



*June 2007*

## Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

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

### **NOTICE OF MEETING:**

**DATE / TIME:** June 20, 2007 @7:00PM

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

**PROGRAM:** Club Picture and final plans for Field day.

**Club Repeaters: VE3QAR: 146.985 Mhz / 444.475 Mhz. (118.8 Hz PL)**

**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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## ***A last “73” to Paul - VE3UUM.....***

I was asked to write a “couple of paragraphs” in tribute to our friend Paul Davidson, VE3UUM. Paul became a Silent Key on May 29<sup>th</sup> in his 41<sup>st</sup> year. Writing a “couple of paragraphs” would be a challenge equivalent to taking all of the equipment in a 1977 Heathkit Catalogue and placing it all into a single large chip, can’t be done!

I first met Paul five years ago when I moved to Campbellford and was searching for a local ham radio club. I quickly learned that his lack of physical mobility was more than matched by his incredible intellect. He was a remarkable font of knowledge on all matters “ham radio”, as well as a World War II historian and an aviation enthusiast.

We spent many hours chatting about all these subjects, and never seemed to exhaust Paul’s depth of knowledge. As the “glue” that held the Tri-County ARC together Paul was unfailing in his energy and enthusiasm for club events, but more importantly, his never ending support of Public Service events.

Dog Sled races, Hilly 100 rides, Cribbage rides, Marathons, Trent River Clean up Dive, Santa Claus parades and local fairs all received the benefit of his communications skills. ARES support was another of Paul’s great interests.

As a “P.C. Wizard”, Paul was always there to provide an answer for the latest computer crash. He blended his love of amateur radio and software with exploration of HF and VHF packet and digital modes. WinLink, Packet, APRS, IRLP and other methods of communication were of great interest to him. He recently switched to an electric wheel chair and his latest project was to assemble equipment to add to his new mobility tool. This new station was to be the first APRS Wheelchair icon in the territory.

If you wanted to hear “what do you think about that?” start discussing politics with Paul and take up a different view of a topic...there was very little he didn’t know about the workings of Government at all levels. Similarly, start a discussion on Windows and be prepared for a Linux sales pitch.

He was unfailingly polite, a true gentleman and never complained about his lack of mobility. If you ever met his devoted parents, Joe and Rose, you will know how he acquired those qualities.

Paul will be greatly missed by all his friends in the amateur radio world. His beacon will be forever bright from his new altitude....

On behalf of “hams” everywhere, 73 de VA3KRV.

## **QARC May Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order by President Mike ve3ox at 7:30pm.

Welcome to Rob Allan VE3HAR of Centre Hastings Secondary School in Madoc.

### **Announcements**

There will be no formal meetings during July and August. On July 18 we will be holding our 60th Anniversary Dinner at the Red Rock Canyon Restaurant, North Front Street in Belleville, at 6pm. On August 15 the club will be having dinner at The Boat House, 32 South Front Street Belleville also at 6pm.

Ron, VE3IVC, is looking for the assistance of 8 to 10 hams, with the Belleville Super Cities WALK for MS on May 27th, 2007. Again this year there will be a 5K and a 10K

route. George VE3YD and Tim VE3UO will be net control at the Moira Secondary School. The WALK goes from 10am until around 1pm with food available at the school before and after the walk. Contact Ron if you can help: [ronald.chapman@sympatico.ca](mailto:ronald.chapman@sympatico.ca) or be at the school 9:15am on the 27th for assignments, for Walk details see their website: [http://www.mssociety.ca/ontario/scwalk\\_belleville.htm](http://www.mssociety.ca/ontario/scwalk_belleville.htm)

Congratulations to Al VE3OWO for passing the Advanced test. There are 4 students in the current class and 3 others taking the Advanced course.

### **RAC Canada Day Contest**

For the first time in the history of Radio Amateurs of Canada, plans are underway for the RAC ARES/NTS to be on the air simultaneously in every Section of the RAC Field Organization using their respective official RAC call sign. This "first" will take place during the annual RAC Canada Day Contest on July 1, 2007, and RAC Field Services members are invited to participate. For further information see the May/June issue of The Canadian Amateur magazine or contact your Section Manager.

