



February 2010

Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: February 17, 2010 @7:30PM

LOCATION: Loyalist College (Pioneer Building) Room P-1

PROGRAM: Red Cross presentation on personal emergency preparedness by Jeff Watkins VE3OWT.

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/> webspace provided by:
Hay-Net Networks
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Monthly Meetings: 3rd Wednesday 7:30 PM Loyalist College
(Pioneer Bldg.) Room P-1

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

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QARC Minutes Jan 20 2010

Bob Moore, VE3QWB (@rac.ca)
Secretary, QARC

Prior to the meeting, President Tim VE3UO and Past President Mike VE3OX were interviewed by Janet Richards, Reporter and Photographer for [The Community Press](#), she also took some photographs. As a result, the meeting started a little late.

Meeting called to order by President Tim VE3UO at 7:34 with apologies for the late start.

Executive Present:

President Tim VE3UO

Past President Mike VE3OX

Vice President Dave VE3UGT

Treasurer Miles VE3XDX

Secretary Bob VE3QWB

Members and guests present: 32

Tim started the meeting with a Moment of Silence for Silent Key [Ron Chapman VE3IVC](#). There will be a Memorial Service in the spring, info to follow when we get it from the family.

Welcome to new members and guests Andre Imbeault VA3AYI, Grant Kyte VE3IVU, and Grant's son Gary.

Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting (Nov. 2009) as sent via email and newsletter: Moved by Richard VE3KFN, seconded by Kevin VA3GSI, Carried. There was no business arising from the minutes.

Tim gave a report on the club's RAC insurance. RAC has changed how and what they charge for insurance as follows:

There is now a charge of \$2.75 per member for non-RAC members.

The club asked RAC for a Coverage Letter that clubs can show to function organizers proving our members are insured while providing communications for them. (There is a fee for this.)

Unknown to us, and due to RAC making changes, our club insurance expired, we had no coverage for the end of 2009. *We sent in a payment to cover us for the month of December 2009.*

To be eligible for Club liability coverage, a radio club MUST be a [RAC affiliated club](#). A

Complimentary copy of *The Canadian Amateur*, the RAC official publication - is sent to a library or school of the Club's choice as a donation in their name. QARC chose to have this copy sent to the [Loyalist College Library \(Parrott Centre\)](#).

The clubs annual RAC registration fee: \$125.00

Add 30 non-RAC members (% non-RAC members=46.9%)= $30 \times \$2.75 = \82.50

Total: 2010 Insurance Fee: \$207.50

Add: Paper Copy of Coverage Letter: \$35.00

Add: Insurance Fee for December 2009 = $(31/365) \times \$207.50 = \17.62

Add: RAC Club Affiliation Fee (2010) \$25.00

TOTAL Submitted: \$285.12

Annual RAC insurance from next year should be \$ 225.00 to \$ 250.00

A reminder to club members, the insurance covers the club and members while working a function, whether they belong to RAC or not. Members of RAC also have individual insurance. For more details see the RAC webpage: <http://www.rac.ca/en/rac/services/insurance/>

Mike VE3OX reports one student will be taking the Basic Exam Re-write on Mon Jan 25.

ARES Report - Bill VA3WOW reports he and Doug VE3ZDG attended the Kingston ARES meeting last Monday.

Doug made a presentation on Worker's Compensation when the province or a municipality declares an

emergency and amateurs are providing communications, whatever office declared the emergency is the amateur's employer while providing assistance. Therefore, if any amateur gets hurt while providing communications for a declared emergency, he should make notes on details of the injury or accident, including date, time, location, etc.

Bill also reminds members of the [Eldorado Dog Sled race](#) this Saturday, Jan. 23. Anyone wishing to help with communications is asked to be at the Eldorado Fire Hall on highway 62 at 8am Saturday. Tim reminds members of the Belleville Community Policing Pitter-Patter Run on Sunday April 11, 2010, it starts at 10am and goes until around noon. If you can help with communications, please contact Tim VE3UO and also see if you need your Police Check updated.

New Business: Tim asked if there was an interest in a club project, such as building a Moxon antenna. Contact a member of the Executive if you are interested in this antenna project, or if you have another idea for a club project.

The 50/50 draw was won by Bill VE3NFP, \$ 31.00. Lee VA3LHM donated an Ontario Repeater Book for a door prize, it was won by Matthew VE3OCC.

After the draws we broke for coffee and cookies, thanks to Brian VA3BRW, followed by a presentation by Lee VA3LHM from [Durham Radio in Whitby](#), showing equipment that will help amateurs cope with the new Ontario Cell Phone Law, other new and interesting equipment, new magazines, new Study Guide books and some back issues of TCA (The Canadian Amateur) magazine for anyone that wanted to have them.

