

Quinte 'QRM'

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

DATE / TIME: Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM

LOCATION: RCSCC Quinte Sea Cadet Building
16 South Front St, Belleville

PROGRAM: We hope to have a Fire Prevention Officer from the Belleville Fire Department to give us a presentation on safe handling and precautions to be taken with Lithium-Ion batteries.

The meeting will also be streamed via ZOOM.

VE3QAR Belleville: 146.865 MHz (91.5 Hz/118.8 Hz) AllStar Node 547331	VE3BEL: 444.475 Mhz (118.8 Hz) WIRES-X Node ID: 30589 - Room ID: 40589
VE3TJU Picton (Base31): 146.73 MHz (118.8 Hz) AllStar Node 51001 (Echolink 636917)	VA3PEC Picton (Base31): 443.3 MHz (under construction)
VE3KFR Campbellford: 145.33 MHz/442.9 (162.2 Hz) AllStar Node 42620 (Echolink 238523)	VE3RTR Cobourg (Rice Lake): 145.15 / 444.975 (162.2 Hz) AllStar Node 57819
Monthly Meetings: Third Monday @ 7:00 PM RCSCC Quinte Sea Cadet building, 16 S.Front St	Hams 'n Eggs: Saturdays @ 8:00 AM Quinte Restaurant, 135 Cannifton Rd, Belleville
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QARC Members Group: https://qarc.groups.io/g/main - Post to the group: main@qarc.groups.io	

QARC Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1543235506633198>

QARC DIRECTORS 2025 - 2026

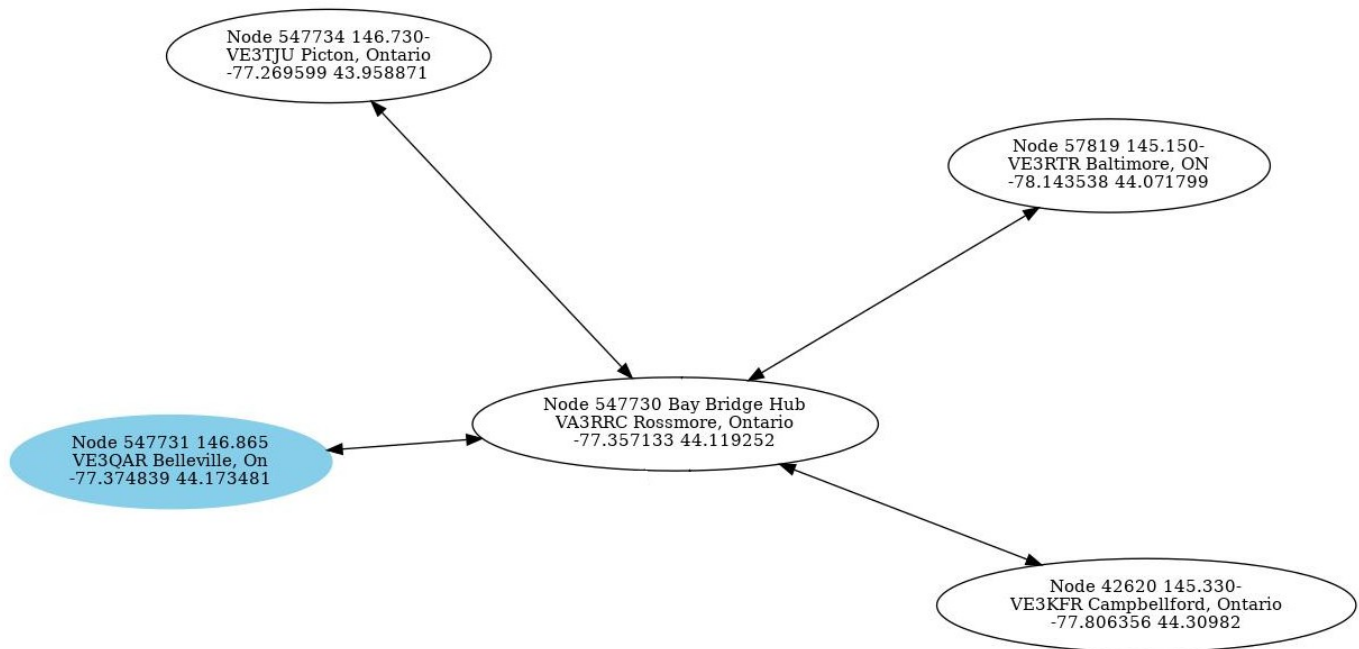
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AllStarLink - Bubble Chart

VA3RRC AllStar Node #547730

VA3RRC-L Echolink Node #747943

Silent Key - Don Dulmage VE3LYX

Don passed away suddenly at home on Wednesday October 29. Don was seldom at one of our meetings, or at the Saturday breakfasts without his latest ham radio project that he had been working on. He was also an accomplished automotive mechanic and racer, and also an author. It would take several paragraphs to summarise his accomplishments - if one was to Google him one would find much information about him. The Club will miss him.

