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NEXT CLUB MEETING

Feb 5, 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

As we move into the year of 2003 here are some of the events that are in the 'Pending File'.

1. Field Day (in late June)
2. Sky's the Limit (July 5th)
3. Club picnic (July)
4. Club fall dinner or Christmas dinner - perhaps a vote would be in order for this item.

We will be looking for people to head these events. By bringing these forward now it will give you time to plan your participation in an event/events for the year. It takes us all to make a GOOD club.

VE3VJF Roy

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 17 Feb 2003 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 THE MEETING OF THE KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
HELD AT 7:00 P.M. JANUARY 8TH, 2003
At SMITTY'S RESTAURANT, 2376 PRINCESS ST.**

There were 37 members and guests present.

1. Agenda - No changes

2. MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING - accepted as printed in the December newsletter seconded by VE3VOB Bill Hale.....carried

3. TREASURERS REPORT - read by treasurer VA3TRM Terry Murphy seconded by VE3KFS Les Lindstrom....carried

4. OLD BUSINESS

NAME TAGS ARE STILL AVAILABLE \$5.25 - See VA3TRM Terry Murphy or VE3VJF Roy Clarke to order.

AUDIT COMMITTEE will be VE3UDO Tom Lloyd and VE3KGJ Bill Rumball.

VA3OR Kevin Clements is conducting GOTA exercise on Jan 30th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and asked if he could demonstrate the IRLP on the Kingston repeater for the Girl Guides.....permission granted

50/50 DRAW WINNER - VE3GJA Bruce Osbourne

PRESENTATION:

VE3XK Doug Leach Regional Director Ontario North gave an hour and a half talk on RAC. Doug explained the many reasons why all Canadian amateurs should be members of RAC. Questions were asked by the members present. VE3XK was very straight forward with his answers. Membership in RAC costs \$39.95 (11c a day)
For more information visit web site at <http://www.igs.net/~ve3xk>

VE3VJF Roy Clarke thanked VE3XK Doug for coming to Kingston from Ottawa to give us some answers.

RAC PRIZE DRAW WINNERS were Christine Parker and VA3TRM Terry Murphy

REPORTS:

REPEATER: VE3KFS Les Lindstrom

NET MANAGER VE3KFS Les Lindstrom reported very few check-ins due to Holiday Season.

IRLP: Web site <http://www.irlp.net>

KARC WEB PAGE

VA3KGB Chip ChapmanIf you have anything to submit. <http://www.king.igs.net/~karc>

KARC NEWSLETTER: VE3BGP Mike Beausoleil looking for copy from members. Mike had problems with his computer but is back to normal now and all should be well for next Newsletter.

HEARTS and FLOWERS:

VE3IVX Stew Watts is in Extencicare and would welcome visitors. Stew recently celebrated his 88th Birthday (Congratulations to VE3IVX)

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by VE3FFR Doug, seconded by VE3UDO Tom Lloyd.

VE3NFU Bill Mason
Secretary KARC

2002 A GROWTH YEAR FOR ARRL CONTESTS (VE3OR, Kevin: extract from QST electronic update)

The year 2002 was a banner year for ARRL's Contesting Branch. Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, reports a record number of total entries for ARRL-sponsored operating events.

"The total of 18,817 beats 2001's 18,505, a nearly 1.7 percent increase!" Henderson said. Despite the downward slope of Cycle 23, the 2002 ARRL 10-Meter Contest saw a more than 18 percent jump in log submissions over the previous year, he added, even as logs continued to arrive.

"Activity is up across the board for almost all contests, and I think we would have seen more than 19,000 logs returned," Henderson said, "but the World Radiosport Team Championships (WRTC 2002) in Finland last July affected numbers for the IARU HF World Championships, as several hundred of the world's top contest operators were there." Henderson notes that since WRTC 2002 used slightly different rules, the logs from those operators could not be entered in the IARU event, which ARRL administers.

The 2002 ARRL 10-Meter Contest, proved to be record-setter in several ways. According to Henderson, not only was the December 14-15, 2002, operating event the most active 10-meter contest on record, it had the single highest number of participants returning logs of any single contest in League history. As of January 16, the Contest Branch had logged 3051 entries and was still counting. "That's the very first time a single-weekend ARRL contest has topped the 3000 mark in entries," Henderson said.

