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# Kingston Amateur Radio Club

## 2015 Executive



Kingston Amateur News

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VE3KAR Clarendon Stn  
147.090 (+) Mhz  
(non operational)

VE3KER Kingston packet  
node  
145.010 MHz simplex



VE3KBR Kingston  
146.940(-) MHz  
151.4Hz Tone  
IRLP 2750

VE3UEL-1 Hartington APRS  
node  
144.390 MHz

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'd like to begin by wishing all KARC members and their families healthy and happy 2015.

I'd like to express my thanks to the outgoing executive from 2014 who've toiled long and hard for our club. Their efforts are very much appreciated. We are indeed fortunate that Assaf VA3PCI has agreed to carry on both as past president and as our newsletter editor. Thank you very much Assaf. We are also fortunate that Steve VE3KC has agreed to carry on as our membership chair. Shannon, VA3XRY will continue to serve the KARC by working with Ron VE3GO as a member of the repeater committee.

I also like to thank those of you who let your names stand for nomination for the club executive positions for 2015. Your new executive are: myself, VA3LX as president, Carlyle VE3WIO as vice president, Mike VE3HEO as treasurer and Larissa VE3KGC. Unfortunately Mike has since had to withdraw. As a result, we will hold another election for the treasurer position during the January meeting.

Your new club officers are all relatively new hands or relatively new to Kingston. We look forward to the support and guidance of long-term KARC members as we move forward together and share our mutual interests in ham radio.

We anticipate one of the challenges of 2015 may well be finding suitable locations for our repeaters. VE3KBR and VE3KAR are currently located at the commercial sites that have recently been sold.

On a more positive note, we'll be beginning the year with a KARC sponsored Special Event Station VG3SJAM to honour the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sir John A. MacDonald. We owe special thanks to Chip VA3KGB for taking the initiative of applying for the license and organizing the event. The details for the event and the calendar of operating times are at this link: [www.ve3kbr.com/karc/vg3sjam.htm](http://www.ve3kbr.com/karc/vg3sjam.htm). There's still room in the schedule for those of you that would like to operate as VG3SJAM.

The new KARC executive and I look forward to sharing an enjoyable year with you as we explore the many facets of 'the king of hobbies' together.

de Paul, VA3LX

## VHF NET REPORT

January 7, 2015

Thanks to the controllers who kept the VHF net alive in December. Check-ins ranged from 8 to 13 and net duration ran from 19 to 31 minutes.

As some of you know, I've been Net Manager since May 2009. I've decided not to continue in 2015. Larissa has graciously offered to take over the role. I would like to most sincerely thank all the net controllers for your continued participation. I believe that Assaf VA3PCI, John VE3CAK, David VE3DZE and Warren VE3JPW have been net controllers since at least 2009 and we've welcomed Larissa VE3KGC and Carlyle VE3WIO as regulars, as well as occasionals like Ron VE3GO. I'd also like to mention long-time former net controllers, Bill VE3NFU and Roy VE3VJF, who had to drop out due to health issues of theirs or other family members. I know everyone will support Larissa the way you've supported me.

If you hear silence any Tuesday night at 19:30 hours on VE3KBR, please jump in and control the net. The script is on the KARC web site and in the current newsletter. If you follow it, you'll do fine.

But the most important thing is that you check into the VHF net every Tuesday night at 7:30 because without you, it's pretty lonely.

Steve, VE3KC

## MEETING MINUTES

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
THE KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 3 DEC 2014  
AT SMITTY'S**

**The Kingston Amateur Radio Club meeting** was called to order at 7:00PM by our president Assaf VA3PCI.

1. The members present introduced themselves. There were 15 members in attendance.

**2. Additions to the Agenda:**

a) Nil

3. **Minutes:** Shannon VA3XRY assured the club that minutes for the November meeting are complete and will be ready in short order.

