

Newsletter

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Kingston Amateur News

# Kingston Amateur Radio Club 2008 Executive

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**VE3KAR  
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VE3KER  
146.94(-) MHz**



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



## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**The Queens balloon effort is well on its way - Rob (RPF) has completed installation and testing of the transmitter - Mar 6 is a date for our club reps to work with the Queens students to finalize installation and testing.**

Understand Roy is on the mend - (Roy is our go-to-guy) for the Sunday brunches ... I for one am looking forward to seeing as many of the club members as possible attend the next Sunday brunch - date TBA.

Amateur radio course - 772 EW Squadron has requested assistance to establish a course with approximately 24 students - We have three volunteers who are poised to provide the instructions. More details as they become available.

ECHOLINK - Phil (HST) is preparing a link to the KBR machine - details as they become available.

Looking forward to seeing as many members as possible at the next meeting – Mar 5.

73

Les

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### **From the Editor:**

I'm getting a few articles (thank you to those who send them) for your interest but not enough to make this an interesting newsletter. I'm sure there are members who are not able to get to the meetings to hear 'the latest'. This newsletter is for ALL OF YOU. If you hope to attract new members, an interesting newsletter of events and articles would be one way to start. Many members don't have natural surfing ability to read Ham articles – it would be nice to give them a link. YOUR newsletter is getting smaller each month, soon it will be down to almost nothing without your help

**WEEKLY NETS:**

**KARC** conducts a **2m** weekly net on **VE3KBR - 146.940 (-)** each **Tuesday evening at 7:30 P.M.**

All are welcome to check-in.

**SCHEDULE OF NET CONTROL S**

<b>MARCH</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>MAY</b>
Mar. 4 - VE3MUD	Apr. 1 - VE3KC	May 6 - VE3JPW
Mar. 11 - VE3CLQ	Apr. 8 - VE3VJF	May 13 - VE3NFU
Mar. 18 - VE3JPW	Apr. 15 - VE3CAK	May 20 - VE3KC
Mar. 25 - VE3NFU	Apr. 22 - VE3MUD	May 27 - VE3VJF
	Apr. 29 - VE3CLQ	

If there are any conflicts in the schedule please contact Bill at [ve3clq@rac.ca](mailto:ve3clq@rac.ca) and we'll juggle a few things.

The net script has been posted on the Website

**We are looking for two more net controllers.....any volunteers?**

**Thanks... Bill, VE3CLQ.**

**FRONTENAC ARES** conducts a weekly net on 3.755 MHz each Tuesday evening at 8:30 P.M.  
All are welcome to check-in.

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**Every SATURDAY: BREAKFAST at SMITTY'S. Starts at 8:00 a.m. but come early, chat and mingle.**

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**The THIRD MONDAY of every month at 7:00 p.m.  
is the ARES REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
at the Woodbine Firehall, second floor.**

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**KARC Web page designed and maintained by: VA3KGB, Chip**

<http://www.ve3kbr.com/>

Publication Schedule of the KARC Newsletter will be March 28, 2008

***OF INTEREST***

**It is with sincere sympathy that condolences are extended to Don, VE3MNE, and his family, on the passing of his brother, Richard, on February 20, 2008.**

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**Not enough can be said about the Online Licence Study Guide and it should be encouraging for those wishing to become new members. Who knows when someone might see it while 'surfing' and become an active, productive member of KARC.**

The " OSS " and " HFRADIO.NET" are pleased to offer all radio enthusiasts an absolutely free High Quality Online Licence Study Guide. Your kind donations have allowed us to move forward with this first ever in Canada offering. Please share this link with anyone interested in obtaining a Canadian Ham Licence, offering a course, or simply using it to show others just how easy it is to become a Radio Ham.

Go to: <http://www.emoares.org/course> (CTRL-left click to open)

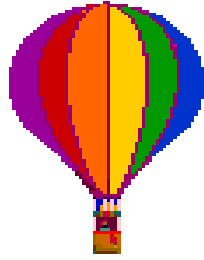
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There is a new NET which started Sunday, January 27, 2008..

