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Kingston Amateur Radio Club

2013 Executive



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VE3KAR Clarendon Stn
147.090 (+) MHz

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

It was great to see a turn out of 22 people at our last meeting. This is the highest turn out we've had this year, and I hope we can maintain this momentum for future club activities.

Speaking of which, Field Day is just around the corner on June 22 & 23. Paul, VA3LX, has generously offered to host it on his property on Wolfe Island. So far, we are planning for this to be a 2A station (meaning 2 transmitters operating on emergency power).

We do need your help to make this event successful. Tables and chairs may sound like mundane details, but I don't think anyone wants to operate while sitting on grass. The next club meeting on June 5 will help coordinate many of those details and I'd like everyone to be there. In addition, for anyone who is interested in attending I encourage you to register at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HZYBYP2>

Registration isn't mandatory for attendance, but it would make it much easier for the executive to plan ahead things such as food, seating, etc.



Net Controllers Wanted

I'm also looking for additional **net controllers**. Many of our controllers are away, either due to work commitments or personal reasons, and right now we no longer have enough to sustain the net every Tuesday. Anyone with a valid Amateur license can become a net controller, and all you have to do is follow the scripts at the end of this newsletter.



KARC Hamfest 2013

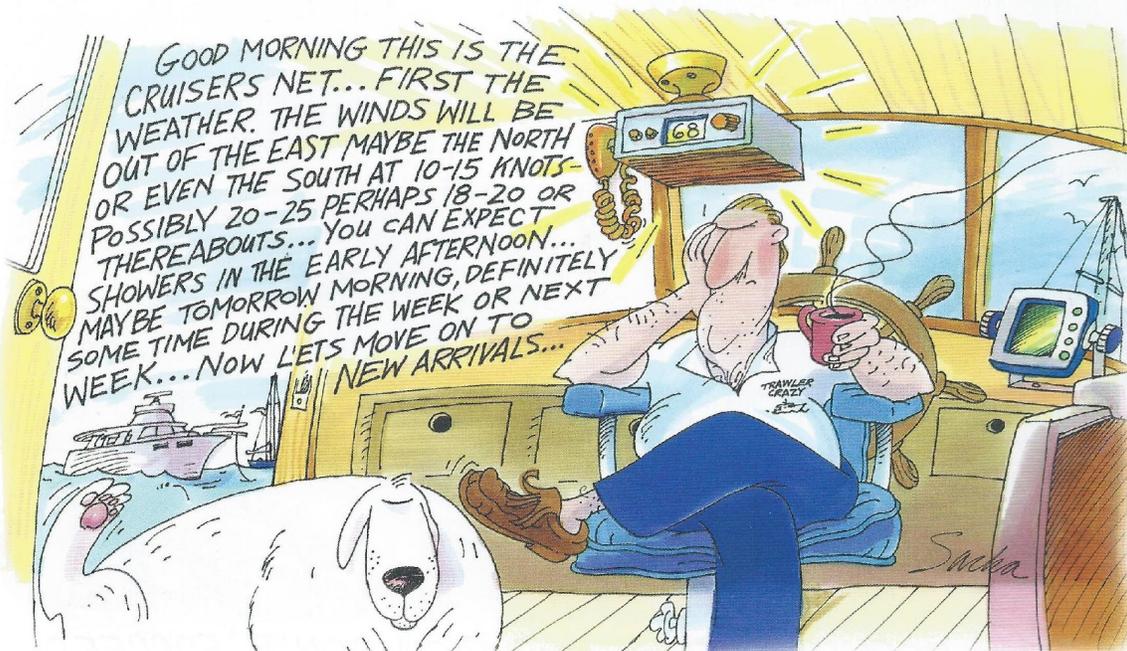
KARC will be hosting its annual Hamfest on **Saturday, September 14, 2013**. We are changing venue this year to the Reading Drill Hall (located on base at Byng Ave). The C&E Museum is no longer available to us due to plans to re-purpose the conference room, but the Reading Drill Hall (formerly known as Drill Hall Alpha) provides an ample amount of room for tables and parking. I would like to thank Doug, VE3FFR, for volunteering to organize the Hamfest once more this year.



Club Activities

I'd like to keep the club active past Field Day with at least one more event over the summer time. This could be a QSO contest, a kit build or a tour of a technical facility. Do you have any ideas for activities you would like to do? We welcome members willing to help organize club activities!

