

# Kingston Amateur News

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**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

Jun 4, 7:00 p.m. (Wednesday)

**MEETING PLACE: Smitty's**

2376 Princess (next door to Chapters)

Come in early and have supper.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**



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With RAC



**Have a wonderful summer  
Return safely in September  
See you all at the BBQ  
Rotary Park  
July 13, 12 – 4 pm**

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



Every Saturday morning  
at

**Smitty's**

Come and meet, get the latest in Amateur  
Radio gossip and of course eat while you talk!

**2003 / 04 EXECUTIVE OF KARC:**

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**ARES MEETING**

The next regular ARES meeting will be on Monday 16 Jun 2003 at Kingston West Fire Hall, Woodbine and Bayridge roads at 19:00 hrs. Visitors are always welcome!

Visit our site at: <http://www.qsl.net/kingstonares/index.html>

The ARES web site is maintained by VA3KDH, Kim

**The daughters of Margaret and Bernard Burdsall cordially invite their Kingston Amateur Radio Club friends to an open house at the River Mill Restaurant, Saturday, June 28th, from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. in celebration of our parents' 60th wedding anniversary. Best wishes only, please.**

**Thank you,**

Marian Burdsall  
(daughter #4)  
510 Victoria Street  
Kingston, Ontario  
K7L 4A1  
531-4429

***MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB HELD ON WED., MAY 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003 At SMITTY'S RESTAURANT, PRINCESS ST.***

**1. Agenda No Changes**

**2. MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING** - VE3AHU Art Blick moved that the minutes of the April meeting be accepted as printed in the Newsletter, seconded by VE3KDM Ker Macmillan..carried.

**3. TREASURERS REPORT** was read by VA3TRM Terry Murphy showing cash in bank of \$5097.57 moved for adoption by VE3KFS Les Lindstrom seconded by VE3LRM Larry Mullin..carried.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**A: VE3TRM Max Donoghue** presented a fact sheet with some costs of an antenna, which the club is contemplating purchasing. Report will be reviewed for later consideration.

**B: FALL DINNER** - Moved by VE3AHU Art Blick that the president book Glenburnie United Church for Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by VE3NB Bernard Burdsall..carried (This dinner to be held in place of the usual Christmas Dinner. It is hoped that better weather conditions will prevail with the earlier date)

**C: DONATION TO OWNER OF REPEATER SITE** - Cheque is in the mail for \$100. This figure was decided at the last meeting. (The club does not do not pay anything for using this tower.)

**D: CLUB NAME TAGS** are available for \$5.25 (See VE3VJF Roy Clark or VA3TRM Terry Murphy)

**E: The president announced** that the KARC received a donation by cheque for \$100 from McGill-Queen's Press for some work that VE3GHK George Kennedy did on an old IBM Selectric typewriter. VE3KC Steve said that George would not take payment for his work so it was donated to the KARC. VE3KC Steve Cutway was instrumental in this transaction.

**F: FALL FLEA MARKET** (Garage Sale) Need Site. Previous sales brought in as much as \$700 for the club.

**50/50 DRAW** - Winner was VA3CDG Chris Gazley (\$12)

**THE PRESIDENT made a presentation** of a beautiful clock. (The clock was designed by VE3GHK George Kennedy) to VE3NFK John Turgoose. The president said, " John has been very helpful to the Club" John is responsible for the IRLP set-up at Altair at no cost to the club. Club members present thanked John.

**VE3AHU Art Blick** gave a short talk on antennas. Shortly after the March-April issue of the Canadian Amateur Art started getting email and telephone calls asking. How can you get 6.51-db gain with a half-wave dipole? Actually it's a preposterous gain because its like comparing apples tp oranges. What you have is two aerials one is in free space and the other is a half wave above ground. Art says you are comparing two entirely different things so he wanted to bring this to our attention. For more on this please ask Art.

**CLUB PICNIC** - VA3GST John Taylor has arranged for July 13 from 12 to 4 at Rotary Park. Last year was successful at this site.

**FIELD DAY** - to be held at Hay Bay property of VE3MNE Don Gilroy. VE3TMT Max Donoghue in process of arranging. See Max or Info.

**SKY'S THE LIMIT** - July 5<sup>th</sup> at the Cricket Field by VE3RBF Rob Parker.

**NET MANAGER:** VE3KFS Les Lindstrom reports that net is going well, but urges members to take the net on the fourth Wednesday of each month as he is leaving this night open for that purpose.

