

Newsletter
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Kingston Amateur Radio Club

2014 Executive



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VE3KAR Clarendon Stn
147.090 (+) MHz

VE3KER Kingston packet
node
145.010 MHz simplex



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

VE3UEL-1 Hartington APRS
node
144.390 MHz

FROM THE PRESIDENT

2014 was a very interesting time to be the president of KARC. I've always considered it an honour to be able to serve as president for such a historical organization that has been around for many decades and has underseen so many fundamental changes in technology, people and culture.

I've always gotten a great deal of enjoyment from all the good things KARC has brought. Those include many memories of great presenters, dinners, contests as well meeting a range of fascinating and wonderful people that I would have never have had a chance to meet otherwise.

However, being the president hasn't always been a cakewalk. Despite the seemingly relaxed nature of ham radio, there are always fires that need to be put out. We are very close to losing both of our repeaters, VE3KBR and VE3KAR due to some issues with towers changing hands to new owners. There's also another large problem with what members are willing to do for the club, and what the executive are expected to do. Notice this newsletter has barely 2 pages of content - there are no articles, no meeting minutes, financial report, pictures or any other material submitted.



To me, this sadly reflects on how little interest there is left in the club. Sometimes I get the impression that KARC is expected to be like a ham radio version of Netflix – you pay a small nominal fee and have all this content brought to you. But let me remind you that we are just some volunteers, we are not paid for our services, and the executive can't carry the entire burden on our shoulders nor would that be fair. It's a point I have been trying to put forth for years now but participation continues to decline to the nothing this newsletter has become. It's not certain to me if KARC will have enough volunteers (4) to maintain an executive for next year and the club will likely be dissolved in short order.

Elections for the 2015 executive team are coming up in only a few days, and it's actually not too late for hams to step up to the plate if they wish to continue having a club. Otherwise, it's been a fun ride (most of the time!).

Silent Key

I would like to express my condolences for a former Kingston ham, Frank Richards VE4FO, who has recently passed away. Terry VA3TRM posted the following on the freelist:

“Frank Richards- The call sign VE4FO was just one of the many callsign that Frank had in Canada. I first meet him in Gagetown, NB, in 1959, where he was a radio operator in 3 Signals Squadron, Royal Canadian Signals. Throughout the years Frank and I served in many locations throughout the World together. He was one of the old signallers who encouraged me, a lineman, to become a ham, which I finally accomplished in 1991. I made one contact with him shortly after that. Many of the local old timers will remember him from his Kingston days when he operated VE3RCS. A good radio operator, soldier and friend. Rest in Peace my friend.

Terry Murphy, VA3TRM / VE3AHU”

Assaf
VA3PCI
KARC President

AGENDA – 3 DEC 2014

1. Members and Guests introduce themselves
2. Club Elections
3. Additions to the Agenda
4. Minutes of the last Meeting: errors/omissions/approval (Shannon VA3XRY)
5. Treasurer's Report (Steve VE3KC)
6. New Business:
 - a. RAC Insurance
 - b. Repeater Situation – VE3KBR & VE3KAR
 - c. Club Contest for December
7. Business arising from the minutes:
 - a.
 - b.
8. Reports:
 - a. Net Manager (Steve VE3KC)
 - b. CFARS (Les VE3KFS)
 - c. "Hearts and Flowers"
 - d. Other Reports
9. Date of next meeting: 07 January 2015
10. 50 / 50 Draw
11. Adjournment
12. Presentation: TBD

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Controller</u>
November 25	VE3WIO Carlyle
December 2	VE3CAK John
December 9	VE3DZE David
December 16	VE3JPW Warren
December 23	VE3KC Steve
December 30	VE3KGC Larissa

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) 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.