

distribution. You would need to leave this small coastal fishing village and move to Mexico City, then LA and eventually NYC where you will run your expanding enterprise."

The Mexican fisherman asked, "But senior, how long will this all take?" To which the American replied, "15-20 years." "But what then, senior?" The American laughed and said that's the best part. When the time is right you would announce an IPO and sell your company stock to the public and become very rich, you would make millions. "Millions, senior? Then what?"

The American said, "Then you would retire. Move to a small coastal fishing village where you would sleep late, fish a little, play with your kids, take siesta with your wife, stroll to the village in the evenings where you could sip wine and play your guitar with your amigos."

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Your articles and contributions are welcome !

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NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: Wednesday, June 16, 1999. @ 7:30 PM

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

PROGRAM: Antenna test! This test will compare different 2 metre antennas. It will include a test of its resonant frequency, SWR and gain. Bring along any test equipment you have. See if your metre gives the same results as the others.

Club Repeater: VE3QAR 146.985 MHz

Monthly Meetings: 3rd Wednesday 7:30 PM  
Loyalist College (Pioneer Bldg)  
Room P-1

Hams 'n Eggs: SATURDAYS 8:00 AM  
Northway Restaurant  
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## QARC MEETING MINUTES - MAY 19 1999

### Executive Present :

President Dave Ackerman VE3UGT

Past President Dave Ward VE3BIP

Secretary Peter Hodgson VA3PKH

### General Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. President Dave VE3UGT

### Guest Speaker:

President Dave VE3UGT introduced our guest speaker Harry McMurter VA3HJM who gave a presentation on the Ontario Hydro distribution and generation system. Dave thanked our guest speaker after his presentation and drew for the door prizes and the fifty/fifty draw. Al VE3HNJ, Peter VA3PKH and Gerry VE3APF won door prizes and Harry VA3HJM won the 50/50 draw.

## New Business:

Dave Ward VE3BIP as past President and Chairman of the nominations committee called the meeting to order after coffee break to conduct the election of club officers for the 1999 - 2000 term. After asking for nominations from the floor for the positions of President, Vice President, secretary and Treasurer and receiving none, Dave informed the membership that the existing 1998 - 1999 executives had agreed to remain in their positions for another term. There being no further nominations from the floor this extension of the term of office for the existing executive was unanimously approved by the membership.

## Old Business:

Dave reported that we had six attendees pay membership after last month's open house, four of these were new members and two were renewals of former members. The Open House was considered a great success by the thirty-five amateurs, swl's and guests who attended.

Tim VE3UO gave a repeater report to the membership. There is an opportunity for the club to relocate the QAR repeater to the CBC tower at Read. This tower is 500 ft and it is possible we will be able to locate an antenna around the 200-ft level. The membership voted by a show of hands to pursue this opportunity further and to look into the costs involved i.e., coax, new antenna, cost of hiring a professional climber etc.

Gerry VE3APF offered some coax for the installation, and suggested that a new Sinclair Antenna should probably be installed to prevent future problems that would require hiring someone to climb the tower again. The repeater would be located indoors, and would be hooked up to a circuit equipped with a back up generator.

Dave VE3UGT asked the membership if they would be interested in having a club table at the Tri County A.R.C. Hamfest in Marmora. It was agreed that the club would rent a table and members could put any items they had for sale on it

Dave VE3UGT then told the membership that the executive had discussed the display we put on each year at the Bayview Mall. The executive feels that there is not enough traffic at the east end location to make the display worthwhile. The executive would like to approach other area clubs re manning a joint display at the Quinte Mall when they have their "Club Registration days" This event runs for three days and the mall likes to have it manned for all three days. If QARC TARC PERC and TCARC where to do a joint display we could refer prospective new amateurs to the club closest to them, as Quinte Mall draws shoppers from a very large area. It was decided that the executive should continue to explore the feasibility of running such a co-operative effort.

Ron VE3IVC spoke to the members about the upcoming Walk for MS to be held on Sunday May 30. The format will be the same as last year with Don VE3DQN operating as controller from a base at Moira Secondary, and 14-15 stationary mobiles/portables located around the route. The walkers will take two routes one for 10km and one for 5km using Victoria Ave, South Front St. and the Bayshore Trail, to Herchimer

There being no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned 9:55 p.m.

