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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  
145.070 MHz simplex



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

VE3UEL Hartington APRS  
node  
144.390 MHz

FROM THE PRESIDENT

After our long cold winter, summer certainly appears to be finally on our doorstep. Hurrah! As I expect is the case for most Hams, summer brings images of Field Days past and the urge to getting outside and repairing the winter ravaged antennas.

Speaking of Field Day; I'd like to thank Carlyle VE3WIO for leading KARC Field Day planning effort. It sounds like the group has come up with an exciting plan for sharing their knowledge of newer communication modes in addition to more traditional field day adventures such as hanging the perfect dipole in the highest tree in sight and eliminating QRM from the station on the next card table to a dull roar. I've heard they're planning a great BBQ as well. All KARC members, friends and families are welcome. Contact Carlyle for further details if you'd like to participate.

We're also hoping to repeat the success of last Summer's KARC picnic. We're looking for someone to take the lead for planning that. Please let Carlyle or myself know if you'd like to volunteer. We'll all be grateful!

I was delighted with the many ideas for fall/ winter projects raised during the discussion at May meeting. I look forward to further discussion and selecting an idea or two to move ahead with.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

73s,

de Paul VA3LX

## DX NEWS for June 2015

After a winter of high profile major DXpeditions to rare DXCC entities, there appears to be a summer hiatus hiatus major expeditions that blanket the HF bands with dense pileups across 20 KHz of precious spectrum.

However, there are many small 'holiday style' operations planned for June that are worth paying attention to.

My main sources of information for these operations are two free websites:

[www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html](http://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html) lists 'announced DX operations' with basic information about the operation: dates, callsign if available, who is taking part, and other details such as the number of operators, the website if available and operating style eg 'holiday style' 'spare time' etc. It also has a link to the dx cluster for current spots!

[www.dx-world.net](http://www.dx-world.net) is updated 'on the fly' with new information added most days with a more detailed narrative description and photos if available. It also features a very useful timeline on the left side column of the front page that displays the timing of the expeditions each month.

Here are some of the interesting small expeditions for the month of June as copied from the NG3K website:

|               |               |                     |              |        |                                     |  |
|---------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|--------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 2015<br>May30 | 2015<br>Jun03 | <b>Lord Howe I</b>  | <b>VK9</b>   | DL1YAF | <a href="#">425DXN</a><br>20150502  | By DL1YAF as<br>DL1YAF/VK9 fm<br>OC-004; 80-10m;<br>SSB CW; holiday<br>style operation;<br>QSL OK via DARC |
| 2015<br>May30 | 2015<br>Jun16 | <b>Niger</b>        | <b>5U5U</b>  | F4WBN  | <a href="#">DXW.Net</a><br>20150416 | By F4WBN; 40-<br>6m; SSB, some<br>RTTY; holiday<br>style operation   |
| 2015<br>May30 | 2015<br>Jun30 | <b>Burkina Faso</b> | <b>XT2AW</b> | M0OXO  | <a href="#">ATDX</a><br>20150508    | By DF2WO;<br>HF; CW SSB  |

Happy DXing de Paul VA3LX

## VHF NET REPORT

Thanks to the controllers who kept the VHF net alive since the May meeting: Carlyle VE3WIO, John VE3CAK, Ron VE3GO and Shannon VA3XRY, our newest controller. Check-ins ranged from 10 to 12 and net duration ran from 19 to 38 minutes.

Some of you may wonder why I, not Larissa, am making this report as she became Net Manager in January. She's away on a work assignment until mid June so I'm back!

If you hear silence any Tuesday night at 19:30 hours on VE3KBR, please jump in and control the net (which Ron VE3GO and Carlyle VE3WIO have done on several occasions) during the past four months. The script is on the KARC web site and in the April 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

### **KARC General Meeting Minutes**

**May 6, 2015**

1. Fourteen Members and one guest, Eric VE2PEF, were present at the meeting.
2. Additions to the agenda: VE3KC added an item regarding the Freelist to New Business.
3. Minutes of the April meeting: deferred
4. Treasurer's Report (Doug VE3FFR) reported that the KARC had \$8,202.39 in the bank as of current date up from \$8,035.34 at the previous meeting. Doug VE3KXA seconded Doug's motion that the treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.
5. Business arising from the minutes:
  - a. Update on archives project: deferred
  - b. Field Day 2015 planning: Carlyle VE3WIO reported that the KARC Field Day will be held at the QTH of Larissa VE3KGC near Harrowsmith. The event is being planned as an opportunity to learn about new modes of communication as well as antenna construction and contesting. Carlyle encouraged members interested in participating to contact him.
  - c. Summer club social event: Carlyle VE3WIO has the contact information for the Rotary Park site and asked that a volunteer come forward to take over the planning process.
  - d. CANWARN training update: Ron VE3GO reiterated the information of the CANWARN training set for the coming weekend.
  - e. Update on ham radio course: Ron VE3GO reported that there are 2 new hams with Basic licences and 6 new Basic Plus licensees and 2 new Advanced class amateurs.

Congratulations to Les and his team and to the newly minted amateurs and those obtaining advanced certifications!

