

Quinte 'QRM'

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

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

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

PROGRAM: Parks on the Air - (POTA) by Steven Cavanaugh VE3PTA
<https://parksontheair.com/>

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
Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) www.rac.ca 720 Belfast Road, Suite 217, Ottawa, ON K1G 0Z5 E-mail: rachq@rac.ca Phone: 613-244-4367 or 1-877-273-8304	Amateur Radio Service Centre www.ic.gc.ca/callsign 2 Queen Street E, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 1Y3 E-mail: ic.spectrumamateur-spectreamateur.ic@canada.ca Phone: 1-888-780-3333 Fax: 705-941-4607
QARC Members Group: https://qarc.groups.io/g/main - Post to the group: main@qarc.groups.io	

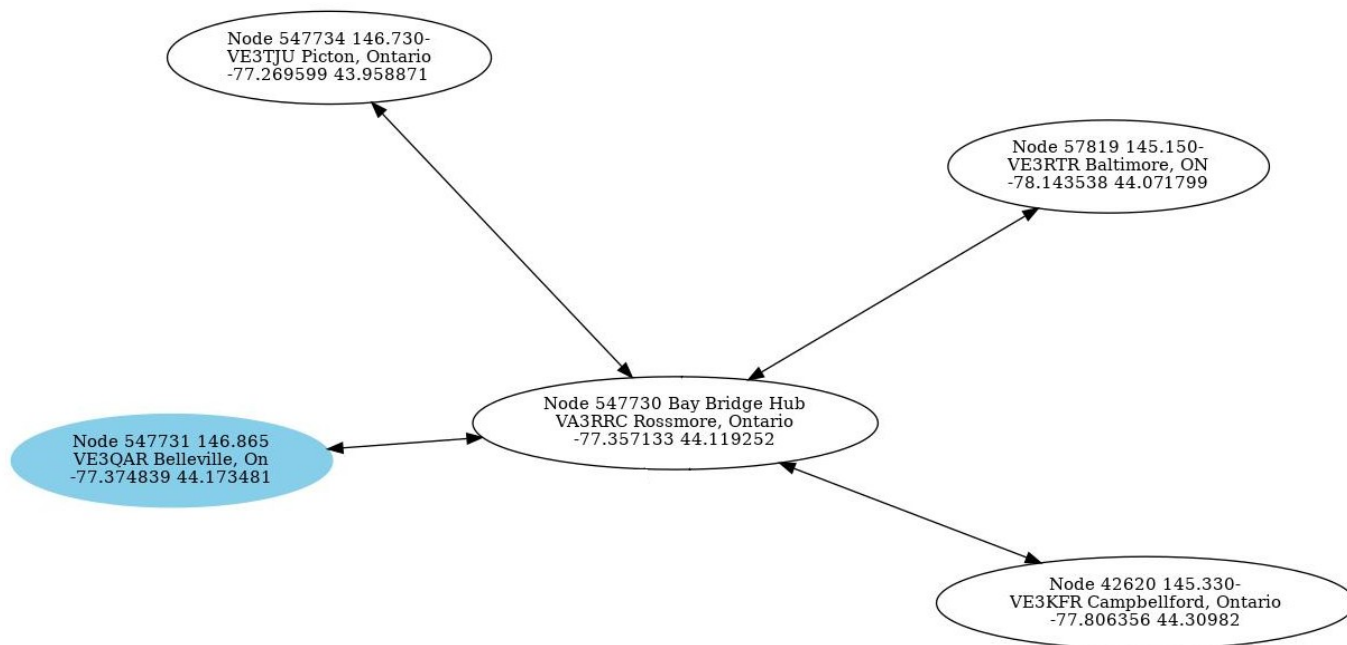
QARC Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1543235506633198>

QARC DIRECTORS 2025 - 2026

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AllStarLink - Bubble Chart

VA3RRC AllStar Node #547730

VA3RRC-L Echolink Node #747943

Minutes of QARC Meeting - February 16, 2026

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

Silent Keys:

Len Arminio VE3LRM former broadcast journalist at CHEX and journalism instructor at Loyalist College.

Bob O'Hara VE3TQE from Napanee .

Ron Mason VE3GAB retired music teacher at Moira Secondary School, flight instructor and owner of a hobby shop at the former Belleville plaza.

Dave VE3OX welcomed attendees.

A **motion** to accept the Minutes as published in the newsletter of the last meeting was made by Sean VE3BZC and seconded Bob VE3QWB . The motion was **carried**.

A **motion** to accept the Treasurers report made by Attila VE3KAS and seconded Bob VA3ACE . The motion was **carried**.

