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**VE3KAR VE3KBR VE3UEL VE3KER**  
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**Next Regular Meeting** of the Kingston Amateur Radio Club is  
**January 5, 2005** 7:00 p.m. at **Smitty's** next door to Chapters book store.  
Come around 5:30 p.m. and have dinner!!

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### Scribbles from the Editor-

Kim Hay- VA3KDH

*(For submissions to the newsletter  
please submit, doc, wpd, jpg, gif  
and txt files- We all look forward  
to everyones submissions)*

A New Year, Welcome 2005

Well, I didn't get any ham radio  
equipment or other ham radio goodies  
for Christmas, but I did get one piece of  
techno gadgetry for Christmas.

I got a new Universal Remote Control,  
which will control all the expanding  
pieces to our entertainment area. The  
one remote now replaces the 6 we  
had.....much better.

It is a Kameleon 8, with animated  
display, learns from your existing  
remotes and it is modem upgradeable.

Still shuffling through the manual, but I  
can at least watch tv now.

# Dues..Dues..Dues

*Well, December 31 has come and gone, are you all paid up. Dues are now over due !!! \$20.00 for regular membership, \$10.00 for IRLP. Please see Ferd before the meeting or at the break to pay up for the 2005 membership year!!*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

VE3IVX Stew Watts celebrates his 90th birthday on **6 January 2005**. Stew is a resident of Extencicare, Kingston.  
Tel: 531-4909

## ON THE MEND

One of our members VE3KBF (Brett) suffered a heart attack this morning and is resting in K.G.H.  
As I (Roy Clarke) hear more I will let you know.

## SILENT KEYS

Morgan Pryce VE3MGN passed away December 18, 2004 after a long battle with prostate cancer that had spread into his bones. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time but I understand that it's likely that a memorial service will be held in the new year.

Morgan was active in both KARC and ARES. He rarely missed a net of either organization when he was able.

# Upcoming Events

**January 5, 2005** KARC Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m. Smitty's Back Room

## An Invitation

Are you interested in using your operating skills and equipment for emergency communications? The Kingston Amateur Radio Emergency Service (A.R.E.S.) group welcomes you to our monthly meetings. They are held the third Monday of each month, except July & August, at 7:00 pm (19:00 hrs) upstairs at the Kingston West Fire Hall. The meetings are very informal, no minutes. Training is given and usually 'technical talks'. Membership is \$10 a year.

For more information check out the Website:  
[www.qsl.net/kingstonares/index.html](http://www.qsl.net/kingstonares/index.html)

**Next ARES Meeting January 17, 2005**

**February 2, 2005** KARC Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m. Smitty's Back Room

Every **Tuesday** at 7:00 p.m. ARES Net on VE3KBR

Every **Wednesday** at 7:30 p.m. KARC Net VE3KBR

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

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

<http://www.king.igs.net/~karc/>

Join the KARC email list

<http://www.smartgroups.com/groups/karc>

The **ARES** web site is maintained by VA3KDH, Kim Visit our site at:  
<http://www.qsl.net/kingstonares/index.html>



## No call-out for Kingston A.R.E.S. VE3NB Bernard Burdsall

**Sunday 5 December 2004.** The heavily travelled Bath Road at Kingston, Ontario, was suddenly blocked at about 11:00 am when tanker cars of a slow-moving southbound CNR freight train derailed, but remained upright.

The train was going to the Invista (formerly DUPONT Canada) plant with highly corrosive flake-like material used for making nylon called 2280 hexamethylene diamine. Luckily, no leakage occurred. The chemicals were not as hazardous as reported in the Kingston Whig-Standard according to VE3SV Bob Boyd, a retired Dupont engineer, but still could have caused an environmental disaster because of the rail line's proximity to the Little Cataraqui Creek and its large marshy area.

Bath Road remained closed by the police until 6:00 am on Monday morning, 6 December. It was closed in both directions from Portsmouth Avenue west to Centennial Drive, a distance of about one mile, causing massive traffic problems and reroutes to vehicles and pedestrians.

Thanks to the train being slow-moving, which is its normal procedure, no spills or fire occurred as the tanker cars remained upright. To evacuate the heavily populated area would have been an enormous task.

## A novel link-up

**VE3NB Bernard Burdsall**

On Wednesday, 15th December 2004, the Lanark County A.R.E.S. group, EC Earle Holmes VE3HEG, connected their repeater VE3KJG at 19:30 hrs to VE3KBR at Kingston via IRLP and ran their weekly net with check-ins from members and also from the Kingston group.

Communications were generally good and this further increased the friendship between the two groups.

## Letter to RAC Headquarters

**RE: R.A.C. Web page - Quick  
Canadian Call Sign Search**

What a shambles! Sure it works but it has so many errors. Currently I am the Historian for the Kingston Amateur Radio Club and I have extensive records dating back to its inception in 1948. I also keep track of

"Silent Keys', sending in notices to RAC and the local club news, plus keeping up-to-date records of members' addresses, and even the name of their XYL. Recently I needed the family members' names and call signs of a deceased Amateur. I knew they have moved out of town five years ago and found that Industry Canada had never been informed as their former Kingston address was given on the RAC Website. This is a common problem, especially among widows, and seniors who move into nursing homes. What to do? Bring back a licence fee, either one or two years. Big screams from everyone, but why not? There is lots of money out there for overpriced radio equipment. Oh yes, another complaint - all those widows who have their deceased husband's call sign licence plates. Sure it's a provincial matter but amateur licences are federal government issue and it should bring pressure to bear. That's it for now.

