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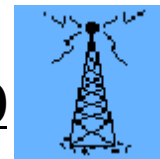
KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Kingston Amateur News

HISTORIC MORSE CODE RADIO STATION

RETURNS TO THE AIR

Story submitted by Ron Walsh VE3G0



Former RCA Station KPH Celebrates Its 100th Anniversary

COAST STATION KSM WILL MAKE ITS INAGURAL TRANSMISSION

COAST STATIONS WLO, KLB, NMC AND NOJ TO BE ON THE AIR

In the sixth annual event that has become known as the

"Night of Nights", historic Morse code radio station KPH will return to the air in commemoration of the last commercial Morse message sent in the United States.

This year's Night of Nights is special: it's the 100th anniversary of KPH, KSM will appear on the air for the first time and four other US coast stations will be on the air, several of them on MF in

addition to HF.

Frequencies and reception report information for all stations appear below.

KPH, the ex-RCA coast station located north of San Francisco, will return to the air for commemorative broadcasts on 12 July at 1701 PDT (13 July at 0001 GMT), 6 years and one minute after the last commercial Morse transmission in the [continued on page 3]

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The 2nd Repeater is now operational
147.090(+) MHz

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Special points of interest:

- *Historic Morse Code Station Returns to Air*
- *Events*
- *KARC Fleamarket & Club Picnic*
- **Deadline for August Submissions July 22, 2005**

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Treasurer's Report– Ferd Schijns (VE3SH)

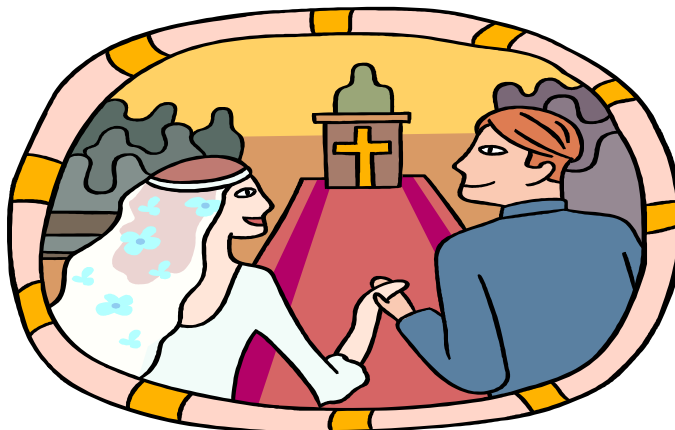
Financial report from Ferd (VE3SH)

Update for the summer months will be in for September's issue

*See you in
September*



Congratulations to Ferd & Olive Schijns who are cele-



brating their **50th** Wedding Anniversary..... in July

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US. These on-the-air events are intended to honor the men and women who followed the radiotelegraph trade on ships and at coast stations around the world and made it one of honor and skill.

Transmissions are expected to continue until at least midnight PDT (0700GMT).

Veteran Morse operators, including former KPH staff members, will be on duty at the receiving station at Point Reyes, CA listening for calls from ships and sending messages just as they did for so many years before Morse operations were shut down.

The transmitters are located 18 miles south of Point Reyes in Bolinas, CA at the transmitting station established in 1913 by the American Marconi Co. The original KPH transmitters, receivers and antennas will be used to activate frequencies in all the commercial maritime HF bands and on MF as well.

Many of the KPH transmitters will be 50s vintage RCA sets. KSM will use a 1940s vintage Press Wireless PW-15 transmitter on 12Mc. Power output will be 4 to 5kW. The transmitting antennas include a Marconi T for MF, double extended Zepps for 4, 6 and 8Mc and H over 2s for 12, 16 and 22Mc.

KPH will send traffic lists, weather and press broadcasts as well as special commemorative messages, many of which will be sent by hand. At other times the KPH and KSM "wheel" will be sent to mark the transmitting frequencies.

Members of the public are invited to visit the receiving station for this event. The station will be open to visitors beginning at 1500PDT (3:00pm). The station is located at 17400 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and is on the route to the Point Reyes lighthouse. Watch for a cypress lined driveway on the right about a mile past the entry to Coast Guard station NMC.

