

Quinte 'QRM'

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

DATE / TIME: Monday May 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM

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

PROGRAM: Election of the Executive for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year.

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 Nodes 57819 (VHF) / 547735 (UHF)
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	

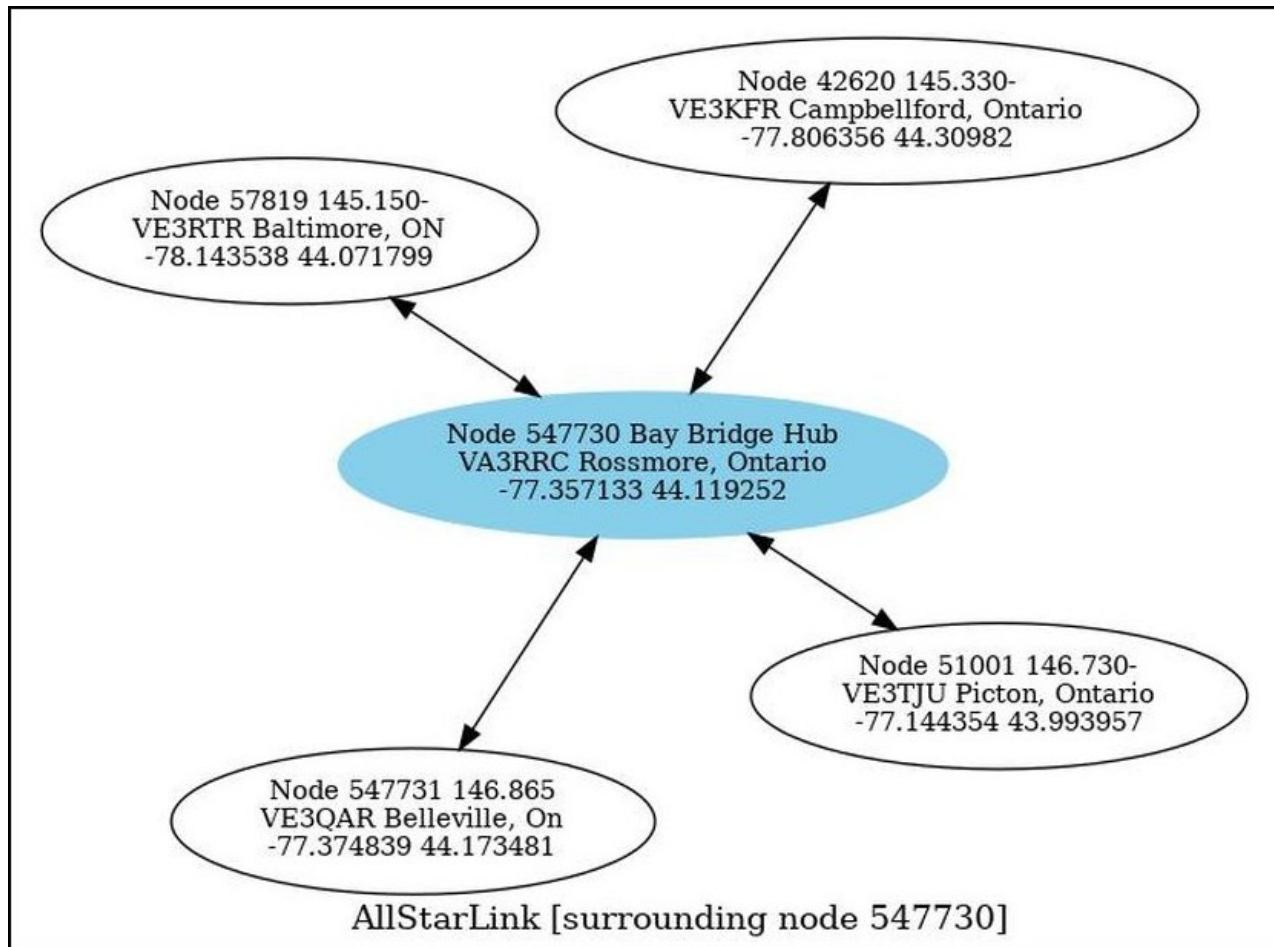
QARC Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1543235506633198>

QARC DIRECTORS 2025 - 2026

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VA3RRC AllStar Node #547730

VA3RRC-L Echolink Node #747943

Minutes of QARC Meeting - April 20, 2026

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

Silent Keys: None to report this month.

