. The Board of Directors or the president or vice-president shall have power to call at any time, a general meeting of the members of the Corporation. The Board of Directors shall call a special general meeting of members on written requisition of members carrying not less than 5% of the voting rights. 15% of the membership present in person at a meeting plus the presence of 3 of the Directors will constitute a quorum.

CHANGE TO: At the first meeting of the fiscal year, in addition to any other business that may be transacted, the report of the directors, the financial statement and the report of the auditors shall be presented. The members may consider and transact any business either special or general at any meeting of the members. The Board of Directors or the president or vice-president shall have power to call at any time, a general meeting of the members of the Corporation. The Board of Directors shall call a special general meeting of members on written requisition of members carrying not less than 5% of the voting rights. **25% of the membership present in person at a meeting will constitute a quorum.**

The Motion was seconded by **Brian VA3BRW** and was **CARRIED**.

Donation to Allstar. We have 4 nodes. VE3QAR, VE3KFR, VE3RTR and the VA3RRC hub (See diagram on page 2). They suggest $12 per node annually. Motion by **Gary VA3GPK** to pay $48 to Allstar. Seconded by **Bob VE3QWB** **Carried**

Dave VE3OX then made a **motion** to spend the required $60 on a special event call sign **VC3BUFF456** for the Buffalo aircraft event in July. Seconded by **Bob VE3QWB** **Carried**

Dave said that completes the agenda and asked if anyone had anything else for the meeting. Nobody did, so Dave closed the meeting at 8:27. Our next meeting will be on Monday March 20, 7pm, at the Belleville Sea Cadet's hall and on Zoom, an invitation will be sent out.

Minutes taken by club secretary Bob VE3QWB **ve3qwb@myrac.ca**

Changes to the RAC Email Alias/Forwarding System

https://www.rac.ca/changes-to-the-rac-email-alias-forwarding-system/

February 15 - For immediate release:

As previously reported, in January many RAC members whose email addresses used the format “callsign@rac.ca” experienced problems sending and receiving emails.

Thankfully, our IT volunteers were able to resolve the issue, but we had to make significant changes to the system to be compatible with internet, web hosting and cloud service providers in order to prevent future outages.

The result is that we need to be able to separate the email addresses of RAC officials, staff and volunteers from those of our members. In order to achieve this:

RAC members will switch to “callsign@myrac.ca”. RAC officials and volunteers (“corporate users”) will continue to use “callsign@rac.ca ”

Both the “callsign@rac.ca” and the “callsign@myrac.ca” email addresses will work simultaneously until **Sunday May 15** to give RAC members time to update their user information on any websites and subscriptions.

We understand that this is a big change and it is definitely not one we take lightly, but it is a necessary step to ensure that we continue the important work in support of Amateur Radio in Canada and internationally. We appreciate your understanding and continued support.

A Q&A which provides more information on the reasons for this change can be found on our website at: **https://www.rac.ca/cybersecurity/**

Phil McBride, VA3QR RAC President **president@rac.ca**



CC115 Buffalo Ham Radio Event Update

On Thursday March 2, Dave VE3OX, Tim VE3UO along with Phill VA7XOZ had a ZOOM meeting with Hailey Graham from the National Air Force Museum of Canada. They are very supportive of this project as they are looking for something to celebrate the recent arrival of the Buffalo Aircraft to the Air Force Museum in Trenton.

Our next step is to do a site visit to check the antenna and do the temporary coax connection to it. This will occur when the weather is warmer and the snow has disappeared around the aircraft. Phill VA7XOZ has already visited his aircraft in Comox and checked the antenna there. He prepared a writeup and pictures as to how to do the coax connection which he has sent to Dave.

Our special callsign **VC3BUFF456** has been applied for, and we are awaiting approval from ISEDC, and an invoice.

We are anxiously awaiting warmer weather in order to visit our local aircraft. Probably not much will happen until then. A reminder that the event will take place on **Saturday July 22.**

2023 Hamfests & Fleamarkets

Saturday April 1 -	Iroquois Amateur Radio Club Fleamarket http://www.iroquoisarc.ca/page3.html https://secure.eton.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2208
Saturday April 15 -	Montreal Amateur Radio Club Hamfest https://www.marc.ca/fest/
Saturday April 22 -	Durham Hamfest, 1867 Valley Farm Rd S, Pickering, ON https://www.durhamhamfest.com/
Saturday May 13 -	Simcoe County (Spring) Hamfest – Barrie, ON http://scare-radio.com/Scare-Radio.com/Home.html https://secure.eton.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2264
May 19, 20 & 21 -	Hamvention® 2023 – Greene County Fairgrounds, Xenia, Ohio http://hamvention.org/
Saturday May 27 -	NPARC Big Event – Niagara Peninsula ARC, Stevensville, ON https://secure.eton.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2262
Saturday June 3 -	37th Annual Smiths Falls Fleamarket, Smiths Falls, ON https://www.ve3rlr.ca/p/httpsgoo.html
Sunday June 4 -	Central Ontario Hamfest – Kitchener-Waterloo, ON https://www.hamfest.on.ca/
Saturday July 8 -	Ontario Hamfest (Milton Ontario Fairgrounds) https://www.barc.ca/ontario-hamfest
Sunday August 20 -	London Amateur Radio Club Hamfest – Dorchester, ON https://www.larc.ca/PDF/Hamfest2023.pdf
Saturday September 9 -	Ottawa (Carp) Hamfest – Carp (ON) Fairgrounds https://oarc.net/2023-09-09-oarc-carp-hamfest/
Saturday September 16 -	Simcoe County (Fall) Hamfest – Barrie, ON https://secure.eton.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2265
Saturday October 14 -	Kingston Amateur Radio Club Hamfest https://secure.eton.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2283
Saturday October 21 -	Montreal South Shore Hamfest – Longueuil, QC https://www.ve2clm.ca/activites/hamfest

For more information on these and other hamfests/fleamarkets, see:
https://secure.eton.ca/rac/events/upcoming.php & https://www.ontars.com/

QARC Financial

As of February 28, 2023.

	Jul '22 - Feb 23
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contribution To Club	156.00
Dues	2,350.00
Life Member Dues Discount	-270.00
Other Discount	-30.00
Other Income	20.00
RAC Insurance Discount	-300.00
Total Income	1,926.00
Gross Profit	1,926.00
Expense	
Bad Debts	10.00
Bank Expense	
Bank Account Fees	7.50
Bank Interac Fees	4.50
Total Bank Expense	12.00
Donations	150.00
Hospitality	97.81
Insurance Expense	748.56
Office Supplies	113.00
Promotion & Advertising	39.55
Total Expense	1,170.92
Net Ordinary Income	755.08
Net Income	**755.08**

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Chequing -	4,585.91
Total Chequing/Savings	4,585.91
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts R	370.00
Total Accounts Receiva	370.00
Total Current Assets	4,955.91
TOTAL ASSETS	**4,955.91**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	4,315.08
Retained Earnings	-114.25
Net Income	755.08
Total Equity	4,955.91
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	**4,955.91**

Google Map Link showing our meeting location:

RCSCC Quinte Sea Cadet Building
16 South Front St, Belleville:

https://goo.gl/maps/BGnS22FqPGae928L8 .