



*May 2006*

## Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

**PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3**

### **NOTICE OF MEETING:**

**DATE / TIME:** May 17, 2006 @7:30PM

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

**PROGRAM:** Election of Club Executive and Greg VE3CH and Len VE3LRM will give a talk & slide show about the transmitter upgrade at the Loyalist College Radio Station. (CJLX)

**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-2

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

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### **QARC EXECUTIVE**

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**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Greg Schatzmann VE3CH

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

## **QARC April Minutes**

The April meeting was a Field trip and tour of the RCAF Museum at Trenton. As a result there was a very short business meeting conducted prior to the tour of the museum.

1) Observed a Moment of silence for Silent Keys Bill Workman VE3KWT and Jim Wylie VE3WYL.

2) Discussed the purchase of Gerry Wilkins UHF repeater (VE3MHZ - 444.45 MHz). The repeater would be relocated to a site in Belleville and would be used as another ARES resource and for possible linking to Picton Repeater VE3TJU.

Motion to purchase the repeater for the asking price (\$550) by Keith Harvey VA3KRV and seconded by Dave Ward VE3BIP. The motion was CARRIED.

Note: After the Museum tour Mike VE3OX presented QARC mugs to Glen Campbell VE3CJG and Sandra Campbell VE3HON as thanks for organising the tour for us. Mike also presented a tee-shirt to Len Arminio VE3LRM for his contribution to last month's meeting. (Len was unable to attend last month due a labour disruption at Loyalist College.

## **Tour of the County Foxhunt**

A reminder of the upcoming foxhunt Saturday May 13 2006. The hunt starts at the Bloomfield town hall. Talk-in on VE3TJU repeater. First transmission is at 12 noon. For more information please contact Dave VE3BIP.

## **Up Coming Events**

1) Belleville Super Cities WALK for MS is taking place Brought to you by Your Independent Grocer

WALK Date: Sunday May 28th, 2006

Location: Moira Secondary School

Contact Ron VE3IVC

2) The Foxhunting demo at the Cuboree at Vanderwater park on June 3 from about 9.00-2:00. 3 or more Volunteers needed.

Contact Peter VE3UR

3) Beast Kids Triathlon for June 4th probably in Picton but will confirm the details

We usually need 8-10 hams, but I am not sure what the change in venue will mean to the staffing requirements.

Contact Peter VE3UR

4) Field Day June 24 & 25

5) RAC Canada Day Contest July 1

6) Ontario Hamfest Milton July 8

7) Tour For Kids (a Cancer Charity Ride) need help in Bancroft August 12th

Contact Bill VA3WOW or Peter VE3UR

8) Lindsay Hamfest August 26th

9) Ottawa Hamfest September 2nd

## **ARES Event**

Doug Monk VE3ZDG

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The Kingston ARES exercise originally scheduled for 29 April has been postponed due to an unexpected death in the Kingston ARES group. Kingston ARES is now trying to reschedule the exercise for 27 May. The exercise is in support of the Red Cross and will involve manning the Red Cross house station and establishing mobile stations at various locations in the city, such as Loyalist Collegiate Vocational Institute (a designated shelter) and the municipal EOC. There will also be an HF contact with Red Cross Ontario Zone HQ in Mississauga.

From our point of view it is a practice in reinforcing an adjacent area, in this case Kingston, as well as a message handling practice. Those of us in the Prince Edward group who volunteer gather at Tim Horton's at 0745 and drive in convoy to Kingston to an assembly point, where we will be dispatched to buddy up with the Kingston operators. In an actual disaster, we would probably arrive about eight hours after they had set up, and then replace them for eight hours before returning home. In this exercise we will be done by noon. Because of the postponement, some of the original five volunteers from Prince Edward and Hastings groups for this exercise are now unavailable for the proposed date of 27 May. I will be going, as will Tim Pekkonen, who because he is our Red Cross liaison, will be sent to Red Cross House. Keith Harvey will be standing by at home to relay HF to Ontario Zone. Ian Morrison may or may not be available.

If anyone who was not available for the 29 April can now go on 27 May, please let me know. Of course Hastings ARES members are also welcome.

## **Hope for Cycle 24 Springs Anew**

This is an article from May 2006 QST, page 83: Whom do you believe?