#### 6. New Business:

- a. Discussion/ brainstorm ideas for Fall projects: The following ideas were put forward for possible Fall projects:
  - QRP interest group
  - Flea market
  - Monthly build night
  - A 'homebrew' club – 'build-athons' - following the QRP Quarterly's 'Let's build something' projects
  - An 'Empty your junk box meeting'
- b. Freelist issue: Steve VE3KC reported that there is an ongoing issue with the Freelist organization rejecting Yahoo email addresses apparently due to Yahoo accounts generating considerable spam mail. All members of our Freelist who have Yahoo email addresses were removed from the list by the Freelist organization. Steve has spent considerable energy trying to maintain the list and manage this situation for the benefit of KARC members and others on the list.

#### 7. Reports:

a. Net Manager: Steve VE3KC who is assistant Net Manager reported that the weekly nets had between 9 and 13 checkins and lasted between 15 and 50 minutes.

b. CFARS – deferred

c. “Hearts and Flowers”: Chip VA3KGB has recently had knee surgery and is recuperating at home. Speedy recovery Chip!

d. Community acknowledgments

e. Other Reports

8. Date of next meeting: June 3, 2015

9. 50 / 50 Draw: deferred

10. Adjournment moved by Paul VA3LX, seconded by Doug VE3FFR. Carried.

11. Presentation by Ron VE3GO focused on Operating from the USS Yorkton as well as other opportunities that Ron has made to operate from famous warship museum stations in the Southern USA seaboard. Ron also mentioned the possibility of organizing a field trip to operate from a Canadian Submarine station near Port Burwell.

## KARC General Meeting Agenda

June 3, 2015

1. Members and guests introduce themselves
2. Additions to the agenda
3. Minutes of the May meeting: (Paul VA3LX)
4. Treasurer's Report (Doug VE3FFR)
5. Business arising from the minutes:
  - a. Update on archives project
  - b. Field Day 2015 planning (Carlyle VE3WIO)
  - c. Summer club social event – volunteer organizer needed
  - d. CANWARN training update (Ron VE3GO)
  - e. Follow-up on Fall projects discussion from May meeting
  - f. Freelist Yahoo update (Steve VE3KC)
6. New Business:
  - a. TBD
7. Reports:
  - a. Net Manager (Steve VE3KC)
  - b. CFARS – (Les VE3KFS)
  - c. “Hearts and Flowers”
  - d. Community acknowledgments
  - e. Other Reports
8. Date of next meeting: September 2, 2015
9. 50 / 50 Draw
10. Adjournment
11. Presentation:

*Do you find installing and updating software a chore or a nuisance? Are you afraid that something will go wrong or that additional “junk” you neither want nor need will be installed? [Ninite](#) relieves you of these worries. It's a convenient web site for installing or updating multiple apps at once.*

*At the June 3rd KARC meeting, Steve VE3KC will show you how easy it is to use Ninite and hopefully convince you to use it too.*

*As Steve is totally blind, he will also demonstrate how he uses a computer with what's called a screen reader. Long-time members have seen similar presentations but it's been several years since he's done it. He will gladly entertain questions about both Ninite and screen readers, recognizing that the latter may ultimately be of more interest.*

18 NOV 1961

The Great Kingston - Belleville  
HamFest.

Held in the Richelieu Hotel  
Napanee.

Organized by Ralph Smith, VE3CKG  
it was a very successful and  
crowded, get together.  
161 tickets sold, 84 door prizes.  
Visitors came from Toronto &  
other areas, and there must have  
been more than 161 people there.  
Receipts were \$698.  
Debits were \$722.

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Banquet, at left Margaret  
Burdall, 2 XYL's, VE3DDV,  
Charlie Silver, VE3CKF, Bill  
Thompson.  
On right..Bernie VE3BEO.

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Hans Schenk VE3CLI operates  
club station in hotel room.  
Talk -in on 75 metre phone.

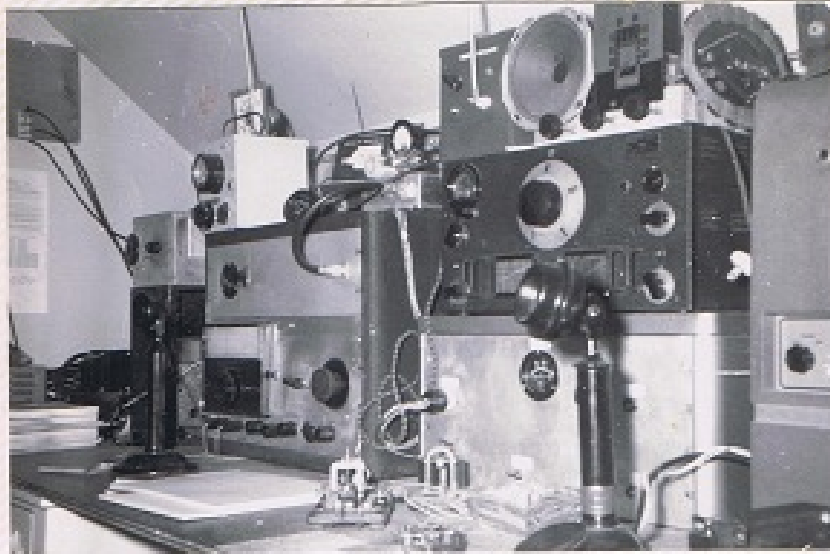


Ralph Smith VE3CKG. (died March 1962 )  
A very active Amateur, at his Alfred St  
Kingston ,QTH.