Publishing Schedule of the KARC Newsletter:

August Edition of KARC need by July 22

August I will create a Newsletter if any articles and interest let me know at vazkdh@rac.ca

September Edition of KARC need by August 26

October Edition of KARC need by September 23

November Edition of KARC need by October 21

KPH is operated by the Maritime Radio Historical Society in cooperation with the Point Reyes National Seashore, part of the National Park Service.

Further information may be found on the Maritime Radio Historical Society Web site at <http://www.radiomarine.org> or by contacting Richard Dillman at +1 415-990-7090 (email: rd@radiomarine.org) or Tom Horsfall at +1 510-237-9535 (email: wa6ope@hotmail.com).
BT

Station Information follows...

KPH

KPH will transmit on 4247.0, 6477.5, 8642.0, 12808.5, 17016.8 and 22477.5kc on HF and 500 and 426kc on MF.

These frequencies have been made available through the generous cooperation of Globe Wireless, the current owner of the KPH and KFS licenses.

KPH operators will listen for calls from ships on ITU Channel 3 in all bands. The Channel 3 frequencies are 4184.0, 6276.0, 8368.0, 12552.0, 16736.0 and 22280.5kc on HF and 500kc on MF.

Reception reports may be sent to:

Ms. DA Stoops
P.O. Box 381
Bolinas CA 94924-0381
USA

Denice is a former KPH operator and was the first female telegrapher hired at the station.

KSM

KSM will transmit on 426, 500, 6474 and 12993kc

KSM will listen for calls from ships on 500kc and HF Channel 3 (see KPH listing for frequencies).

Reception reports may be sent to:

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K.A.R.C. at Sky is the Limit (July 9, 2005) by John Taylor (VA3GST)

A dark and wet summer morning, temperature about 65 degrees F. for us seniors, or 18 degrees centigrade for the younger whippersnappers. As Kim, VA3KDH calls it wet sun shine which later turned into fair and dry partial sunshine. The afternoon became very pleasant and folks started to show up.

We had a tent set-up ready for us with chairs and tables, all out in the rain being well cleaned.

First early bird there was Doug, VE3FFR then myself with my XYL, Esther who delivered me to the site and did some unloading of gear. Esther quickly left to do her favorite things on Saturday morning.

Rob, VE3RPF arrived only minutes after Doug and I, we stood under cover of the tent looking at the wet stuff Hi Hi!!

Rob saying, "Let's get things out and going as it will not melt in the rain" that was the beginning of a fun day. Doug was very busy getting ropes in two selected trees about 120 feet apart for his 80/40-meter antenna. Terry, VE3TRM arrived looking wet but very happy with that big smile, he worked with Doug on the antenna until the job was completed.

Michael, VE3PRW was with us to make sure we were doing as we should be doing and brought a large container of chocolate chip cookies, FB Mike.

Rob and I were busy drying off tables and getting our rigs set-up and Doug was setting up his two meter antenna and rig for APRS. Kim, VA3KDH and Kevin arrived to see how we were doing and suggested we visit them at the astronomy display later in the day when the sky was clear.

As we were messing with the gear Les, VE3KFS arrived with Tim Horton coffee and Tim Bits for all, very thoughtful of Les especially on a morning like this.

Around 10:00 AM we noticed the organizer of the festival Robin Bradley going by on occasion and each time she appeared a little more like she just dragged herself out of the dunk tank. It was still raining at this time.

Fly FM DJ Carl Richards and his associate arrived with helium filled balloons and stored them in the ceiling of our tent, asking us to hand them out to the kids as they went by, Doug did a fine job of PR on this.

As lunchtime was approaching things were really improving with weather and overall activity, some people came by asking what we were doing. At that time I was playing with some CW on my Ten Tec Scout, Rob was looking for SSB contest signals on his new HF rig a SGC

Pictures by Kevin Kell



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Upcoming Events

July 9, 2005 Sky is the Limit –Rain or Shine

July 24, 2005

KARC Summer Picnic

*KARC Summer Picnic to be held on
July 24, 2005 at Chip (VA3 KGB) &
Marilyn's
place on Yarker Road starting at
11:00 am*

*Bring a dish be it salad, dessert or
munchies.*

See you there!!

