



March 2008

Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: March 19, 2008 @7:30PM

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

PROGRAM: Our guest speaker will be Stephane Pilon from the OPP Forensic Identification Section. The focus of his presentation will be Police Forensic Identification.

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 20 FEB 2008

Called to order by President Mike VE3OX at 7:30pm

EXECUTIVE PRESENT: President Mike VE3OX, Vice President Tim VE3UO

Treasurer Miles VE3XDX and Secretary Bob VE3QWB

Welcome to: Guest speaker Art Sinclair VE3SQG / VA3TV and guests Chris VE3MCX and Bob VE3BFS

Financial Report: The club has \$ 4,803.46

Correspondence: Paul VE3TFI, used to live in Cloyne but has moved to Fergus, Ontario, was selling off some equipment. His radio didn't sell, so he donated it to our club, an ICOM 718 transceiver.

Mike let us know it's official, as of January 4, 2008, Cycle 24 has arrived. And despite the advertising, there has been only one person show interest in the upcoming ham course. Next month's guest speaker will be Stephane Pilon from the Belleville OPP Forensic Identification Unit. This article is from the Quinte area newspaper, The Shield.

Belleville OPP Constable honoured for bravery by Governor General of Canada
Belleville - OPP Stephane Pilon has humbly accepted a prestigious award for doing something he considers to be part of his job requirement. On Jan. 28, during council's regular meeting, Mayor Neil Ellis presented the young police officer with a Certificate of Commendation, awarded by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaelle Jean, Governor of Canada. Mayor Neil Ellis explained that Const. Pilon was involved in the rescue of a grandfather, father and three children who were stranded on the Sutton River, Hudson Bay during a fishing trip on August 19, 2004. With the assistance of a helicopter and crew from the Ministry of Natural Resources, the officer was able to "rescue these five people from a total flooding with the tide coming in," said Mayor Ellis. "The children were on the verge of hypothermia and there may have been a fatality had it not been for your heroism and courage. If that helicopter had of turned back, there wouldn't have been time for (Search and Rescue) to be dispatched out of CFB Trenton." Const. Pilon downplayed his actions, noting that anyone in his profession would have done the same." As you know, police officers are often faced with situations where the consequences of their actions outweigh the risks. Such was my case on August 19, 2004," he said. "Anyone of my colleagues would have done the same...I was only doing what I signed up for." Mayor Ellis also presented Const. Pilon with a Certificate of Recognition from the City of Belleville.

ARES Report: Bill VA3WOW reported ARES helped with two dog sled races, in Eldorado and Bancroft. He thanked Peter VA3PGB for all his help. Pete thanked everyone who helped. Keith VA3KRV was net control and Ian VE3EP took over as acting emergency co-ordinator for Doug VE3ZDG. He also mentioned the Campbellford High School is holding their Winterfest next Thursday, the 28th, and were wondering about having an amateur radio set up. Keith VA3KRV will contact them.

Coming Events: Tim VE3UO reminds members that the Belleville City Police will be doing Police Checks this Saturday, 23Feb, anyone needing a check done, for the upcoming Pitter Patter Run on 21 April, should try to get in to get it done.

If you will be going, please let Tim know so he can tell their office manager who will be attending from our club. Tim also mentioned he got a new 3 in 1 printer and would sell his old printer to anyone interested, for the price of a donation to the club.

Old Business: Anyone who ordered hats from Ian VE3EP, they are in. Contact him to get yours.

Motion by Tim VE3UO: That the club spend a total of up to \$ 350.00 to purchase a West Mountain Radio PG40S Super PWRgate and a gel cell battery backup for the club's VHF repeater, to keep it on the air in the event of another power failure. Seconded by Ron VE3IVC. Carried.

Motion by Tim VE3UO that the club make Al Taylor VE3WV an Honourary Life Member of the club. Seconded by Keith VA3KRV. Carried.

As per our club bylaws: "having been a member for twenty consecutive years, a person may purchase a Life Membership by paying two (2) year's dues at the current rate, and shall have Full Membership voting privileges"; congratulations to Dick Hayes VE3EER who has become a Life Member.

The 50/50 draw prize of \$ 23.00 was won by Marlene VE3HBR The HF Notch Filter, donated by Ron VE3UGU, was won by Chris VE3MCX.

After the coffee break, Art Sinclair VE3SQG/VA3TV, gave a very informative and interesting presentation on his STEPPIR 3EI Yagi, remotely tunable antenna.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm. Attendance was 35.

EARTH HOUR 2008

At 8pm on March 29, 2008, cities across Canada, and around the world will turn off their lights for Earth Hour, a World Wildlife Fund event to raise awareness about climate change and symbolize that, working together the people of the world can make a difference in the fight against climate change. Earth Hour has grown from a single event in Sydney, Australia in 2007 to a global phenomenon that will occur across six continents and in as many as 20 cities in 2008. Toronto was the flagship Canadian city to commemorate Earth Hour 2008 but dozens of others including Ottawa, Vancouver and Montreal have already joined! Our goal is to get thousands of businesses and individuals to participate in this historic event, so we can show the nation and the world that Canadians are leaders in addressing climate change, one of the most critical issues facing our world today. Don't stop at Earth Hour - live The Good Life everyday! The Good Life is WWF-Canada's new campaign that helps Canadians track the actions they are taking for the planet so you can actually see how your actions add up to help fight climate change. Are you a business or community planning an event? Tell us what you are doing for Earth Hour at earthhour@wwfcanada.org and we will let others know what else is happening that night around Canada.