**Every Sunday. Freq: 7.198 MHz. Time: 23:00 UTC.**

Also see , <http://www.hamwave.com/cgi-bin/index.cgi>

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**QUEEN'S HIGH ALTITUDE BALLOON GROUP** (see minutes of February meeting at end of newsletter)

The MICRO-TRAK 8000 FA ARRIVAL Unit arrived February 21, 2008.

I have printed out the manual for the development team and will provide the software on a CD.

As time is of the essence, we need to get together with the group to see how things will fit and discuss the interfacing issue.....Les, VE3KFS



## **European Reciprocal Licenses Now Limited to Advanced and Extra Class Licensees**

The European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations has revised its table of equivalence between FCC amateur licenses and the CEPT license. Effective February 4, 2008, Recommendation T/R 61-01 (as amended) now grants full CEPT privileges only to those US citizens who hold an FCC-issued Amateur Extra or Advanced class license. This means that those US licensees who hold an FCC-issued General or Technician license are no longer eligible for full operating privileges in countries where CEPT-reciprocal operation had previously been permitted. US Novice class licensees have had no reciprocal operating privileges under the CEPT provisions. These changes are the result of a re-evaluation of US and CEPT license classes equivalence by the CEPT's Radio Regulatory Working Group at its meeting January 29-February 1, 2008 in Basel, Switzerland. The Working Group deals with numerous areas of concern including Amateur Radio, and is responsible for applications from countries to participate in T/R 61-01, as well as other Amateur Radio related issues. "Changes in the US license structures and examinations often have ancillary implications beyond the immediate impact upon the US licensees," said Dan Henderson, N1ND, ARRL Regulatory Information Manager. "While this CEPT change affects several classes of US licensees when they visit Europe and other CEPT signatory countries, it has no effect on their operating privileges at home."

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## **For those of you who use Google Earth**

Here are a couple of links you may want to try. There is on-line database of amateur radio operators around the world who input their coordinates into the database and the link will load them into your Google Earth.

If you already have Google Earth installed, begin by running the program. Click on the first link and it will load the database into the program and you will see all the push pins come up on the map with the operators call sign. The second link allows you to enter your own coordinates.

Remember, you have to have Google Earth running prior to clicking on the first link. (Again, to open the links: CTRL-left click.)

<http://www.qslnet.de/member/hb9tlk/hammap.kmz>

<http://www.qslnet.de/member/hb9tlk/hamweb.html>

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**Statement of Financial Position**  
**Kingston Amateur Radio Club Inc**

**February 23, 2008**

<b>Chequing Account Balance Dec. 13</b>		<b>\$4836.23</b>
<b>Income: December</b>		<b>40.00</b>
<b>Balance Dec. 31, 2008</b>		<b>\$4876.23</b>
<b>January and Feb. Income to Feb. 23</b>		
<b>Membership</b>	<b>\$360.00</b>	
<b>IRLP</b>	<b>10.00</b>	
<b>50/50 Draw</b>	<b>14.00</b>	
<b>50/50 Donation</b>	<b>14.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$398.00</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>86.56</b>	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$5187.67</b>
<b>Outstanding Cheque CNIB</b>		<b>100.00</b>
<b>Balance Feb. 23, 2008</b>		<b>\$5087.67</b>

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**FROM YOUR TREASURER:**

Thanks to all the members who responded to my request for RAC membership numbers. Your efforts will result in a significant savings on our insurance. I am also pleased to report that 43% of the KARC members are also RAC members!

Bill, VA3OL  
Treasurer, KARC Inc.



## **KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB AGENDA**

**Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**At Smitty's Restaurant, back room**

**7:00 p.m.**

- 1. Introduction of members**
- 2. Additions and/or deletions**
- 3. Minutes of Monthly Meeting:** Errors/Omissions
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
- 5. Old Business**
- 6. 50/50 Draw**
- 7. New Business**
  - a) Approval of Club By-Laws
- 8. Reports:**
  - a) RAC
  - b) Net Manager - VE3KFS
  - c) KARC Newsletter
  - d) Web page - VA3KGB
  - e) Any other reports
- 9. Presentation:**
- 10. Adjournment:**

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC

HELD ON

Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008

At SMITTY'S RESTAURANT, PRINCESS STREET., KINGSTON, ONTARIO

The meeting was called to order by the President, Les, VE3KFS, at 7 pm.

