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# Kingston Amateur Radio Club

## 2015 Executive



Kingston Amateur News

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VE3KAR Clarendon Stn  
147.090 (+) Mhz  
(non operational)

VE3KER Kingston packet  
node  
145.070 MHz simplex



VE3KBR Kingston  
146.940(-) MHz  
151.4Hz Tone  
IRLP 2750

VE3UEL Hartington APRS  
node  
144.390 MHz

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we slowly emerge from this long cold winter, it begins to be possible to anticipate a joyful summer ahead. For most hams; Summer brings thoughts of Field Day. We are grateful to Carlyle – VE3WIO for volunteering to chair the Field Day planning committee and therefore Les – VE3KFS and Ron – VE3GO for volunteering to work with him. Several sites are under active consideration and we look forward to hearing more from them during the April meeting.

Last August, Chip – VA3KGB and Marilyn hosted a very enjoyable KARC Summer Picnic at their home in Harrowsmith. We are hoping to have a similar event again this Summer.

Summer is also antenna season! Fortunately, there were no severe ice storms this Winter, so there'll be fewer antenna repairs and hopefully more construction of new antenna installations that will reward us with stronger signals and more reliable communications. I certainly hope that, this year, I actually get the work done during the Summer, instead of scrambling to finish off the antenna projects before the ground freezes and it's too cold again to work with your gloves off.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting Wednesday evening April 1st. The program this month will be a presentation by Larissa - VE3KGC on her 'holiday style' DXpedition from Anguilla Island last December.

I will be on holidays for much of April and will not return in time to prepare the DX News column or president's message for the May newsletter.

vy 73s

de Paul VA3LX

President, Kingston Amateur Radio Club

## **DX News for April 2015**

### **March DX recap**

In the March newsletter, I highlighted two upcoming DXpeditions of note: the “Eritrea Project 2015”, the 3G0ZC operation from Robinson Crusoe Island and FP/KV1J.

All three operations were major ‘crowd pleasers’. E30FB from Eritrea logged 62,500 contacts with ATNOs (All Time ‘New Ones’) for many DXers. The 3G0ZC operation from Robinson Crusoe Island had a team of 23 operators from 7 countries and logged 52,000 QSOs. In contrast to that, Eric KV1J was on St. Pierre and Miquelon on his own. I wasn’t able to find a report of the numbers of QSOs that Eric made, but my impression was that he was amazingly present on the bands throughout his stay.

There were also expeditions to the Democratic Republic of the Congo – 9Q0HQ and to Malawi – 7QAA that have had big teams and a big presence on the bands in mid and late March.

Perhaps it’s also worth mentioning that there was a major coronal mass ejection event on the sun in mid-March that killed the HF bands for days but generated some amazing auroral propagation on 6 meters and for a while even on 2 meters. I copied a station from New Jersey on 2 meters with my yagi pointed North. As an HF sort of guy, I was pretty impressed!

### **What’s ahead for April**

The Ontario QSO Party of course! The OQP is running April 18 and 19 this year. Here’s the link for the rules: <http://va3cco.com/oqp/rules.htm>

On the DX front, there are several DXpeditions worth looking for.

Trindade & Martin Vaz Is – PQ0T – April 3 – 6. This remote Island group is #30 on the clublog most wanted list. This will be a short operation that will generate huge pileups. I couldn’t find a website for the operation itself, but here’s the link to the DX News article: [dxnews.com/pq0t-trindade-trinity](http://dxnews.com/pq0t-trindade-trinity)

Spratly Is - DX0P – April 14 – 20. A major operation with ten operators running three stations on 160 thru 10 meters. The website is: [www.dx0p.org](http://www.dx0p.org)

Norfolk I – VK9NT – April 24 – May 4. Home of the Norfolk Island pine trees that many of us have come to admire. Four ops from Australia will be operating with three radios on 160 thru 10 meters. Here’s the link to their webpage: [vk9nt.odxg.org/vk9nt2015](http://vk9nt.odxg.org/vk9nt2015)

To complete this months column I’d like to share exciting news that DXworld.net announced a couple of weeks ago that Dom – 3Z9DX – who recently activated Cocos Island, TI9 has received permission from the government of North Korea to operate for 5 days at some point in 2016. North Korea or P5, is the most wanted of all of the 340 DXCC entities. This will be one to watch and of course one to work!