Members & Guests in Attendance at the meeting 19 May 1999:

VA3PKH	PETER HODGSON	VE3EER	DICK HAYES
VE3ORC	OWEN CLARK	SWL	JEFF DALE
VE3IVC	RON CHAPMAN	VE3KZD	DAVE SCARLET
VE3GBJ	JIM BALLARD	VE3CSU	RALPH ACKERMAN
VE3UGT	DAVE ACKERMAN	VE3APF	GERRY WILKINS
VA3HJM	HARRY McMURTER	VE3UO	TIM PEKKONEN
VE3VDQ	JIM BURLEY	VE3ZPB	MARGARET BOSIAK
VE3AWS	TONY ALLAN	VE3WV	AL TAYLOR
VE3BIP	DAVE WARD	VA3LHM	LEE MCMURTER

Members & Guests in Attendance at the open house 21 April 1999:

VA3PKH	PETER HODGSON	VA3DGV	DAVE VANCE
VE3GLQ	GORD LOCKLIN	VE3NWN	JIM MOUCK
VE3ENF	GARY RAINE	VE3GRA	BRIAN CREDICO
VA3FGH	GRAYDON HARRIS	VE3PBK	KEN PEISTER
VE3UO	TIM PEKKONEN	VE3BIP	DAVID WARD
VE3OX	AL SMARDON	VE3VMP	MICHAEL PAPPER
VE3GBJ	JIM BALLARD	VE3PBD	ADELE DIBBEN
VE3UGT	DAVE ACKERMAN	VA3ZZ	RICHARD MAKI
VE3IVC	RON CHAPMAN	VE3AZV	DON DEMEZA
VE3NBL	DOUG LAST	VE3GTF	GEORGE ELLIOTT
VE3CJG	GLEN CAMPBELL	VE3HNJ	ALLAN DAVIS
VA3ABC	DENNIS MEUNIER	VA3YNX	EARL McLEAN

VE3KJP	PAT KOVAC	VE3ZPB	MARGARET BOSIAK
VE3UWP	DAN JACKSON	VE3AWS	TONY ALLAN
VE3NFP	BILL CAMPBELL	VE3BAM	HAYWARD MOORES
VA3IG	IVAN GRAHAM	VA3GF	GEORGE FOSTER
VE3ARW	MAE QUINN	VE3HNQ	HAROLD QUINN
VE3DQN	DON DALRYMPLE		

#### QUINTE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB AT BELLEVILLE DISTRICT CUBOREE (by Peter VA3PKH)

On Saturday May 29 1999 VE3BIP, VE3UO, and VA3PKH, traveled to Vanderwater Park to put on an Amateur radio display. With over 150 Cubs and leaders participating we had an opportunity to demonstrate our hobby to approximately ten groups of 15 Leaders and Cubs.

Our display and demonstration consisted of:

C U B S FM a low power version of "The Wolf". This enabled cubs to transmit music and voice from a small FM transmitter to an FM radio located in another area of the longhouse.

Morse Code practice using straight and electronic keys.

Fox Hunting using hand helds, and VE3BIP's automated fox located in the bush. It became necessary to move the fox several times when we had trouble preventing groups who had found the fox from relaying the location to groups waiting to participate .

Two Metre base station used to communicate simplex with groups out in the camp using a handheld.

Each group of Cubs would come to our cool shaded, bug free, indoor location and then they would split up and participate in any of the four available projects they were interested in.

Tim VE3UO and I (VA3PKH) did the Foxhunting for most of the day, and in fact I had a couple of Cubs who came back and did the hunt twice. They thought they had the location figured out ahead of time, but of course the fox had been moved between sessions.

Dave VE3BIP worked the Morse code table and kept an eye (or ear) on CUBS-FM.

It is a surprise to me (who can't hack 5 wpm) how popular Morse is with young people.

Dave has a theory that it is popular because it's a "secret" code. This could be so, but if we can persuade some of these young people to become amateurs in the future I am sure Morse will be kept alive for quite some time.

## MS WALKATHON

On Sunday May 30 a number of the Quinte Amateur Radio club Members assisted during the Ms Super Walkathon. The Executive of the Walk were very happy with our operation and will be asking us to assist again next year. I would like to thank all those who helped out and I hope you all had an interesting time. The food which was served after the walk was good but because of the over 400 walkers it was slow. The walk earned close to \$43,000.00 this was \$20,000.00 more than they had expected. Because of our ability to supply water along the route there were no walkers with heat stroke. Thanks to Lee and Ralph.