Break for the Summer

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

Join the KARC email list
<http://www.smartgroups.com/groups/karc>



Flea Markets

The **Kingston Amateur Radio Club** will again hold its flea market on **Saturday September 17th**. It will be at Drill Hall "A", at CFB Kingston. Doors will open to vendors at 0730 and to the public at 0900. Talk in will be on 146.34 / 146.94.

Admission \$ 3.00 Tables are \$ 10.00 for the public (with one admission included) and \$ 20.00 for commercial vendors (or free with suitable door prize.)

The Canadian Forces Communication Museum will be open for those attending to visit. Tables may be arranged by contacting ve3tmt, Max, at mdonoghue@sympatico.ca or ve3go, Ron, at ve3go@sympatico.ca Vendors, commercial vendors, 50/50 Draw, Canteen and more!

According to the calendar of events in Ontario and Quebec, this does not compete with any other flea market that weekend.

Ron Walsh, VE3GO

The **Ottawa Amateur Radio Club** is pleased to announce its 9th Annual Hamfest

Saturday, September 3, 2005 (Labour Day weekend)

Tailgaters Open and Building Vendor setup: 9 am
Building Opens: 10 am until 1 pm

Carp Agricultural Fair Grounds
3970 Carp Rd (at Falldown Lane)
Ottawa (Carp), Ontario

From Ottawa Highway 417 East to Carp Road exit, North to the Fairground

We are in the arena, so follow the signs on the site

\$5 general admission
\$10/table (plus admission)
\$5/tailgate (plus admission)

Tickets will be sold for a very Special Door Prize

The OARC is proud to once again sponsor the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) Forum and Technology Update. This highly informative event follows immediately after the close of the Hamfest at 1 pm. We are fortunate to have Ben Price (VE3CDA),

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
HELD ON June 1, 2005 At SMITTY'S RESTAURANT, PRINCESS ST.

The meeting opened at 7PM by Rob, VE3RPF

1. All members were introduced

2. MINUTES of the May Meeting were presented. It was noted that Herman's call was listed as XXXXXX and should have been: VA3QX. Moved that the amended minutes be accepted by Bill, VA3OL and seconded by Doug, VE3FFR.....carried

3. TREASURERS REPORT was presented by Ferd, VE3SH. Moved by VE3SH, Ferd that the treasurers report be accepted. Seconded by Tom, VA3ZE.... carried

Ferd also noted that quite a few members have not paid their dues yet. Please see Ferd to renew your membership.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Chip, VA3KGB reported on the website hosting situation. The actual cost of a new website with spam protection and domain protection will be \$217.00 annually plus the cost to register our domain name of \$108.00 for a 5 year registration. These amounts are US\$ and do not include taxes. Moved by Tom, VA3ZE that the club move the website at a cost of \$217 per year plus the domain name registration for \$108.00. Seconded by Roy, VE3VJF. Carried.

5: NEW BUSINESS

Ron, VE3GO announced that Art Blick, VE3AHU had willed his equipment to the communications museum and to the Club. The Signalers club of Canada have taken over Art's old call for use by the club.

The Flea Market will be held September 17th at Drill Hall "A" on the base. Ron is looking for prizes to be donated and he is looking for volunteers to assist with the setup and running of the event.

Larry (VE3LRM) Mullen's wife Carol described a walk for diabetes that her daughter is doing in memory of her father. She will make a 38 Km trek from Amherstview to Verona. A pledge sheet was passed around at the meeting.

Kim, VE3KDH moved that the club donate \$100 to the walk in honor of Larry. Seconded by Tom, VA3ZE. Carried.

Ron, VE3GO announced that he is now on the band planning committee for RAC and that we have to ensure that our bands are used or we may lose them. There is a great deal of pressure to find more frequencies for commercial use.

50/50 Draw

Won by Kim, VE3KDH, the winnings were \$10.00 [continued on page

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Presentations

Tom, VA3ZE did a presentation on SSTV and Digipan (PSK) with his ICOM 706 and a dipole made from two ham sticks.

Bill, VA3OL demonstrated a few items from his camping radio setup.

7: REPORTS:

RAC: (No report)

NET MANAGER No report

IRLP: No report

KARC NEWSLETTER: VE3KDH, Kim announced that there will be a July newsletter. Deadline for submissions is July 24th.