Want to keep up with the DX news? Here are the sites that I use:

DXworld: [www.dx-world.net](http://www.dx-world.net)

and

Announced DX Operations: [www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html](http://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html)

Happy DXing

de Paul VA3LX

## MEETING MINUTES

1. The Kingston Amateur Radio Club meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by our president Paul VA3LX. Sixteen members attended.

2. Additions to the agenda:

Ron, VE3GO announced that the date for the CANWARN training course has been changed to May 9<sup>th</sup> from 0900 to 1200 at the County Administrative Centre at the

Fairmount Home. Please contact Ron to reserve a spot.

There was a discussion regarding the possibility of holding a fleamarket. Doug VE3FFR and Phil VE3HST will consider this.

There was a discussion of augmenting the newsletter with items from the archives once the project is further along and reprinting Ron VE3GO's articles from Monitoring Times. Assaf VA3PCI, our newsletter editor, has these. Paul will discuss this with him.

3. Minutes of the February meeting that were prepared by Assaf VA3PCI were approved as printed in the newsletter. Thanks Assaf for stepping in.

4. Treasurer's Report: The amended report for January and the February report prepared Doug VE3FFR were approved as printed in the newsletter. The balance at the end of February was \$7,932.78

5. Business arising from the minutes:

a. Final update on the VG3SJAM Special Event Station: Chip VA3KGB reported that over 800 contacts are in the log and that the self-printing QSL option has been used extensively. There have been a number of requests for 'traditional' QSLs that will be printed. Chip has prepared certificates for everyone who operated using the special event callsign. The membership commended Chip for his vision and extensive efforts that made this event a success for the club.

b. Club member survey – Carlyle VE3WIO provided a brief preliminary report. There have been 12 responses to date. The survey is still available and members were encouraged to respond to it if they hadn't already. A complete report will be provided at the April meeting.

c. A motion to offer free KARC membership to Ham Course graduates until the end of the 2016 calendar year was approved.

d. Les VE3KFS, Phil VE3HST and Chip VA3GST provided an update on archives project. A vast amount of material is being scanned as time permits.

e. Field Day 2015 planning: There continues to be interest in this. Carlyle has sent out a call on the Freelist for volunteers to help with the planning. Pieter, VE3NXE responded. Carlyle is looking for additional input. Chip VA3KGB reminded us that Bellevue House National Historic Site is also a possible location for the event.

## 6. New Business:

- a. Summer club social event: Chip VA3KGB expressed interest in hosting a picnic again this year at his home. August was suggested as a desirable time. He will get back to us with potential dates
  
- b. Les VE3KFS reported on the ham radio course. There are now approximately 14 paid registrants with more expected this week. The club is the official sponsor of the course that is covered by the club's liability insurance. The club is holding the registration fees and will pay the rent to the CFB once the invoice is received.

## 6. Reports:

- a. Net Manager: report deferred until the April meeting
  
- b. Repeater committee: Ron VE3GO has made enquires but does not have a potential site. Fortunately, there has been no further communication with the current site owner.
  
- c. CFARS: Les VE3KFS reported that 3 of 5 gateways are up and running and that CFARS has been running joint nets with MARS from the US. There have been upwards of one hundred check-ins for the joint nets.
  
- d. "Hearts and Flowers" The club noted the passing of Eric VE3XE at the age of 95. Eric was an active KARC member in years past.
  
- e. Community acknowledgements: The club acknowledged the extraordinary work that Les VE3KFS and his team of volunteer instructors have put into setting up the ham radio course.

7. Date of next meeting: April 1, 2015

8. The 50/50 Draw was won by Phil VE3HST. The club's share was \$14.50

9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

## 10. Presentation:

An explanation of remote control of a rig over the Internet and demonstration of a remote controlled Flex3000 by Carlyle – VE3WIO

## AGENDA - 1 APRIL 2015

1. Members and guests introduce themselves
2. Additions to the agenda
  
3. Minutes of the March meeting: errors/omissions/approval (Paul-VA3LX)
  
4. Treasurer's Report (Doug VE3FFR)
  
5. Business arising from the minutes:
  - a. Club member survey report ( Larissa VE3KGC)
  - b. Update on archives project (Assaf VE3PCI / Les VE3KFS)
  - c. Field Day 2015 planning (Carlyle VE3WIO)
  - d. Summer club social event (Chip VA3KGB)
  - e. CANWARN training (Ron VE3GO)
  - f. Update on ham radio course (Les VE3KFS)
  
