

# Kingston Amateur News

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## **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

Apr 2, 7:00 p.m. (Wednesday)

## **MEETING PLACE: Smitty's**

2376 Princess (next door to Chapters)

Come in early and have supper.

## **GUEST SPEAKER:**



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## **PRESIDENT'S NOTES**

Spring has arrived and with the almost controlled loss of snow it's nice to be able to see the concrete walks again.

As HAMS, our thoughts turn skyward to our antennas and to what the elements have done to them. My thoughts now turn to safety belts. Mine is out there somewhere and if you know where it is, please let me know,

Thanks,

VE3VJF Roy  
President, K.A.R.C.

KARC Web page designed and maintained by: VA3KGB, Chip  
<http://www.king.igs.net/~karc>



Every Saturday morning  
at

**Smitty's**

Come and meet, get the latest in Amateur  
Radio gossip and of course eat while you talk!

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**ARES MEETING**

The next regular ARES meeting will be on Monday 21 April 2003 at Kingston West Fire Hall, Woodbine and Bayridge roads at 19:00 hrs. Visitors are always welcome!

Visit our site at: <http://www.qsl.net/kingstonares/index.html>

The ARES web site is maintained by VA3KDH, Kim

**FIELD DAY 2003**

Field Day this year will take place on the last full weekend in June, June 28 & 29. During Field Day hams around North America participate in a simulated emergency test, whereby stations are established under adverse conditions and a specific set of rules. The object of Field Day is to set up an operating station or stations under emergency conditions and to contact as many other participating amateurs as possible within a 24 hour period. Field Day places enormous pressure on an operator's skills, under comparable conditions to those encountered during a real emergency situation. It is my hope that the members of the Kingston Amateur Radio Club will be willing participants in this annual affair. It is an ideal event for members to practice their skills in erecting antennas, operating a station and logging. It is my goal to have two HF stations on the air during the entire 24 hour period, with an additional station on 20m PSK. Field Day is a

great way to get your feet wet in the contesting aspect of amateur radio, and hone your HF operating skills. This year, we will be operating from Hay Bay, at the cottage of Don Gilroy, VE3MNE. Setup begins around 10:00AM local time on Saturday, the 28th, with the start of operations from 2:00PM and continuing around the clock until 2:00PM on Sunday. We encourage new members to join in the fun. This is a perfect opportunity to learn to operate a variety of equipment and see a station assembled from scratch. We need operators, equipment, food and refreshments, and people willing to log contacts and just be there to lend a helping hand. If you are interested in participating in this years contest, and haven't already given me your name, please e-mail me at [ve3tmt@rac.ca](mailto:ve3tmt@rac.ca) or call me at 544-9288 during the evenings. Lets make the 2003 Field Day a success!

You can download the 2003 field day rules package from the ARRL website at:

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/index.html>

### **Silent Key**

#### **Our deepest sympathy to the family of**

SK: VE3LYD Claude Burt of Kingston, on 23 March 2003

and

To VE3HWS Gary Penwarden on the passing away of his mother on 23 March 2003.

and

VE3GYI William Ronald (Bill) Knapp of Kingston on March 12, 2003. Bill died of cancer at St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital. He had not been an active Amateur recently. Survived by his wife Cecile VE3GYJ and family.

### **In Memory of Claude**

Claude was a member of the club for many years up until a few years ago when he was very ill. Many of us older club members will remember him He go his Licence same time as many of us, Don Gilroy myself Dr. Wylie, and many others.

When Claude wintered in Texas many amateurs visited him such as Norm Weedmark Bill Bushell, Claude had to fly back from Texas one time as he was very ill. I visited him every couple of months until last November. He was a very fine man and also held an American call sign at one time, his wife also held an American licence before her death.

VE3NFU Bill Mason

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VE3IVX Stew Watts is back at Extencicare after a spell in KGH with pneumonia.

VE3LYN Clayton Bannister is a resident at Trillium Ridge Retirement Centre.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
HELD ON WED., FEB. 5, 2003 At SMITTY'S RESTAURANT, PRINCESS ST.

VE3VJF Roy announced;

VA3HFX Dave Murphy's mother died recently.

VE3MUD Ian Kennedy,s mother died recently.

Marie Kuriychuck has passed here exam and now has the call VA3ECB...Congratulations to Marie.

VE3VJF Roy Clark mentioned that cases for cell phones or radios can be purchased at Lee Valley Tools in Ottawa.

1. Agenda No changes

2. MINUTES of the February Meeting were accepted as printed in the February Newsletter seconded by VA3KGB Chip Chapman....carried.

3. TREASURERS REPORT was read by VA3TRM Terry Murphy seconded by VA3OR Kevin Clements ....carried

4. OLD BUSINESS

A: Name tags are still available at \$5.25. See VE3VJF Roy, or VA3TRM Terry

B: VA3KGB Chip reported that Tiny Traks are ordered and will be smaller than the first ones ordered.

