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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 I reflect on this past year as club president of the Kingston Amateur Radio Club, I take delight in the club's accomplishments.

We began the year with the Sir John A Macdonald special event station that Chip VA3KGB so ably organized for us. Operating VG3SJAM appealed to many club members who enjoyed the opportunity to provide special event QSOs and explanations to foreign amateurs about the glories of Canadian democracy.

Leslie VE3KFS and his team conducted another wonderfully successful amateur radio class that provided the Kingston community the opportunity to learn about ham radio and achieve their licenses. We're grateful for Les and his teams' efforts and for the opportunity to welcome new hams to this exciting hobby.

We also had a small, but I understand most enjoyable Field Day. Many thanks to Carlyle VE3WIO and Larissa VE3KGC for your efforts in organizing the 2015 Field Day event.

We will conclude the year with two new initiatives that will hopefully be the focus of learning, experimentation and new 'on the air' experiences. I'm referring to the builders group that Peter VE3POA and I are nurturing and of course the development of a KARC Remote Station that Chip, Les and Carlyle are currently investigating for us.

Another important and successful initiative this past year has been the digitizing of the club's archives! Many thanks to all of you have devoted your time and expertise to preserving our club history.

A major challenge that we're still facing is the reconstruction of the VE3KBR repeater site. As a club; we are most grateful to the Frontenac Radio Group for access to their repeater during the reconstruction.

As for myself; the opportunity to serve as president of the Kingston Amateur Radio Club is the fulfillment of a commitment I made to myself a number of years ago to return to the ham radio community the benefits that I received as a young ham from the leaders of the local clubs I participated in. I was well aware of the efforts the club executives were making so that I, as a member, could experience the camaraderie and mentorship available in the ham radio community. Now that I am older and have more time; I'm grateful for the opportunity to devote time to the ham radio community and share some of what I've learned in the 50 years since I became a ham.

I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank the club executive as well as Assaf VE3CPI who has skilfully put the newsletter together every month and Steve VE3KC who gave Larissa a hand as assistant net manager and as membership chair.

I'd like to conclude the President's message by wishing you and your families a wonderful holiday season and a healthy and fulfilling 2016 where we all can enjoy the camaraderie of the ham community and share adventures as we develop our skills and knowledge of this wonderful hobby.

vy 73s,  
Paul, VA3LX

## MEETING PICTURES

For the October meeting, Dave Fasken VA3DLF did a presentation on model airplanes, highlighting the radio control systems and how they evolved over the years.



## DX NEWS

There's lots of DX coming up for the holiday season thanks to DXpeditions to warm and sunny destinations.

Here are some of the highlights of upcoming DX extracted the DX World - [www.dx-world.net](http://www.dx-world.net) and from NG3K's website - [www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html](http://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html).

Fiji will be active as 3D2RJ from December 3-10 by a team from the USA

South Cook Islands will also be activated from December 3-10 as E51XGI by JA1XGI

Rotuma will be activated between December 6 and January 6 by 3D2AG who will operate as 3D2AG/p

Lord Howe Island Will be active from December 16-23 as VK2IAY/9

**Looking ahead to the New Year**; there are number of major expeditions to rare DX entities scheduled from January through mid April 2016. Here's a list of the 'big ones'. I'm going to mark my calendar so that I'm reminded to be around the shack to chase these rare ones!

Palmyra Island, KH5, will be active from January 11-26. Palmyra is number 9 on the Clublog 'DXCC Most Wanted List'. Here's the link to the list: [www.clublog.org/mostwanted.php](http://www.clublog.org/mostwanted.php)

North Korea, P5, is scheduled to be active from January 15 to February 15. It is number one on the 'most wanted list'. Dom 3Z9DX has permission to operate, but the details are sketchy at this point.

South Georgia Island, VP8SGI; will be activated by a major DXpedition team from January 17 to February 27. South Georgia Island is number 8 on the DXCC most wanted list.