1. All members/guests were introduced. There were 18 members and guests in attendance.

2. **MINUTES:** Correction to the Minutes. GST and Corporate Tax Forms: Should read will be filed instead of has been filed. Moved by Chip, VA3KGB, and seconded by Michael, VE3PRW, that the minutes of the meeting of 2 Jan 2008, be adopted as presented in the Club's Newsletter with the correction. Carried

3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Moved by Bill, VA3OL, and seconded by Don, VE3MNE, that the Treasurer's Report be adopted as presented in the Club's Newsletter. Carried.

## 4. OLD BUSINESS:

a) **BY-LAWS OF INCORPORATION:** Bill, VA3OL, and Steve, VE3KC, gave highlights of where there is to be some fine tuning after they have been adopted. The By-Laws will be worked on by Bill and Steve in the future. It was moved by Don, VE3MNE, and seconded by Doug, VE3FFR, that the Updated By-Laws as presented on the Club's web page be adopted in its entirety. Carried.

b) **TAILGATE HAMFEST:** After discussion, the Club will hold a Breakfast and Tailgate Hamfest instead of a Fleamarket Hamfest, possibly at the C&E Museum. Rob, VE3RPF, volunteered to organize it and will contact Terry, VE3TRM, re: available dates, etc. This year Club members will also pay for their breakfast. More to follow.

c) **REPEATER:** The 09 Repeater is on at Les's, VE3KFS. He needs some outlying contacts to see what fine tuning is required.

5. **50/50 DRAW:** Won by Bill, VA3OL, /Michael, VE3PRW, who donated his winnings of \$14.00 to the Club.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:** NIL

## 7. REPORTS:

a) **RAC:** Nil Report.

b) **NET MANAGER:** Bill, VE3NFU commented that the Net has been active with a fair number of check ins.

c) **IRLP:** Being used regularly and Node is behaving well.

d) **KARC NEWSLETTER:** It was mentioned that Joan has been doing a wonderful job with the Newsletter despite having to look after Roy. Send articles to Joan.

e) **KARC WEBSITE:** Bylaws of Incorporation will be up shortly. Remember you as a Club Member can have your own email address and web page on the Club site.

f) **SUNDAY BRUNCH:** Put on hold until Roy, VE3VJF, has recovered from his fall and ruptured tendon in his knee.

**8. NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 5 March 2008.

**9. GUEST SPEAKERS:** Andrew, Evan and Robbie from the Queen's High Altitude Balloon Group. They are launching a balloon at the end of March and gave a slide show on their project. They are looking to the Club for ideas on APRS Tracking of the balloon. They have a limited budget and are not allowed to take donations. Being non Amateurs they would have a hard time purchasing the APRS Tracker they intended to use. (see Special Meeting below). Various members of the Club are ready to help set up APRS trackers and software for tracking the Flight.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** It was moved by Tom, VA3ZE, and seconded by George, VE3SIQ, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:39 pm. Motion carried.

**11. SPECIAL MEETING:** A Special Meeting was called to order at 8:05 pm by the President, Les, VE3KFS.

a) It was moved by Tom, VA3ZE, and seconded by Bruce, VE3GJA, that the Club purchase a Byonics Micro-Trak and lend it to the Queen's High Altitude Balloon Group on the understanding that it is returned to the Club if/when the balloon is recovered. Cost of the Micro-Trak not to exceed \$250.00. Carried. Les, VE3KFS, will order the Micro-Trak.

**12.** It was moved by George, VE3SIQ, and seconded by Bill, VE3NFU, that the Special Meeting be Adjourned. Carried

**13.** The group from Queen's thanked the Club for our help and use of the tracker, and finished off their question and answer session.

CJ 'Chip' Chapman, VA3KGB  
Secretary, KARC, Inc.