

Quinte 'QRM'

Newsletter of the Quinte Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
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NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Loyalist College (Pioneer Building), Room P13
284B Wallbridge-Loyalist Rd, Belleville

PROGRAM:

VE3QAR Belleville: 146.985 MHz (118.8 Hz)	VE3QAR: 444.475 Mhz - Yaesu System FUSION (118.8 Hz) Node ID: 30589 Room ID: 40589
VE3KFR Campbellford: 145.33 MHz (162.2 Hz) linked to 442.9 Mhz (162.2 Hz)	Hams 'n Eggs: Saturdays @ 8:00 AM Quinte Restaurant, 135 Cannifton Rd, Belleville
Monthly Meetings: 3rd Wednesday @ 7:00 PM Loyalist College (Pioneer Bldg) Room P13, Belleville	Tri-County Breakfast Meetings: Saturdays @ 10:00 AM Riverview Restaurant, 6 Front St N, Campbellford
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QARC Members Group: https://qarc.groups.io/g/main - Post to the group: main@qarc.groups.io	

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Christmas Dinner(s)

In lieu of our December meeting, our annual Christmas Gathering will be on **Thursday December 5** at 6:00 PM at the Red Rock Canyon, <http://redrockcanyon.ca>, 365 North Front St, Belleville. Please RSVP to **Mike Papper VE3OX** mikepapper@gmail.com 613-969-1744 so we can advise the restaurant of how many to expect. Please note this is a change from what was discussed at the Sept meeting.

Also mark your calendar for the **Prince Edward Radio Club** Christmas Dinner **Saturday December 7** at the Prince Edward Yacht Club, 30 Fairfield St in Picton. Meet & Greet @ 6:00 PM; Dinner at 7:00 PM. \$30 per person. RSVP Matthew Dwight VE3FL, secretary@peradioclub.ca.

Silent Key - VE3JJC

Mike VE3OX passes along word that **John Coats VE3JJC** became a Silent Key on Friday Sept 27. John was a Nortel employee, and a club member and Basic Course Instructor in the 90's.

MINUTES OF QARC MEETING 18 SEPT 2019

President Dave VE3UGT called the meeting to order at 19:05.

Executive present: President Dave Ackerman VE3UGT ve3ugt@rac.ca, **Secretary** Bob Moore VE3QWB ve3qwb@rac.ca, **Director at Large** Pete Blakely VA3PGB blackgunpowder@yahoo.ca
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Training Co-ordinator Eric Pierce VA3EP pierce.eric@gmail.com & **Refreshments** Hans Winsen VE3OR handiewin@gmail.com. Members & Guests present: 29

President Dave informed us of Silent Key **Art Sinclair VE3SQG** who passed away on Sunday June 23rd. Art was a long time and active member of the Prince Edward Radio Club and QARC. His wife wants to keep Art's vehicle licence plate callsign so will be getting her amateur certificate.

Welcome to Visitors & Guests: Earl Burneau VE3EPJ, Brian Peever VE3LEG and Michel Mailhot SWL

QARC memberships expired as of July 1st. If you have not renewed please see Allan VE3XQV.

MOTION to accept May 2019 Minutes as published in Newsletter. **MOTION BY:** George VA3XMG
SECOND: George VE3GCG **Carried.**

Correspondence Received

- 1 - Thank You card with nice note from Betsy Sinclair
- 2 - membership renewal for Al Hill VE3DLG

Treasurer Allan VE3XQV was not at the meeting, see his report in this month's 'QRM'

Cliff VA3CAF confirms the **Sandbox net** has been restarted. Every evening 6:30. On 3.733.

Peter VE3UR informed us that next Tuesday evening after 5pm, 10 percent of all meals at Belleville Boston Pizza will go to the Belleville Therapy Dog Program.

Regarding the Fall **Tour of the County** Foxhunt. We are looking at changing the format to improve interest, or stop having it.

There was a discussion regarding **Field Day** on June 22 & 23, 2019. What we did right or wrong. One problem is there were fewer operators. Perhaps we need to work on a schedule to get more operators on the air.

Halloween Safe Streets in Belleville is on Oct. 31. Contact Tim VE3UO if you can help with comms for this event.

Our **Christmas** social is December 4th, the 1st Wednesday. The Dugout is booked. President Dave asked at the Northway Restaurant. They have a separate banquet room, holds about 50 people, but they would reserve for as little as 20. There was a discussion about other places. It was suggested that Dave and Mike VE3OX check with other places and decide which is best and let us know at the October meeting where we will be going.

Hans VE3OR has decided to step down from looking after the **refreshments**. We are looking for someone to takeover this task starting next month. Maybe it would work better if we had a few people taking monthly turns. **Thank you Hans** for all the work you have done for the club, refreshments at meetings and hosting the monthly executive meetings at your home.

