

Newsletter

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Kingston Amateur News

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VE3KER
146.94(-) MHz



**The 2nd Repeater is now
Operational
147.090(+) MHz**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings:

Thanks to the 23 people who made the effort to attend the April meeting, 8 more than March, and who enjoyed an informative talk about Weather forecasting and weather radio by Roland Kleer from Environment Canada's Hamilton office. Thanks to Ron VE3GO for arranging this. If you haven't heard Weather radio Canada, tune your VHF transceiver to 162.400 MHz. All current transceivers and many older ones should be able to receive the station.

May's meeting guest speaker promises to be equally interesting. Dave VA3DAC, broadcast technician with Galcom International, will give an aural and video presentation about installing FM broadcast stations in Africa. Dave lived and worked in Swaziland for a number of years and now travels to Africa as required from his home in Kingston.

At the March meeting, we introduced the 'members only' section of the web site which contains the Club membership list. Several members have since requested a userid and password from chip. If you haven't yet done so, you may request your userid and password from Chip by e-mail at <va3kgb@rac.ca>. You must be a paid Club member to access the site. The current membership list as of Apr. 15th is now available there.

Free List readers will already know about the kit building project that Rob VE3RPF has organized for interested members. Twenty amateurs have signed up and have ordered the kit. Rob reports the kits should be here any day and he'll announce a building date and time when they are. The kit they'll be building is the 40 meter Rockmite transceiver kit from Small Wonder Labs.

I spoke to the Brockville Amateur Radio Club Apr. 5th about the CNIB Amateur Radio Program. I took a rather unique approach to the presentation. I had planned to converse with Program Manager, Randy Nelson VE3WRN live, but as there was no internet connection available at the meeting, I pre-recorded a conversation with him using skype and played it. If you're interested, I could play it at a future meeting. Thanks to Doug VE3FFR for driving me to Brockville.

Donning my Net Manager's hat, I'd like to thank those who continue to control the weekly KARC Tuesday Night Net. The net meets at 7:30 PM on 146.94 and we welcome check-ins from anywhere and everywhere. I welcome suggestions for making the net more entertaining, informative or just plain fun. If you're listening but not checking in because you don't have anything to say, a 'bean for the pot' is better than none. I said last month that I was toying with the idea of not running the net during July and August but the net will continue through the summer. Anyone is welcome to try their hand at controlling. It isn't difficult. A revised script is included in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the May 5th meeting and to Dave's talk. Until then, 73s and good DX,

Steve VE3KC

From the Editor: We've had some beautiful weather and are fast approaching the last meeting before summer break. You can still send me articles over the summer, if you find something of interest.

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APRIL NET CONTROL

KARC Tuesday Night Net Control Script

Revised Apr. 19, 2010

[Before you start the net, please turn off the repeater identifier by issuing the key sequence '300' on your touchtone keypad. If you don't have a touchtone keypad, ask someone else to issue the key sequence for you.]

Good evening. This is [callsign], net control station for the Kingston Amateur Radio Club's Tuesday night Net. My name is ----.

The Kingston Amateur Radio Club Tuesday Night Net is an informal net that meets at 1930 hours every Tuesday evening on the Kingston repeater, VE3KBR, 146.940 MHz, with a 151.4 Hz tone required on the input, 146.340 MHz. We welcome participation by all amateurs.

Before continuing, is there any emergency or priority traffic? Please call now.

The purpose of the net is to take check-ins; to inform you of KARC activities; to provide news from other radio clubs and news of interest to Radio Amateurs. Information about KARC may be found on the web site (www.ve3kbr.com) or by contacting any of our club executive members.

I will take check-ins giving priority to mobiles, portables and stations checking in via EchoLink or IRLP. When checking in, please give your call sign phonetically, your name and location, and indicate whether you have any traffic or announcements for the Net.

Are there any stations using EchoLink or IRLP wishing to check in? Please call now.

Are there any mobiles wishing to check in? Please call now.

Are there any portables wishing to check in? Please call now.

Are there any base stations wishing to check in? Please call now.

Trivia Time

Here's tonight's trivia question(s).

Swap Shop

Are there any items for the swap shop?

Closing

Are there any additional check-ins or announcements before I end the Net?

That concludes this evening's Kingston Amateur Radio Club Tuesday Night Net. Thank you for participating. We had [number] check-ins this evening. 73. This is [callsign] returning the repeater to normal amateur use.

[Please remember to turn on the identifier again after the net by issuing the key sequence '301' on your touchtone keypad. If you don't have a touchtone keypad, ask someone else to issue the key sequence for you.]