4. **December Treasurer's Report:** There was \$350 in memberships, an interest of \$0.12, for a total income of \$350.12. Expenses were \$60 for reimbursement for special call sign, and a closing balance of \$7316.13. Steve VE3KC motioned to that the report be accepted as read, seconded by Matthew VE3MHB. Motion carried.

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes:**

a) **Repeater issues:** Steve VE3KC reports towers have been transferred to new owners who may not be interested in housing the repeaters or may want to begin charging significant amounts of money. Existing agreements for VE3KBR and VE3KAR repeaters will expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. We do not have new sites for the repeaters, although going back to Queens is a possibility. Ron VE3GO says we should start looking for a replacement site.

Paul VA3LX proposed a repeater committee be assembled, Ron VE3GO and Matthew VE3MHB volunteered for it.

b) **QSL Card Design:** Chip VA3KGB says people should send the designs directly to him and he will put them up on the website. He also passed around a schedule for using the station.

**6. Reports:**

a) **Net Manager:** Steve VE3KC thanks the controller for all of 2014. Net checkins in November ranges from 8-12 and duration from 22-40 minutes.

b) **CFARS:** DND accepted PACTOR as the primary mode of communications. ALE is being phased out. CFARS is continuing to grow and do well. He is looking for advanced amateurs with good quality stations who are willing to put the time in to join CFARS.

c) Ron VE3GO will be on the battleship USS North Carolina c/s NI4VK in February will be operating. More to follow.

7. **Date of next meeting:** January 7, 2015, 7PM at Smitty's.

**8. Elections:** The following were elected to executive positions for the 2015 year:

President: Paul VA3LX

Vice President: Carlyle VE3WIO

Treasurer: Michael VE3HEO

Secretary: Larissa VE3KC

**9. Presentation:** Paul VA3LX gave an interesting and informative presentation on December contests. Les VE3KFS also gave a very interesting presentation/video on Radio Canada International.

Assaf VA3PCI

2014 President

Kingston Amateur Radio Club Inc.

## AGENDA – 7 Jan 2015

1. Members and Guests introduce themselves
2. Additions to the Agenda
3. Minutes of the last Meeting: errors / omissions / approval (Assaf VA3PCI)
4. Treasurer's Report (Steve VE3KC)
5. Business arising from the minutes:
  - a. Introduction of new club officers
  - b. Update from the repeater committee (Ron VE3GO)
  - c. Update on the VG3SJAM Special Event Station (Chip VA3KGB)
6. New Business:
  - a. Election of treasurer
  - b. Club member survey (Carlyle VE3WIO)
  - c. Other
7. Reports:
  - a. Net Manager (Steve VE3KC)
  - b. Repeater committee (Ron VE3GO)
  - c. CFARS (Les VE3KFS)
  - d. "Hearts and Flowers"
  - e. Community acknowledgements
  - d. Other Reports
7. Date of next meeting: 04 February 2015
8. 50 / 50 Draw
9. Adjournment
10. Presentation: Presentation/demo on SDR (Software Defined Radio) receiver by Chip VA3KGB and Andy VE3FYA

FINANCIAL REPORT

**KARC FINANCIAL REPORT - DECEMBER 2014**

December 9, 2014

**Opening Balance**

Cooperation Plus	7,045.03
Dividend Savings	9.66
Equity Shares	<u>261.62</u>
Total Balance	7,316.31

**INCOME**

memberships (5)	125.00
Returned from petty cash	34.40
Interest (estimate)	<u>0.12</u>
Total Income	159.52

**EXPENSES**

Liability insurance (RAC)	411.74
Total Expenses	411.74
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Revenue Less Expenses	-252.22

**CLOSING BALANCE**

Cooperation Plus	6,792.81
Dividend Savings	9.66
Equity Shares	<u>261.62</u>
Total Balance	7,064.09

**PETTY CASH**

Opening Balance	34.40
Returned to Cooperation Plus Account	34.40
Closing Balance	0.00

# KARC FINANCIAL REPORT - 2014

December 9, 2014

## Opening Balance

Cooperation Plus	6,709.15
Dividend Savings	16.39
Equity Shares	238.16
Total Balance	6,963.70