MEMBER ARTICLE



QUA – Carlyle Crothers VE3WIO/KC2MAZ

By Herman, VA3QX

Carlyle Crothers has only recently returned to the Kingston area and obtained his Canadian call-sign, VE3WIO, **W**olfe **I**sland **O**ntario. Carlyle got into Ham Radio later in life in 2000 when he lived in the USA and saw a practical use for it for a planned offshore sailing trip.

Carlyle graduated from Queens in Electrical Engineering and married his wife Lynda in 1970. After graduation until 1980 he worked in Smiths Falls for Guildline Instruments. From 1980 to 1990 he worked with Nortel/BNR in Ottawa. From 1990 to 2010 he worked as a Management Consultant living in Long Island NY. In 2010 he returned to Canada to take up residence on Wolf Island and local employment.

His grown family of five children are scattered around the world and live in Toronto, Bristol UK, New York, New Jersey and the Cayman Islands. With a scattered family like his, he should have taken up Ham Radio much earlier in life, but he didn't see a need until he got into boating.

While they lived in Long Island, the family became serious boaters and acquired a large 45 foot sloop rigged sailboat with a centre cockpit. They kept it in the Caribbean as a home away from home. The boat was equipped with a Marine HF SSB Radio, SEA 235, chosen partly because it was featured in the Movie "Perfect Storm" and partly because it had a Ham option. In addition to the radio, the boat was equipped with a 50 ft wire antenna from the top of the 60 ft mast to the stern, an automatic antenna tuner and an SCS Pactor TNC for Winlink communication.

As plans developed to bring the boat home to Long Island on a 15 day voyage via Bermuda and as many serious boaters do, Carlyle could see a real useful purpose for Ham Radio. In the spring of 2000 he studied and wrote the US Technician and General on the same day. He struggled through the code portion, still required in those days, and got his Ham License KC2MAZ .

The radio was used for Marine Radio, Ham and general listening, specifically:

1. Radiotelephone, stay in touch with home WLO (ITU 1212) 12263/31110 kHz
2. Download NOAA weather fax - USCG Boston 12750 kHz
3. Listen to NOAA radio weather - NMN (ITU 605) 6501kHz USB
4. Communicate with Southbound II – (ITU 1253) 12359 kHz
5. Listen to world short-wave radio CBC, BBC, Radio Nederland
6. Talk to Hams - Maritime network 14300 kHz
7. Email via Winlink

Back as a Land Lubber, Carlyle decided to remain with Ham Radio and acquire an ICOM 706 with an R8 Antenna. Despite the sale of the boat and marine radio equipment, Carlyle decided to keep the TNC. He likes the human interaction of Ham Radio. He also enjoys HF DX'ing and the technical aspects of the digital modes. He was very interested in the KARC Dongle activity last winter. Designing an SDR transceiver from scratch is something that he would like to tackle next winter.

Welcome aboard Carlyle – We like to hear more about your Maritime ventures.

KARC Hamfest at the S.A. Reading Drill Hall (Formerly Drill Hall Alpha) behind the Forde Building

Saturday, September 14, 2013, 0900-1200

Doors open to the public at 09:00. Doors open for vendors at 07:00

Tables are \$10 each and must be reserved by contacting Doug Richards VE3FFR, Steve Cutway VE3KC, hamfest (at symbol) ve3kbr.com

Talk-in on 146.94 (tone 151.4 Hz)

The Reading Drill Hall is located off Hwy 2, about 1 km East of Hwy 15 – through the Vimy Barracks entrance. 11 Byng Ave., Kingston, ON K7K 1A1

Turn South into Vimy Barracks, follow Princess Mary Ave to Byng Ave,
Turn left onto Byng Ave, Turn right just past Parade Rd

Additional parking North of Forde building off Parade Rd

Bring your surplus gear and swap not only some gear, but maybe a few stories and tall tales of great adventures and far-off DX contacts!

MEETING MINUTES

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
THE KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY 2013
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 22 persons in attendance.

2. Additions to the Agenda:

- a) Treasurer (David VE3DZE)
- b) Freelist (Steve VE3KC)
- c) Welcome of new hams (Herman VA3QX)

3. **Minutes:** Paul VA3LX motioned to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter, with correction. Seconded by Les VE3KFS. Motion carried.