6. New Business:
  - a. Ontario QSO Party (Paul VA3LX)
  - b. Other
  
6. Reports:
  - a. Net Manager (Larissa VE3KGC)
  - b. Membership (Steve VE3KC)
  - c. Repeater committee (Ron VE3GO)
  - d. CFARS (Les VE3KFS)
  - e. "Hearts and Flowers"
  - f. Community acknowledgements
  - g. Other Reports
  
7. Date of next meeting: May 6, 2015
  
8. 50 / 50 Draw
  
9. Adjournment
  
10. Presentation:

The other end of the pileup: reflections of an intrepid newbie DXpeditioner – Larissa VP2EGC/VE3KGC

CANWARN SEMINAR

Canwarn Seminar

Saturday May 9, 2105 0900 to 1200

County Administration Centre

Fairmount Home, 2069 Battersea road

Please let Ron VE3GO know if you intend to come

Contact via repeaters, email or 613 634 4085.



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KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB.VE3QCD.  
E.M.O. HEADQUARTERS.OLD DEPOT SCHOOL  
CORNER of MONTREAL & RAILWAY ST.KINGSTON.  
BUSTER DOUBLEDAY.BERNIE BURDSALL.DICK WREN.  
VE3NF VE3BEO(VE3NB) VE3ATL  
TX. HEATH DX100. RX.HALLICRAFTER SX 99.  
BUSTER WAS CHIEF RADIO INSPECTOR FOR THE  
KINGSTON DISTRICT D.O.T.

HEATHKIT DX-100 PHONE & CW  
TRANSMITTER KIT



1961

June. Field Day. VE3QCD/3.

Snow Rd. Ontario.

Brian Juniper.S.W.L. & Bernie Burdsall.VE3BEO  
busy cooking at the week-end camp out.

Bell tents & table were owned by club.

Rigs used were DX 100,NC 129, NC 27,Trio,

SX 99, 19 Set. Bands 80,40,20, Two metres

was not in use in Kingston area at this time.

Mobile operation used 75 metre AM.



FINANCIAL REPORT

**KARC FINANCIAL REPORT –March 2015**

March 24, 2015

**Opening Balance**

Cooperation Plus	7,000.01
Course 2015	750.00
Dividend Savings	9.66
Equity Shares	261.62
Total Balance	8021.29

**Income**

Dividends	19.35
Interest	.12
Total Income	19.47

**Expenditures**

Dividends Dues	5.00
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**Closing Balance**

Cooperation Plus	7000.01
Course 2015	750.00
Dividend Savings	24.13
Equity Shares	261.62
Total Balance	8035.34

## NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Controller</u>
April 1	?
April 7	VE3KC Steve
April 14	VE3KGC Larissa
April 21	VA3MHB Matthew
April 28	VA3PCI Assaf
May 5	VE3WIO Carlyle
May 12	VE3CAK John
May 19	VE3DZE David
May 26	VE3JPW Warren
June 2	VE3KC Steve
June 9	VE3KGC Larissa
June 16	VA3MHB Matthew
June 23	VA3PCI Assaf
June 30	VE3WIO Carlyle
July 7	VE3CAK John
July 14	VE3DZE David
July 21	VE3JPW Warren
July 28	VE3KC Steve
August 4	VE3KGC Larissa
August 11	VA3MHB Matthew
August 18	VA3PCI Assaf
August 25	VE3WIO Carlyle
September 1	VE3CAK John
September 8	VE3DZE David
September 15	VE3JPW Warren
September 22	VE3KC Steve
September 29	VE3KGC Larissa
October 6	VA3MHB Matthew
October 13	VA3PCI Assaf
October 20	VE3WIO Carlyle
October 27	VE3CAK John
November 3	VE3DZE David
November 10	VE3JPW Warren

## NET CONTROL SCRIPT

### **KARC Tuesday Night Net Control Script**

Revised April 16, 2013

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

The Kingston Amateur Radio Club Tuesday Night Net is an informal net that meets at 1930 hours every Tuesday evening on the KARC repeater, VE3KBR. 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; and to provide news of interest to Radio Amateurs. Information about KARC may be found on the web site ([www.ve3kbr.com](http://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 or 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 *[name and callsign]* returning the repeater to normal amateur use.