



January 2008

Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: Jan 16, 2008 @7:30PM

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

PROGRAM: Our guest speaker, back by popular demand, will be Richard Jones VE3MHY, talking about working in the Electro-Magnetic Compatibility Lab at Northern Telecom.

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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Minutes of QARC meeting Nov 21 2007

Called to order by President Mike VE3OX a little early to give our guest speaker as much time as possible for his presentation.

Executive present: President Mike VE3OX Vice President Tim VE3UO

Past President Peter VE3UR Secretary Bob VE3QWB

Welcome to: - Eric Pierce VA3EP our guest speaker

- Grant Kyte VE3IVU

- Luke R. Corrigan, a Loyalist College Print Journalism student doing a story for the college paper. <http://www.thepioneer.com>

No Correspondence received

ARES Report: Doug VE3ZDG reports the HF net they were trying in the area rose and fell, failed due to propagation. Sometime in the future they will be trying another frequency.

Repeater Report: Dave VE3BIP, and some members, reports the repeater is working well and the new IRLP node is also up and running. Anyone having any comments on either of them, please contact Dave.

Coming Events: - Kevin VA3THB reports the Tall Pines Rally is on in Bancroft this weekend, 22-24 November. The hams will be using simplex channels and repeaters VA3-FOY in Bancroft 147.285 +, and VE3YAC in Coe Hill, 145.450-. For details, check <http://www.tallpinesrally.com/TallPines/>

- Doug VE3ZDG reminds everyone of Prince Edward Radio Club's Christmas Dinner is on Saturday, December 1st, 2007. Please contact Al, VE3FZ, Doug, VE3ZDG, or Ian VE3EP.

- Brian VA3BRW reminds everyone of the QARC Christmas Dinner on Wednesday December 12, 2007 at the Belleville Club, 210 Pinnacle St, Belleville. Cocktails at 6:00 PM - Dinner at 7:00 PM Over 32 tickets have been sold, so it "is a go". Contact Brian for tickets. Brian.Williams@sympatico.ca

President Mike VE3OX mentioned a news item about Motorola buying 80% of Yaesu parent company. See the story at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2007/11/05/100/> Keith VA3KRV has a list of items available from a Silent Key's collection in Grafton. You can contact Keith at keith.harvey@sympatico.ca if interested in old equipment and computers, like a Commodore 64

Al VE3OWO reports having a QSO with W1NRG on 30/10/07. This is the callsign for the Meriden Amateur Radio Club of Meriden CT. They were running a special event celebrating the 60th anniversary of their club. He sent them a QSL card along with our club's 60th anniversary logo and hopes for a similar return. Their club's website is: www.meridenarc.org

Orders are being taken for new caps with name and call sign on them.

Price is \$10 or \$12. Contact President Mike if you want one.

President Mike reports that our next meeting in January 2008 will feature a power-point presentation by Richard Jones about the EMI lab he works in at Nortel. In February, Al VE3OWO will give a presentation on his FLEX radio, in March there will be a presentation by an OPP Identification officer, and in April there will be a fire hall tour.

Break taken at 7:50pm. Thanks to Dave and his XYL for the coffee and great cookies and squares.

Called back to order at 8pm and our guest speaker Eric Pierce VA3EP gave a very interesting presentation on his portable Morse Code generator project. See his presentations on his website: <http://www.va3ep.net>

There will be no meeting in December, but remember the Christmas dinner on December 12. Since this is the last club meeting of 2007, President Mike wishes everyone Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.

Meeting closed at 9:20pm, 31 in attendance.

Basic Radio Course

If you know someone that would like to get his/her Amateur Radio license, please contact Mike Papper at 613-969-1744 or e-mail at ve3vmp@sympatico.ca for information.

For Sale:

40' Delhi self-supporting tower from the estate of Clare Jaynes VA3CWJ. Tower has been taken down and is in storage. Asking \$150 or best offer. Contact Tim VE3UO tim.ve3uo@gmail.com or Dave VE3UGT ve3ugt@rac.ca.