The following members assisted during the exercise:

VE3DQN	Don Base controller	VE3GRA	Brian Credico
VA3PKH	Peter Hodgson	VE3UO	Tim Pekkonen
VE3VMP	Mike Papper and Mobile Home		
VE3KZD	Dave Scarlet		
VA3LHM	Lee McMurter	VE3CSU	Ralph Ackerman
VE3UGT	Dave Ackerman	VA3DGV	Dave Vance
VE3IVC	Ron Chapman	VE3HZZ	Scott Harns

## EUROPEAN STYLE FOX HUNT

We're planning to have a European style fox hunt Thursday June 24th. This is a hunt that takes place ON FOOT. It will be in West Riverside Park and there will be three foxes to find. For this close in type hunting you should be able to find the foxes with no more than a deep tin can in which to drop your handy talky for attenuation. You then use your body to add additional attenuation, and by simply turning around you can get a good bearing in which direction the fox is. Of course, if you have a directional antenna and attenuator that is portable this will work too.

Stay tuned for more details and plan to come out and join the "hounds"!

## STATION LICENSE CHANGES:

### Proposal to Streamline the Authorization of Applicants to Operate an Amateur Radio Station

Industry Canada Notice: DGRB-004-99

This is an interesting, and potentially productive, proposal for Amateur Radio in Canada. The key points of the proposal are:

Your Amateur Radio Operator Certificate becomes the sole document for operating a station. The station license, and annual fees, would be eliminated.

You will be able to retain your call sign for life. Even if you become inactive for a period of time, your call sign is NOT available to other hams.

Allows call signs to be registered in the name of a club rather than in a sponsor's name.

The DOC will link call sign information with that operator's qualifications and make that information available to amateurs.

Fees will be charged for user initiated actions such as changing your call sign, issuing a call sign to a club, and issuing special events call signs.

There would NOT be a charge for the initial call sign with Basic Qualifications (to encourage new hams!), nor for replacement of loss or damaged certificates, neither additional qualifications nor replacement callsign because of a move to a new province or territory.

The web site with detailed information is:

<http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/spectrum>



# TREASURERS REPORT:

Income Apr 21, 1999 to May 7, 1999

Revenue		Expenses	
Membership Dues	\$0.00	News Letter Printing	\$29.15
50/50 Draw	\$0.00	Bank Charges	\$0.00
Donations to club	\$0.00	Licence Fees	\$0.00
		Door Prizes	\$9.19
		Office Supplies	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$0.00	Total Expenses	\$38.34
		Income	-\$38.34

Income July 1 1998 to May 7 1999

Revenue		Expenses	
Membership Dues	\$1,165.00	Radio Course	\$6.18
Directory Sales Disk	\$225.00	Nametags	\$24.16
Donations to club	\$30.00	Insurance	\$432.00
50/50 Draw	\$75.11	Packet	\$20.97
Building Project	\$90.00		

	Licence Fees (3 Calls)	\$82.00
	Bank Charges	\$53.21
	Postal Box Rental	\$74.90
	Office Supplies	\$362.17
	Social Events	\$146.26
	Hall Rental	\$8.56
	Donations	\$75.00
	Newsletter Printing	\$307.66
	Rac Membership	\$39.95
	Door Prizes	\$9.19
Total Revenue		\$1,585.11
	Total Expenses	\$1,642.21
	Income	-\$57.10
Total Cash on hand		\$1,662.56

#### REG VARCOE AWARD:

The following are the Rules and Guidelines for the Reg Varcoe Award:

a) This award was instituted by Mr. Reg Varcoe VE3RR (in 1961) to encourage Amateurs to take part in emergency work, experimenting, or any other activity that will add to the prestige and pleasure of the Amateur Radio fraternity.

b) The trophy is awarded annually covering the period ending June 30. It is awarded to the club member or associate member (including officers and directors) who, in the opinion of the membership, has made the greatest contribution to Amateur Radio in general or to the Quinte Amateur Radio Club.

c) The trophy may be for outstanding work in any of the following:

- Emergency service;

- Assistance to members in obtaining their license;
- Pioneering work on unused frequencies or new techniques;
- Traffic handling;
- Or any other outstanding Amateur Radio activity or service to the community.

d) The award shall be a plaque to which a tab shall be added each year showing the name of the winner, his callsign and the year. The winner may keep the plaque for one year. In addition to the plaque, there will be a subscription for one year to an Amateur publication as selected by the Executive. This subscription will be paid for by the Reg Varcoe Fund.

e) Nominations will be submitted in writing to the Executive, stating the reasons for nomination, and signed by two members or associate members, including officers and directors, of the Club. The winner shall be decided by a ballot of the members present at the May Meeting of the QARC.

