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KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

# Kingston Amateur News

## Kingston Amateur Radio Club 2006 Executive

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146.94(-) MHz



**The 2nd Repeater is now  
Operational  
147.090(+) MHz**

## PRESIDENT'S WORDS

I wish to thank:

- VE3MNE, Don, for volunteering his cottage for Field Day. We hope to see a good turnout.
- VE3GST, John, and VE3FFR, Doug, for co-chairing the Sky's the Limit at City Park. They will need operators for the day. This is good way to display our hobby and maybe recruit some new Hams.
- VA3KGB, Chip & Marilyn for volunteering their home again this year for the club picnic.

Your President: VA3ZE, Tom



### A note from your Newsletter Editor

Recently, I lost my e-mail program message folders and all the messages they held. It was a real disappointment – almost like losing my friends. I'm sure they are out in Cyber Space – maybe that's why my grandchildren call me, CyberNana. I also lost my Address Book but fortunately, periodically, I do a backup of my e-mail addresses and re-installed them – do you do a backup of your Address Book? I hope so. To lose it could be a disaster.

Joan Clarke, Newsletter Editor



**SILENT KEY**

**VE3PTM**

**William "Bill" Jeffrey**

**On February 12, 2006**

**55-year member of Amateur Radio**

## COMING EVENTS

**March 1** K.A.R.C. Regular Monthly Meeting - 7:00 p.m., Smitty's back room.

**APRIL 6** K.A.R.C. Regular Monthly Meeting - 7:00 p.m., Smitty's back room.

**MAY 6 – CanWarn Training Session** at CFB Kingston, 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Limited seating – contact persons: Drew Wollin, [ve3uin@rac.ca](mailto:ve3uin@rac.ca) or Bob Boyd, [ve3sv@rac.ca](mailto:ve3sv@rac.ca) for registration and information. CanWarn Website: <http://www.on.ec.gc.ca/canwarn/home-e.html>

Every **Wednesday** at 7:30 p.m. K.A.R.C. Net VE3KBR

### SCHEDULE OF NET CONTROL STATIONS:

11 January - Bill, VE3NFU	22 February - Rob, VE3RPF
18 January - Warren, VE3JPW	08 March - Roy, VE3VJF
25 January - Ron, VE3GO	15 March - Bill, VE3NFU
08 February - Bill, VE3CLQ	22 March - Warren, VE3JPW
5 February- Tom, VA3ZE	29 March - Ron, VE3GO

Every **Thursday** Night - The **Fun Net** starting at 7:30 p.m. on 28.250 MHz. Listen for me (**Net Controller - VA3OL, Bill Rumball**) sending CQ KFN. I try to keep it slow - less than 10 wpm (actually I strive for 5 wpm but that is really tough for me). Give a listen and check in if you can. Depending on the number of checkins we generally run 30 to 45 minutes for the net. I will continue to call CQ until 8:00 p.m. even if I can't hear anyone, so if you are late, not to worry, I will be listening.

Every **Saturday** - Breakfast at Smitty's. Starts at 8:00 a.m. but come early, chat and mingle.



The **Third MONDAY** of every month at 7:00 p.m. A.R.E.S. has its **REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING** at the Woodbine Firehall, second floor.

\* Please note: The Treasurer of the ARES group is now VE3ZJP, John Pedersen, replacing VE3NB.

\* There is a new repeater, VA3FOY 147.285(+) at Bancroft. Licensee is Doug Peckhover.

**KARC Web page designed and maintained by:**

**VA3KGB, Chip**

<http://www.ve3kbr.com>

Publication Schedule of the March KARC Newsletter will be March 22, 2006

## In a Lighter Vein

It was interesting to read Bill Rumball's article in the April KARC News. This reminded me of my early experiments in wireless back in the 1930s. As one gets older early memories seem to be enhanced while last night's supper has been forgotten.

My friend, Jack, and I did some building of simple tube broadcast receivers in about 1936, and graduated to the short waves using one tube regenerative receivers with coils wound on cardboard tubes, RF chokes, and variable condensers (capacitors) from a local supply dealer who encouraged us young experimenters.

I had just left school at 16 and was apprenticed with the British Post Office telephones so there was a supply of antenna wire, insulators, and bits and pieces, such as solder, to be acquired. Jack lived about a mile away and he had a subscription to *OST*. His parents had a business and allowed Jack a 'ham shack' in the firm's print shop.

Jack said, "Let's build a transmitter" not knowing that an Amateur license was required. I had just the information needed from reading an article in *Popular Mechanics* magazine. It told of a mind reading act which had a blindfolded and turbaned man seated on the stage and his lady assistant who wandered through the audience asking people to show some small article such as rings and jewelry which the person on the stage would be asked to identify. The assistant's hidden tiny wireless transmitter did this to a receiver concealed in the man's turban. Peanut tubes were available using low voltage dry cells so the output would be very tiny. The circuit diagrams were given but no values or components; it was just a simple self-excited one tube transmitter and receiver.