Radio Course Update: Eric VA3EP said he has 10 students registered for the advanced course in February and 8 for the basic course in the spring. Any member with advanced level can be an instructor. Contact Eric if you are interested. Brian VE3GRA has already signed up.

The QARC Groups.io page is <https://qarc.groups.io/g/main> 31 members signed up. Follow directions on the page to subscribe to the group, or send an email request to main+subscribe@qarc.groups.io

Dave said we are always looking for programs or presentations at meetings. The presentation for tonight had to be cancelled. If anyone wants to give a presentation on a project, or anything the membership might be interested in, contact any member of the executive.

Break - Thanks Hans VE3OR for the drinks and snacks.

There was a discussion about **linking** VE3QAR and VE3TJU repeaters. If Queen Victoria school in Belleville is closed, we will need a new location for the repeater that is there. Should the Campbellford repeaters be included?

During the break, Dave was talking to a fellow who volunteered to give a presentation tonight, with an overview of what his job is, then turned the floor over to **Chris Tsokos VE3ZXU** gave a presentation as an Information Systems Technician at CFB Trenton. Thank you Chris for the interesting talk.

Pete VA3PGB informed us of the 2019 **Rally of the Tall Pines** in Bancroft on November 22 & 23, 2019. The need about 200 amateur volunteers to help run the rally. If you can help, and for more information, visit their website: <http://www.tallpinesrally.com/>

Matthew VE3FL mentioned that **Kevin Maylin VA3THB** had moved from Picton to London, Ontario, but has now moved to New Brunswick to a new job. His mobile VA3THB-9 can be followed on APRS at <https://aprs.fi/#!call=a%2FVA3THB-9&timerange=3600&tail=3600>

Meeting adjourned at 20:45.

Next meeting will be on **Wed. Oct. 16**, same place and time.

Minutes taken by Secretary Bob VE3QWB (@rac.ca)

After the meeting, **John Howieson VA3JO** talked to President Dave and volunteered to look after the refreshments. On behalf of the club executive and members, thanks very much John.

[RAC-Bulletin] Distracted Driving in Canada update: Ontario considering permanent two-way radio exemption for Amateurs

Ministry is seeking comments and suggestions: **Deadline November 4**

<https://www.rac.ca/distracted-driving-ontario-considering-permanent-exemption/>

For immediate release:

Distracted driving regulations continue to be an area of interest for many Canadian Radio Amateurs. These regulations are made and enforced by provincial governments and can vary considerably from province to province and over time. In Ontario, RAC Directors Allan Boyd, VE3AJB (Ontario North/East) and Phil McBride, VA3QR (Ontario South) have been working hard on this issue.

On December 15, 2017, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) announced that the current two-way radio exemption for “Amateur Radio operators and specified commercial, public transit, and public function drivers was extended for a further three-years until January 1, 2021.”

We are pleased to report that the Ministry is currently considering making the two-way radio exemption permanent and it has invited comments on this proposal as well as any additional suggestions or comments on how it could minimize distracted driving while supporting economic growth and prosperity in the province.

A summary of these proposals has been posted to Ontario’s Regulatory Registry Display Screens and Hand-Held Devices - Exemption Review (Posting #2019-MTO028) and can be viewed in English or French.

English: <https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?language=en&postingId=30387>

French: <https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?language=fr&postingId=30387>

The posting will be open for review and comments for 45 days, from September 18, 2019 until **November 4, 2019**.

For more information about Distracted Driving in Canada please visit:

<https://www.rac.ca/distracted-driving/>

Alan Griffin
RAC MarCom Director , Radio Amateurs of Canada

BACKGROUNDER: Ontario's Distracted Driving Law – 3-Year Limited Exemption Review

The ban on the use of hand-held communication and entertainment devices and display screens came into force in Ontario on October 26, 2009 and was followed by a three-month education period after which police could begin issuing tickets as of February 1, 2010.

As part of the distracted driving law, a Minister's Regulation ([O.Reg 366/09 - Display Screens and Hand-Held Devices](#)) was made under the *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA) that created a three-year exemption for the hand-held use of two-way radios by certain commercial, public transit, and public function drivers, and licensed amateur radio operators which was set to expire on January 1, 2013.

Following consultations with the industry, stakeholders and the public, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) extended the hand-held two-way radio exemption for an additional five years to January 1, 2018, and then extended it a third time for an additional three years to January 1, 2021. These extensions were granted for the same specified commercial, public transit, and public function drivers, and licensed amateur radio operators.

The Ministry is currently considering making the hand-held two-way radio exemption permanent as:

- it is not aware of any collisions attributable to the use of these devices currently exempt under the regulation,
- Ontario would align with all other Canadian jurisdictions in allowing them permanent and,
- a confirmed commercially viable market for hands-free alternatives to two-way radio technology has failed to develop.

