

Quinte 'QRM'

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

DATE / TIME: Monday April 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM

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

PROGRAM: **Foxhunting Demo Night.** If you have hunted in the past please bring your antennas, attenuators and other accessories that you have used. It will give those members who have not hunted an idea of foxhunting techniques.

The meeting will also be streamed via ZOOM. The Meeting ID and passcode is always the same, so if you have joined us in the past you should have the info required. An email reminder of the ZOOM information will be sent out the day of the meeting.

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	

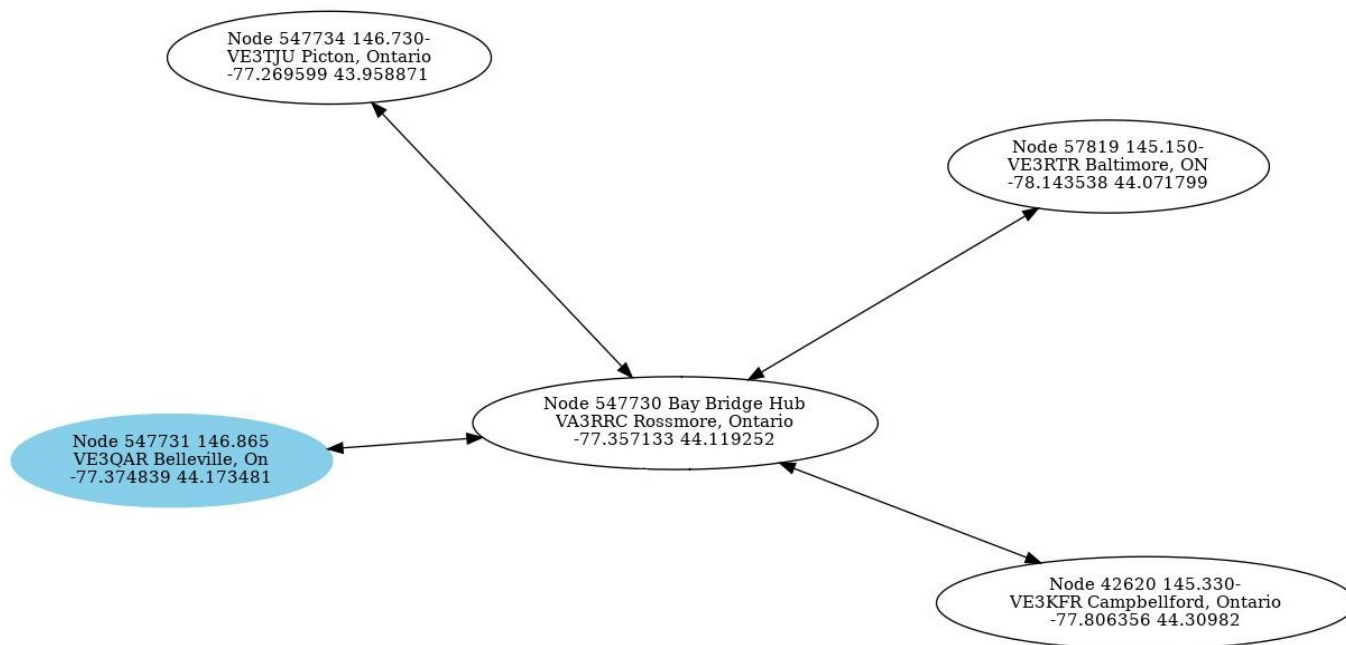
QARC Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1543235506633198>

QARC DIRECTORS 2025 - 2026

President	Dave Ackerman	VE3OX	ve3ugt@myrac.ca
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AllStarLink - Bubble Chart

VA3RRC AllStar Node #547730

VA3RRC-L Echolink Node #747943

Minutes of QARC Meeting - March 16, 2026

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

Dave VE3OX welcomed attendees and guests.

Silent Key: Hendrik (Henry) Sneltjes VE3ILD from Consecon, at the age of 94, former club member who served as Secretary in 1983, and Vice-President in 1984.