**VA3OR Keven Clements Reported** that the RMC Station is now being run by VE3BGP Mike Beausoleil

**A MOTION** was made by VE3SH Ferd Schijns that, The Club Regulation #2 be amended to read;  
"The annual fees for Full and Associate membership in the club shall be determined by the executive and approved at a general meeting. The fees shall be payable on admission to membership and on 31<sup>th</sup> day of December of each year."  
Seconded by VE3FFR Doug Richards....carried.  
(This changes the line in CLUB REGULATION#2 30<sup>th</sup> of September which will now read 31<sup>st</sup> of December)

**Motion to adjourn** VE3FFR Doug Richards.

VE3NFU Bill Mason  
Secretary KARC

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### FIELD DAY 2003

Field Day this year will take place on the last full weekend in June, June 28 & 29. During Field Day hams around North America participate in a simulated emergency test, whereby stations are established under adverse conditions and a specific set of rules. The object of Field Day is to set up an operating station or stations under emergency conditions and to contact as many other participating amateurs as possible within a 24 hour period. Field Day places enormous pressure on an operator's skills, under comparable conditions to those encountered during a real emergency situation. It is my hope that the members of the Kingston Amateur Radio Club will be willing participants in this annual affair. It is an ideal event for members to practice their skills in erecting antennas, operating a station and logging. It is my goal to have two HF stations on the air during the entire 24 hour period, with an additional station on 20m PSK. Field Day is a great way to get your feet wet in the contesting aspect of amateur radio, and hone your HF operating skills. This year, we will be operating from Hay Bay, at the cottage of Don Gilroy, VE3MNE. Setup begins around 10:00AM local time on Saturday, the 28th, with the start of operations from 2:00PM and continuing around the clock until 2:00PM on Sunday. We encourage new members to join in the fun. This is a perfect opportunity to learn to operate a variety of equipment and see a station assembled from scratch. We need operators, equipment, food and refreshments, and people willing to log contacts and just be there to lend a helping hand. If you are interested in participating in this years contest, and haven't already given me your name, please e-mail me at ve3tmt@rac.ca or call me at 544-9288 during the evenings. Lets make the 2003 Field Day a success!

You can download the 2003 field day rules package from the ARRL website at:

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/index.html>

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<p>R.A.C. is authorizing the use of the CK prefix for use by all VE stations from 24 May to 27 July of this year. It might make for a good attention getter during this year Field Day operation.</p>
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## Rural Expo Web Site

There are number of significant changes to this website including a means of registering your interest in participation. Please have a look <http://www.rideaulakes.net/ruralexpo2003>.

Norm VE3VY

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### Kingston Amateur Radio Club's 4-letter Call Sign - VE3SJAM

In a letter from W. D. Holland, Radio Inspector at the Belleville district office, a special call sign VE3SJAM has been assigned to the Kingston Amateur radio club (K.A.R.C.) for the month of June 1991 to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Sir John A. Macdonald on 6 June 1891. Not many four letter calls have ever been issued, perhaps only VE3RCMP. It is understood that the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) permits only a maximum of three letters for Amateur call signs.

A special station using HF and VHF was set up in Bellevue House, a former residence of Sir John, now a museum on Centre Street Kingston. This was operated only on 6 June and special QSL cards with a picture of Sir John were made by VE3IAJ, Joe, of Heritage Screencraft and sent to stations contacted that day. The President of K.A.R.C., Don VE3KBN was present to meet the Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of communications who visited that day and showed great interest in the museum and the amateur station. Other K.A.R.C. operators were Bill VE3DXY, Garry VE3HWS, Bob VE3PSC, Brian VE3CTE, Howie VE3NWB. Bernard VE3NB, committee chairman, was interviewed by landline on the CBC radio program Morning Side.

The call VE3SJAM was used during the month by K.A.R.C. members from their home stations. The front cover of *The Canadian Amateur* magazine for June 91 had a copy of the portrait of Sir John that hangs in Memorial Hall, Kingston City Hall.

VE3NB

#### Thank you

I would like to personally thank, everyone who participate this year in making this Newsletter possible, sharing your ideas and articles with the rest of the Amateur Radio fraternity, made my job easier.

Lets not forget our local operators who became "Silent Key" this year.

VE3BGP

Mike

KARC Newsletter, Editor

## The Ottawa Amateur Radio Club is pleased to announce its 7th Annual Hamfest

Saturday, August 30, 2003 (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

Highway 417 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)

This year's Great Door Prize is a Kenwood TH-6FA Tri-Band HT Transceiver.

Very generously donated by Bytown Marine Limited (Phone :(613) 723-8424)

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 Doug Leach (VE3XK), RAC's Ontario North  
Director, as Moderator. This years keynote speaker will be AMSAT-NA  
President Robin Haighton, VE3FRH.

The OARC is a RAC affiliated Club.

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Talk-in on VE2CRA, 146.94 -

**KARC AGENDA**  
**Meeting 4 June 2003**



1. Additions and/or deletions
2. Minutes of April club meeting. Errors/Omissions
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Old Business
  - a. Club name tags are available - \$5.25. (See VE3TRM Terry Murphy or VE3VJF Roy)
5. 50/50 Draw
6. New Business:
  - a. Club picnic
  - b. Field Day
  - c. Sky's the Limit
  - d. Any other business
7. Reports:
  - a. RAC
  - b. Net Manager – VE3KFS
  - c. KARC Newsletter – VE3BGP
  - d. Webpage – VA3KGB
  - e. Any other reports
8. Adjournment