By making the exemption permanent, the use of hand-held two-way radios would be allowed under Ontario's HTA Regulation 366/09 - Display Screens and Hand-Held Devices.

Distracted Driving Overview

In Ontario, the following **are prohibited** whenever a motor vehicle is being driven, including when it is stopped in traffic:

- Use of hand-held wireless communication devices;
- Texting, dialing and e-mailing;
- Use of hand-held electronic entertainment devices;
- Viewing display screens unrelated to driving, on devices; and
- Programming a GPS device, other than by voice commands.

What is allowed includes:

- Use of hands-free wireless communications devices with an earpiece, lapel button, voice commands and/or Bluetooth device;
- Viewing the display screens of GPS units secured in or mounted to the vehicle such that they do not obstruct the driver's view of the road;
- Hands-free use of portable MP3 players secured in or mounted to the vehicle;
- Calls to 911; and
- Use of hand-held wireless communications by drivers of emergency services vehicles (fire, police, ambulance).
- Viewing the display screens of certain devices installed in the vehicle:
 - collision avoidance systems
 - an instrument, gauge or system that provides information on the conditions, use and immediate environment of the vehicle or that provides road or weather information
- Ignition interlock devices
- Car audio screens that display still images

Drivers are allowed to use hands-free wireless communications with an earpiece, lapel button, or Bluetooth device; view display screens of GPS units that are integrated into the vehicle dashboard or securely mounted on the dashboard as well as make emergency calls to 911.

Advanced License Course

Eric VA3EP reports he now has 10 people signed up for an Advanced Course. It will be running Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Tuesday **October 8** with the Exam scheduled for Thursday **November 21**. Note there will be course sessions on the two PERC meeting nights, and on Halloween Thursday Oct 31. The venue is the classroom at the Childrens Safety Village behind the Police Station on Dundas St E in Belleville. For further information contact Eric VA3EP at pierce.eric@gmail.com . Eric will look at running a BASIC course next Spring provided there is interest.

2019 Hamfests & Fleamarkets

- Saturday October 19 - Montreal South Shore Hamfest, Longueuil, QC
<http://www.ve2clm.ca/articles.php?lng=fr&pg=120>
- Saturday October 5 - Hamilton Amateur Radio Club Hamfest 2019
https://secure.eton.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2050
- Saturday November 2 - 43rd Annual York Region Hamfest, Markham Fairgrounds, ON
<https://www.yrarc.org/yrarc-hamfest>

For more information on these events, see: <http://rac.eton.ca/events/upcoming.php>

These events are confirmed for 2020:

- Saturday April 25 - Durham Region Hamfest, Pickering ON
<https://www.durhamhamfest.com/>
- May 15-16-17, 2020 Hamvention® 2020 - Greene County Fairgrounds, Xenia, OH
<http://hamvention.org/>
(<http://www.greenecountyfairgrounds.com/hamvention>)

Halloween Safe Streets - Thursday October 31

Halloween this year falls on a Thursday evening, and as in previous years the Community Policing Safe Streets program will be running from about 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Volunteers are drawn from Belleville Community Policing, Belleville Police Auxiliary Officers, Loyalist College students in Policing programs, and of course QARC volunteers. More info at this month's QARC meeting. Contact Tim VE3UO tim.ve3uo@gmail.com if you would like to help this year. Past participants will be required to sign an Offence Declaration form, and new QARC volunteers will most likely be required to have a full background check done.

Presidential Comments

Second meeting of our fiscal year. The older I get the shorter the months/years seem. We are still struggling to come up with a program for the meetings. Even short talk about something you are working on. Doesn't need to be a formal presentation, just a show and tell is fine. Thank you Chris VE3ZXU for the impromptu talk about his job as information systems technician.

Saturday morning breakfasts at Quinte Restaurant are still well attended. Never know what will come up in conversation.

I would like to continue the discussion on linking the repeaters. We need to form a committee to look into this. I talked to Mike VA3MPM in Ottawa. They have multiple repeaters linked. All are digital only and linked through the internet. Not the route I would like to see us go. Too many of us do not have digital equipment. Best case would be RF link. That way we are completely stand alone.

Thank you John VA3JO for volunteering to look after the refreshments at the meetings. Thank you Hans VE3OR for many years of looking after the refreshments. Job well done.

Dave VE3UGT – President, QARC ve3ugt@rac.ca

Membership Renewal 2019-20

If you have not yet renewed your membership you can print out the renewal form at: <https://www.qarc.on.ca/files/joinqarc.pdf> . You can bring it with you this month's meeting, or mail it with a cheque to the club's mailing address.

Club dues are \$30 per year, and \$20 for RAC members.