

Quinte 'QRM'

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

DATE / TIME: Monday February 16, 2026 at 7:00 PM

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

PROGRAM:

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	

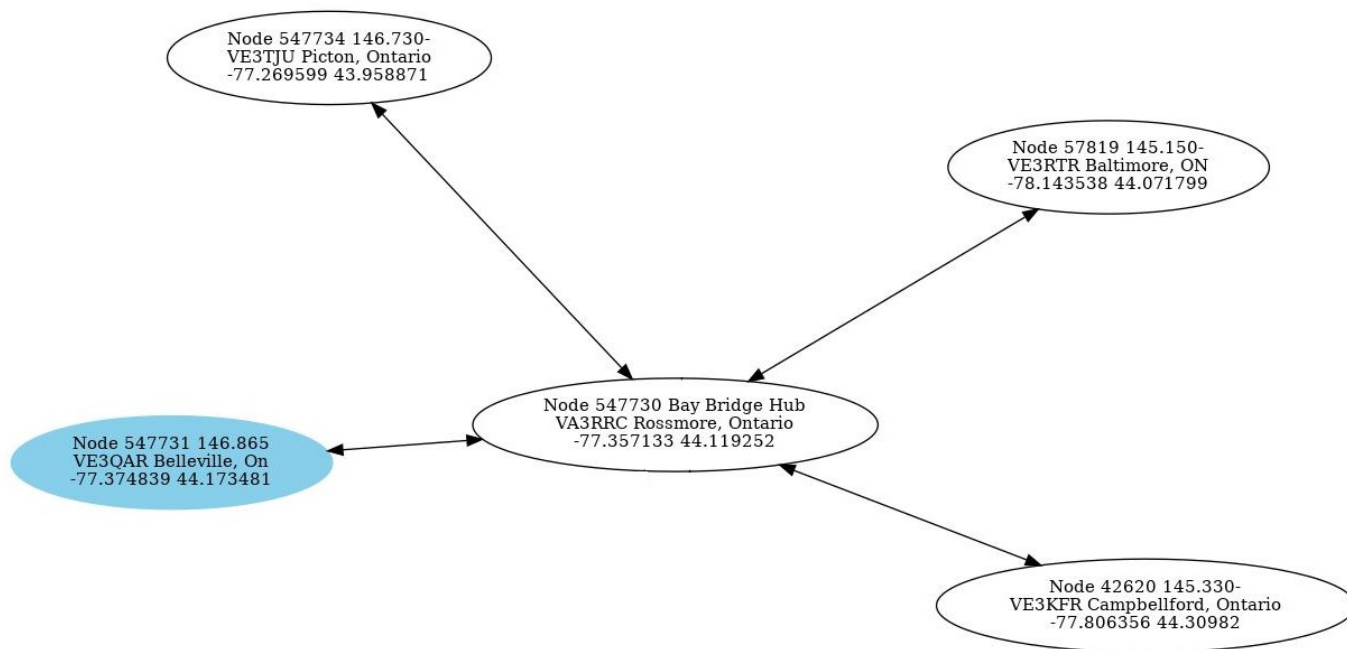
QARC Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1543235506633198>

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AllStarLink - Bubble Chart

VA3RRC AllStar Node #547730

VA3RRC-L Echolink Node #747943

Silent Keys

It is with sadness we note the passing of the following Hams:

Len Arminio VE3LRM - January 27 - Len was a broadcast personality at CHEX Radio/TV in Peterborough before becoming a Broadcast Journalism Instructor at Loyalist College, and was a QARC member for a number of years.

Bob O'Hara VE3TQE - January 31 passed away in Napanee.

Ron Mason VE3GAB - February 6 - Ron was a retired Music Teacher at Moira Secondary School, and a flight instructor at Belleville and Stirling airports. Ron also ran a hobby shop at the Belleville Plaza (now known as the Bayview Mall.)

Minutes of QARC Meeting - January 19, 2026

Note: Due to Winter Storm Warnings in Belleville & Prince Edward County, the in-person portion of the meeting was cancelled, and was held via ZOOM only.

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

Silent Keys: none reported.