FRONTENAC ARES NET

Frontenac Ares conducts a weekly net on 3.755 MHz each Tuesday evening at 8:30 P.M. All are welcome to check-in.

DX TEST -- 960 CFFX Kingston ON

TIME: Early morning of Tuesday January 15 (Monday night).

MODE OF OPERATION: CFFX will test using its 10,000-watt daytime directional pattern.

PROGRAMMING: Regular adult contemporary programming. Special test material will consist of three hourly voice announcements followed by special test material lasting several minutes. These will air roughly at the top of the hour, at approximately 0000, 0100 and 0200 EST, give or take a few minutes depending on the program log.

CONTEXT: CFFX is completing its move to 104.3 on the FM band this morning, and 960 is scheduled to sign off for good at 0600 EST. As part of the transition, the AM has simulcast the FM for the past three months. This test marks the final phase of the transition, and the test content will also air on 104.3. This is your last chance to log CFFX on 960, so if it takes two alarm clocks to wake you, well, you've been warned!

We will issue QSLs, but I am not yet 100 percent sure who will handle the reports. Either the station, or me, or both of us. Regardless, we will definitely want audio recordings if at all possible, and we want reports sent via e-mail if at all possible. Snail-mail reports only when accompanied by SASE will be acknowledged. The QSL will be the same, regardless. We'll update the QSL situation soon.

Saul Chernos

Updated Info can be found at: <http://www.dxtests.info/>



The City of Toronto operates an Amateur Radio Station (VA3EOT) staffed by volunteers, Amateur Radio Operators (Hams). All Ham Radio operators willing to volunteer as emergency radio operators for the Toronto Emergency Operations Centre and live in the Greater Toronto Area can apply to register with the Toronto Auxiliary Emergency Communications Group. Special skill sets and criteria are required to become a certified emergency radio operator for the Toronto Emergency Operations centre, [visit our registration information page for full details.](#)

If you are not already a federally licensed Amateur Radio Operator and would like to volunteer, amateur radio classes are conducted every spring and fall. For information on Amateur Radio classes visit the registration page.

It would be nice if our local government would realize what Amateurs could do in the event of a disaster.

REGIONAL AMATEUR RADIO ALERT NETWORK

The Regional Amateur Radio Alert Network (RARAN), has been set up by RAC's Field Services to support the AMBER Alert, a voluntary co-operative plan with various supporters, including radio/television stations, certain commercial interests and provincial transportation ministries. It is operated by and for the police. The plan calls for police to provide critical information concerning a confirmed child abduction, which could assist in locating the child, to the public. So far, Amateur Radio operators in Ontario and British Columbia have volunteered to form the networks and RARAN is active in both Sections. If you are willing and able to participate in either network, you are encouraged to register by clicking on your respective province (above). More information about the AMBER Alert in Canada can be obtained at

http://www.ourmissingchildren.gc.ca/omc/news/amber_e.htm

Any Radio Amateur wishing to assist in setting up a RARAN in a province not yet having one should contact their Section Manager or the RAC Vice President for Field Services.

HEALTH ALERT

There is a dangerous virus being passed around electronically, orally, and by hand. This virus is called Weary-Overload-Recreational-Killer (WORK). If you receive WORK from any of your colleagues, your boss, or anyone else via any means DO NOT TOUCH IT. This virus will wipe out your private life completely. If you should come in to contact with WORK, put your jacket on and take two good friends to the nearest grocery store. Purchase the antidote known as Work-Isolating-Neutralizer-Extract (WINE) or Bother-some-Employer-Elimination-Rebooter (BEER). Take the antidote repeatedly until WORK has been completely eliminated from your system. You should forward this warning to 5 friends. If you do not have 5 friends, you have already been infected and WORK is controlling your life.