After the presentation and for the last hour of the meeting, members gathered around the table full of equipment Lee had, and enjoyed long conversations.

Our next meeting will be on Feb. 17, be sure to attend because The Red Cross will be putting on a personal preparedness workshop.

For a complete listing of events, activities and other related Amateur Radio information go to www.qarc.on.ca.

Fox Hunting

The foxhunts this year will be held on

Sunday March 21 at 1:30 PM starting at Sidney & Bridge St Belleville.

Sunday April 18 at 1:30 PM starting at Sidney & Bridge St Belleville.

Saturday May 1. This will be the spring **Tour of The County** hunt. Starting at 12PM at Pinecrest School, Bloomfield.

Wednesday June 9 at 7 PM. The start point is to be determined by the Fox. Check on VE3QAR repeater on the day of the hunt for start point.

Wednesday July 14 at 7 PM. The start point is to be determined by the Fox. Check on VE3QAR repeater on the day of the hunt for start point.

Wednesday August 11 at 7 PM. The start point is to be determined by the Fox. Check on VE3QAR repeater on the day of the hunt for start point.

Sunday September 19 at 1:30 PM starting at Sidney & Bridge St Belleville.

Sunday October 17. This will be the fall **Tour of The County** hunt. Starting at 12PM at Pinecrest School, Bloomfield.

Sunday November 7 at 1:30 PM starting at Sidney & Bridge St Belleville.

Check on VE3QAR (146.985-) to confirm there will be a hunt.

North East Regional Directors Report February 2010



The monthly meeting of the Regional Directors was held on January 21 starting at 2330Z.

I do want to continue on my theme of what does RAC do for me and why would I want to join? Its old news now the Bill to prohibit operating cell phones and other electronic devices is in effect and as of February 1 police officers are starting to ticket offenders. The Lindsay Post ran a story last month quoting an OPP officer that Amateurs had no special exemption and would be fined. An email from VP Peter West to the officer in question clarified the issue and the officer sent an email back to Peter saying he was wrong. That's what having a strong national organization can do for you! It would also be prudent to carry a copy of your license however just in case.

I enjoy being the Director for North East Ontario, and it does require a certain amount of my time. But I do it because I believe in the organization. But some times we may forget just how much fun Amateur Radio can be. Once a year the Little Thunder QRP group participates in Freeze Your Buns Off (FYBO). We have done this for several years now and it's much like Field Day but in February. We had a great time had a hot bowl of soup and made a few contacts to boot. If you have not operated for a while you may just want to spark up the radio and rekindle the magic of radio.

I am still looking for a volunteer to be the Coordinator of Philanthropy for RAC. This individual would assist Amateurs want to donate to RAC to ensure it remains a strong voice for Canadian Amateurs. If you think this may interest you please let me know. Also there are ways to ensure now you can help, a donation to DARF enables us to have a strong voice at the world conferences where decisions are made about frequency allocations. Thanks.

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at ve3xt@rac.ca.

73

Bill VE3XT
North East Ontario
Regional Director

Club Projects

There were a few members interested in the antenna-building project suggested at the last club meeting. The plan is to build a Moxon UHF directional antenna and a twin lead portable UHF antenna. Please contact Dave Ward VE3BIP or Tim Pekkonen VE3UO if you are interested.

Flea Markets

Burlington Spring Flea Market

Burlington Amateur Radio Club
Starts on Saturday, February 27, 2010
Burlington, Ontario

Ham-Ex 2010

Peel and Mississauga Radio Clubs Starts on Saturday, March 27, 2010 Brampton, Ontario

IRAC Fourteenth Annual Flea Market

Iroquois Amateur Radio Club
Starts on Saturday, April 3, 2010
Iroquois, Ontario

THE 34th DURHAM REGION AMATEUR RADIO HAMFEST

The North Shore ARC and the South Pickering ARC
Starts on Saturday, April 17, 2010
Whitby, Ontario

QARC TREASURER's REPORT

JANUARY 01, 2010 Opening Balance
\$6580.39

Revenue		Expenses	
Interest			
\$.31		Dinner Expenses	\$13.45
		Coffee/cookies	
Memberships	\$65.00	\$.00	
		Newsletters	
50/50 Draw	\$30.00	\$.00	
Coffee		Star Trophies	
\$15.50		\$11.83	
Total Revenue	\$110.81	Total Expenses	\$25.28

JANUARY 31, 2010 Closing Balance
\$6665.92