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MEETING PLACE: Smitty's

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

GUEST SPEAKER:



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Presidents Notes

My how the time flies, we are already into the month of February.

The first planning meeting was held on January 28th for a Ham Course.

By early indications it looks like a Go.

Its going to be held on Wednesday nights.
Stay tuned for more information.

ve3vjf

Roy

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<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 Feb 04 at Kingston West Fire Hall, Woodbine and Bayridge roads at 19:00 hrs. Visitors are always welcome!

Visit our site at: <http://www.gsl.net/kingstonares/index.html>

The ARES web site is maintained by VA3KDH, Kim

Request Full Radio Operations HMCS Haida (Part 2)

(Thank you Kevin VE3RCN)

On the West coast, VE0NC was assigned to HMCS St. Stephen. All these ships operated fairly regularly on the ham bands but the biggest effort came in 1956 when VE0ND was allocated to the aircraft carrier HMCS Magnificent. The " Maggie " was involved in transporting troops to the Middle East during the Egyptian crisis, and a steady flow of traffic passed between the ship and the East coast on each passage between the homeport and the eastern Mediterranean. Probably more than any other event, Maggie's trips pointed out the morale of amateur radio and tightened the bonds of co-operation between the Navy and the hams back home.

In 1957, the Maggie left our service and HMCS Bonaventure took over her job. With the call sign VE0NE, the Bonnie has become one of the most active of all the Navy ships as far as ham radio is concerned. No one knows exactly how many phone patches and pieces of traffic have passed back and forth between her crew and their families but it must run into the thousands. Besides the Bonnie, quite a few other ships are licensed at the present time - HMCS Gatineau VE0NB, HMCS Columbia E0NC, HMCS Kootenay VE0NG, HMCS St. Laurent VE0NI, HMCS Cape Scotia VE0NM this ship is a former Park Ship, HMCS Terra Nova VE0NU, HMCS Margaret VE0NP.

Over the years, operations on the navy ships has run hot and cold, but one of the most extensive uses of ham radio was during the Easter Island expedition of 1064 - 1965. The HMCS Cape Scott was the transportation ship, and VE0NM ran dozens of patches back to Halifax, especially over the Christmas season. The whole operation was a real credit to ham radio, and HMCS Cape Scott.

Since the VE0N 'boys' use Navy equipment, they have always been able to put out pretty good signals. Top quality apparatus is forever an asset, but more so, when trying to keep phone patch and traffic schedules for weeks at a time. Thus we see the Navy's story of VE0, but what of the other ships. Let's go back in history to the British Navy of the eighteenth century and one of the most famous ships of all time - HMS Bounty; the ship of Captain Bligh; the subject of one of the great classic stories of the sea When MGM studios decided to make a movie of this story, they needed a ship. In Lunenburg, in 1960, a new bounty was built, launched and fitted out with eighteenth century regalia and twentieth century equipment - including ham radio equipment. The Bounty traveled the South Seas and many ports of North America, finally coming to rest as an exhibit in the waters of Tampa Bay, Florida.

The Canadian Scientific Ships CSS Baffin VE0MJ and CSS Hudson VE0MX are the pride of the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, one of the best scientific centers in Canada and a worked leader in ocean research. These ships look more like luxury yachts or small cruise ships, but inside they are crammed with laboratories and the latest devices for unlocking the oceans secrets. Their work takes them from the tropics to the Arctic and they are quite active on the bands. 80 and 20 meters are preferred with more CW than phone. They handle some traffic, but not as much as navy ships, so chances of a casual QSO are much better. This is, in a very brief way, something of the story of the VE0 ships. To anyone who loves ships and the sea, or has ever had the old dream of sailing away to far away horizons, I hope it's been a little insight to the men and ships who put these calls on the air.

Mr. Alan Latourelle, the following is a brief history on HMCS Haida. As of September 2, 2003. All Radio Operations have ceased from HMCS Haida. That means HMCS Haida will not be on the air anymore. As per Parks Canada instructions. In other words, HMCS Haida, will be used as a static display. This means the ship will be going the way of HMCS Sackville.

What we are asking of each and everyone is to send **bothe** e-mails and letters to Hon Sheila Copps, MP Minister of Canadian Heritage (Parks Canada) and Mr. Alan Latourelle, Chief Executive Officer, Parks Canada. To request that Parks Canada, reinstate Full Radio Operations, including Amateur Radio, Marine Radio. HMCS Haida has been making Radio Contacts with a number of ships around the World. The following contacts have been made by HMCS Haida. During the past six (6) years of operation; USS Hornet, USS Lexington, USS Yorktown, USS Missouri this ship was used to sign the Peace agreement ending World War 2 in the Pacific. USS New Jersey, USS Wisconsin both Bruce and myself are Associate members of this ship. USS Salem, USS North Carolina, RMS Queen Mary, HMCS Fraser, CSS Acadia, Canadian War Museum Adegem, Belgium. MV Cap San Diego Hamburg, Germany. LST - 325 ships were underway when contact made.

