

QARC Meeting Minutes - March 17 1999

Executive Present :

President: Dave Ackerman : VE3UGT (from 8:00 p.m.)

Vice President : Brian Credico VE3GRA **Secretary :** Peter Hodgson VA3PKH

Treasurer : Don Dalrymple VE3DQN

General Meeting :

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Vice President Brian VE3GRA

Guest Speakers : Brian VE3GRA introduced our guests Paul VE3PSW & Betty Anne VE3QSW who gave a presentation on Stormy Weather their 54ft yawl. Paul began by explaining that Stormy weather was built at the Henry B. Nevins Yard in New York in 1933 and was launched on May 14th 1934. She was designed by Olin Stephens. She competed in many Trans - Atlantic races and placed 1st over all out of forty finishers in the 1935 Fastnet race. Between 1935 and 1954 she competed in thirty one major ocean races winning twelve outright and finishing fifteen as first in class. During the war she served with the USCG as an anti submarine patrol boat. The reality of this service is that high ranking officers probably did many Saturday and Sunday "patrols" on board. In 1947 Stormy Weather made her first trip to the great lakes visiting lake Superior, and lake Ontario. On that visit she also won a Bluenose Trophy. By the 1970's she had ended up in the Caribbean in the charter trade. She was in a sad state with decks covered with indoor / outdoor carpet to stop leaks. Paul purchased her and began a long process of rebuilding and restoring. She has made over thirty trips across the Atlantic, and is being prepared for another crossing to take part in Millennium celebrations in Europe.

Old Business : President Dave VE3UGT thanked our guest speakers and drew for the door prize and the fifty fifty draw.

The Fox hunt planned for March 21 in Picton has been postponed until after the first Prince Edward Radio Club meeting on April 1 1999. The drawing for the Foxhunting Quad will be posted to the PERC web page (follow the link from www.qarc.ca) Dave mentioned that new hunters, new foxes, or any other interested members were welcome to come along on any Sunday afternoon or Thursday evening in the summer months and ride with the current group.

Dave then spoke about the plans for a special QARC Newsletter in April.

This newsletter will be sent to 200 Radio Amateurs who live within easy driving distance of Belleville inviting them to an Open House meeting on April 21 where the various special interest groups in the club will have displays i.e. Satellite communication, APRS & Packet, Foxhunting, Homebrew, SSTV, Kit Building.

The executive is looking for input from members who would be interested in a combined Field Day & Picnic to be held at the Moira River Conservation Area on Dundas St at Wallbridge Loyalist Road . It is intended to be a pot luck picnic with hamburgers hot dogs etc. We would not operate through the night unless enough operators volunteer ahead of time.

New Business : Ron VE3IVC spoke about the upcoming Walkathon for Multiple Sclerosis. It will be on May 30 th. 1999 with Moira Secondary as Start and Finish points. Don VE3DQN will operate as base once again using the VE3QAR repeater and simplex frequencies as needed. There will be two routes, one of 5 km. and one of 10 km. a barbecue will be held at the end. Ron also attended an ARES meeting in Napanee on March 12 th. It is planned to relocate the antenna on the hospital, and re route the coax into the building. Ron will be meeting Napanee area hams at their coffee meeting to talk about setting up calling trees etc. for the area. Marmora is in the process of setting up an emergency communications system and they are presently installing antennas. Tweed is relocating it's antenna to the water tower for increased coverage. Ron also noted that there may be some government funding available for new emergency repeaters. In the Belleville area antennas will probably be installed on schools that are designated as emergency evacuation centres

There being no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned 9:31 p.m..