**Field Day 2007** June 23 and 24. See this website for details:

<http://www.qarc.on.ca/fd2007/>

### **Picton Events**

The Beast Kids of Steel Triathlon will be held on June 3 at the Prince Edward Fitness and Athletic Centre, details to follow. Also the Kiwanis Bike Ride will be taking place in Picton on September 29. If you can help with either, or both events, please contact Doug Monk VE3ZDG, [dmonk@kos.net](mailto:dmonk@kos.net)

From Dave VE3BIP: Now that the longer daylight is here, the Rossmore Radio Club (RCC) is planning a series of foxhunts over the summer months. The suggestion is to hold a monthly foxhunt on the 4th Thursday of each month through the summer; May 24, June 28, July 26 and August 23.

**RULES:** Everyone is welcome. If you have never hunted before come to the start location and ride along with one of the more experienced hunters. There is some spare equipment available so ask one of the regular hunters if you may borrow some equipment to try foxhunting. First transmission will be at 7:00 PM and the hunt should be over within 90 minutes or less. The fox can be anywhere with the following guidelines. Must be heard from the start point. Must be in a public location; i.e. no private property. Must be in a safe location; e.g. not in a high traffic area. Hunters start at the former Ben Blecker arena at the corner of Sidney and Bridge St in Belleville. If there are participants from the County we can switch the start point to Bloomfield for some of the hunts. Shortest driving distance wins. Dave will be the fox on May 24th unless someone else wants to volunteer. After the hunt we can meet at the Village Pump in Rossmore (the clubhouse for the RRC) to do a post hunt analysis, pick a fox for the next month, and discuss other important events of the day.

### **June Meeting:**

A reminder to all members, at the June 20th meeting, at 7pm, we will be taking the official 60th Anniversary Club photograph. Members might want to bring their cameras. Our regular meeting will follow the photo shoot.

Dave VE3BIP reported on the recent **Tour of the County Foxhunt**. As usual it started and ended at the hall in Bloomfield. There were a total of eleven teams searching, only four teams found all three foxes with the winners being the team of Al VE3FZ and Peter

VE3KWM with a distance of only 81Kms. This year there were also three "photo caches". Ian VE3EP found all three with a total distance of 107Km. Tim VE3UO and Ron VE3IVC also found some of the photocaches. Thanks to Dave's VE3BIP XYL and her mother for the great food again.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A letter was received from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind asking for a donation to help visually impaired hams. Motion to send them \$ 25.00 again this year was made by Al VE3OWO, seconded by Ron VE3IVC, Carried. Cheque mailed.

It was suggested that QARC and PERC make a donation to Dave's VE3BIP XYL and her mother, for the cost of providing food in the past, before, during and after the Tour of the County Foxhunts. However, after a suggestion from Dave VE3BIP to have this come into effect at the next Foxhunt instead, for whoever has food expenses, a motion to do so was made by Bill VE3WOW and seconded by Len VE3LRM, Carried.

Information from Tim VE3UO that the Kingston ARC is having a Hamfest on Sept. 15 and they are having a \$ 10.00 Two For One deal on tables, Tim then made a motion that QARC arrange to have a table (2) at their Hamfest. Seconded by Dave VE3BIP. Carried. Tower Report by Dave VE3BIP regarding moving the repeater from Queen Mary School to Queen Elizabeth School and that it would be best to fix it before moving it and maybe needing \$ 800.00 to do so. Motion by Treasurer Miles VE3XDX to provide up to \$800.00 for repairs to the boards, seconded by Al VE3OWO. Carried. **Motion** by Eric VE3GSI to create an **official Repeater Committee**, seconded by Len VE3ASR. Carried. After further discussion, our Repeater Committee is: Dave VE3BIP, Dave VE3UGT, Richard VE3MHY, Tim VE3UO and Brian VA3BRW.