New Repeater Coming for PERC

The members present at the March 6 meeting of the Prince Edward Radio Club voted overwhelmingly in favour of purchasing a new two-meter repeater to replace its current repeater, which is at least 20 years old. It has been experiencing noise and receiver problems which has caused their repeater committee to spend lots of time lately at the site. It is hoped the new repeater will be in service this spring.

Upcoming Dates for your Calendar:

Thursday May 1: Annual PERC Auction at Bloomfield Community Centre.

Saturday May 3: Spring 2008 'Tour of the County' Multi Transmitter Foxhunt. The format will be the same as last fall's hunt. Info at <http://www.qarc.on.ca/countyfox.html>.

Sunday May 25: Belleville Super Cities Walk for MS. 5k and 10k walk starts and finishes at Moira Secondary School, 275 Farley Ave, Belleville. This year the start time has been changed to 9:30 AM. Contact Ron VE3IVC if you are available to help out. More Info: <http://tinyurl.com/2kzgfg>

Hamfests & Fleamarkets:

Sat March 29: Ham-Ex 2008 - Brampton Fairgrounds. Info: <http://www.ham-ex.ca/>

Sat Apr 5, 2008: Iroquois 12th Annual Fleamarket - Iroquois Civic Centre. Info: <http://www.iroquoisarc.ca/>

Sat Apr 12, 2008: Montreal ARC Spring Fleamarket - LaSalle, QC. Info: <http://www.marc.qc.ca/fest/fest.html>

Sat Apr 19, 2008: Durham Region 32nd Annual Hamfest - Whitby ON. Info: <http://drhamfest.tripod.com/>

Sat May 10, 2008: Smiths Falls 24th Annual Amateur Radio Fleamarket. Info: <http://www.falls.igs.net/~rlarc/>

May 16/17/18, 2008: Dayton Ohio Hamvention. Info: <http://www.hamvention.org/>

Sat May 24, 2008: CNIB Hamfest 2008 - CNIB Centre, 1929 Bayview Ave. Toronto. Info: <http://www.cnib.ca/amateurradio/hamfest>

May 30&31, 2008: Rochester NY Hamfest. Info: <http://www.rochesterhamfest.org/rochester.asp>

Sat June 7, 2008: Central Ontario Hamfest & Fleamarket - Fergus, ON. Info:
<http://www.hamfest.on.ca/>

Sat July 12, 2008: Ontario Hamfest 2008 - Milton (ON) Fairgrounds. Info:
<http://www.barc.ca/Ontario%20Hamfest.htm>

Sat Aug 23, 2008: VHARA Hamfest - Lindsay ON. Info: <http://www.vhara.ca/>

Sat Aug 30, 2008: Ottawa ARC 12th Annual Hamfest - Carp Fairgrounds. Info:
<http://www.oarc.net/fleamarket/>

Sat Sep 6, 2008: Barrie Orillia Hamfest - Oro Medonte Fairgrounds. Info:
<http://www.barriearc.com/Hamfest/hamfest.htm>

Sun Sep 21, 2008: London ARC 31st Annual Fleamarket. Info:
<http://www.larc.ca/>

Sat Oct 25?, 2008: York Region Hamfest - Markham Fairgrounds. Info:
<http://yrarc.on.ca/hamfest/>

Note: Further information about these events and others can be found at:
<http://rac.eton.ca/events/upcoming.php>

LETTER FROM THE TREASURER

Just a reminder that our new dues payment schedule is still in effect. As well, following our constitution and bylaws,(which state any member whose dues is in arrears by 6 months fails to remain a member of the club), I am sad to report that this has cost us 10 of our members. These members were on average 10 months behind on paying.

Following is a list of members who are still on the membership list but are owing dues and the amount owing.

\$16.00	\$14.00	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$2.00
VE3CSU	VE3FZ	VA3VHH	VE3HNJ	VE3UGU	VA3ORC	VE3RWE
		VE3ASR	VE3KWM	VE3AZV	VE3TFI	
		VE3NFP		VE3CWS		
				VE3HAR		

Paying these amounts will carry your membership through to the end of June 2008. If you wish to add \$25.00 on top of the amount owing this will then carry your membership through to the end of June 2009.

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 ackerman@xplornet.com .

QARC FEBRUARY 2008 TREASURERS REPORT

Opening Balance as of February 1, 2007		4803.46
Revenue: Interest	.22	
Memberships	177.00	
Coffee	20.00	
50/50	23.00	
Donation	10.00	
Total Revenue	<u>230.22</u>	<u>230.22</u>
		5033.68
Expenses: Cheque#208 Star Trophies	18.21	
(Invoice #7356,7368)		
Cheque#209 Dave Ackerman	16.16	
(coffee/newsletter)		
Cheque#210 Star Trophies	13.56	
(Invoice #7418)		
Total Expenses	<u>47.93</u>	<u>-47.93</u>
		4985.75
Closing Balance as of February 29,2008		+4985.75