50/50 DRAW was won by VA3GST John Taylor (\$10) John donated to the club.

GUEST SPEAKERS WERE VE3VY Norman Hagan and VE3GWS George Sansom. Norm and George gave a talk on the Ploughing Match which will be held September 17 to 24, 2003. There will be a large tent with many amateur radio mode demonstrations. Volunteers are needed and it is hoped that some members of KARC will participate.. The ploughing match site will take up over 300 acres.

There will be 17 ft. ARES trailer at the site.

For more information see web site

<http://www.rideaulakes.net/ruralexpo2003>

5: NEW BUSINESS

A: VE3TMT Max Donoghue and VE3MNE Don Gilroy will organize Field DAY. It will be held at Don's cottage at Hay Bay. Max asked those who would like to participate to let him know. He will announce more information at the Saturday breakfasts.

B: CLUB PICNIC: Needs an organizer.

: CHRISTMAS DINNER: More discussion as to whether it should be held at an earlier date when the weather is better. More on this subject at later meetings.

D: PACKET RADIO: Mike Beausoleil VA3BGP asked for help setting up his PK232. VE3RPF Rob Parker offered to assist him.

E: WEB PAGE: VA3KGB Chip Chapman is updating and would like material such as pictures etc. for the web site. <http://www.igs.net/~karc>

VA3TRM Terry Murphy has a friend on the air at 11:45 a.m. daily. The frequency is 21.184 with special call sign GB4CEB. His regular call is G40HE. Terry invites you to check it out.

VE3GLO Robert Scofield will be leaving for Bosnia on March 27 and will be back in October. The club wishes him well.

ADJOURNMENT seconded by VA3OR Kevin Clements...carried.

VE3NFU Bill Mason  
Secretary KARC

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## It's CQD O.M.

'Practically unsinkable they said'. This month is the ninety-first anniversary of the tragic sinking of the R.M.S. Titanic in the early hours of April 15, 1912, with the loss of 1502 passengers and crew in the freezing waters of the Atlantic Ocean. There have been many other marine disasters but the sinking of the Titanic has always had a morbid fascination for many people.

The two wireless operators, John Phillips and Harold Bride, employees of British Marconi Marine, stood alternate shifts, twelve hours on and twelve hours off seven days a week. Their transmitter was a 1.5 kW sparks set and the receiver was a magnetic detector driven by a clockwork motor.

Due to a transmitter fault on April 14, which took four hours to repair, the number of messages from passengers waiting to be sent ashore mounted up with tragic consequences. In a desperate effort to clear these messages through the Cape Race Newfoundland shore station a number of reports of the ice pack were lost or misplaced, which resulted in the collision with an iceberg which opened up the starboard side.

Phillips and Bride stayed in the wireless room sending out the distress signal CQD and the new SOS and made contact with many vessels but only one, the Carpathia, was close, being about four-hours steaming a way - too late to arrive before the Titanic sank. The boiler room crews and the engineers had been released by the Chief Engineer, but many stayed at their posts to keep the lights burning and power to the wireless. Their devotion to duty resulted in their being trapped in the flooded engine room and dying as the ship sank.

Devotion to duty kept the two wireless operators sending the distress call even though Captain Smith had released them saying "It's every man for himself as the ship will sink very soon". Both operators jumped overboard into the freezing water and were picked up by lifeboats, Phillips dying from the cold and Bride surviving, although with frost-bitten feet from standing in water for hours. Bride was able to help Harold Cottam, the lone operator on the Carpathia, send traffic to the White Star Line executives in New York, and the names of survivors and their personal messages.

The investigations of the disaster changed many of the outmoded operating procedures and regulations regarding the number of life boats, the 17 hour shifts for the lone shipboard wireless operators, standardized the use of wireless on ships, and founded the North Atlantic Ice-Patrol.

VE3NB Club Historian

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## UPCOMING FLEAMARKETS

Saturday, April 12, 2003  
Whitby Amateur Radio Club Hamfest  
at the Jubilee Pavilion  
#55 Lake View Park  
Oshawa, ON  
E-mail [va3dxe@rac.ca](mailto:va3dxe@rac.ca)

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Saturday, April 19, 2003  
Iroquois Amateur Radio Club  
8th Annual Fleamarket  
at Iroquois Civic Centre  
Iroquois, ON  
E-mail [ve3ugw@recorder.ca](mailto:ve3ugw@recorder.ca)

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Saturday, April 26, 2003  
North Shore and South Pickering (ARC)  
Durham Region Amateur Radio Club Hamfest  
at Iroquois Park Recreation Centre  
Whitby, ON  
E-mail [va3pwh@idirect.com](mailto:va3pwh@idirect.com)

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## Rural Expo Web Site

There are number of significant changes to this website including a means of registering your interest in participation. Please have a look.  
<http://www.rideaulakes.net/ruralexpo2003>.

Norm VE3VY

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