KARC NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

MAY	JUNE
May 4 – VE3TD, Mike	June 1 – VE3DZE, David
May 11 – VA3PCI, Asaf	June 8 – VE3JPW, Warren
May 18 – VE3VJF, Roy	June 15 – VE3KC, Steve
May 25 – VE3CAK, John	June 22 – VE3MUD, Ian
	June 29 – VE3NFU, Bill



TOWER UPDATE

Steve VE3KC

The 58-foot free-standing Delhi tower with a Mosely 6-element beam and a heavy-duty rotor that Terry VA3TRM posted on the Free List Apr. 3rd was taken by Sherm VE3IVY. With the help of two former Kingston amateurs, Al Ross VE3DMR from Carleton Place and Doug Pearson VE3HTR from Cornwall, the tower was moved from Brockville to Hartington Apr. 12th. Sherm picks up the story in an Apr. 13th e-mail:

The Brannen family is to be commended for their handling of the removal of the tower and antennae from their property. They recently lost their father/husband and yet they were willing to spend all day yesterday with people who shared Ron's interest in ham radio. The antennae and tower removal were a success, with no damage to person or property. The Brannens opened their home to us supplying snacks, facilities, and tools as well as a hand on the ground with the actual removal of the large HF antennae.

The pieces have a new home in the greater municipality of Hartington, Ontario, and will go on-line when enough solar power is available to supply the input current.

Many thanks to Doug VE3HTR and Al Ross VE3DMR for their guidance, patience, suggestions, equipment and muscle. Thanks to Doug VE3FFR for the climbing equipment. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated. And, through it all, Steve managed to get another Kingston club member signed up. That's what club presidents do, right?!

I'll get members wherever and however I can. :-)





FRONTENAC ARES Sunday night net on VE3KBR at 1930 hours. All are welcome to check-in.

FRONTENAC ARES Tuesday HF night net on 3.740 at 2030 hours.

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The THIRD MONDAY of every month at 7:00 pm.

is the KINGSTON ARES REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

at the Woodbine Firehall, second floor

KARC Web page designed and maintained by: VA3KGB, Chip

<http://www.ve3kbr.com/>

Publication Schedule of the KARC Newsletter will be May 26th, 2010

OF INTEREST

Frontenac ARES

Peter Blakely (VA3PGB) has officially accepted the position of Assistant Emergency Co-ordinator (Logistics) for the Hastings County Amateur Radio Emergency Services group.

Pete's position will be added to the official Emergency Plan for Hastings County.



NASA SHUTTLE INFORMATION

Subject: [irlp] Last Space Shuttle Missions

Phil N1BOW, Node 5960, AMT MP 113.6, Niantic, CT USA

Greetings.

In lieu of the completion today of STS-131, here are the remaining Space Shuttle missions before these spacecrafts are retired. The following info is courtesy of www.NASA.com:

STS-132

Launch Target: May 14, 2010, at 2:28 p.m. EDT; 18:28 UTC

Shuttle: Atlantis

Duration: 11 days

Mission: Deliver an Integrated Cargo Carrier and Russian-built Mini Research Module to the International Space Station

STS-134

Launch Target: July 29, 2010, at 7:51 a.m. EDT; 11:51 UTC

Shuttle: Endeavour

Duration: 10 days

Mission: Deliver Express Logistics Carriers 3 and the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer to the International Space Station.

STS-133

Launch Target: Sept. 16, 2010, at 11:57 a.m. EDT; 15:57 UTC

Shuttle: Discovery

Duration: 8 days

Mission: Deliver Express Logistics Carrier 4 and critical spare components to the International Space Station. This will be the 134th and final shuttle flight and the 36th shuttle mission to the station.

Considering the last 2 missions I could not listen to due to the time the activities were scheduled, I am looking forward to the last 3 missions.

Thanks now and in advance to Nate and Chris on Reflector 9877 and those involved with Reflector 9017 for providing us the opportunities to listen in.

RAC BULLETINS

RAC requests Industry Canada for 60m Spot

RAC Bulletin 2010-11E frequency assignments.

2010-04-13

A formal request has been sent to the Director, Spectrum and Radio Policy, Industry Canada for consideration in authorizing for the Canadian Amateur Service the same five 5 MHz frequencies that are now authorized in the USA.

In addition, two spot frequencies are also requested for exclusive Canadian Amateur use. The ground work for this was established at previous meetings of the Canadian Amateur Radio Advisory Board (CARAB).