Minutes of QARC Meeting - October 20, 2025

The meeting was brought to order by club President Dave Ackerman VE3OX.

Silent Keys: A moment of silence for Peter Hovinga brother of Ron VE3UGU and the late Minne VE3VAO.

Dave VE3OX welcomed attendees and new members Klaas VA3TBT and John Kavaratzis.

A **motion** to accept the **Minutes** as published in the newsletter of the last meeting was made by Matt VE3FL and seconded Sean VA3BZC . The motion was carried.

A **motion** to accept the **Treasurers report** was made by Dave VE3OX and seconded Gary VE3JGK . The motion was carried.

Guest speaker Member **Brad Yhard VA3CBU** who attended a public meeting in Coboconk presented by the Dept of National Defence regarding their proposed installation of **Over the Horizon Radar** site in Ontario. Brad's presentation was very thorough and he discussed the details of the meeting which was filled with high emotions and some hostility from local residents towards DND. Brad tried to address some issues related to Ham radio bands and what the technology of the governments proposed system may cause Amateur radio enthusiasts, including the lack of consultation with RAC ... but his questions for the most part went unanswered. Brad also noticed that the panel presenting were not very familiar with affairs and general knowledge of the Ham Radio world ... His general feeling was that DND may be only following through their own process of required steps to have the project rubber stamped. However Brad does not seem deterred and will continue to search for answers by making contacts, presenting to various clubs and consulting with RAC and other groups . Brad will keep us informed on his findings . All present appreciated and thanked Brad for his effort and diligence .

VE3RTR 145.15 and VE3KFR 145.33 call signs are now QARC club calls. Dave thanked Brian VE3HQR for arranging things and he is the sponsor of both callsigns .

The UHF 444.975 repeater at the VE3RTR site is currently being updated by Matt VE3FL and it's call will be changed to VE3RTR as well.

The PERC IO email group will be discontinued and it's members will be encourage to join the QARC Group - <https://qarc.groups.io/g/main>

Dave VE3OX discussed the Christmas Dinner we go to with the Tractor Club at the Wellington Elks Hall.. The dinner will be on Saturday 29 November , the cost is \$30 per person. If you would like to go, sign up is with Dave, with a cutoff date of 22 November , this year beef is on the menu with entertainment and door prizes. Dave also has tickets for the Tractor Draw available .

A **motion** to pay Chris VA3SM our webmaster for fees in arrears of \$332.79 was made by Dave VE3OX and seconded Don VE3LYX . The motion was carried

A **motion** to make a donation to **Allstar link** org to support 6 nodes used by us and our continued support every year at a cost of \$200 CDN made by Atilla VE3KAS and seconded Matt VE3FL . The motion was carried

The Campbellford Santa Claus parade is Saturday 22 November please contact Brian VE3HQR if you are able to help. <https://campbellfordparade.ca/>

Halloween Safe Streets looking for more volunteers contact Tim VE3UO if you can help out.

Dennis VA3DWK presented his **Homebrew vertical HF antenna** made on a budget of approx \$60 ... it consisted of 18'+ telescopic antenna, a coil wrapped very neatly on a section of PVC pipe capped on both ends and all mounted on a brake rotor base with 2 counterpoise wires. He stated that it worked very well on 80, 40 and 20 meters. As this is a prototype some improvements will be made .. nice job Dennis.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:40 pm.

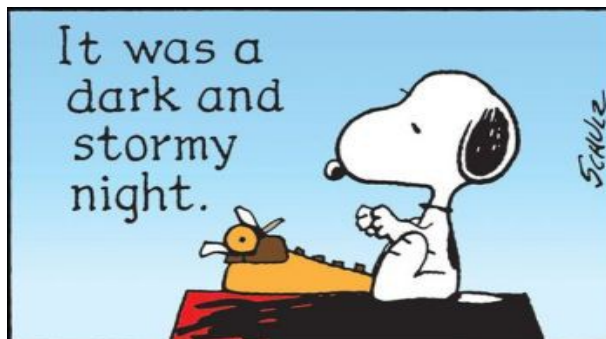
Members in Attendance:

