



November 2010

Quinte Amateur Radio Club Inc. Newsletter

PO Box 23039 BELLEVILLE Ontario K8P 5J3

NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: Wednesday, Nov 17, 2010 @7:30PM

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

PROGRAM: Dave VE3BIP will be giving a presentation on the Eastern Ontario Regional Network project which will extend high speed Internet to rural areas.

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:
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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 Meeting - Oct 20, 2010

Bob Moore, VE3QWB, Secretary, QARC.

The meeting was called to order by President Tim at 7:29pm. He welcomed the 37 members and guests present, including Adam VA3AUL and Les VA3LBZ.

Executive Present: President Tim VE3UO Vice President Dave VE3UGT Past President Mike VE3OX Treasurer Miles VE3XDX Secretary Bob VE3QWB

We observed a moment of silence for silent keys: Alan Davis VE3HNJ, Grant Kyte VE3IVU, Val Reitav VE3JOW

President Tim thanked the club for the donation made in memory of his Mother, at Belmont Long-Term Care Facility, their Sunshine Gleaners fund is used for residents' activities.

There is a Basic Course under way, there are six students.

The Tour of The County Foxhunt last Sunday had three foxes, #1 was Wayne VE3TQJ, #2 was Peter VE3UR & #3 was Bob VE3QWB. There were 8 search teams, 4 from Pbro. The only team to find all three foxes was Dave VE3BIP and his passenger Dave from Ottawa VE3TLY. For photos and details see the website: <http://web.mac.com/dpward/TxHunting/Welcome.html>

Coming up is the Belleville Halloween Safe Streets, volunteers will need police background checks, contact Tim VE3UO if you can help VE3UO@RAC.CA

There will be an ARES Exercise on Sunday Nov 7 in Napanee. ARES members from Frontenac, Hastings, Prince Edward and Kingston groups will be taking part. Any volunteers with mobile rigs interested in taking part can contact Bill VA3WOW@RAC.CA, Peter VE3UR phodgson@kos.net or Doug VE3ZDG dmonk@kos.net, for instructions and further info.

There will be a Kingston ARC Breakfast and Fleamarket at the Communications Museum in Kingston Sat Nov 13. QARC will have a table set up and will be taking the leftover items from equipment donations and VE3IVC estate.

JoAnn VE3MNL donated \$100 to QARC for selling her equipment. Our Executive decided to consider her membership paid up for this year.

The QARC Xmas Dinner will be on Wed Dec 15, 6pm at the Swiss Chalet Belleville. Let Mike VE3OX know if you are planning on attending so he can have an idea of how many to prepare for, ve3vmp@sympatico.ca

We are looking for feedback from the membership regarding future speakers at meetings, and for people to give short 'mini-topics', so we could get 2 or 3 brief presentations at future meeting. If you want to make a presentation or have any suggestions, please contact Tim ve3uo@rac.ca

Tim made a motion to donate \$200 to the Defence of Amateur Radio Fund in memory of Ron Chapman VE3IVC. Tim has checked with RAC Director Bill Unger VE3XT to determine if DARF is still active, yes it is. Also talked to Maxine Chapman about this. Info about DARF can be found in the Sept-Oct issue of TCA (page 48). The motion was seconded by Keith VA3KRV, carried.

Bob VE3QWB read portions of a letter from Peter VE3HG, Vice President of Public Relations, Radio Amateurs of Canada. "RAC has engaged in a transformational process of change and we are appealing to all leaders in the Canadian amateur radio community to help us create a better national organization." "We would ask if you would be so kind as to share this information with all of the amateur radio operators (RAC members and non-members) in your clubs, associations and communities. We need to hear back from as many Canadian amateur radio operators as possible. This information, along with your feed-back, will be used later this year as the basis of a meeting of the Radio Amateurs of Canada's board and executive at which the future of your national amateur radio organization will be created. Please be part of this process." You can send your message, suggestions and comments directly to Peter at VE3HG@COGECO.CA, or send them to Bob VE3QWB@RAC.CA or phone him at 613-968-5128, he will forward them for you. This sounds like

something that will affect amateurs across Canada, so please take this opportunity to have your say in how RAC is run in the future and what you think it will take to make RAC the best voice it can be, not only for Amateurs Canada-Wide, but for YOU ! Even if you are not a member of RAC, you benefit from the work their volunteers do. What would it take for you to change your mind and become a member?

Len VE3ASR is looking for a 4:1 balun for exciter use. Cliff VA3CAF has a 5000 watt generator, pull start, for sale, in great condition, \$ 400.00. Geoff VE3XFE is looking for mast pipe. Peter wants to sell an FT-990 HF radio AC/DC tuner,

After the Coffee Break we held the 50/50 draw, it was won by Cliff VA3CAF, \$ 40.00.

Guest speaker: Keith VA3KRV gave a presentation on the work he did on an RSC503 three-tube regenerative radio receiver, made by Walbert Mfg.co of Chicago in the early 1900's. When the work was completed and the radio was in a cabinet, Keith named it the Chapman-Harvey Regenerative Receiver Model RSC-503, since it came from Ron Chapman's "collection" to get rebuilt.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Christmas Dinner

The Christmas dinner will be at Swiss Chalet on Bell Blvd in Belleville. It will be in place of the regular meeting on Wednesday December 15 at 6PM. Please contact Mike Papper VE3OX if you plan to attend. Email ve3ox@rac.ca or 613-969-1744

Halloween Safe Streets

This year's club participation was a very limited one, due to several factors. On Belleville's streets this year were Brian VA3BS, Joan VA3JLS and Tim VE3UO who was actually 'on the road' this year. Also helping out was Cliff VA3ECP who was acting as a 'Safe House'.