A **motion** to accept the Minutes as published in the newsletter of the last meeting was made by Sean VA3BZC and seconded Bob VA3ACE. The motion was **carried**.

A **motion** to accept the Treasurers report made by Don VE3UHO and seconded Gary VE3JGK . The motion was **carried**.

Dave discussed the setting up of the **Sea Cadets** radio room, which is coming along with a Yaesu HF radio donated by Ron Mason (SK) and a vertical antenna that was installed and tested on air with two contacts made.

Dave made a **motion**, seconded by Tim VE3UO, to donate a Samlex SEC-1235M power supply from the clubs stock to the cadet radio room. (This power supply was previously in service with the old VE3QAR repeater at Queen Vic School). The motion was **carried**.

Dave also discussed the setting of a **mentoring** and coaching group for the **Sea Cadets**. The club will be asking for volunteers to help with getting the interested cadets on the air. More to follow in the near future.

ARRL Field Day was discussed the Prince Edward Auto Club at Ameliasburgh is now booked and will continue as we did in the past years including a Sunday morning breakfast at the car club. A **T-shirt list** has been created, colour was decided as burgundy, at a cost of \$20 each shirt is personalized with name & call. If you would like a shirt please send a message to Dave with your name, callsign and size by the end of March.

Matt VE3FL asked the membership for volunteers for the PEC **Kids of Steel Triathlon** taking place **Sunday June 7th** starting at about 7:00AM the volunteers will be posted at various places along race routes. Matt will send out a notice by email.

A question was asked about any **training** for Basic Certification. Dennis VA3DWK answered by explaining the challenges of small classes sizes and recommended the RAC online course <https://www.rac.ca/amateur-radio-courses/> for more information. Also the Peterborough club who runs an online course as well PARC Basic Amateur Certification. Next Session starts March 23, 2026 <https://www.ve3pbo.ca/> for more information.

There will be a discussion regarding a dues increase at this month's meeting on April 20.

Looks like we will have our regular June "Junk in the Trunk" sale - more info to follow.

A short intermission was called.

Presentation on **POTA** (Parks On The Air) given by **Steven Cavanaugh VE3PTA** of Port Hope. He gave a wonderful presentation explaining the ins and outs of POTA activation and POTA hunting, very enjoyable and informative with overviews of software and procedures thank you for demystifying one of the most fun activities a HAM can have in the outdoors. For more information visit <https://pota.app/#/> & <https://parksontheair.com/>

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

We all exited to a very blustery and stormy evening, everyone seem accounted for the next day.

Members in Attendance:

Tim VE3UO	Hans VE3OR	Sean VA3BZC	Robert VA3KRJ
Klaus VA3TBT	Attila VE3KAS	Matthew VE3FL	Dave VE3OX
Bob VA3ACE	Barry (SWL)	Greg VA3FOD	Roger (SWL)
Anthony VA3TTR	Chris VE3CDC	Rob VA3OWE	Blair VE3BCA
Bob VE3QWO	Andrew VE3HQU	Bob VA3NGE	Don VE3UHO
George VA3XMG	Lee VA3LHM	Bob VE3QWB	Dennis VA3DWK
Brian VA3BRW	Gary VE3JGK	Bob VA3SLO	Pete VE3MQN
Steven VE3PTA			

Via Zoom:

Cameron VE3GVG	Brad VA3CBU	Jason VE3NYA	Kevin VE3KJN
Bill VE3UMP	Brian VE3HQR	Al VE3FZ	Phil VA3EFX

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

Field Day T-Shirts

We will once again be ordering T-Shirts for Field Day. The design & logos remain the same and this year's colour is **BURGUNDY**. The RGB values are 128,0,32 (Hex code #800020). The price is the same as last year- \$20. To order your shirt, contact Dave VE3OX dackerman13@gmail.com and include size required.