Dave VE3OX welcomed a guest, **Christopher Jorna** visiting from St Croix and studying for his license; and a former member **Bill Campbell VE3NFP**. Welcome back Bill!

A **motion** to accept the Minutes as published in the newsletter of the last meeting was made by Sean VA3BZC and seconded Attila VE3KAS . The motion was carried.

A **motion** to accept the Treasurers report made by Attila VE3KAS and seconded Blair VE3BCA . The motion was carried.

Dave discussed the **Sea Cadets** radio room, which needs a Coordinator for the mentoring program and some volunteers, so any one wishing to help please contact Dave. The volunteers need to fill out a vulnerable sector police check form which Dave has.

ARRL Field Day June 27-28 will take place at the Prince Edward Auto Club at Ameliasburgh including a breakfast Sunday morning. Rules and details are here - <https://www.arrl.org/field-day>

A **T-shirt list** has been created colour was decided as Burgundy at a cost of 20\$ Each shirt is personalized. If you would like a shirt please send a message to Dave with your name, callsign and size ASAP.

Our regular monthly meeting on June 15 will be our annual **Junk From The Trunk Sale** so gather all your unwanted surplus and bring it down and sell it or trade it for more unwanted surplus STUFF.

May is Election of Club Director positions, if you want to stand for any position on the Executive please contact Past-President Tim VE3UO. Positions are President, Vice, Secretary, Treasurer and Director at large.

Matt VE3FL needs some members for volunteers for the **PEC Kids of Steel triathlon** taking place **Sunday June 7** starting at about 7 am and goes until about 1 pm. The volunteers are posted at various places along race routes. Please contact Matt if you can lend a hand.

Dave VE3OX mentioned that the **Quinte Antique Tractor Club** will be having their annual **Steak dinner** on **Saturday June 6** at 5:00PM at the Elks lodge in Allisonville at a cost of \$30 - let Dave know if you are interested.

Tim VE3UO discussed a request received from an Ontario based group for permission to connect to our repeater network on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8pm to conduct 2 of their check-in NETs the Saturday Net is **On the air with VA3EWV** This is conducted by

prolific Ontario Ham Earnest Vinson out of Cornwall The other Net is **Ham Helpers Net** by much the same group , you can check them out on Facebook . All in attendance agreed to allow them to tentatively connect to our network to conduct their Nets - Friday and Saturdays at 8:00 PM.

After a short intermission, Brian VE3GRA, Dave VE3OX, Lee VA3LHM and Tim VE3UO gave a presentation of their experiences and equipment used for ... **FOX HUNTING** ..

Radio fox hunting, or transmitter hunting, is an amateur radio sport where participants use radio direction-finding equipment (directional antennas, receivers, attenuators) to locate hidden radio transmitters ("foxes"). It resembles hide-and-seek or orienteering, requiring teams or individuals to find hidden beacons on foot or by vehicle, promoting navigation skills and technical expertise.

Key Aspects of Radio Fox Hunting:

1. The "Fox": A low-power transmitter or multiple transmitters hidden in public areas, forests, or urban centers that emits a regular beacon signal.
2. The Hunt: Participants use hand-held antennas (like Yagis) to determine signal direction and attenuate signals to pinpoint the exact location.
3. Types: Hunts can be on foot or in vehicles, frequently using 2-meter amateur band .
4. Equipment: A handheld radio, a directional antenna, a map, a compass, and an attenuator to manage strong signals when close to the transmitter.

Here is a comprehensive website for more info - <http://www.homingin.com/>

This was a very well received presentation and all in attendance expressed a desire to resurrect our own FOX HUNT.

