



*May 2008*

## Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

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

### **NOTICE OF MEETING:**

**DATE / TIME:** May 21, 2008 @7:30PM

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

**PROGRAM:** Don Shears VE3UHO will be our guest speaker talking about his work with the Canadian Forces.

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

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

**QARC HomePage <http://www.qarc.on.ca>**

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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 April Meeting Minutes.**

The meeting this month was held at the Belleville Fire Hall on Moira St. There was no formal meeting so no minutes were taken.

## **Field Day 2008 Site Meeting**

For those participating in this year's Field Day, there will be a planning meeting just prior to the May meeting of QARC (May 21) at 6:30 PM at this year's Field Day location, the Quinte Conservation Authority HQ located at 2061 Old Highway 2 which is on the north side of Old Highway 2 just west of Wallbridge-Loyalist Road.

## **RAC Official Bulletin Station Required**

Keith Harvey VA3KRV has been reading the Bulletin on the weekly Bay Bridge Net for about two and a half years, and will shortly step down from these duties. This is a good opportunity for a recently licensed ham to get some experience delivering these messages. For more information about the RAC OBS program, contact Keith VA3KRV at [va3krv@persona.ca](mailto:va3krv@persona.ca).

## **High Water!**

Most working people have heard the following phrase in their job descriptions: "other duties as required". This phrase apparently applies in ham radio and ARES as well, as the call went out from Belleville Community Policing for help in filling sandbags on Sunday April 13 to assist flood victims, as the Moira River was overflowing its banks in the Foxboro and Corbyville areas north of Highway 401. Thanks go out to the following individuals for giving up a Sunday to help others: Peter VE3UR and Eleanor Hodgson, Dave Ward VE3BIP, Ron Chapman VE3IVC, Dave Ackerman VE3UGT, Doug Monk VE3ZDG and Rosemary Brown, Gilbert Provost VA3NQ and Pauline Joicey, Bill Milligan VA3WOW, Peter Blakely VA3PGB, Joe Davidson VA3JAD, Cliff Copeland VA3ECP, Tim Pekkonen VE3UO, John Dixon VA3YNS, and Lloyd Baker SWL.

Bill VA3WOW has set up a blog with some pictures and soundbytes of the flooding at <http://www.drop.io/hiwater/blog/>.

## **Pitter-Patter Run**

On Sunday April 20 Belleville Community Policing held its annual Pitter Patter run at Loyalist College. The course was the usual 5k and 10k run on Wallbridge-Loyalist Road, West Moira St, and Avonlough Road. One again it can be reported that there were no major incidents to deal with, other than one call for additional water at the 5k turnaround point (this sounds familiar!). Thanks to the following Amateurs for their assistance: Cliff VA3ECP, Keith VA3KRV, Glen VE3CJG, Sandra VE3HON, Ron VE3IVC, Matthew VE3OCC, Tim VE3UO, and Peter VE3UR.

## **Repeater Update**

1) The 12vdc battery backup system for VE3QAR 146.985 Mhz was installed on Monday May 5. The battery is a Canadian Tire 50 amp-hour Gelcell, and switchover and battery charging is accomplished by a West Mountain Radio Super PWRgate PG40S. At this point there is no on-air indication of switchover to DC power, but hopefully this will be dealt with in the near future.

2) The repeater now has a 'ker-chunk' filter enabled. When the repeater has been idle for a period of time, a one second sustained carrier will be required before the repeater transmits. Once a QSO starts then the one second carrier isn't required and you can talk normally. After the QSO is completed the repeater goes back to 'sleep' after three minutes.

## **MS WALK - Sunday May 25**

This year's Super Cities Walk for MS will be held at Moira Secondary School in Belleville. The start time of the 5k and 10k walk has been moved ahead to 9:30 AM. Contact Ron Chapman VE3IVC if you are available to assist in this event. The local Super Cities Walk page is

[http://www.supercitieswalk.com/ontario/scwalk\\_belleville.htm](http://www.supercitieswalk.com/ontario/scwalk_belleville.htm).

## **County Kids of Steel Picton - Sunday June 1**

The Prince Edward Fitness and Aquatic Centre (PEFAC) will host the second annual County Kids of Steel Triathlon on Sunday June 1 starting at 9:00 AM. The route courses will be the same as last year and will be based out of the PEFAC location at 13263B Loyalist Parkway (Hwy 33), Picton. Doug Monk VE3ZDG is heading the communications effort again this year and you can contact him if you are able to assist in this event.

Webpage: <http://www.pefac.ca/programs.htm> . The Registration Form has more information and a map of the course at

<http://www.pefac.ca/pdfs/PEFAC%20Kids%20of%20Steel%20brochure.pdf> .

## **PERC June Meeting**

Due to scheduling conflicts with the Bloomfield Community Center, the June meeting of the Prince Edward Radio Club will be held on the SECOND Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 7:30 PM. PERC will revert back to the usual first Thursday meeting dates in July. It hasn't been confirmed yet, but it is assumed that the monthly 'Rossmore Radio Association' June meeting will also change to the second Thursday as well.

## **QARC Membership**

The QARC dues structure was changed to correspond with the Financial year which runs from July 1 to June 30, so as a result most memberships are now expiring on June 30, 2008. A number of people have already renewed to June 2009. According to our records, the following memberships expire June 30 and annual dues (\$25) from July 1 2008 to June 2009 will soon be required: VA3BRT, VA3BS/JLS, VA3ECP, VA3GCL, VA3GSI, VA3KRV, VA3PGB/PWS, VA3TNY, VA3UGT, VA3WOW, VA3ZYZ, VE3AJK, VE3ARW/HNQ, VE3BFS, VE3CH, VE3CJG/HON, VE3EP, VE3GRA, VE3GSI/HBR, VE3IVU, VE3JOW, VE3JTR, VE3KJP, VE3LRM, VE3MCX, VE3MHY, VE3MNL, VE3NOO, VE3OCC, VE3OWO, VE3PBK, VE3SQG, VE3TDZ, VE3UHO, VE3UR, VE3XDX, VE3YD and VE3ZDG.

Some folks had memberships that expired during our current fiscal year, and dues to the end of this fiscal year (June 30) are required as follows: VA3VHH (Nov 07 - \$17), VE3ASR (Nov 07 - \$17), VE3HNJ (Dec 07 - \$15), VE3KWM (Dec 07 - \$15), VE3CWS (Jan 08 - \$13), VA3ORC (Feb 08 - \$11), VE3TFI (Feb 08 - \$11)

## **Callsign Hats**

Al Law VE3FZ has two callsign hats that were ordered and not yet picked up. He will have them available at the May QARC meeting. Hats are for Gary VA3GCL and Grant VE3IVU.

## **ELECTIONS !**

Yes it's that time again. In addition to our speaker, this is the month for annual elections. If you would like to nominate someone to serve on the Executive Committee for 2008-09, contact Past-President Peter Hodgson VE3UR 613-962-1386 or [phodgson@kos.net](mailto:phodgson@kos.net) with your nomination.