South Sandwich Island, VP8STI, will be activated between February 1 and 11<sup>th</sup> by the same team that's activating South Georgia Island. South Sandwich Island is number 3 on the most wanted list.

Heard Island, VK0EK, will be active from March 6 to March 20. Heard Island is number five on the list.

Juan de Nova Island, FT4JA, will be active for March 31 to April 14. Juan de Nova Island is number 6 on the list.

So there you have it; 6 out of the 10 most wanted entities out of the 340 entities from around the Globe will be on the air during the first three months of 2016. Spectacular!

The pileups will be fierce; so hone your DXing skills and have fun!

Good DX to you all

Vy 73s

de Paul  
VA3LX

## NET REPORT

Thanks to the controllers who kept the VHF net alive since the November meeting: Shannon VA3XRY, Ron VE3GO, Larissa VE3KGC and Steve VE3KC. Check-ins ranged from 7 to 12 and net duration ran from 15 to 41 minutes.

Thanks to Frontenac Emcomm for continuing to allow us the use of the VE3FRG repeater while the VE3KBR repeater site is under renovation.

A long time net controller, Warren VE3JPW, has moved and is off the air. As a result, he is unable to continue as a net controller until he gets a station set up at his new QTH. I'd like to thank Warren for his many years of service to the net. He could always be counted on to fill in when necessary and always made sure that he found a replacement if he couldn't do his regular slot. I wish Warren all the best as he gets settled. As I reminded him on the net a couple of weeks ago, Rome wasn't built in a day.

Larissa has found it necessary to step back as Net Manager due to work and life commitments; so I'm back! I know you join me in thanking her for her net leadership since January. I'm also pleased to be able to say that she will be continuing as a net controller.

If you hear silence any Tuesday night at 19:30 hours on VE3FRG, please jump in and control the net. A revised script is on the KARC web site and in the December newsletter. If you follow it, you'll do fine. A list of the controllers for December and January is also there.

Season's greetings on behalf of everyone involved in the Kingston Amateur Radio Club Tuesday Night Net.

## MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 1901

Members introduced themselves

Larissa moved the minutes be accepted, Chip seconded. Motion carried

Treasurer's report: Doug VE3FFR moved that treasurer report be accepted, Roy seconded. Motion carried

Doug moved that the membership dues remain the same for 2016 as they were in 2015. Roy seconded - motion carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

Assaf with report on the archive project. Slowly but surely they're being converted into PDF files and uploaded to the website.

Fall projects: Peter and Paul have been plotting about the builders'/homebrewers' club. There will be a kickoff meeting at Peter's house to get the group off the ground and see what the members might be interested in doing. Peter will put directions up on the Freelist.

Website/Freelist update. Steve VE3KC is not at the meeting tonight but things seem to be working alright for users who aren't on Yahoo (Freelists has blocked all Yahoo addresses). Website: Chip reports that the Swap Shop is still not working, the folks at dot-easy can't get in either. Chip will attempt to reload the software that controls it but in the meanwhile, the swap shop will remain offline.

No news on the VE3KBR repeater - it's still down.

New business:

Discussion about creating a remote-accessible station that could be accessed through the Internet. There seems to be quite a bit of interest during coffee chats.

Les pointed out that the station can not be accessed by any users whose licence is not at least Basic Plus - because the remote station will include HF privileges. So whatever we do, we have to make sure that the only operators who access the station are those with adequate licence privileges.

Chip pointed out that a remote station would be invaluable to amateurs who are moving into apartments or homes where they cannot have antennas and/or radios - they could then access the remote station via the internet and still operate within the limits of their licences.

Paul mentioned it's a technically interesting challenge as well as a useful thing to have in place. Paul called for a show of hands for interest and all but two members showed interest. Chip, Carlyle and Les are the point men on this project and will draw up a list of the kinds of equipment we'd be looking at needing and a rough cost estimate. We're fortunate as a club that there are some funds available that could potentially be used for this.