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

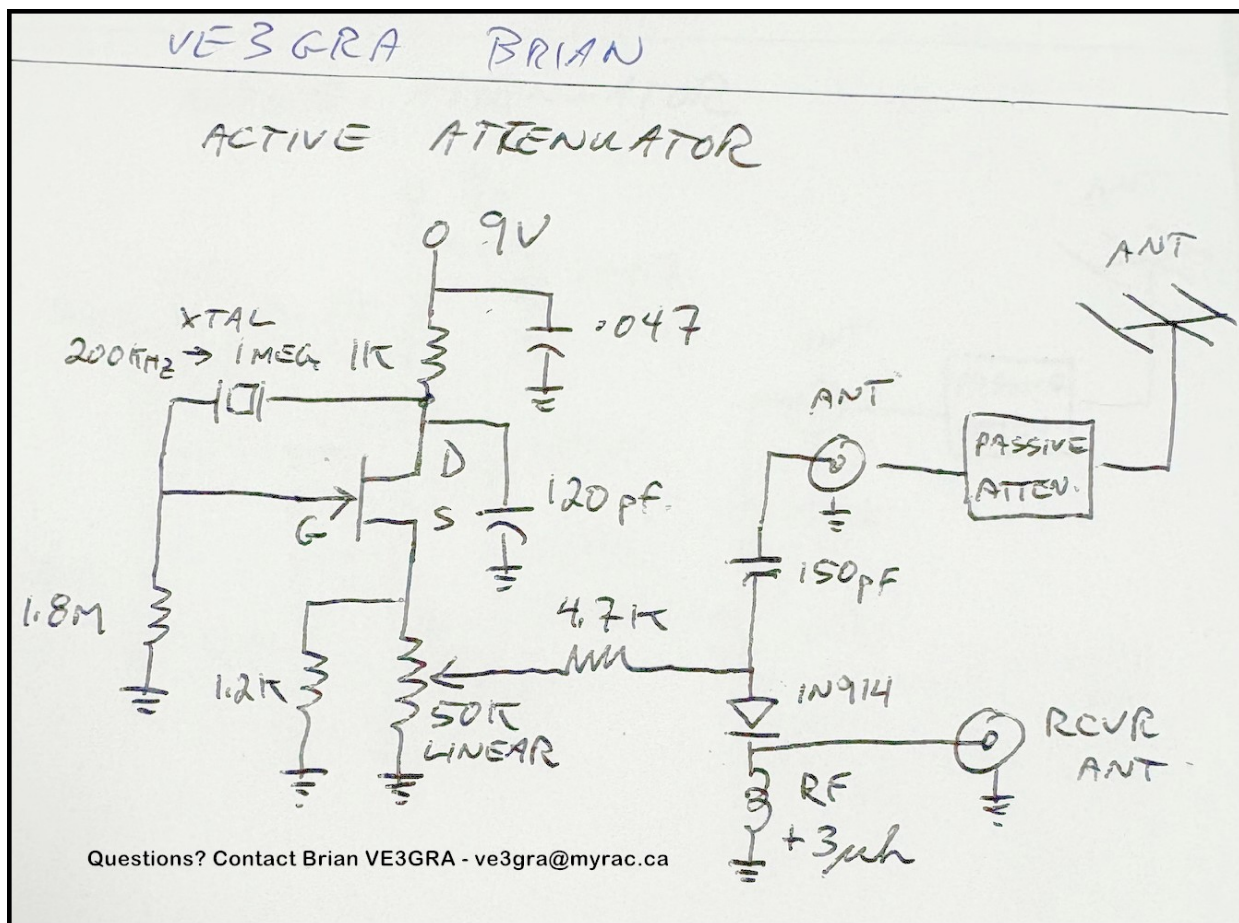
Members in Attendance:

Tim VE3UO,	Hans VE3OR,	Sean VA3BZC,	Klaus VA3TBT,
Attila VE3KAS ,	Brian VE3GRA	Matthew VE3FL,	Dave VE3OX,
Cameron VE3GVG,	Jason VE3NYA,	Brad VA3CBU,	Chris Jorna,
John K ,	Peter VE3UR,	Marlene VE3HBR ,	Eric VE3GSI,
Chris VE3CDC ,	Blair VE3BCA ,	Bob VE3QWO ,	Andrew VE3HQU ,
Bob VA3NGE,	George VA3XMG,	Lee VA3LHM,	Bob VE3QWB,
Dennis VA3DWK,	Gary VE3JGK,		

Via Zoom:

Kevin VE3KJN	Al VE3FZ	Eric VA3DOO	John VE3IIT	Ian VE3EP
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Minutes taken by: Sean Scally VA3BZC soscall@gmail.com



Field Day T-Shirts

This year's shirts have been ordered and should be available at this month's meeting on May 18. The colour this year is **BURGUNDY**.