Sean VA3BZC presented the draft 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. As this will be a living document changes can be made to it as the names and facilities change and evolve. There were no objections to the document so Sean will finalize the document for the committee to give to the Hastings emergency preparedness manager.

Member Brad VA3CBU proposed initiating a short questionnaire for members willing to participate in a “get to know the other Hams” biographical article for the monthly newsletter QRM. For those wishing to participate all they need to do is contact Brad who will email them a link to an online google form with simple questions about your interests and experiences being an amateur radio enthusiast. freebrad3@gmail.com

Dave VE3OX discussed upgrading the Sea Cadet ham shack facility and create a mentoring program that club members can help with. Once the weather permits us we will ask for a volunteer work party to install and test the new shack. Dave will also ask the leadership to poll their members for interest in Amateur radio, if there is, we will discuss a volunteer mentoring program.

Dave VE3OX thanked the two **Winter Field Day** teams - Presquile park VE3RL by Sean VA3BZC and Robert VA3KRJ. The second station at Quinte Alliance Church Belleville VE3BEL by Dennis VA3DWK and Bob VA3ACE. Brad VA3CBU operated from his home station. Many contacts were made during the Saturday session by all teams and many more were made by VE3BEL on Sunday. Lots of good fun and memories made by all teams. *“No Amateur Radio operators were harmed in the participation in winter Field Day 2026 ... but all may have experienced frosty wind chill and snow in their boots”.*
<https://winterfieldday.org/>

Dave VE3OX discussed our participation in **ARRL Field Day June 27 & 28, 2026**
<http://www.arrl.org/field-day> still happening at the Prince Edward Auto Club, Ameliasburgh. More info to come and new T shirts to be acquired.

Brian Redden VE3HQR is turning 80! Congratulations and members are invited to a **Saturday March 14** breakfast in Campbellford 9:00 AM at the Riverview restaurant - **Best Wishes only**. As it is the same time as regular Belleville Breakfast you will have to make a choice.

Bob VA3ACE asked about repeater linking using RF and after a very technical discussion the conclusion was that the effort and hardware needed outweigh the benefits as most of the station in our area can contact individual stations normally. *(And we're connected together via AllStar!)*

Don VE3UHO shared with the membership a great radio resource archive - www.worldradiohistory.com Don explained this repository contains mountains of historic articles and journals.

After a short open discussion the meeting was adjourned about 8:00 pm.

Members in Attendance:

Dennis VA3DWK	Tim VE3UO	Hans VE3OR	Sean VA3BZC
Cameron VE3GVG	Matthew VE3FL	Dave VE3OX	Brad VA3CBU
Peter VE3UR	Bob VA3ACE	Ringo Klassen	Chris VE3CDC
Rob VA3OWE	Blair VE3BCA	Bob VE3QWB	Andrew VE3HQU
Don VE3UHO	George VA3XMG	Lee VA3LHM	Eric VE3GSI
Marlene VE3HBR	Marnie	Bob VE3QWO	

Via Zoom:

Gary VE3JGK	Brian VE3GI	James VA3JXB	Chris VA3SM
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Minutes taken by: Sean Scally VA3BZC soscally@gmail.com

How do you Radio? By Brad Yhard, VA3CBU

Welcome to the first of an ongoing series “How do you Radio?” Each month I will interview a different Canadian Ham Radio operator, and ask questions about one aspect of how they use their radio. We will explore different contests, clubs, awards, and I am sure much more as the series progresses.

If you would like to participate, email me at freebrad3@gmail.com. I can send you a link to a survey with the questions or we can connect directly.

I hope you enjoy learning more about our fellow HAM's.

Brad Yhard - VA3CBU

How long have you been a HAM?

I was first licensed during the COVID years. My wife and I are avid offroaders, and both have CB's in our Jeeps. We wanted to get something that would do more distance, and decided to get licenced so we could install VHF/UHF radios in our Jeeps. We did the course through RAC. I became interested in HF, which she has stuck with the Jeep radios.

What equipment do you operate? If you have multiple, your main or most common is fine.

In our Jeeps we have Yaesu FTM 300's with Larson antenna's on the hood. My HF rig is a Yaesu FT-991a. I have multiple dipoles, some homebrew and some purchased, with the centerpoint on an extendable 30 foot flagpole. I also have a tri band beam on a homemade wooden tower about 20 feet of the ground. Not ideal, but it works.

What is your most memorable ham radio contact or experience?

Definitely late night contacts with Australia and New Zealand. Both happened the same night, and I have not managed it since.

Can you describe one activity that you really enjoy about HAM radio?

I participate in the 3905 Century Club (3905CC) nets regularly. The 3905CC is a worked all states and worked all provinces awards net. Although it is based out of the US, there are a number of Canadian HAM's that participate.