**Financial Report:** As of the end of April the club has \$ 5,334.48

**Elections:** (conducted by Past-President Peter VE3UR)

**President** - Mike VE3OX - nominated by Dave VE3BIP, Mike accepted, no more nominations, in by acclamation

**Vice-President** - Dave VE3UGT - nominated by Cliff VA3ECP, declined with thanks to nominator

**Vice-President** - Kevin VA3GSI - nominated by Bill VE3WOW, declined with thanks to nominator

**Vice-President** - Tim VE3UO - nominated by Cliff VA3ECP, Tim accepted, no more nominations, in by acclamation

**Secretary** - Bob VE3QWB - nominated by Kevin VA3GSI, Bob accepted, no more nominations, in by acclamation

**Treasurer** - Miles VE3XDX - nominated by Dave VE3BIP, Miles accepted, no more nominations, in by acclamation

### **Field Day**

Then followed a discussion about the upcoming Field Day at Huff Island. Further information to follow, if you want to take part during the 24 hours of Field Day, with setting up, operating and/or tearing down, contact President Mike VE3OX@RAC.CA

**Door Prize:** tape measure, won by Cliff VA3ECP

**50/50 Draw:** \$ 21.50 won by Brian VA3BRW

Meeting adjourned at 9:15, there were 28 in attendance.

Bob Moore, VE3QWB [ve3qwb@rac.ca](mailto:ve3qwb@rac.ca) Secretary, QARC

## Spring 2007 Radio Course

The radio course has been completed. We have four new hams. John Dixon VA3YNS (Odessa), Matthew Dwight VE3OCC (Bloomfield) Tony Seward VA3TNY (Belleville) and Al Morton VA3UGT (Belleville). Congratulations to these new hams.

Al Barkley VE3OWO and Geoff Harbinson VE3XFE wrote and passed the advanced exam.

## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Club Picture

Please be at Loyalist College at 7PM for a club picture. The reason for the early start is we hope to take the picture outside if the weather permits. Bring along your camera and a tripod if you have one so everyone can get in the picture. **Even if you can't stay for the meeting, please try and come out for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary picture at 7:00 PM.**

## From the President:

On behalf of the executive, I thank everyone for making this another very successful year. Thanks to all for their participation in the many events that took place throughout the year. The Club is alive active because of your participation. It's nice to see that our FOX HUNTS are back again.

I thank our executives and committee members for the time and effort they have put in on behalf of the Quinte Amateur Radio Club.

A special thanks to: Dave Ward VE3BIP, Richard Jones VE3HMY, Al Law VE3FZ, Doug Monk VE3ZDG, and Tim Pekkonen VE3UO for making the Spring 2007 Basic Course a success - you are the best.

Don't forget our **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner** at the Red Rock Canyon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in July - July 18th at 6:30 PM and our August Dinner at the Boat House on south Front St on August 15th at 6:30 PM. Please let me know if you plan to attend these events, so I can make the appropriate arrangements.

Play safely and have a great summer. CU in September.

73 de Mike VE3OX

## Membership Dues

This is a reminder to the following members that your annual club membership dues are now due. VA3DMO, VA3JAD, VA3PGB, VA3PWS, VE3APF, VE3GBJ, VE3GTD, VE3GTS, VE3HBM, VE3IVE, VE3JPW, VE3QWB, VE3TDZ, VE3UHO, VE3XFE, VE3ZPB, VE9EP.

Each newsletter from now until June 2008 we will give a reminder by callsign if your membership is due. After then all memberships will come due July 1st of each year. This we are hoping will make it a lot easier to remember.

If your call sign appears here please remit 25.00 membership dues. This will now cover you from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

VE3XDX Miles LeClair QARC Treasurer

## Summer Foxhunts

Now that the longer daylight is here, the Rossmore Radio Club (RRC) is planning a series of foxhunts over the summer months. I suggest we hold a monthly foxhunt on the 3rd Thursday of month through the summer; June 21, July 19, and August 16.

### Rules

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Shortest driving distance wins.