A great builder of rigs ,and antennas, despite  
the handicap of losing his left arm in an  
industrial accident.

Ralph was an Inspector for the Ontario Hydro.





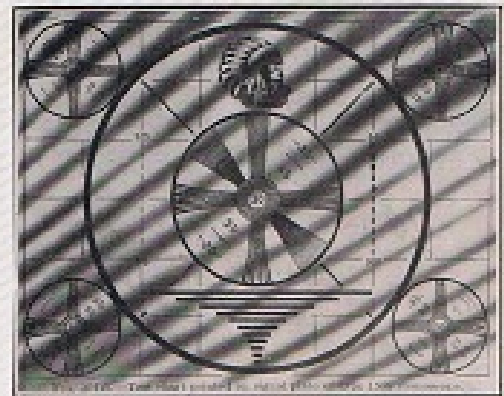
1961

VE3BEO. Bernie. QTH. 25 Mohawk Place. Kingston.  
Base station.

L - R. 2 metre rig. modified SCR 522. crystal  
controlled on 145.44. Kingston net frequency.  
Home brew. 20, 40, 75, CW & AM phone. 75 Watt.  
using Geloso V.F.O. Separate power supply.  
HRO receiver.

Marine rig modified for 160 metres AM phone.  
Misc... Home brew overmodulation meter, wave -  
meter, crystal calibrator, low pass filters.

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Mobile rig in 1959 Morris station wagon.  
Tx. 75 metre. 10 watt AM. built into 19 Set power  
supply .  
Rx. Surplus US Navy with vibrator power supply.  
Antennä..... 8 ft. centre loaded whip.



R-F QRM such as might be caused by hams.



1964

Field Day. June. Camden East .Ontario.  
Site of CKWS-TV. transmitter prior to move  
to present site on Wolfe Island.

L - R. Trailer of George Davis VE3BBW.  
Signals vehicle & antennas, VE3RCS.  
Tent of KARC. VE3AHU/3.  
Rigs used... Viking 2, DX 100, DX 40, on HF.  
Contacts were also made on 2 & 6 metre AM.

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Below....Signals vehicle & equipment used  
in WW 2 by Harold Sharpe VE3CLH.  
Harold was the transmitter attendant at CKWS  
TV, and was able to make the farm site  
available for the Field day.



250TH

3000Volt  
1KW input



Always on the go! The SCR-399 communications truck was used to negotiate the surrender of Rommel, the "Desert Fox," in north Africa. The SCR-399 was present at the D-day invasion of Europe and accompanied General McArthur during his historic conquest of Leyte Island in the Philippines. Gasoline-powered generator is in trailer. Truck was supplied with three whip antennas for transmitting and receiving while in motion.



Radio equipment installed in the famous SCR-399 or SCR-399 communication truck. At the right is the BC-610 transmitter and antenna tuner. At rear is the operating desk with two BC-342 short-wave receivers, speech amplifier, and control panel for the transmitter. In the foreground are the chests that contained extra transmission coils, tuning boxes, and spare parts.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

**May 05, 2015**

**Opening Balance**

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| Cooperation Plus | 7000.01 |
| Course 2015      | 750.00  |
| Dividend Savings | 24.13   |
| Equity Shares    | 261.62  |
| Total Balance    | 8035.34 |

**Income**

|            |        |
|------------|--------|
| Membership | 150.00 |
| Donation   | 10.00  |
| 50/50      | 6.50   |
| Int        | .06    |
| Total      | 166.56 |

**Expenditures**

**Closing Balance**

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Cooperation Plus</b> | <b>7166.64</b> |
| <b>Course 2015</b>      | <b>750.00</b>  |
| <b>Dividend Savings</b> | <b>24.13</b>   |
| <b>Equity Shares</b>    | <b>261.62</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>8202.39</b> |

**May 22, 2015**

**Opening Balance**

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Cooperation Plus</b> | <b>7166.64</b> |
| <b>Course 2015</b>      | <b>750.00</b>  |
| <b>Dividend Savings</b> | <b>24.13</b>   |
| <b>Equity Shares</b>    | <b>261.62</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>8202.39</b> |

**Income**

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| Membership | 50.00 |
| Int        | .06   |
| Total      | 50.06 |

**Expenditures**

**Closing Balance**

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Cooperation Plus</b> | <b>7216.70</b> |
| <b>Course 2015</b>      | <b>750.00</b>  |
| <b>Dividend Savings</b> | <b>24.13</b>   |
| <b>Equity Shares</b>    | <b>261.62</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>8252.45</b> |

## NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

*Note: June schedule may change*

| <b><u>Date</u></b> | <b><u>Controller</u></b> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| June 2             | VE3KC Steve              |
| June 9             | TBD                      |
| 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.