



February 2006

Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: Feb 15, 2005 @7:30PM

LOCATION: Loyalist College (Pioneer Building) Room P-2

PROGRAM: Bill VA3WOW on use of computers with Amateur Radio.

Club Repeater: VE3QAR 146.985 MHz.

2 meter net: Tuesday 7:30 PM on VE3TJU 146.730

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Monthly Meetings: 3rd Wednesday 7:30 PM Loyalist College
(Pioneer Bldg.) Room P-17

Hams 'n Eggs: SATURDAYS 8:00 AM Quinte Restaurant 135 Cannifton Road

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PAST PRESIDENT: Peter Hodgson VE3UR 962-1386 (E-mail: phodgson@kos.ca)

Minutes - Quinte Amateur Radio Club, Inc

January 18, 2006.

Executive Officers Present:

Mike Papper VE3OX President

Greg Schatzmann VE3CH Vice President

Tim Pekkonen VE3UO Secretary

Bill Milligan VA3WOW Treasurer

Peter Hodgson VE3UR Past President

- 1) Meeting Called to Order by President Mike Papper at 7:31 PM.
- 2) The following Guests were welcomed to the meeting: Ron Mason VE3GAB
- 3) Repeater Status Report: Repeater was moved to Dave Ward's QTH in November in order to address and repair sensitivity issues. Found 5 watt exciter was putting out about 1.2 watts, but the final amplifier was still putting out close to full power. It was suspected that there were some spurs from the TX which was causing the receive problems. The exciter and final amp was re-tuned and repeater ran about 10 days without problems at Dave's place before putting back to it's permanent site at Queen Vic. But ... Repeater developed some receive problems again at the school. We will once again move the repeater back to Dave's QTH and put it on the air for a few days before 'tinkering' with it to see if we can determine the problem.

Ian VE3EP gave a short report on the PERC repeater VE3TJU. It has been producing some noise on the repeater tail with the final amplifier in service. The Final amp was removed and the repeater has been quieter running at 15 watts, but the noise problem is starting to occur at the lower power level. Troubleshooting the problem is ongoing.

- 4) Correspondence Received:

- a) Bill Milligan VA3WOW has submitted a letter of resignation as Treasurer of the Club.
- b) A letter from Loyalist College (signed by Loyalist President Maureen Piercy) was received thanking us for the donation of the Yaesu FT-2600 2m Transceiver from Al Smardon's estate to the Loyalist Amateur Radio Station VE3ALC.

- 5) ARES Report: Quinte Health Care has requested ARES assistance for the Province wide voltage reduction test to be held Thurs Jan 19. Doug VE3ZDG (Prince Edward County EC) gave an update on the plans to staff the 4 hospitals, Belleville, Trenton, Picton and Bancroft, and that they will try both VHF and HF links between Bancroft and the southern hospitals.

Ron Chapman VE3IVC announced that the Sled Dog Races at Eldorado are to be held Sat Jan 28 at 7AM at the Eldorado Community Center on Highway 62.

- 6) Basic Radio Course: Mike Papper VE3OX is putting together another Basic Course starting Monday March 13, running Mondays and Wednesdays with the exam to be held Monday May 8. Course fee is \$75 and the location to be determined shortly. Contact Mike if you know of someone who is interested in taking the course. Mike is also looking for Instructors.

- 7) Peter Hodgson VE3UR has a quantity of 2006 Durham Radio catalogs available for anyone interested in them. Peter also mentioned Lee McMurter VA3LHM provided some invaluable assistance in assembling the catalog. An 'atta-boy' for Lee! (and a round of applause too!)

8) Club Membership List: Tim VE3UO mentioned that as a result of QARC purchasing insurance through RAC and having to maintain a list of RAC and non-RAC members, he has compiled a listing of members on an Excel spreadsheet. As this list also has members email addresses on it, it WILL NOT be put on the QARC website, but club members wanting a copy of the list can contact any member of the Executive to receive one. We will also put the list in an upcoming 'QRM' Newsletter.

9) Appointment of New Treasurer: Motion that Miles LeClair VE3XDX be appointed to be Treasurer for the rest of the 2005-06 term to replace Bill Milligan VA3WOW who has resigned.

Motion made by Ron Chapman VE3IVC, seconded by Peter Hodgson VE3UR.

The motion was CARRIED.

The members present gave Bill a round of applause in recognition of Bill's service as both Treasurer and Co-Treasurer with Don Dalrymple VE3DQN previously.

10) Door Prizes: At this point we must thank Mike's XYL, Nancy, for delivering the door prizes to the meeting as Mike ... ahem ... forgot to bring them !!!

The Door Prizes were left over from the QARC Christmas Dinner and were won by:

Greg VE3CH won the 'Samuel Morse Old Fashion Code Pills'.