Bernard H. Burdsall VE3NB  
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## **INTERNET LINKS**

From Peter VE3ZXT

For anyone interested, the following 18-page PDF is a printout of how my Icom tri-bander HT is configured.  
[http://home.cogeco.ca/~ve3zxt/ve3zxt\\_ic90a\\_config.pdf](http://home.cogeco.ca/~ve3zxt/ve3zxt_ic90a_config.pdf)

## **FROM THE KARC EMAIL LIST**

Just to advise you that the digi is running on 145.050 at VE3REX-7. Would appreciate it if any contacts are made that we are advised.

Norm VE3VY Westport

**Join the KARC email list**  
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### **From RAC**



Following the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) Board of Directors regular monthly teleconference board meeting on November 23/04 the Chair is pleased to announce that, effective January 1 2005, the following persons will serve on the RAC Board of Directors to December 31 2006:

Ed Fraser VE7EF- Pacific/Yukon Region  
Bj Madsen VE5FX- Midwest Region  
Ben Price VE3CDA- Ontario North/East Region  
Dave Goodwin VO1AU- Atlantic Region

Joel Weder VE6VOX, Olds AB , has been appointed by the RAC Board of Directors to serve as Interim Director for Alberta/Northwest Territories/Nunavut Region pending a formal call for y nominations in the January-February 2005 issue of TCA magazine

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE KINGSTON AMATEUR  
RADIO CLUB  
HELD ON WED., DEC 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 At  
SMITTY'S RESTAURANT,  
PRINCESS ST.**

Three guests and new members were introduced VE3FHK John, VE3JPW Warren, VA3WM Willis. (VA3RWT Randy and Roger VE3RJV arrived later) All 27 members present were introduced.

1. Agenda (RAC Report added by VE3GO Ron Walsh)

2. **MINUTES OF THE NOV MEETING** - Moved by VE3NFU Bill that minutes be approved as printed in the Newsletter, seconded by VE3SH Ferd Schijns...carried

3. **TREASURERS REPORT** Read and moved by VA3TRM Terry Murphy that report be accepted as read. Report showed Income \$20, Expenses \$87.38 = minus \$67.38 after expenses. Bank account \$4,046.85 plus Repeater account \$1,235.80...OVERALL TOTAL in bank \$5,282.65

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

A: Antenna Analyzer - VE3ORP Dave Lawrence has received the diodes needed for repair and VE3RPF Robert will work on repair of analyzer.

50/50 DRAW was won and donated to the club by VA3TRM Terry Murphy.

B: Second repeater still under repair. Motion was made by VE3KBN Don Ede that \$150 be allotted to cover cost of repairs etc. seconded by

VE3KXA Doug Smith...carried (VE3PRW Michael Turner will assist with transportation if needed)

C: VE3RCN Kevin Clements reported that his 6 m beacon is off the air for now..

6: **NEW BUSINESS**

A: President reported that new program (Digipan 2.0) is available at [www.digipan.net](http://www.digipan.net).

B: **REPORTS** by VE3GO Ron Walsh - RAC WINTER CONTEST Dec 17 and 18 can use VE3RAC for call. Ron is going on Coast Guard ship BITTERN Dec. 12 and 13 also 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald on Lake Superior.

7: **REPORTS:**

A: RAC: VE3ORP Dave Lawrence reports that Doug Leach will retire at end of year Ben Price will be new president of RAC. (Dave will also retire his position with RAC)

B: **KARC NEWSLETTER:** VA3KDH Kim Hay asks for items or pictures for her the Newsletter.

C: Next meeting will be held January 5<sup>th</sup> 2005.

D: VE3ORP Dave Lawrence suggested that when the analyser is repaired anyone borrowing it should be shown how to use it and then be responsible for it if it is returned unusable. Everyone agreed. (There may

be a demonstration at a future meeting on the operation of the Analyser)

E: It was announced that many are now on Packet radio. (145.070)

F: **HEARTS and FLOWERS** - VE3KBN Don reports that Stew Watts VE3IVX is in hospital and soon will return to Extencicare and VE3GO Ron Walsh reports that Terry French VE3OB is in Trillium Ridge Retirement home

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:30 Moved by VE3KBN Don Ede seconded by VE3RCN Kevin Clements...carried

VE3NFU Bill Mason  
Secretary KARC



## **KARC AGENDA**

### **Meeting January 5, 2005**

1. Additions and/or deletions
2. Minutes of December 1, 2004 Club meeting. Errors/Omissions
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Old Business
  - a) Antenna Analyzer Report
  - b) Second Repeater Report
5. 50/50 Draw
6. New Business
7. Reports
  - a) RAC
  - b) Net Manager - VE3KFS
  - c) KARC Newsletter – VA3 KDH
  - d) Website- VA3KGB
  - e) Any other reports
8. Adjournment