These are just a few of the ships that HMCS Haida contacted. Parks Canada, have to change their minds and reinstate Full Radio Operations back to HMCS Haida.

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Thank you for taking time to read my little note.

Sincerely

John Forrest Jr. VA3USN/XJF

PS. I'm also WW 2 Veteran. Served on Park Ships as Radio Officer.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7th, 2004 At SMITTY'S RESTAURANT.**

1. Introduction of members present. Members introduced themselves.
2. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING Moved by VE3NFU Bill Mason, seconded by VA3KGB Chip Chapman that minutes be accepted as printed in the Newsletter.....carried.
3. TREASURERS REPORT was presented showing \$5,677.72 (includes repeater fund) in bank at the end of December, 2003.. Moved by VA3TRM Terry Murphy to accept report as read seconded by VE3AHU Art Blick
.....carried.
Terry reported that there are 51 paid membership as of this date; last years total paid was 58. Terry asked that those who are not paid up should refrain from voting at the meetings although they can comment, if they wish on any subject being discussed. (Dues for 2004 were due

January 1st 2004) If anyone would like to receive a membership list see or email Terry

The president read a letter from Guy A. Ladouceur, Manotic Radio group; they enjoyed the KARC 's breakfast at the Communications Museum last year. Congratulations to those who arranged it.

Another letter from Almonte Radio Repeater League (ARRL) (VE3NCE Neal Carleton) reported that they have donated \$100 to the RAC Youth Education Program (YEP) and asked other clubs to match their donation. A motion was made by VA3TRM Terry Murphy that \$100 be donated to the Youth Education Program (YEP), seconded by VE3VOB Bill Hale.....carried.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A: HAM COURSE is being arranged by VE3NWV Barry Smith. An information meeting will be held at the Kingston Airport (Ontario Fun Flyers) on January 27th at 7:00 p.m. Barry asked for support from club members and urged members interested to attend this meeting.

Course to start some time in February 2004. More later.

A motion was made by VA3KGB Chip Chapman that KARC purchase the instruction CD from RAC for Barry's course, seconded by VE3BGP Mike Beausoleilcarried.

B: BUS TRIP TO TRENTON AIRPORT is being arranged by VA3KG Chip Chapman. Chip will try to arrange Flight Simulator Tour for Saturday, February 28, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. (Only time available) More on this later.

C: NAME TAGS are still available \$5.25. See VE3VJF Roy Clark or VA3TRM Terry Murphy to order and purchase.

BREAK WAS HELD 50/50 Draw (\$13) was won by VA3GST John Taylor and donated to club.

5: NEW BUSINESS

A: The president announced that VE3GLO Robert Schofield has offered to speak at the next club meeting in February. Subject of talk will be his experiences in Bosnia

B: VE3VJF Roy Clark has a three elements beam (Mosley 20, 15, 10), which was donated to the club and will accept offers for it. He also has a complete HF station for sale (\$800) sans antenna.

C: VA3ORP Dave Lawrence reported on the use of the club repeater on Monday evenings by the Flight Simulator Group. All are invited to participate. Members present said that they are not concerned with the use of the repeater and that they are glad it is being used by the group. Dave played a tape of some Flight Simulator activities.

D: VE3GO Ron Walsh Offered to conduct courses on Marine Radio Operators or Pleasure Boats if the club was interested. Also can arrange for tours of Coast Guard Control Centre at Prescott

E. VE3GLO Robert Schofield invited members to check the RAC website re contesting as there is lots of activity in this field.

7: REPORTS:

RAC: VA3ORP Dave Lawrence reported new president of RAC is VE2KA Dan Lamoureux. Amateurs may lose part of 220 band. See RAC website for details.

NET MANAGER VE3KFS Les Lindstrom reports net is doing fine each Wednesday evenings at 7:30. Net controllers are VE3AHU art Blick, VE3NFU Bill Mason, VE3KC Steve Cutway and VE3KFS, Les Lindstrom.

KARC NEWSLETTER: VE3BGP Mike Beausoleil asked members to supply material for the KARC Newsletter.

REPEATERS VE3KFS Les Lindstrom reports that crystals have been purchased and trial work is being done on the back-up repeater by VE3MNE Don Gilroy. The repeater will be reinstalled at KPH when it is ready to go. VE3KFS said that he appreciated the help from Martin with this project. It was reported that the repeater operated by VE3LGS John Lewis which had a phone patch is off the air at the present time, reason unknown. VE3KFS Les is working on a program called WINLINK 2000 using Outlook express. It is a good program for emergency message sending and receiving all over the world. Would be very good for ARES messages to send and receive.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by VE3SH Ferd Schijns seconded by VE3RCN Kevin Clements.....carried

VE3NFU Bill Mason
Secretary KARC

Silent Key

It is with great sadness that we have to report:

VE3JWT Noble Trousdale, 29 January 2004, age 90, of Sydenham, ON

KARC extend it sincere sympathy to remainder family members