Elections Next Month

This is a reminder of the Annual Election of the Executive Officers, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director at Large which is held during the May Meeting. The Club's Fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.

The nominating Chairperson is traditionally the Past-President of the Club, so if you would like to run for a position, or submit someone for consideration, please contact Tim VE3UO ve3uo@myrac.ca with your nomination.

Next month's meeting is scheduled to be held on Victoria Day Monday **May 18, 2026**.

Daily Bay Bridge Net Completes Six Years of Activity

On **March 26**, The Daily Bay Bridge Net started its 7th year of activity. Not bad for a 'temporary' net which was started as a COVID Net in 2020. Dave VE3OX has kept a spreadsheet of check-ins since Day One from which we obtain the following stats: The net has run 2556 days; 438 individual hams have checked in to the net; 9 hams have checked in 1000 or more times; 26 hams have checked in 250 or more times; 43 hams have checked in 100 or more times. On the other end of the spectrum 326 hams have checked in 10 or less times, and 182 hams have checked in only once.

The top 10 check-ins for Year 6 were VE3GVG, VA3JXB, VE3OX(UGT), VE3GRA, VE3EP, VE3FL, VE3PTA, VE3FZ, VE3JGK, & VA3BZC.

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How do you Radio? By Brad Yhard, VA3CBU

Welcome to 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.

Bob Williams - VA3NGE (Also AE2NG in U.S.)

How long have you been a HAM?

25 Years in US and Canada. I started a new job in a small town in Pennsylvania and it was a good way to meet some new people.

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

Almost all HF with a Kenwood TS-590s with an 80m Carolina Windom antenna.

What is your most memorable ham radio contact or experience?

My best experiences have been with the five amateur groups of which I have been a member over the years.

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

I enjoy HF contesting and going to hamfests.

Is there a cost associated with this activity?

Amateur radio always has a cost!

What else do people need to know?

It doesn't have to be expensive depending on what you want to achieve.

Hans- Dieter Winzen - VE3OR

How long have you been a HAM?

59 years. I have my fathers picture from 1943. He was a radio operator in WW2, who unfortunately died the same year I was born in Russia

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

Flex6400 / Maestro / YAESU 991A / few more

What is your most memorable ham radio contact or experience?

TTY contact on mechanical Teletype machine

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

Experimenting , building , all aspects

Is there a cost associated with this activity?

Little as far as the wife knows

What else do people need to know?

That we are not crazy putting up wires spoiling the view.

Jeff Watkins - VE3OWT

How long have you been a HAM?

I have been licenced for 20 years.

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

Yaesu ft-6000

What is your most memorable ham radio contact or experience?

I love meeting meeting like minded people

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

Daily Nets

Is there a cost associated with this activity?

Not at all - just find the net and get on the air!

QARC Financial Report

As of March 16 , 2026

Revenue	<i>Balance</i>	Financial Assets	<i>Balance</i>
Membership Dues	\$30.00	BMO Chequing Account	
Donation to Club		Opening Balance - Feb 16, 2026	\$7,702.44
Draw		Credit	\$30.00
Coffee @ meeting		Debit	\$85.05
Sale of Club Equipment		Closing Balance - Mar 16, 2026	\$7,647.39
<hr/>		Petty Cash	
Total Revenue	\$30.00	Opening Balance - Feb 16, 2026	\$32.00
		Deposits	
		Expenses	
		Closing Balance - Mar 16, 2026	\$32.00
		Total Revenue	\$7,679.39
Expenses		Feb to Mar - Account Activity	-\$55.05
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
Coffee suplies for meeting	\$85.05		
<hr/>		Total Equity	\$7,679.39
Total Expenses	\$85.05		
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Net Revenue	-\$55.05		

Club Membership

Paid up members - Individual	68	
Family	8	
Life Members - Individual	8	
Family		
TOTAL active MEMBERS	92	

*Treasurer report
Prepared by
Attila S. Kostya
VE3KAS*

2026 Hamfests & Fleamarkets

- 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/>