4. **April Treasurer's Report:** There is currently \$6773.89 in the bank account. \$18 in name tags deposited, and \$20 in donations. David VE3DZE motioned that the statement be accepted as read, seconded by Steve VE3KC. Motion carried.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- a) Swapbox: Will bring to next meeting

6. New Business:

a) **Field Day:** Field Day is June 22-23. Assaf VA3PCI said he would like to club to be active for this. Several members indicated interest in doing this and it was decided to go ahead with the event. Discussion ensued for a suitable site. Les VE3KFS said he would check out the suitability of the C&E Museum which has recently had repairs completed to the HF antenna system. There was also discussion of using the ship Alexander Henry. David VE3DZE said he received positive feedback from the marine museum when Frontenac EmComm used it last year. He also said that Otter Lake would be a third option. David VE3DZE indicated it was important for the club to get some notch filters so multiple stations could operate at once. It was decided that further details regarding Field Day would be fleshed out in June.

b) **Net Manager & Controller:** Steve VE3KC has become our Net Manager once more. Assaf VA3PCI thanked him for filling this important position. The club still needs more net controllers and is seeking volunteers. Ron VE3GO said he may be able to fill in on some nights.

c) **Club Activities:** Assaf VA3PCI has said that the club hasn't been doing a lot of activities lately but the exec is working on changing that starting with Field Day. Paul VA3LX said he would like to maintain the HF net but is looking for additional controllers. Phil VE3HST also talked about the Saturday morning breakfasts, every week at 7:00AM at Smitty's. Assaf asked Paul VA3LX to brief the group on the recent SDR Kit build project. Paul said there was a club build that Phil hosted in RMC in March and Paul provided information on the operation of the SDR dongle.

Ron VE3GO also suggested several club activities, including the club visiting the marine radio station in Prescott, the Kingston airport with Navcan, and the CCGC Ice Breaker in Portsmouth. Members expressed great interest in visiting these sites and Assaf VA3PCI asked Ron to look into those.

d) **Treasurer:** David VE3DZE has announced his retirement from the Treasurer position. Assaf VA3PCI seeks a volunteer for this position.

e) **Freelist:** Steve VE3KC said new members are welcome to join. They can join by sending him an e-mail directly.

f) **Donation:** Steve VE3KC motioned that KARC donate \$100 to the Glengarry United Church to honour Joan who was the newsletter editor for 4 years and her many other contributions to the club. It was seconded by Chip VA3KGB. Motion carried.

7. Reports:

a) **President:** Assaf VA3PCI wants the club to be more active.

c) **Net Manager:** Steve VE3KC thanks the controllers for keeping the net alive. Checkins ranged from 9-16, and net duration were from 27 to 46 minutes. He said that the net will need new controllers to survive. He asks that if someone hears silence on the repeater during a regular net time to please pick up the net.

d) **Web Page:** Chip VA3KGB has been making regular updates to it and fixing dead links. Anything that members want to see on the webpage can simply be sent to Chip.

g) **Frontenac EMCOMM:** David VE3DZE said they are preparing for Field Day. They are also working with a VHF Packet net and setting up gateways.

i) **CFARS:** Les VE3KFS reports that multiple gateways have already been setup. Pactor links and e-mail gateways will also be soon setup. There will also be a new CFARS website, with the cfars.ca site being strictly a public website and the new website will be an operational one. CFARS is up to 138 – 139 members.

9. **Date of next meeting:** June 5, 2013, 7:00PM at Smitty's.

10. Motion to Adjourn by Paul VA3LX, seconded by Doug VE3KXA. Motion carried.

11. Presentations: Paul VA3LX gave an interesting and informative presentation on Ham Radio Deluxe and Logbook of The World. Ron VE3GO also had some great pictures and stories to share from his recent trip to the USS North Carolina.

Assaf VA3PCI

President (Filling in for secretary who is absent due to work commitments)

Kingston Amateur Radio Club Inc.

AGENDA – 5 JUNE 2013

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 (David VE3DZE)
5. Business arising from the Minutes:
 - a. Club Activities
 - b.
6. New Business:
 - a. September Hamfest
 - b. Field Day
7. Reports:
 - a. President (Paul VA3LX for Assaf VA3PCI)
 - b. Frontenac EmComm Group (David VE3DZE)
 - c. CFARS (Les VE3KFS)
 - d. "Hearts and Flowers"
 - e. Other Reports
8. Date of next meeting: 04 September 2013
9. Elections for Treasurer Position
10. Adjournment

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) 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.