The following is the Belleville Police Service press release on November 1:

"On Sunday the 31st of October 2010, the Belleville Police Service had approximately 160 extra people patrolling the city to ensure the safety of our children. This was the largest group of participating volunteers that the service has had to date. They consisted of patrol officers, Auxiliary officers, Community Policing volunteers, Loyalist College students, Quinte Amateur Radio Club members and local High School Students. Our volunteers were easily identifiable as they wore orange florescent vests and walked in groups of three or four. The volunteers were assigned throughout city and their purpose was to assist us by having an 'extra set of eyes and ears' to help keep our City and our children safe.

There were only seven occurrences reported to the police from 5:00 p.m. on the 31st to 5 a.m. on November 1st. None of these reported incidents were specific to Halloween. Police attribute much of this to the support they received from the community and the volunteers who may have acted as a deterrent to pranksters."

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Canadian Amateur Radio Advisory Board Meeting October 28, 2010

The 35th meeting of the Canadian Amateur Radio Advisory Board [CARAB] took place on Thursday Oct. 28th. CARAB is composed of representatives from both Radio Amateurs of Canada [RAC] representing Canadian Amateurs, and Industry Canada, as the regulator of amateur radio.

The Chair of the Board rotates between the two organizations and this meeting was chaired by the President of RAC, Mr. Geoffrey Bawden, VE4BAW. The principle IC representative was Mr. Peter Hill, Senior Director, Spectrum Management Operations. IC was also represented by Ren351 Guerrette, Co-Director, Amateur Radio Service, Gilles Rathier, Manager, Operational Policies and Joanne Poulin, Technical Policy Analyst. Contributing from RAC were: J. T. [Mitch] Mitchell, VE6OH, Director for Alberta, NWT and Nunavut, Richard Ferch, VE3KI, Vice President Regulatory Affairs, and Norm Rashleigh, VE3LC, Vice President Industrial Liason,

At the CARAB meeting it was agreed to modernize and improve communication between the regulator and Canadian amateurs as represented by RAC. The value of CARAB as a consultative body between RAC and IC was reaffirmed by both parties and the Terms of Reference were updated.

Among key issues discussed at the meeting was IC's policy regarding temporary authorization of frequency assignments in amateur bands to non-amateur services [e.g. September 10th and 12th Pro Tour race in Quebec].

RAC impressed upon the IC officials that RAC, on behalf of Canadian amateurs, objected to intrusion into amateur bands by non-amateur services, especially for non-emergency purposes. IC noted the objection, committed to improve coordination and cooperation and advised that they were sensitive to RAC's concerns.

IC committed to continue to work with RAC on our request for allocation[s] in the 60M band which mirror those available to US amateurs. RAC emphasized the importance of this request to Canadian amateurs.

IC briefed RAC officials on the status of the web access project designed to allow amateurs direct access to the IC callsign and certificate database thus allowing such activities as applications for call-signs, and change of address. It is anticipated that the system will be live no later than Nov., 2011. Articles on the new system will be published in upcoming TCA's. IC asked RAC to serve as 'acceptance testers' to help the developers ensure that the system would work as designed.

IC and RAC discussed the positive role that amateur radio played in emergency situations and IC noted that there would be value in more cooperation and planning between IC and RAC in this area. Follow-up meetings between RAC and IC will be arranged over the coming months.

RAC is already linked with the ARRL and the US regulator [FCC] on emergency issues and welcomes this initiative of IC.

The next meeting of CARAB is anticipated for next April, concurrent with the RAC Board meeting.

North East Regional Directors Report November 2011



The facilitated meeting of the Regional Directors and Executive was held on October 29th to the 31st in Ottawa. On Sunday October 31 a full board meeting was held to ratify the decisions we made during our meetings. More on that in a moment.

First, I want to introduce the newest Assistant Director for the North / East Ontario Region. Russ, VE3FI has stepped up to volunteer his time and talents as AD. He is active in ARES and has set up an IRLP reflector for Ontario. During the day he and his wife operate two radio communication companies in the Haliburton area. Thanks Russ.

There was a meeting of the Directors and Executive held in Ottawa to chart the new future of Radio Amateurs of Canada's future. It was a busy weekend; we met until 8:30 on Friday night and Saturday from 8:30 AM until 8:30 PM with two breaks for meals. Sunday we went from 8:00 AM until Noon.

For the moment I cannot tell you of all the changes we will make as it will take a little time to implement them. **But there will be changes.** I know everyone wants things done now, and to be honest so do I. But very shortly you will see positive changes to the way RAC does business. I hope you can just hold on for a little while longer.

One thing that did become very evident during our meetings was that to survive RAC needs more members. 5000 of us are representing approximately 50,000 Amateurs to Industry Canada, the IARU and the Radio Advisory Board of Canada to name a few organizations. RAC members gave RAC the resources to convince the Ontario Government to allow us to continue to use our mobile radios in Ontario. And RAC will continue to lobby the Ontario Government to allow Amateurs a permanent exemption to use 2 way radios in the future.

Commercial interests are eyeing our VHF and UHF frequencies and would snap them up in a minute. BPL while somewhat abated is not dead completely, and could ruin our HF frequencies for all of us. RAC is your collective voice in these matters.

Will you become one of those members and help us continue to represent all Amateurs in North / East Ontario to ensure that we have a future?

In the 3 years that I have been a Director this is the most united, strong and cooperative President, Directors and Executive I have worked with. And because of their work and your help as a member Amateur Radio and RAC will have a strong future.

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

Bill VE3XT
North East Ontario, Regional Director