OTHER ITEMS:

VE3HWS Garry Penwarden has been in KGH for 6 weeks. He is currently in isolation due to infection.

Ron, VE3GO suggested that the 147.09 repeater be used as a DX spotter repeater.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Roy, VE3VJF; Seconded by Ron, VE3KBN Carried

Bill Rumball, VA3OL
Secretary KARC

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RAC's Ontario North/East Director, as Moderator. The OARC is a RAC affiliated Club.

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Web address: <http://oarc.net/fleamarket>

Talk-in on VE2CRA, 146.94 -

Have a Safe and Happy Summer.....See you in September!!!

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WLO

WLO will transmit on 438, 500, 8514.0 and 12660.0kc

WLO will listen for calls from ships on 500kc and HF Channel 3 (see KPH listing for frequencies).

Reception reports may be sent to:

WLO/KLB
700 RINLA AVENUE
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36619
USA

Or via email to: wloradio@wloradio.com

KLB

KLB will transmit on 6411.0

KLB will listen for calls from ships on 6276kc

Reception reports may be sent to:

WLO/KLB
700 RINLA AVENUE
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36619
USA

Or via email to: wloradio@wloradio.com

NMC

NMC will transmit on 448, 472, 500, 6383.0, 8574.0 and 17220.5kc

NMC will listen for calls from ships on 500kc and HF Channel 3 (see KPH listing for frequencies).

Reception reports may be sent to:

COMMANDING OFFICER
ATTN ITC ERIC SIMMONS
COMMUNICATIONS AREA MASTER STATION
PACIFIC
17000 SIR FRANCIS DRAKE BLVD
POINT REYES STATION, CALIFORNIA 94956-0560
USA

NOJ

NOJ will transmit on 8650.0, 12889.5 and 16909.7

NOJ will listen for calls from ships on Channel 3 (see KPH listing for frequencies).

Reception reports may be sent to:

COMMANDING OFFICER
ATTN OSCM WILLIAM KECKLER
US COAST GUARD COMMUNICATIONS STATION
KODIAK
PO BOX 190017
KODIAK, ALASKA 99619
USA

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Richard Dillman, W6AWO
Maritime Radio Historical Society
<http://www.radiomarine.org>

Jack St. Clair Kilby, the inventor of the micro-chip, passed away on 20 June.

For more information on his great contrubutions to electronics click on the URL below:

<http://www.ti.com/corp/docs/kilbyctr/jackstclair.shtml>

Without his invention, Amateur Radio would be a whole lot different and heavier.

Robert VE3RPF

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SG-2020 transceiver, a lot of contesting today from the USA. Doug had his APRS running but seemed to have some problems with lack of signals. The 2-meter KBR repeater was doing well.

We had a very well known visitor come by; he took Rob aside for an interview so hopefully we may appear in the public media.

Jack Chang did the interview and was around our display a number of times asking questions, seems he himself was very interested.

(See Whig-Standard, July 11, 05)

Les and Rob were trying for contacts with Rob's rig and Les was working up a storm on CW with my paddles, he really enjoyed the paddles. He was working contesting stations, CW at about 25 to 30 WPM, nice to listen to but way too fast for me to copy.

Drew, VE3UIN arrived about mid afternoon and brought in some fresh conversation and interesting suggestions on different antennas.

We enjoyed the music from three Fort Henry Guards as they marched by then later returned handing out Oh Henry chocolate bars.

All in all it was an enjoyable day, not as many people there due to the weather and sadly not very many people asking questions about our existence. Doug installed the club banner but I don't think it was really noticed very much.

My opinion is we need more hand out material, pictures of members operating their stations showing logos of KARC and RAC. Participation of the public, make a contact then let a person talk to that contact.

Hand out papers of information about what we do and how we do it, forms for taking a basic course and how to become a member and what being a member means.

The above is nothing more than my own thoughts.

Personally I would like to say thanks to the KARC for making my day enjoyable with interesting people and just playing radio.

73

John, VA3GST

****Note from the Editor**** I am in total agreement with John on the publicity aspect of the club. If we want to recruit more members, we need to hand out information that shows, when and where we meet and the address of our website. Have the public participate in an event, they will appreciate and understand it more.

KH