

# KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER

Founded in 1947

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## **KARC Repeaters**

VE3KBR

146.940(-) MHz

151.4Hz Tone, IRLP Node #2750

VE3UEL Hartington APRS Node

144.390 MHz

VE3KER Kingston Packet Node

145.070 MHz Simplex

## *Committee Chair Members*

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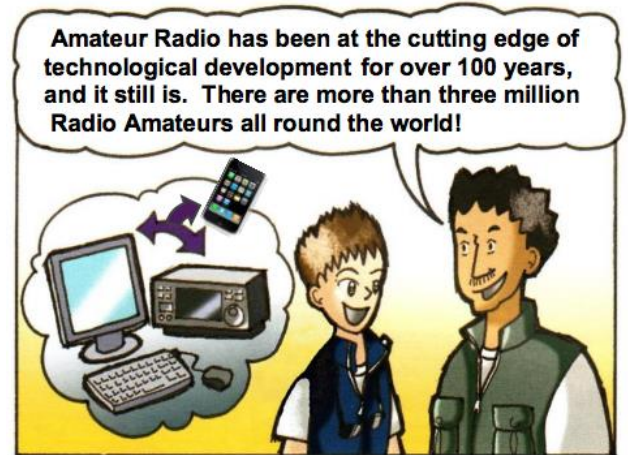
## FROM THE PRESIDENT

First, let me apologize to all of you. Apparently, I offended some of you with my comments in the May 2019 newsletter. I want to assure you, that it was not my intent to offend anyone. I was not commenting on any one individual's behaviour and it is only coincidence that this event happened. My comments were my own and do not reflect the opinions of the club executive; nor do they reflect any real or imagined policy regarding the use of the repeater.

I respect the fact that not everyone shares my sense of humor and we all have our inherent bias towards what we think is funny or not. Again, my comments were a tongue in cheek attempt at humor. My apologies to those who took offense; hopefully we can move on from this and continue to build and participate in an active club.

In my humble opinion, we should be using the repeater more; experimenting more and getting more active, regardless whether it's analog or digital. Maybe even activate a phone patch and use it. Just a thought.

Some say, "less is more"; so, I'll say less and hopefully others will feel motivated to bring ideas forward and generate some activity. There are so many aspects of the amateur radio hobby, and so many opportunities to get on the air. Field Day is probably one of the most popular amateur radio activities.



1 <https://kk4dsd.com/2015/01/21/another-ham-radio-comic-book>

From the Amateur Radio Relay Leagues archives: "In 1933, The June 1933 QST announced that the second Saturday in June, for a period of 27 hours, starting at 4 pm local time, that hams would go into the "field" and set up portable stations."

Imagine setting up a station with friends in the middle of a field; throw in some fishing, camping, a campfire, cold beverages and some comradery. mosquitoes aside, it sounds like fun to me. For more information: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

Make no mistake, Field Day is also a lot of work. There are rules which must be followed to be a recognized station, get points, etc. Sometimes there are technical issues that must be fixed on the fly. It helps if you can Macgyver a temporary fix to get on the air and continue making those contacts. So, get a large bottle of deet and have some fun.

June also brings an end to the club monthly in person meetings; the last meeting before the summer break is Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of June. The 2-meter net will continue every Tuesday evening throughout the summer. Hopefully we'll hear you on the air. So, stay comfortable this summer; play lots of radio and stay tuned for our next in person meeting at Smitty's Restaurant on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. And maybe a Canadian National Parks On The Air activation and club BBQ at one of the locks on the Rideau Canal sometime in July.

73 & 88's

Brian, va3bah



NET REPORT

VHF Net Report  
June 4, 2019

Thanks to the controllers who kept the VHF net alive during May: Brian VA3BAH, Assaf VA3PCI and “yours truly” VE3KC. Check-ins ranged from 12 to 16 and net duration ran from 24 to an hour! Thanks to Larissa VE3KGC for picking up the Swap Net.

The 2019 net controllers’ schedule and net control script are in the newsletter. If you’ve been sitting back wondering if you could control the net, come on board. You’d be more than welcome.

KARC doesn’t meet in July and August but the net will continue during the Summer, every Tuesday night at 07:30 PM (19:30 UTC).

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and as the song says, “See you in September”.