Al VE3FZ won the 'Quinte Niagara'

Sean VA3VEC won the 'Fessendens Antenna Wax'.

11) Guest Speaker: Keith Harvey gave an interesting talk and slide presentation on his restoration project of a 1947 Fraser radio.

12) Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM - attendance was 31.

Local Radio Nets

1) The 'Bay Bridge Net' is held every Tuesday at 7:30 PM on VE3TJU (146.73) as a means for club members and hams in the area to pass along news of interest to everyone. Greg VE3CH also reads the weekly RAC bulletins, which give the latest news as well. The net control duties are rotated weekly with a QARC member one week, and a PERC member the next. With the controllers we have now, one controls the net every six weeks. At this time we are short one QARC controller on the following dates this spring: Feb 21, April 4, May 16 and Jun 27. If you would like to try one of these dates or be out on the regular rotation, contact Peter VE3UR and he will add you to the list of Controllers.

The current controller schedule is as follows:

Al Law VE3FZ: Feb 14, March 28, May 9, June 20

Doug Monk VE3ZDG: Feb 28, Apr 11, May 23

Peter Hodgson VE3UR: March 7, Apr 18, May 30

Ian Morrison VE3EP: March 14, Apr 25, Jun 6

Greg Schatzmann VE3CH: Mar 21, May 2, June 13

This list of controllers and sample preamble is on the QARC website at

<http://www.qarc.on.ca/radionet.htm>.

2) There a local 2 meter sideband net on Sundays at 9 PM on 144.21 MHz. This net was started prior to Christmas, and our first couple weeks there was a good number of checkins from the entire Quinte area. However since the holiday season, the number of check ins has declined. This is a reminder to dust off the 2m-sideband equipment and tune in on Sundays. Most of the stations are using vertically polarized antennas, so don't let the lack of a horizontal antenna discourage you!

Club Membership List

An Excel spreadsheet file of club members is now available. This list shows address, telephone number, email address, and club membership expiry. In order to protect members email addresses, this list will NOT be put on the web, but is available by contacting the Club Secretary, Tim Pekkonen VE3UO who will send the list to you as an email attachment. For those members that receive the newsletter via Canada Post, we will put the list in a future newsletter.

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Upcoming Hamfests

BARC Spring Fleamarket Burlington Amateur Radio Club Saturday, February 25, 2006.

Ham-Ex Peel ARC and Mississauga ARC Saturday, March 25, 2006, Brampton

IARC Eleventh Annual Flea Market Iroquois Amateur Radio Club Saturday, April 1, 2006, Iroquois.

Durham Region Hamfest North Shore ARC and South Pickering ARC Saturday, April 22, 2006. Whitby

Smiths Falls Amateur Radio Club Flea Market. Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club inc. Saturday, May 13, 2006. Smiths Falls

Amherstburg Hamfest 2006 Amherstburg Radio Club Saturday, May 27, 2006
Amherstburg ON

Central Ontario Hamfest & Fleamarket Guelph ARC & Kitchener Waterloo ARC
Saturday, June 10, 2006. Fergus

Whitby Amateur Radio Club Hamfest Whitby Amateur Radio Club Saturday, June 17, 2006. Oshawa

ONTARIO HAMFEST Burlington Amateur Radio Club Saturday, July 8, 2006.
Milton

Ottawa Amateur Radio Club 10th Annual Hamfest Ottawa Amateur Radio Club, Inc
Saturday, September 2, 2006. Ottawa (Carp)

Tour of The County Foxhunt

Dave VE3BIP

This year's hunt will be on Saturday May 13th beginning at 12:00 noon. The start point is the Bloomfield Community Centre in Bloomfield, Ontario. The format of the hunt will be similar to previous years, three transmitters hidden anywhere in Prince Edward County. Take up to 3 hours to find as many as you can.

There will be a few folks available who can get you started with loaned equipment, or instructions or both. So if you have never tried hidden transmitter hunting before this is your chance to give it a try.

As always there will be a get together with refreshments afterwards to brag or trade horror stories as the case may be.

Please pass along this message to anyone else that you think might be interested. We always have fun with this event and the more the merrier.

For more information check at <http://www.qarc.on.ca/countyfox.html> or contact Dave Ward at ve3bip@rac.ca

QARC Treasurers Report

Month	January-06
Revenue	
Membership Dues	\$75.00
Sale of Club Equipment	\$80.00
Coffee @ Meeting	\$15.51
Radio Course Fees	\$325.50
Total Revenue	\$496.01
Expenses	
News Letter Printing	\$75.62
Coffee & Timbits for Meeting	\$14.56
Total Expenses	\$90.18
Net Revenue	\$405.83
Opening Balance	4,395.13
Closing Balance	\$4,800.96