## INCOME

Memberships (35)	875.00
Donations (IRLP, repeater and miscellaneous)	100.00
Returned from petty cash	34.40
50/50 draws at meetings	33.50
Interest and Dividends	25.13
Callsign name tags	<u>7.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,075.03</b>

## EXPENSES

Liability insurance (RAC)	411.74
VE3KBR domain registration renewal and Doteasy web hosting	295.90
Barbeque	200.00
Industry Canada payment for Special Event Callsign VG3SJAM	60.00
KCCU annual membership dues	<u>7.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>974.64</b>

Revenue Less Expenses =====  
100.39

## CLOSING BALANCE

Cooperation Plus	6,792.81
Dividend Savings	9.66
Equity Shares	261.62
Total Balance	7,064.09



## NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Controller</u>
January 6	VE3KGC Larissa
January 13	VA3PCI Assaf
January 20	VE3WIO Carlyle
January 27	VE3CAK John
February 3	VE3DZE David
February 10	VE3JPW Warren
February 17	VE3KGC Larissa
February 24	VA3MHB Matthew
March 3	VA3PCI Assaf
March 10	VE3WIO Carlyle
March 17	VE3CAK John
March 24	VE3DZE David
March 31	VE3JPW Warren
April 7	VE3KC Steve
April 14	VE3KGC Larissa
April 21	VA3MHB Matthew
April 28	VA3PCI Assaf
May 5	VE3WIO Carlyle
May 12	VE3CAK John
May 19	VE3DZE David
May 26	VE3JPW Warren
June 2	VE3KC Steve
June 9	VE3KGC Larissa
June 16	VA3MHB Matthew
June 23	VA3PCI Assaf
June 30	VE3WIO Carlyle
July 7	VE3CAK John
July 14	VE3DZE David
July 21	VE3JPW Warren
July 28	VE3KC Steve
August 4	VE3KGC Larissa
August 11	VA3MHB Matthew
August 18	VA3PCI Assaf
August 25	VE3WIO Carlyle
September 1	VE3CAK John
September 8	VE3DZE David
September 15	VE3JPW Warren
September 22	VE3KC Steve
September 29	VE3KGC Larissa
October 6	VA3MHB Matthew
October 13	VA3PCI Assaf
October 20	VE3WIO Carlyle
October 27	VE3CAK John
November 3	VE3DZE David
November 10	VE3JPW Warren

## NET CONTROL SCRIPT

### **KARC Tuesday Night Net Control Script**

Revised April 16, 2013

Good evening. This is *[name and callsign]*, net control station for the Kingston Amateur Radio Club's Tuesday night Net.

The Kingston Amateur Radio Club Tuesday Night Net is an informal net that meets at 1930 hours every Tuesday evening on the KARC repeater, VE3KBR. We welcome participation by all amateurs.

Before continuing, is there any emergency or priority traffic? Please call now.

The purpose of the net is to take check-ins; to inform you of KARC activities; and to provide news of interest to Radio Amateurs. Information about KARC may be found on the web site ([www.ve3kbr.com](http://www.ve3kbr.com)) or by contacting any of our club executive members.

I will take check-ins giving priority to mobiles, portables and stations checking in via EchoLink or IRLP. When checking in, please give your call sign phonetically, your name and location, and indicate whether you have any traffic or announcements for the Net.

Are there any stations using EchoLink or IRLP wishing to check in? Please call now.

Are there any mobiles or portables wishing to check in? Please call now.

Are there any base stations wishing to check in? Please call now.

#### **Trivia Time**

Here's tonight's trivia question(s).

#### **Swap Shop**

Are there any items for the swap shop?

#### **Closing**

Are there any additional check-ins or announcements before I end the Net?

That concludes this evening's Kingston Amateur Radio Club Tuesday Night Net. Thank you for participating. We had *[number]* check-ins this evening. 73. This is *[name and callsign]* returning the repeater to normal amateur use.