Other ARRL operating events that also saw increased numbers of logs over 2001 were Straight Key Night, up 22 percent; the ARRL 160-Meter Contest—a CW event—up 19 percent; the ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest, up 11 percent; and ARRL Field Day, up by one-half of one percent. For the first time ever, the 160-meter event topped 900 entries.

ARRL November Sweepstakes entries jumped between two and three percent for the CW and SSB weekends in 2002, Henderson said. Entries received for the ARRL international DX Contest remained approximately level for each mode last year as did submissions for the ARRL's four major VHF-UHF-SHF events in 2002.

Henderson said the move to require Cabrillo-format electronic logs has proved a major boon to the Contest Branch. The elimination of most manual log entry has moved up the posting of contest results by about a month, he said. He said he expected the Contest Branch would be fine tuning electronic log-processing during 2003.

Rules for all ARRL-sponsored operating events are available on the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/contests/calendar.html>>.

GOTA

Just a reminder that Girl Guides on The Air is coming up on February > 15th and 16th. Please work them if you hear them and share the magic of > Ham Radio. It's kind of like a recruiting drive!

The Great Napanee Hamfest

The place: Richelieu Hotel, Dundas Street, Napanee

The date: 18 November 1961

Organized by Ralph Smith VE3CKG of the Kingston Amateur Radio Club with assistance from the Belleville A.R.C. K.A.R.C executives for 1961/62 were:

President: VE3EUP - John Avery, CFB Kingston

V.P. VE3ERC - Orville Jackson, Enterprise

Sec/Treasurer: Norman Berman, Kingston

Activities: VE3CKG - Ralph Smith, Kingston
Civil Defence Coordinator: VE3NF - Buster Doubleday, Kingston
Refreshments: VE3BEO - Bernie Burdsall, Kingston

Ticket sales for the Hamfest, which included an evening banquet, totalled 161. There were many more than this as the hotel was very crowded. Prizes abounded, 84 for the males and 70 for the ladies. Most were small items donated by various commercial companies, and it seemed that everyone got something.

A talk-in station was set up in one of the hotel rooms. It was on 75 metre AM, probably using 3755 or 3775 kHz. The club call was VE3QCD. The TX was a Heath kit DX100, 10-160 m, 150W AM & CW, a beautiful rig that took two people to carry. The RX was a Hallicrafter SX99. One of the operators was Hans Schenck VE3CLI/HB9GC, an employee of CKWS TV.

75 metre AM phone was used by many mobiles at that time using long centre-loaded whip antennas. Most transmitters were home-made using tubes with crystal control. Power was supplied by 19 set motor generators or vibrator packs. Receivers were often war surplus or convertors into the vehicle broadcast band receiver. Amateurs were really experimenters in those days. Two-metre activities were limited to modified surplus AM taxi radios, modified 19 sets, the 'B' section, and SCR 522 war surplus base stations. All were crystal controlled AM SX on 145.44MHz.

Back to the Hamfest and the drawing of the winning ticket for the main ladies prize. A large cardboard box was dragged to the centre of the hall and the winning number announced for the prize of a 'washer-dryer combination'. The lucky lady opened the box to reveal a large metal washer with a dish towel pulled through the centre hole. The result was a mixture of laughter and tears.

The Hamfest was not a financial success, however. Receipts were \$698.98, debits \$722.65 for a loss of \$23.67 of which Belleville ARC paid half. But despite the loss of \$11.84, the Hamfest was deemed a great success.

VE3NB
K.A.R.C. Historian

"APRS" ANYONE

For all those that are interested in APRS here is a good opportunity to acquire the necessary interface that will put you on the air. This is the little unit that allows you to pass your position automatically without the necessity of having a computer hooked to it.

Doug will be putting in the order shortly after the new year and if there is anyone that would like to get in with this bulk order the following info is supplied.

Check out the web site for this unit at:

<http://www.byonics.com/tinytrak/>

If you already have a Tiny Trak you can upgrade the chip for \$25 and if you want the board et all its \$50.

Checks can be made out to the club (memo TinyTrakII) Closing date end Jan.

Orders/questions - contact: ve3ffr@sympatico.ca or @rac.ca

73

Les

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