Dave VE3OX welcomed attendees and new attendee - Ringo Klassen

Robert VA3KRJ mentioned New potential QARC member: Liam Heffernan VA3CYG who recently wrote his Exam.

A **motion** to accept the **Minutes** as published in the newsletter of the last meeting was made by Sean VE3BZC and seconded Brad VA3CBU. The motion was **carried**.

A **motion** to accept the **Treasurers** report as seen in the newsletter was made by Dave VE3OX and seconded Dennis VA3DWK. The motion was **carried**.

Dave VE3OX discussed creating a document for **emergency service activation** of the bay bridge net Sean described the document being prepared, the document will cover how local services can proceed to activate our network of repeaters and request help from the club during an emergency situation should regular communication means break down. When near completion the document will be sent to the membership for review.

Dave VE3OX discussed upgrading the **sea cadet ham shack** facility and create a **mentoring program** that club members can help with. He said that he will discuss it with the sea cadet leadership to see how much interest there is also plans on installing a vertical antenna with the help of several members. Hans VE3OR has radios and accessories to be used in the setup as well.

Dave VE3OX discussed **Winter Field Day** ... two stations are planned... Presquile Park VE3RL by Sean VA3BZC and Robert VA3KRJ; the second station is Quinte Alliance Church, 373 Bridge St W Belleville VA3PEC by Dennis VA3DWK and Bob VA3ACE, the challenges with the weather and access were discussed by Robert and Sean for the park activation, Bob and Dennis shared their setup plan. Members are welcome to drop by both stations on the Saturday between 11:00 - 18:00 local. <https://winterfieldday.org/>

After an open discussion the meeting was **adjourned** at 8:18 pm.

Members in Attendance Via Zoom:

Dennis VA3DWK	Tim VE3UO	Hans VE3OR	Sean VA3BZC
Gary VE3JGK	Matthew VE3FL	Dave VE3OX	Brad VA3CBU
Peter VE3UR	Joe VA3TV	Barry Munro	James VA3JXB
Cameron VE3GVG	Bob VA3NGE	Brian VE3GI	Ringo Klassen
Al VE3FZ	Robert VA3KRJ	Bob VE3QWB	Bob VA3ACE
Eric VA3DOO	Lee VA3LHM	George VA3XMG	Ken VA3KKJ

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

Hastings County Emergency Management Changes

Nathan Dudley who is the Superintendant of Emergency Management is now looking after Hastings County and reached out to QARC to discuss our role in emergency communications. Dave VE3OX and Tim VE3UO have had one meeting with him and we are working out the details of what our club can provide to him for emergency communications support.

Our Club Secretary Sean VA3BZC has created a draft document of an emergency activation procedure of our local repeaters should the need arise. This document is very much a work in progress and has been attached to the email delivering this newsletter. Please review it and bring your thoughts and suggestions to this month's meeting.

2026 Hamfests & Fleamarkets

- Saturday April 4 - Iroquois Hamfest & Fleamarket, Iroquois, ON
<https://iroquoisarc.ca/page3.html>
- Saturday April 18 - Durham Hamfest, Pickering, ON
<https://durhamhamfest.com/>
- Saturday May 2 - Rideau Lakes Hamfest, Smiths Falls, ON
<https://www.ve3rlr.ca/p/httpsgoo.html>
- Saturday June 6 - Kemptville Amateur Radio Group Hamfest
<https://ve3ngr.ca/>
- Saturday July 11 - Ontario Hamfest at Milton (ON) Fairgrounds
<https://www.barc.ca/ontario-hamfest>
- Saturday August 15 - Parry Sound Amateur Radio Club Hamfest
<https://hamfest.ve3rpl.com/>
- Saturday September 12 - Ottawa (Carp) Hamfest
https://hambone.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event_ID=2443
- Saturday October 3 - Eastern Ontario Hamfest - St Albert, ON
<https://eohamfest.com/>
- Saturday October 17 - Kingston Ontario Fall Hamfest - 734 Montreal St, Kingston
https://ontars.com/King%20Fest/king_2026.jpg

For more information on these and other hamfests/fleamarkets, see:
<https://hambone.ca/rac/events/upcoming.php> & <https://www.ontars.com/>