What wavelength? Who knows? So I counted the number of turns in the drawing and wound a coil for the transmitter and completed the unit with available components and fired it up, attaching it to my long wire antenna. My plate current meter was a car ammeter from which I had removed the few heavy gauge wires and replaced them with a coil of fine enameled wire. Don't know what it read but the needle moved.

Does it work? Well, I put an alarm clock in front of the carbon telephone microphone, grid modulation for those technical 'hams', got on my bike and pedaled over to Jack's shack. Jack, being a favourite son, had a commercial receiver already warmed up. "Where am I transmitting, Jack?" We tuned around for a ticking clock and finally found it. I forget where now, but not in any Amateur band. There was no telephone in my house in those days, but eventually we got it moved by much biking back and forth, to the 40-metre band. Then trouble, in the form of a Radio Inspector who was seen around town, and we were told that an Amateur license was required so we studied and each got a sort of no code basic license with limits to operation. My call was 2DKW, which eventually became G2DKW after WWII, as having been a wireless operator in the Royal Air Force (RAF) I was given full privileges. I have thus held an Amateur license continuously since 1938 and I have enjoyed the hobby very much from 160 m to 70 cm and met a fine group of people.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

As of 15 February 2006

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	\$40.00	memberships
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$40.00</u></b>	
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	\$62.89	stationary & cooling pad for laptop
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$62.89</u></b>	
<b><u>BALANCES</u></b>	<b>Bank of Montreal</b>	<b>\$ 51.31*</b>
	<b>KCCU</b>	<b>\$5507.11</b>
	Sub-total	\$5558.42
<b>KCCU SHARES</b>		\$ 150.00
<b><u>TOTAL CLUB ASSESTS</u></b>	<b><u>\$5708.42</u></b>	

\* THIS ACCOUNT WILL BE CLOSED OUT AND DEPOSITED IN KCCU.

Terry Murphy, Treasurer, KARC.

15 February 2006



## **KARC AGENDA**

### **Meeting Date:**

March 1, 2006

1. Introduction of members.
2. Additions and/or deletions.
3. VE3STV, Steve Pengelly, will address the club on the advantages and disadvantages of incorporating the Club. Incorporation as a not-for-profit.
4. Minutes of Monthly Meeting Errors/Omissions.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Old Business
7. 50/50 Draw
8. New Business:
9. Reports:
  - a) RAC
  - b) Net Manager - VE3KFS
  - c) KARC Newsletter
  - d) Web Page - VA3KGB
  - e) Any other reports

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

February 1, 2006

Held at SMITTY'S RESTAURANT, PRINCESS ST.

President Tom, VA3ZE, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

1. All members introduced themselves. VE3SH, Ferd and VE3HWS, Garry Penwarden attended the meeting. Welcome back.

2. VE3NWX, Barry, gave a presentation on the Garmin 'glass cockpit' used in the Diamond aircraft.

3. MINUTES of the January meeting were presented. Motion to accept them by Bill, VA3OL. Carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT presented by Terry, VA3TRM.

Moved by Terry, VA3TRM, that the Treasurer's report be accepted as read.

Seconded by Doug, VE3FFR. Carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

6. 50/50 draw: won by VE3RPF, Rob (\$14.00)

Second prize was a 1994 ARRL Handbook: won by Ollie VE3LXO

7. New Business:

- Doug, VE3FFR, has a few catalogues from Durham Radio left. Contact Doug if you would like a catalogue.

- Terry, VA3TRM, announced that the club will run the Trans Provincial Net on February 25th from 8 am to 5 pm from the Communications Museum. We will operate CW and SSB throughout the day. Volunteers are needed for net control positions.

- Tom, VA3ZE, asked the members if we should pursue the idea of incorporating the club. It was agreed that we would attempt to get a lawyer to come and speak to the group about the benefits of incorporating.

- Tom, VA3ZE, announced that we need chairpersons for the following events:

a) Field day: To be held at Don, VE3NME's place on Hay Bay with Tom assisting.

b) Club Picnic. The Club Picnic will be at Chip's, VA3KGB in late August.

c) We need to organize a list of club assets. Rob has the antenna analyzer, which is almost fixed, and Chip, VA3KGB, has a list of the repeater assets, which he will provide to the executive.

- The Sky's The Limit will be co-ordinated by John, VA3GST, and Doug, VE3FFR.

- The Flea Market will be co-ordinated by Rob, VE3RPF.

8. Reports:

- RAC: No report.

- WebPages: Chip is offering personal web pages on the club website for members. Each member will have 10 Meg of space for personal (non commercial) Web Pages. Chip will work out the details. Contact him if you are interested.

- Repeater: No report

Submitted by: Bill Rumball, VA3OL, Secretary: Kingston Amateur Radio Club