They operate on 40M and 75M nightly, 20M on weekends, and 160M in the winter. Multiple modalities are included - SSB, CW, RTTY, and PSK. I am only on the SSB nets, but there is activity on all of them.

There are lots of awards - progressive based on points, puzzles based on callsigns, Various Worked All States and Worked All Canada, DX awards, and a number of specialty awards. I have earned about a dozen awards so far. It is great if you are not interested in ragchew, but want to make contacts.

Is there a cost associated with this activity?

There is no cost to become a member of the 3905 Century Club - it is free once you earn your first 100 point award. Each subsequent award does have a cost - between \$2 and \$5.

What else do people need to know?

If you enjoy contests, if you enjoy DX hunting, if you are a collector, if you like puzzles, you will like the 3905 Century Club.

Dave Ackerman - VE3UGT or VE3OX

How long have you been a HAM?

I passed the basic exam in April of 1992. I passed the 5 WPM CW I think in 2000. Still struggling with the advanced certification.

What equipment do you operate? If you have multiple, your main or most common is fine.

I operate VHF both mobile and at home. I have HF in my home station.

What is your most memorable ham radio contact or experience?

I have a QSL card from Norm Richardson VE3NLH (now a SK) from his ice hut on Lake Abitibi.

Can you describe one activity that you really enjoy about HAM radio?

I enjoy our local net and the social part of ham radio. I like to rag chew on HF and make a few POTA contacts.

Is there a cost associated with this activity?

Ham radio can be expensive if you want the latest and greatest equipment. Once your station is setup the ongoing cost can be very minimal.

What else do people need to know?

There are lots of swap shops and flea markets where reasonable priced equipment can be purchased.

Sean Scally - VA3BZC

How long have you been a HAM?

I have been licenced for 2 years .. but I was a long time radio listener .. eventually I wanted to talk so I decided to pursue certification.

What equipment do you operate? If you have multiple, your main or most common is fine.

I use and experiment with many different radios.. HF Icom 7300 , Kenwood TS 450s, some vintage radio receivers Hallicrafters S-20R , HQ 170 VHF Icom 5100 & Yaesu handheld and marine radio.

What is your most memorable ham radio contact or experience?

Oddly enough my most memorable contact experience isn't on the radio but in the comradery of the fellow hams I have met ... and my radio mentor Don Dulmage (SK) who made it all click in my brain.

Can you describe one activity that you really enjoy about HAM radio?

I enjoy the constant learning and researching ... and of course the tinkering and experimentation

Is there a cost associated with this activity?

Oh no .. not at all .. I would be farther ahead piling my money on the floor and setting fire to it LOL.

What else do people need to know?

I spend the rest of my money on fishing, Boat and making films.



Editor's note: We also have two other profiles "in the can" which will be featured next month. If you would like to participate contact Brad VA3CBU at freebrad3@gmail.com. – ve3uo

QARC Financial Report

As of February 16 , 2026

Revenue	<i>Balance</i>	Financial Assets	<i>Balance</i>
Membership Dues		BMO Chequing Account	
Donation to Club		Opening Balance - Jan 20, 2026	\$7,702.44
Draw		Credit	\$0.00
Coffee @ meeting		Debit	\$0.00
Sale of Club Equipment		Closing Balance - Feb 16, 2026	\$7,702.44
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Total Revenue	\$0.00	Opening Balance - Jan 20, 2026	\$32.00
		Deposits	
		Expenses	
		Closing Balance - Feb 16, 2026	\$32.00
		Total Revenue	\$7,734.44
Expenses		Jan to Feb - Account Activity	\$0.00
Bank Fees			
Incorporation Annual Fees		Inventory Assets	
Insurance		Opening Balance	
QARC Domain Fees		New Aquisition	
Zoom Annual Fees		Disposed Assets	
PO Box Annual Fees		Depreciation	
Office Expenses		Total Assets Current Worth	\$0.00
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Total Expenses	\$0.00		
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Net Revenue	\$0.00		

Club Membership

Paid up members - Individual	66	
Family	8	
Life Members - Individual	8	
Family		
TOTAL active MEMBERS	90	
Unpaid Membership	7	
Total	97	

Treasurer report
Prepared by
Attila S. Kostya
VE3KAS

2026 Hamfests & Fleamarkets

- Saturday April 4 - Iroquois Hamfest & Fleamarket, Iroquois, ON
<https://iroquoisarc.ca/page3.html>
- Saturday April 11 - Montreal Amateur Radio Club Fleamarket, Lachine, QC
<https://www.marc.ca/fest/>
- 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/>
- Sunday June 7 - Central Ontario Hamfest, Cambridge, ON
<https://hamfest.on.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/>