At column deadline, prospects for the sunspot cycle rose dramatically. Mausumi Dikpati and others have used a new helioseisology approach, Based on a flux-transport dynamo model, to predict that the next sunspot Cycle (#24) will be 40 to 50% stronger than the current Cycle 23 ( $R_{max} \sim 156$  to 180) [as described at

[www.nasa.gov/home/hqnews/2006/mar/HQ\\_06087\\_solar\\_cycle.html](http://www.nasa.gov/home/hqnews/2006/mar/HQ_06087_solar_cycle.html) and published in Geophysical Research Letters 33: L05102 10.1029/2005 GL025221 (March 3, 2006)].

They expect Cycle 24 to be slightly delayed, beginning at the end of 2007 or early 2008 and peak in 2012. However, another NASA scientist, Dr. David

Hathaway, still believes that Cycle 24 will begin in late 2006 or early 2007. These results are diametrically opposite to what was published last year by Svalgaard and others

([www.spacew.com/news/05Mar2005/index.php](http://www.spacew.com/news/05Mar2005/index.php)) and reported in this column. Using a similar solar dynamo model, Svalgaard and others predicted that Cycle 24 would be the weakest cycle in 100 years ( $R_{max} = 75 \pm 8$ ). Who, if either, is correct? Only time will tell.

## **Whitby Hamfest**

From Cliff VA3CAF

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Whitby Amateur Radio Club Hamfest for June 17, 2006 is cancelled. The Whitby Amateur Club thanks all the vendors and ham operators for your support in the past 3 years. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused vendors or operators in your plans. We look forward to seeing you in the future.

## **Field Day 2006**

QARC and PERC will again this year will hold field day at the Huffs Island Community Centre. We will likely run two stations. It would be nice to run both station for the full 24 hours. There will be more information at upcoming PERC & QARC meetings and in next month's newsletter.

## **DX News:**

Taken from QST de W1AW DX Bulletin 18 ARLD018

RODRIGUES ISLAND, 3B9. Jose is QRV as 3B9/ON4LAC and has been active using PSK on 15 meters around 1000z and then on 20 meters just after 1700z. QSL to home call.

SRI LANKA, 4S. Bob, ZL1RS is QRV as 4s7CCG until November.

SENEGAL, 6W. Look for F6CMH, F1HDI and F1BCS to be QRV as 6V7B, 6V7A, and 6V7C, respectively, from May 7 to 13. Activity will be on all bands, using SSB, digital modes and EME. US stations QS:L direct via W7MAE and all others direct via F6CMH.

LORD HOWE ISLAND, VK9L. Merv, N6NO is QRV as VK9LNO until May 13. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using mostly CW. QSL to home call.

INDONESIA, YB. Look for Hot, YC0IEM to be QRV from Bali island, IOTA OC-022, from May 8 to 25, from YB9AY's station. QSL via IZ8CCW.

## **Can U Give Me A Push???**

A man and his wife are awakened at 3 o'clock in the morning by a loud pounding on the door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push. "Not a chance," says the husband, "It is three o'clock in the morning." He slams the door and returns to bed. "Who was that?" asked his wife. "Some drunk guy asking for a push," he answers. "Did you help him?" she asks. "No. I did not. It's three o'clock in the morning and it's pouring rain outside!" His wife said, "Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself!" The man does as he is told (of course!), gets dressed and goes out into the pouring rain. He calls out into the dark, "Hello! Are you still there?" "Yes," comes back the answer. "Do you still need a push?" calls out the husband. "Yes! Please!" comes the reply from the darkness. "Where are you?" asks the husband. "Over here on the swing!!" replies the drunk.

# QARC APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT

Opening Balance	-	+ 5291.22
Revenue: Interest	.21	
Memberships	25.00	
Name Tags	5.00	
Radio Course Coffee	<u>5.36</u>	
Total Revenue	35.57	<u>+35.57</u>
		5326.79
Expenses: Cheque#139 Mike Papper	5.98	
(Photocopying for radio course)		
Cheque#140 Ontario Heart and Stroke	25.00	
(Donation in memory of Bill Workman)		
Cheque#141 Star Trophies	17.83	
(Invoices #6490,6491)		
Cheque#142 Al Law	5.65	
(Photocopying for radio course)		
Cheque#143 Doug Monk	<u>20.14</u>	
(Photocopying for radio course)		
Total Expenses	74.60	<u>-74.60</u>
		5252.19
Closing Balance as of April 30,2006		+5252.19