73,  
Steve VE3KC  
VHF Net Manager

## MEETING MINUTES

Kingston Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the Meeting

7 May 2019

Held at Smitty's Restaurant

Kingston, Ontario

1. Prior to the meeting, Brian, VA3BAH, did an interactive presentation on Allstar through VE3OH.
2. The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm by the President Brian, VA3BAH.
3. There were 15 members and guests present.
4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:
  - a. It was moved by Chip, VA3KGB, and seconded by Eric, VE2PEF, that the Minutes of the April meeting be approved as posted in the May Newsletter.
  - b. Carried
5. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. It was moved by Les, VE3KFS, and seconded by Jack, VE3YCJ, that the Financial Report for April 2019 be approved as posted in the May Newsletter.
    - i. Carried.
6. Old Business:
  - a. Canadian National Parks On The Air 2019 (CNPOTA) :
    - i. Possible activation at Kingston Mills Locks on the Rideau Canal along with BBQ.
    - ii. Some checks have been made, however the park staff have not been present so far. More to follow.
  - b. BBQ:
    - i. Proposed that the Club hold a BBQ instead of the June Meeting which the majority was in favour at the April Meeting.
    - ii. Due to unable to contact park staff as per 6.a.ii, it was proposed to hold the regular Club meeting in June and hold the BBQ sometime in the summer.
      1. All in favour.
7. New Business:
  - a. Web Page Hosting:
    - i. It was moved by Chip, VA3KGB, and seconded by Les, VE3KFS, that the Web Hosting fees of \$618.20 be reimbursed to Chip, VA3KGB.
    - ii. Carried.
  - b. Frontenac EMCOM:
    - i. Frontenac EMCOM has requested that they could use the VE3KBR repeater for backup comms and IRLP/EchoLink comms during the Rideau Lakes Cycle Tour, (Ottawa – Kingston- Ottawa), taking place on 8/9 June 2019.
    - ii. Carried
8. Reports:
  - a. 2 Metre Net:
    - i. Steve, VE3KC, thanked the controllers and reported there were between 8 to 15 check ins in April with net times of 30 to 49 minutes.
    - ii. Looking for more Net Controllers.

- b. HF Net:
    - i. HF Net Manager vacant.
  - c. CFARS:
    - i. Les, VE3KFS, reported the nets were running and the membership was being trimmed of inactive members with new members being added.
  - d. HF Remote Station:
    - i. Station is available for use with no outstanding issues.
  - e. Hearts and Flowers:
    - i. Nil.
  - f. KAREX:
    - i. Kingston Amateur Radio Experimenters Group meets Saturdays at the 560 Legion on Montreal St.
    - ii. This Friday 40 metres.
  - g. Swap Shop:
    - i. Ron, VE3GO, passed the list around.
    - ii. Due to list being out of date from the time the list is submitted for the Newsletter, it will no longer be published in the Newsletter.
9. Windows 10:
- a. Steve, VE3KC, mentioned that if you have an activated copy of Win 7, 8, you can still update your computer to Windows 10 for free using Windows Media Creator on the Microsoft web site.
10. 50/50 Draw:
- a. No DRAW
11. Next Meeting: 4 JUNE 2019.
12. Adjournment:
- a. It was moved by Eric, VE2PEF, and seconded by Ashton, VA3TYN, that the meeting be adjourned.
  - b. Carried
13. Presentation:
- a. See para 1.

Clifford ('Chip') Chapman, VA3KGB  
Secretary  
Kingston Amateur Radio Club

## MEETING AGENDA

### **KARC Meeting Agenda 4 June 2019**

1. Members and Guest introduce themselves
2. Additions to the Agenda
3. Minutes of the Last Meeting: errors / omissions /approval (Moved by the Secretary, Chip, VA3KGB)
4. Treasurer's Report:
5. Old Business
  - a. Canadian national Parks On The Air 2019 (CNPOTA 2019) and Activations
  - b. BBQ in Lieu of June Meeting
6. New Business:
  - a. "Newbie" practical workshops
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
7. Reports:
  - a. 2M Net Manager (Steve, VE3KC)
  - b. HF Net Manager
  - c. CFARS (Les, VE3KFS)
  - d. Remote HF Station (Chip, VA3KGB)
  - e. KAREX
  - f. Swap Shop
  - g. "Hearts and Flowers"
  - h. Other Reports
8. 50/50 Draw
9. Presentation: TBA
10. Date of Next Meeting: 3 September 2019
11. Adjournment

**KARC FINANCIAL REPORT – May 2019**

**May 28, 2019**

**Opening Balance**

<b>Cooperation Plus</b>	<b>5324.45</b>
<b>Dividends Share</b>	<b>295.11</b>
<b>Equity Shares</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5644.56</b>

**Income**

<b>50 50 Draw</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Donation</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Expenditures**

<b>Website Fee</b>	<b>628.20</b>
<b>Bank Fees</b>	<b>3.96</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>632.16</b>

**Closing Balance**

<b>Cooperation Plus</b>	<b>4692.29</b>
<b>Dividends Share</b>	<b>295.11</b>
<b>Equity Shares</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5012.40</b>





## NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

May	14	VE3KC Steve
May	21	VA3BAH Brian
May	28	VA3PCI Assaf
June	11	VE3CAK John
June	18	VE3KC Steve
June	25	VE3KGC Larissa
July	2	VE3NXE Pieter
July	9	VE3POA Peter
July	16	VA3BAH Brian
July	23	VA3PCI Assaf
July	30	VE3CAK John
August	6	VE3KC Steve
August	13	VE3KGC Larissa
August	20	VE3NXE Pieter
August	27	VE3POA Peter
September	10	VA3BAH Brian
September	17	VA3PCI Assaf
September	24	VE3CAK John
October	8	VE3KC Steve
October	15	VE3KGC Larissa
October	22	VE3NXE Pieter
October	29	VE3POA Peter
November	12	VA3BAH Brian
November	19	VA3PCI Assaf
November	26	VE3CAK John
December	10	VE3KC Steve
December	17	VE3KGC Larissa
December	24	VE3NXE Pieter
December	31	VE3POA Peter

## **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.