#### VE6AFO NEW RAC PRESIDENT

In accordance with the RAC Constitution, the RAC Board of Directors is pleased to announce the election of Kenneth (Ken) Oelke, VE6AFO as President of Radio Amateurs of Canada to serve for the balance of this year's term. This election completes the filling of open positions on the RAC Executive. Like all Directors and Officers, the President is a volunteer, serving without compensation.

Ken was born and raised in Alberta and works for Canadian Regional Airlines as a Ground Equipment Mechanic. He gained his organizational skills while serving as Emergency Coordinator, Secretary, Director, Vice President and President of the Calgary Amateur Radio Association. Ken also served as the Alberta/NWT Regional Director for the past 11 years, and was the RAC Field Services Manager for five years. Ken credits his wife Linda-Lou, VE6LGO for his overall inspiration during the many years he has been involved with Amateur Radio.

#### VE3FGW NEW RAC TREASURER

In accordance with the RAC Constitution, the Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Bill Rothwell, VE3FGW as Treasurer of Radio Amateurs of Canada to serve for the balance of this year's term. Like all Directors and Executive Officers, the Treasurer is a volunteer, serving without compensation.

Bill has a distinguished accounting career, retiring in 1998 as Controller of a major Ottawa real estate and property management company with complex multi-building operations and budgets in the tens of millions of dollars. He has also served as Treasurer for the

Canadian national operations of another not-for-profit membership association like RAC.

We are most fortunate to have the services a professional accountant with superb qualifications and experience, who is also a long-time radio amateur. Bill will provide financial support for the RAC General Manager and head office operations.

#### VE1MAK New RAC Secretary

In accordance with the RAC Constitution, the Board of Directors of Radio Amateurs of Canada is pleased to announce the appointment of Dawn MacKay, VE1MAK, to serve the unexpired term to December 31, 1999 of former Secretary Joe MacPherson, VE1CH. Like all Directors and Executive Officers, the Secretary is a volunteer, serving without compensation.

Dawn is an Office Manager with Nova Scotia Dept of Agriculture Marketing and Food Industry Development Branch in Truro, NS. She is also the Secretary of the Truro Amateur Radio Club and is Editor of their club newsletter. RAC members may recall her article in The Canadian Amateur issue of November 1998 and the cover photograph of Dawn and her fellow club members during their Pictou Island IOTA DX-pedition. Dawn's experience in both administration and amateur radio will make her a strong asset to RAC.

#### TRENTON ARC SPECIAL CALL

On the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Trenton Amateur Radio Club has received permission from Industry Canada to operate Radio Station VC3AF during the weekend of June 12 and 13, 1999.

This special event station will coincide with the CFB Trenton Air Show. In addition, Industry Canada has authorized Trenton area Amateurs to use the following prefixes during the month of June 1999.

VE3 calls may substitute CF3

VA3 calls may substitute VX3

During the RAC/ARRL Field Day, our club station will be active as CF3YTR!

#### DILBERTISMS:

1. I can please only one person per day. Today is not your day. Tomorrow isn't looking good either.
2. I love deadlines. Especially like the whooshing sound they make as they go flying by.
3. Am I getting smart with you? How would you know?

4. I'd explain it to you, but your brain would explode.
5. Someday we'll look back on all this and plow into a parked car.
6. There are very few personal problems that cannot be solved through a suitable application of high explosives.
7. Tell me what you need, and I'll tell you how to get along without it.
8. Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.
9. Needing someone is like needing a parachute. If he isn't there the first time you need him, chances are you won't need him again.
10. I don't have an attitude problem. You have a perception problem.
11. Last night I lay in bed looking up at the stars in the sky and I thought to myself, "Where the heck is the ceiling?!"
12. My Reality Check bounced.
13. On the keyboard of life, always keep one finger on the escape key.
14. I don't suffer from stress. I'm a carrier.
15. You're slower than a herd of turtles stampeding through peanut butter.
16. Do not meddle in the affairs of dragons, because you are crunchy and taste good with ketchup.
17. Never argue with an idiot. They drag you down to their level then beat you with experience.
18. I don't suffer from mental illness, I enjoy every minute of it.

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