Dennis VA3DWK ,	Tim VE3UO,	Hans VE3OR,	Eric VE3GSI,
Marlene VE3HBR,	Bob VA3NGE,	Lee VA3LHM,	George VA3XMG,
Jeff VE3OWT,	Bob VE3QWB,	Jim VE3VDQ,	Sean VA3BZC,
Don VE3LYX,	Chris VE3CDC,	Klaas VA3TBT,	Bob VE3QWO,
Mike VE3TJY	Blair VE3BCA,	Gary VE3JGK,	Tony VA3TTR,
Bob VA3ACE,	Bob VE3QWB,	Attila VE3KAS	Cameron VE3GVG,
Matthew VE3FL,	John Kavaratzis,	Dave VE3OX,	Brett VE3SJA,
Gary VE3ENF,	Brian VE3GRA,	Brian VA3BRW	

<u>Via Zoom:</u>	Brad VA3CBU ,	Chris VA3SM,	Phil VA3EFX,
Al VE3FZ ,	Eric VA3DOO,	Jason VE3NYA,	Don VE3UHO

Minutes taken by: Sean Scally VA3BZC soscally@gmail.com

Halloween Safe Streets Report



Snoopy couldn't have said it better as it was indeed cold, dark and rainy with some wet snow mixed in for this year's Halloween Safe Streets Patrol. As in most years there were no incidents of concern to report during the Safe Streets hours between 5 and 8 PM. Thanks to this year's Volunteers: Bob VA3ACE, Brian VA3BRW, Dennis VA3DWK, Joan VA3JLS, Matt VE3FL, Brian VE3GI, Cam VE3GVG, Hans VE3OR, Dave VE3OX, Tim VE3UO & Peter VE3UR.

This Month's Events

Saturday November 22 - Campbellford Santa Claus Parade - Radio Amateurs have traditionally provided communications for this event. Please keep this date clear on your calendars. <https://campbellfordparade.ca/> . The parade starts at 2:00 PM - Ham volunteers should be in Campbellford around 1:00 PM for briefing and parade assignments. Contact Brian VE3HQR redde@reddens.ca for more information.

Saturday November 29 - Christmas Dinner Social Get-together. We will once again be joining the Quinte Antique Tractor Club for this event which will be held at the Wellington Elks Hall, 11 Dutch Road, PEC. Doors open at 2:00 PM for music and dancing and dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. For more information, or to RSVP contact Dave VE3OX dackerman13@gmail.com .

2026 Hamfests & Fleamarkets

Saturday July 11, 2026

Ontario Hamfest at Milton (ON) Fairgrounds

<https://www.barc.ca/ontario-hamfest>

Saturday September 12 -

Ottawa (Carp) Hamfest

https://hambone.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2443

For more information on these and other hamfests/fleamarkets, see:

<https://hambone.ca/rac/events/upcoming.php> & <https://www.ontars.com/>

Our Next Meeting

This is a reminder that we do not have a meeting in December. The next monthly meeting will be on Monday **January 19, 2026** at the Sea Cadet Hall on South Front Street in Belleville.

On behalf of the Executive have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season.

QARC Financial Report

As of October 20, 2025

Revenue		Financial Assets	
	Balance		Balance
Membership Dues	\$160.00	BMO Chequing Account	
Donation to Club	\$60.00	Opening Balance - Jul 01, 2023	\$8,859.03
Draw		Credit	\$220.00
Coffee @ meeting		Debit	\$235.99
Sale of Club Equipment		Closing Balance - Sep 20, 2023	\$8,843.04
		Petty Cash	
		Opening Balance - Jul 01, 2023	\$27.00
		Deposits	
		Expenses	
		Closing Balance - Sep 20, 2023	\$27.00
Total Revenue	\$220.00	Total Revenue	\$8,870.04
		Jul to Sep - Account Activity	-\$15.99
Expenses		Inventory Assets	
Bank Fees	\$3.00	Opening Balance	
Incorporation Annual Fees		New Aquisition	
Insurance		Disposed Assets	
QARC Domain Fees		Depreciation	
Zoom Annual Fees		Total Assets Current Worth	\$0.00
PO Box Annual Fees			
Office Expenses	\$112.99		
ISCD Callsign Transfer	\$120.00		
		Total Equity	\$8,870.04
Total Expenses	\$235.99		
Net Revenue	-\$15.99		

Club Membership

Paid up members -	Individual	57
	Family	8
Life Members -	Individual	8
	Family	
TOTAL active MEMBERS		81
Unpaid Members		13
Total		94

*Treasurer report
Prepared by
Attila S. Kostya
VE3KAS*