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NEXT CLUB MEETING

Dec 4, 7:00 p.m. (Wednesday)

MEETING PLACE: Smitty's

2376 Princess (next door to Chapters)
Come in early and have supper.

GUEST SPEAKER: TBA



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Our Club elections have taken place for the coming year - 2003. The results are as follows:

President	VE3VJF	Roy T. Clarke
Vice-President	VE3BGP	Mike Beausoleil
Treasurer	VE3TRM	Terry Murphy
Secretary	VE3NFU	Bill Mason

I would like to thank VE3KDH, Kim Hay, and VE3HAW, Brian Allan, for their service to K.A.R.C.

I look forward to another good year for all.

VE3VJF Roy

Congratulations

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 16 Dec 2002 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

MINUTES OF MEETING November 7, 2002

The regular monthly meeting of the KINGSTON Amateur Radio Club was held on Wednesday, November 7th at Smitty's Restaurant, Princess street next to Chapters Book Store.
24 members signed in.

The president VE3VJF, Roy opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. sharp.
Roy introduced VE3KGJ Bill as a guest. Bill is now a member of the Kingston Amateur Radio Club.

TREASURES REPORT

The treasurer VA3KDH Kim gave a short report of the club finances which will be in next newsletter. A motion was made by VE3FFR Doug to accept the report seconded by VE3UDO Tom.... carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The president reported that club name tags can be ordered through VA3TRM Terry or VE3VJF Roy.

SCREWDRIVER ANTENNA

VE3RPF Rob and VE3KFS Les are solving the problems in the building of this antenna. They say it will be a very good antenna.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Tickets for the Christmas dinner are now being sold. The dinner will be held on Saturday, November 30th at Glenburnie United Church. VE3VJF Roy asks that you be there at 6:30 p.m. as the dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. There will be entertainment. Cost is \$30 per couple. Please purchase tickets early so arrangements can be made.

NEW BUSINESS

VE3UDO Tom acted as chairman for the election of officers for 2003.
The following members were re-elected and elected.

PRESIDENT - VE3VJF Roy Clarke (**re-elected**)

VICE PRESIDENT - VE3BGP Mike Beausoleil (**re-elected**)

TREASURER - VA3TRM Terry Murphy (**elected**)

SECRETARY - VE3NFU Bill Mason (**elected**)

VE3UDO Tom thanked VA3KDH Kim and VA3HAW Brian for their efforts as officers of the Club.

A FIVE MINUTE BREAK WAS held and tickets for the 50/50 draw were sold.

50/50 DRAW WINNER was VE3IFV Lou Feller.

VA3KBG Chip reported that he was looking into the fact that RAC has changed its policy on clubs being members of RAC also president VE3VJF Roy will look into this matter.

REPEATER

VE3KFS Les reports that the 443.3 repeater is working fine. Also there is some activity on Packet.

IRLP

Reflector 925 banned our IRLP node because of interference two months ago but VE3KFS Les is getting that rectified. To turn off IRLP node use code "73" in other words punch in 73 and this will shut it down.

WEEKLY NET

VE3KFS Les weekly net co-coordinator for The Kingston Amateur Radio Club net which is held at 7:30 each Wednesday evening reported that all is going well and that we had a check-in from Australia one evening at 7:30 (thanks to IRLP) The amateur in Australia used to live in this area and you will hear him calling some evenings... which is morning to him in Australia.

NEWSLETTER

Editor VE3BGP Mike Beausoleil asks for your help. Please send him articles or pictures which he could use in the newsletter.

SUMMER EVENTS

VE3TMT Max and VE3MNE Don will be planning Field Day next summer, which may be held at VE3MNE Don's cottage at Hay Bay. This worked out very well a few years ago.

BARBEQUE

VE3UDO Tom has volunteered to arrange this event next summer. At that time he will be looking for help.

WANTED!! CLUB HISTORIAN

We would like to get someone to act in this capacity, if you are interested please contact me, VE3VJF Roy.

VA3OR Kevin announced that every Thursday at noon there is a get together at the Communications Museum. He invites anyone to join them. Kevin also asked for help in locating the interference he is receiving at his QTH. There were many suggestions..Bad ground...No noise when it rains... etc. The best advice came from VE3KGH George who suggested a sledgehammer. George says use it to hammer on the poles near your QTH and you might locate the culprit.

HEARTS AND FLOWERS

VE3UDO Tom reported that VE3IVX Stew Watts is doing fine at Extend care. Tom visited him recently.

VE3FFR Doug moved that meeting close at 8:15 p.m.

VE3NFU Bill Mason

Acting as secretary for VE3HAW Brian

RADIO REGULATIONS: A WORLDWIDE CHALLENGE TO 70 CM

If you operate on 70 centimeters anyplace in the world, listen up. Your future access to that band is in peril. Q-News Graham Kemp, VK4BB, has the details on how a proposed satellite system could run hams off of the band.

It has come to the attention of the South African radio League, SARL that the threat to the 70-cm band – worldwide –is once again very real. The SARL has just received a discussion paper which will be tabled at the World Radio Conference next year – WRC-03—which directly targets the portion of 432 to 438 MHz for exclusive use by the planned Earth Exploration Satellite Service or EESS, due to be launched soon.

If this proposal is carried at the World Radio Conference next year it, will see this portion of spectrum allocated on a worldwide basis and this spells the death knell of all 70-cm ham radio operations.

The section of the proposal and the motivation is as follow: Agenda Item 1.38: '...to consider provision of up to 6 MHz of frequency spectrum to the Earth exploration satellite service active in the frequency band 420-470 MHz, in accordance with Resolution 727 that was revised at WRC-2000.

But why target the Amateur radio allocation at 70 centimeters? The researchers who want it say it's the only frequency that will work. Again, Q-News Graham Kemp, VK4BB:

According to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development UNCED held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, there is an urgent need for assessment and systematic observations of forest cover and rate of forest degradation in tropical and temperate regions. Active space borne sensors Synthetic Aperture Radar (SARs) are needed to enable the monitoring of forest biomass.

System operating on frequencies around 450 MHz can penetrate the canopy of forests, and have the capability to determine the ground-trunk interaction and are in the context of forest cover information of particular importance.

System operating at 1.3 GHz, or higher frequencies cannot penetrate the canopy. The spectrum around 450 MHz is also optimal for monitoring of continental ice and for monitoring of vegetation and soil surfaces for desert and tropical area.



Make this Christmas the best one yet!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year