December's election of club officers: Members should give a few thoughts to who they might want to see run for various positions. If you're willing to stand for office, let VE3KFS Les know.

Net Manager: No specific report offered this month because Larissa didn't receive the data from Steve. However, as per discussion with Steve VE3KC, he will be resuming the official duties of Net Manager for the remainder of this year. He stepped in to cover for Larissa while she was away for work in the springtime and she just never quite got into the swing of things when she came back... so we might as well make it official and re-appoint Steve.

CFARS: Les VE3KFS. Still 2 nets per month, it's been working just great. Attendance has been fairly good despite recent poor propagation and a few operators who haven't figured out that 2200Z is 2200Z and does not change with daylight savings time...

Museum - Les had breakfast recently with someone from the museum who although originally indicated the base for the tower would be laid within 2 weeks, now they're saying that because "it's DND" it could be spring before we start to see any movement on the project for the new antenna. All the equipment is in place and we're looking forward to seeing this all working!

Other reports:

Les VE3KFS inquiring whether we're doing another radio course - there seems to be some interest. Before we set up dates or advertise, a letter has to be drafted to the Base Commander (which gets sent up to Ottawa) requesting to use the base facilities for training. However, Les has been ramrodding the courses for 22 years and thinks it's time someone else steps up. He's more than willing to provide advice but wants someone else to be the main guy for a change.

Roy moved to adjourn, Les seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1943.

Presentation: Cezar VE3LYC on his recent Arctic DXpedition.

## AGENDA - 2 DECEMBER 2015

1. Members and guests introduce themselves
2. Additions to the agenda
3. Minutes of the November meeting (VE3KGC):
4. Treasurer's Report (Doug VE3FFR)
5. Business arising from the minutes:
  - a. Update on archives project
  - b. Follow-up on Fall projects discussion (Peter VE3POA)
  - c. Website and Freelist Yahoo update
  - d. Update on VE3KBR site construction
  - e. Update from Remote Station Planning Committee (VA3KGB, VE3KFS, VE3WIO)
  - f. 2016 Ham Course; volunteer class organizer needed – Les VE3KFS
6. New Business:
  - a. Discussion of interest in Winter Social Event
  - b. KARC Election – Les VE3KFS – nominations chair
7. Reports:
  - a. Net Manager (Steve VE3KC)
  - b. CFARS – (Les VE3KFS)
  - c. "Hearts and Flowers"
  - d. Community acknowledgments
  - e. Other Reports
8. Haves and wants
9. Date of next meeting: January 6, 2016
10. 50 / 50 Draw
11. Adjournment

FINANCIAL REPORT

Kingston Amateur Radio Club

Financial Statement

**Nov 23, 2015**

**Opening Balance**

Cooperation Plus	6627.62
Course 2015	750.00
Dividend Savings	24.13
Equity Shares	261.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>7663.37</b>

**Income**

<b>Int Nov</b>	<b>.06</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>50.00</b>

**Expenditures**

**Closing Balance**

Cooperation Plus	6677.62
Course 2015	750.00
Dividend Savings	24.13
Equity Shares	261.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>7713.37</b>

## NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>		<u>Controller</u>
		VA3MHB
December	1	Matthew
December	8	VA3PCI Assaf
December	15	VE3WIO Carlyle
December	22	VE3CAK John
December	29	VA3XRY Shannon
January	5	VE3KC Steve
January	12	VE3KGC Larissa
January	19	VA3MHB Matt
January	26	VA3PCI Assaf

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

Revised November 26, 2015

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, temporarily on the Frontenac Emcomm repeater, VE3FRG. We thank Frontenac Emcomm for the use of their repeater while the VE3KBR repeater site is under renovation. 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 and portables. 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 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. Again, we thank Frontenac Emcomm for the use of their repeater while the VE3KBR repeater site is under renovation. We had [number] check-ins this evening. 73. This is [name and callsign] returning the repeater to normal amateur use.