RAC anticipates this request will go through a lengthy due process of analysis and review at Industry Canada before being published as a Canada Gazette Notice for public comment. If all goes well, we may see authorization within a year.

Norm Rashleigh, VE3LC
RAC Vice-President Industrial Liaison



RAC Bulletin 2010-012E Quinghai province earthquake Report #1

2010-04-15

The Chinese Radio Sports Association (CRSA) has asked that the frequencies 7050 and 7060 KHz be kept clear for emergency traffic following a devastating earthquake in Yu Shu district, Quinghai Province.

A number of Amateurs are already active in supporting the rescue and recovery efforts including BG9UA, BG9UP and BG9UO. An emergency communications team led by BG6CEV is flying to Quinghai today.

Your cooperation during this difficult time is very much appreciated.

73

Doug Mercer VO1DTM CEC
Vice President Field Services



A Profitable Journey

Saturday April the 3rd and I am off to the IARC 14th Annual Flea Market in Iroquois

We arrived without mishap and saw that there were a large number of cars parked close to the building housing the Market. As I entered I saw Harold from MacFarlane Electronics then Durham Radio sales.

I counted about 20 tables loaded with various Ham gear aged from brand new to well loved and still going. There were about fifty or more Amateur radio operators at the market and deals were on going, I bought an Opek dummy load but wished my pockets were full of money as there was many deals to be had. Ron VE3GO and Assaf VA3PCI has said they were going but I did not see them. It would have been hard to find anyone as there were so many people, as you can see from the picture below. All in all, it was a great trip and I met many radio enthusiasts.

David VE3DZE





Kingston Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Financial Statement

April 2010

Income

Membership	\$ 60.00
50/50 Draw	17.00
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Total Income	\$ 77.00

Expenses

RAC Insurance	\$130.05
Post Box Rent	136.50
RAC Affiliation	25.00
50/50 Tickets	6.23
Sympathy Card	1.13
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Total Expenses	\$ 298.91

Overall Total **\$-221.91**

Bank Balance **\$6257.16**
As of April 19, 2010

Doug VE3FFR

Treasurer

Kingston Amateur Radio Club

AGENDA

KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC

May 5, 2010

At Smitty's Restaurant, back room

7:00 p.m.

1. Members introduce themselves
2. Additions to the agenda
3. Minutes of the March and April 2010 meetings - errors/omissions/approval (David VE3DZE)
4. Treasurer's report (Doug VE3FFR)
5. Business arising from the Minutes
6. New business
7. Reports:
 - (a) President (Steve VE3KC)
 - (b) RAC (Steve VE3KC)
 - (C) Repeaters (Les VE3KFS)
 - (d) Net Manager (Steve VE3KC)
 - (e) KARC Newsletter
 - (f) Web page (Chip VA3KGB)
 - (g) Frontenac County ARES (George VE3SIQ)
 - (h) 'Hearts and Flowers'
 - (I) Other reports
8. Date of next meeting - June 2, 2010.
9. 50/50 draw
10. Adjournment

Guest Speaker: Dave Casement VA3DAC, broadcast technician with Galcom International, will give an aural and video presentation about installing FM broadcast stations in Africa. Dave lived and worked in Swaziland for a number of years and now travels to Africa as required from his home in Kingston.

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE
KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC
HELD ON
Wednesday 7 April 2010
At Smitty's Restaurant
2376 Princess Street, Kingston Ontario**

1. The Kingston Amateur Radio Club meeting was called to order at 7:PM by our president Steve VE3KC after which the members present introduced themselves. There were 20 amateurs in attendance plus three non-amateurs.

2. The business part of the meeting was cancelled until May as we had a guest speaker Roland Kler from Environment Canada to speak about weather and weather radio.

Mr. Kler gave an impressive speech and answered questions regarding weather, weather reporting and weather radio.

After the presentation there was a raffle to win prizes brought by Mr. Kler. We had 8 winners as follows:

VA3PCI, VE3FFR, VE3KFS, VE3VJF, VE3VSZ all got a nice LED flashlight.

VE3GHK received a coffee mug and VE3KC won a water bottle.

Ted VE3VSZ won the weather radio.

50/50 draw won by Harold VE3BPM a Grand Total of \$17.

Last but not least a reminder to all who have not paid their Dues – they are are due.

Michael VE3PRW moved the meeting adjournment seconded by Doug VE3FFR
Motion passed.

David Sellick VE3DZE
Secretary
Kingston Amateur Radio Club.