Elections This 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 annually at 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.

This month's meeting will be on Victoria Day Monday **May 18, 2026** at 7:00 PM.

QARC Club Annual Dues

As mentioned in the above paragraph the club's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 which means the time is coming to submit dues. The annual dues are \$30 with a \$10 reduction if you are a member of Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). **Please note there are no additional fees for additional licensed Amateurs in the same household.**

A reminder invoice will be sent out via e-mail to current members shortly. Dues can also be paid at this month's meeting and at our Trunk Sale next month.

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 Culp VA3ACE

How long have you been a HAM?

I got my licence in 2000 and I got in to radio because I spent time listening to my dads shortwave radio. I got into CB radio and wanted to expand so I looked into ham radio.

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

Kenwood TS 440S and Yaesu FT 7800

What is your most memorable ham radio contact or experience?

The memorable ones are usually DX and it's a country you have never worked.

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

I enjoy contesting and antenna building.

Is there a cost associated with this activity?

Just your equipment, radio and antenna

What else do people need to know?

It's Fun!

Chris Chant, VE3CDC

How long have you been a HAM?

Got my basic in September 2001 and then my 5 wpm in February of 2002

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

I operate hf and also v and uhf

What is your most memorable ham radio contact or experience?

Well I'd have to say it was when I was at my brothers Inlaw's place and put a end fed antenna up in his tree about 20 feet off the ground and made a contact into the Netherlands on 15 metes using my icom 705 and 10 watts. If you could have seen the look on my Inlaw's face he and I couldn't believe it

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

Well it's hard to pick one as there is so many great parts of the hobby. But I'd have to say building an antenna setting it up and actually making contacts with it.

Is there a cost associated with this activity?

There is some but it's cheaper to build rather than buy. And also the satisfaction of doing this and it actually works

What else do people need to know?

Well you need to have an understanding of how antennas work and also how to install for optimum performance

Don Shears, VE3UHO

How long have you been a HAM?

Since 1995

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

Currently do not have a station set up, but have stacked in storage assorted HF and VHF transceivers, along with many HF and All American 5 receivers.

What is your most memorable ham radio contact or experience?

Working my first Field Day in 1980.

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

Restoring vintage test equipment, I intend to use it for restoration of various vintage receivers and transceivers I have.

Is there a cost associated with this activity?

Mostly time, researching equipment and seeking parts at hamfests, then doing the restoration.

What else do people need to know?

I greatly enjoy taking a piece of neglected equipment and returning it to service.

2026 Hamfests & Fleamarkets

Saturday June 6 -	Kemptville Amateur Radio Group Hamfest https://ve3ngr.ca/
<u>Sunday</u> 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/>

QARC Financial Report

As of April 20 , 2026

Revenue		Financial Assets	
	Balance		Balance
Membership Dues		BMO Chequing Account	
Donation to Club		Opening Balance - Mar 16, 2026	\$7,647.39
Draw		Credit	\$0.00
Coffee @ meeting		Debit	\$0.00
Sale of Club Equipment		Closing Balance - Apr 20, 2026	\$7,647.39
Total Revenue	\$0.00	Petty Cash	
		Opening Balance - Mar 16, 2026	\$32.00
		Deposits	
		Expenses	
		Closing Balance - Apr 20, 2026	\$32.00
Expenses		Total Revenue	\$7,679.39
Bank Fees		Mar to Apr - Account Activity	\$0.00
Incorporation Annual Fees			
Insurance		Inventory Assets	
QARC Domain Fees		Opening Balance	
Zoom Annual Fees		New Aquisition	
PO Box Annual Fees		Disposed Assets	
Office Expenses		Depreciation	
Total Expenses	\$0.00	Total Assets Current Worth	\$0.00
Net Revenue	\$0.00	Total Equity	\$7,679.39

Club Membership

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

Treasurer report
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