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## For Sale

ICOM IC-725 HF All Band transceiver with mobile power cord - excellent mobile rig

ICOM IC-PS15 AC Power Supply

Yaesu FC-301 Antenna Coupler

All with manuals - \$500

Contact: Glen Campbell VE3CJG

[glen\\_campbell@sympatico.ca](mailto:glen_campbell@sympatico.ca)

613-962-3960

## For Sale

Brand new Icom IC-718 Transceiver. Complete station a steal at 1200.00 firm.

Price Not negotiable. Set has built-in CW mode

Included: earphones, bench keyer (nickel plated), power supply, antenna, G5RV plus Hustler vertical. Long ground lead and coax for antennas. Can be discussed with Mr. Carl Malcolm at 613-333-1549.

The original price almost doubles the asking price. Owner can no longer operate radio due to problem. Jump on this one while still available.

# ARISS MILESTONE: 300TH CONTACT

(from ARRL Letter, June 8, 2007)

On Thursday, May 31, Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) made its 300th contact since its inception back in December 2000. This milestone QSO was to the NASA Teacher Conference in Houston, Texas. The first contact was on December 21, 2000 to Burbank School in Burbank, Illinois.

The United States leads in the number of ARISS contacts with 153. Japan is next with 25; Australia has 18, Canada has 16, Belgium has 10, the United Kingdom and Germany have 8 and France has 7 contacts. A total of 28 countries have made contact with the ISS through ARISS.

For schools interested in setting up an ARISS contact, first check with your local school! See if the school's Amateur Radio school station is sufficiently equipped to enable a successful contact (i.e., general technical level, transceiver + power, steerable antenna, tracking programs and such). Please take into account the expected level of deployment of the Amateur Radio equipment operated onboard ISS. Next, carefully fill out the application form (this can be found at <<http://www.rac.ca/ariss/arissapp.htm>>. Please make sure to include the school's educational proposal. The educational proposal should include answers to these questions: How will you: a) integrate this activity into the school curriculum and b) involve as many grade levels as you can, participating through essay contests, poster drawing, letter writing and so on?

For more information on the ARISS program, please see <<http://www.rac.ca/ariss/faqariss.htm>>.

**Note:** The ARISS contact at Center Hastings Secondary School Madoc on November 20, 2006 was ARISS contact # 258, and at the time the 14th Canadian contact.

## Summer Dinners

As mentioned Earlier in the Newsletter in lieu of a formal meeting on the Third Wednesday of July and August, club members are invited to meet for dinner at as local restaurant.

The July Dinner on **Wednesday July 18** will be at the **Red Rock Canyon** Restaurant in the Bell Tower Market Place, North Front St in Belleville, starting at 6:00 PM. This dinner will be a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner complete with a few door prizes. RSVP to Mike Papper VE3OX 613-969-1744 or [ve3ox@rac.ca](mailto:ve3ox@rac.ca).

The August Dinner on **Wednesday August 15** will be at the **Boat House Restaurant**, 32 South Front St in Belleville starting at 6:00 PM. As before Please RSVP to Mike Papper 613-969-1744 or [ve3ox@rac.ca](mailto:ve3ox@rac.ca).

## QARC MAY 2007 TREASURERS REPORT

Opening balance as of May 1, 2007		5334.48
Revenue: Interest	.23	
Coffee	8.25	
50/50	21.50	
Total Revenue	29.98	<u>+29.98</u>
		5364.46
Expenses: Cheque #189 CNIB	25.00	
(donation)		
Cheque #190 Dave Ackerman	33.30	
(may coffee & newsletter)		
Total Expenses	58.30	<u>- 58.30</u>
		5306.16
Closing Balance as of May 31, 2007		+5306.16

## The Dying Irish Nun

The wise old Mother Superior from county Tipperary was dying. The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her comfortable. They gave her some warm milk to drink, but she refused it. Then one nun took the glass back to the kitchen.

Remembering a bottle of Irish whiskey they had received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened and poured a generous amount into the warm milk.

When she walked back to Mother Superior's bed, she held the glass to her lips. Mother drank a little, then a little more. Before they knew it, she had drunk the whole glass down to the last drop.

"Mother," the nuns asked with earnest, "please give us some wisdom before you die."  
She raised herself up in bed with a pious look on her face and said, "Don't sell that cow."