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NEXT CLUB MEETING

Mar 5, 7:00 p.m. (Wednesday)

MEETING PLACE: Smitty's

2376 Princess (next door to Chapters)

Come in early and have supper.

GUEST SPEAKER: VE3VY, Norman on upcoming Lanark's county event & ploughing match



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

As we struggle through this rough winter it's nice to see that we are getting good crowds to our weekly breakfasts at Smitty's!!!!

Even if you like to sleep in you can try the odd visit and I am sure you will gain some knowledge from the various subjects that develop during the meal.

As I said in my last notes, we will be looking for a few good men to run the upcoming events this summer. At our next meeting, please let us know if you can help.

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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!

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ARES MEETING

The next regular ARES meeting will be on Monday 24 March 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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 At SMITTY'S RESTAURANT, PRINCESS**

The president read out some corrections to the last newsletter re- wrong dates for ARES meeting.

Visitor Brian Mullins was introduced by the president and welcomed by the members.

1. AGENDA – No changes

2. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING – accepted as printed in the January Newsletter moved by VE3FFR Doug Richards, seconded by VE3KFS Les Lindstrom; carried.

3. TREASURERS REPORT – read by VA3TRM Terry Murphy re audit was ok seconded by VA3KGB Chip Chapman. VE3KGJ Bill Rumball and VE3VOB Bill Hale questioned the use of codes in report. Treasurer will show what codes mean in future, seconded by VE3ORP Dave Lawrence; carried

4. OLD BUSINESS

RAC – VE3ORP Dave Lawrence received a note from Doug Leach re- financial situation of Radio Amateurs of Canada. 15% of amateurs in Canada who are RAC members are carrying the load for the rest. Quebec has increased its membership. Dave encourages members to join and get their friends to Join RAC. We must support RAC for the benefit of amateur radio.

NAME TAGS ARE STILL AVAILABLE - \$5.25 – See VA3TRM Terry Murphy or VE3VJF Roy Clarke to order.

TINY TRAK – VE3FFR Doug Richards reported he needs orders before next Wednesday.

SILENT KEY: - VA3RQ Bert Woods died recently. Bert was active in ARES and attended club meetings when he was well. He will be missed. Bert was originally from province of Quebec and lived in Amherstview.

50/50 DRAW – Won By lucky VA3KGB Chip Chapman (\$17)

5: NEW BUSINESS

GOTA: VA3OR Kevin Clements recently conducted an exercise called Guides On The Air and made some HF contacts for them. Kevin showed some VHF/UHF Grid Square sheets.

FIELD DAY – VE3TMT Max Donohue and VE3MNE Don Gilroy will organize Club Field Day next summer. It will be held at VE3MNE Don's cottage at Hay Bay.

SKY'S THE LIMIT – VE3RPF Rob Parker will organize this summer's event.

CLUB PICNIC IN JULY – Need an organizer. Last year it was held at Rotary Park.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – May be held earlier. President unable to run it. Will be arranged later. Think about when and where it could be held.

VE3ORP Dave Lawrence reported that Set #19 group is marking the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the communications and electronics branch. Will possibly be on 40 meters. Special cards will be available. Dave showed a basic portable antenna, which he purchased in Ottawa recently. 20 ft. and sells for about one dollar a foot. (\$21 or \$22) Called WONDERPOLE. Dave says it would be good for Field Day or any portable operation. See Dave for more details.

PLOUGHING MATCH IN SEPTEMBER NEAR OTTAWA – VE3VY, Norman Hagan may be asked to come and give a talk and see if we are interested in taking part.

REPORTS:

REPEATER: VE3KFS Les Lindstrom – No change

KARC WEEKLY NET – VE3KFS Les Lindstrom – All is well.

PACKET – Quiet

IRLP – VE3KFS Les Lindstrom reported about down time, which occurred recently.

NEW ECHO LINK NODE – VE3RPS Rob Parker reported that VE3UDO Tom has a link set up on 146.400 simplex, the node number is 80428. Rob and VE3NFU talked to a station in Sweden using Rob's hand held and Bill's home station on 2 meters. VE3UDO Tom Lloyd is the owner of the station and will leave it on all day and shut down at night. (# to disconnect) For mike test use node 9999.

WEB PAGE – VA3KGB Chip Chapman is in process of making changes and invites members to send in material for the Web Page.

NEWSLETTER – VE3QU Mike Bowen expressed his appreciation of the newsletter and said it is one of the best he has seen.

ADJOURNMENT- (7:45) Moved by VE3VOB Bill Hale seconded by VE3KFS Les Lindstrom

VE3NFU Bill Mason
Secretary, KARC

They said we couldn't do it!

What couldn't we do? It was to hold the annual Radio Society of Ontario (R.S.O.) convention here in Kingston, 17-19 August 1973. In 1673 Count Frontenac, the French explorer, established a fort in what is now Kingston, which made 1973 the Tercentennial Year of the founding of Kingston and many historical enactments took place.

The members of the K.A.R.C. executive that year were President Tony Van Wouw VE7CCI (RMC Cadet), VP Armand Braida VE3CJA, Sec/Treasurer Frank Bell VE3FMF, Activities Jim Eadie VE3DCX. The club decided it could manage the convention and a committee of 12 was formed with Dr. Peter Smith VE3DEX as chairman.

The R.S.O. was one of many provincial societies at that time which held an annual convention or Ham Fest. The large Amateur radio clubs in cities, such as Ottawa, Toronto and London had organized past conventions of a more formal nature which K.A.R.C. hoped to change. The R.S.O. and most other provincial societies are no longer in existence as their members decided to support the national Canadian Amateur Radio Federation (CARF), which is now Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC)

Queen's University was approached and Victoria Hall was chosen as the main venue, with Sterling Hall for forums. The program was approved with a buffet supper and live music on the Friday evening. A cash bar was open 1800-2030 hours

Saturday the bar opened 12:00 noon to 18:45 and 21:00-2400. There were lots of places to sit, drink or visit the displays in the basement. In the evening after the banquet the Portugese dancers put on a great show, followed by dancing to the armed forces band. The M.C. for the evening was a young Amateur, Steve Cutway VE3GRS (VE3KC).

Organizing the ticket sales for the various activities and seating the clubs or friends together was a difficult job as over 450 people were at the banquet in Ban Righ Hall. Accommodation was in Victoria Hall and this was another chore, with the usual complaints. Sunday morning a fleamarket was held in the extensive parking lot behind Victoria Hall and then the visitors departed.

It was an excellent convention. The R.S.O. executives were pleased even if we lost a little money. So what! It was good, we did it, and R.S.O conventions were changed forever. The 25 club volunteers and their wives did a wonderful job.

VE3NB Club Historian

Silent Key

VA3RQ - Herbert (Bert) Wood, age 87, of Kingston, Ontario. 1 February 2003. An active Amateur since the 1930s. Survived by his wife Vera, son Richard and daughter Julia. A Memorial service will be held this spring.

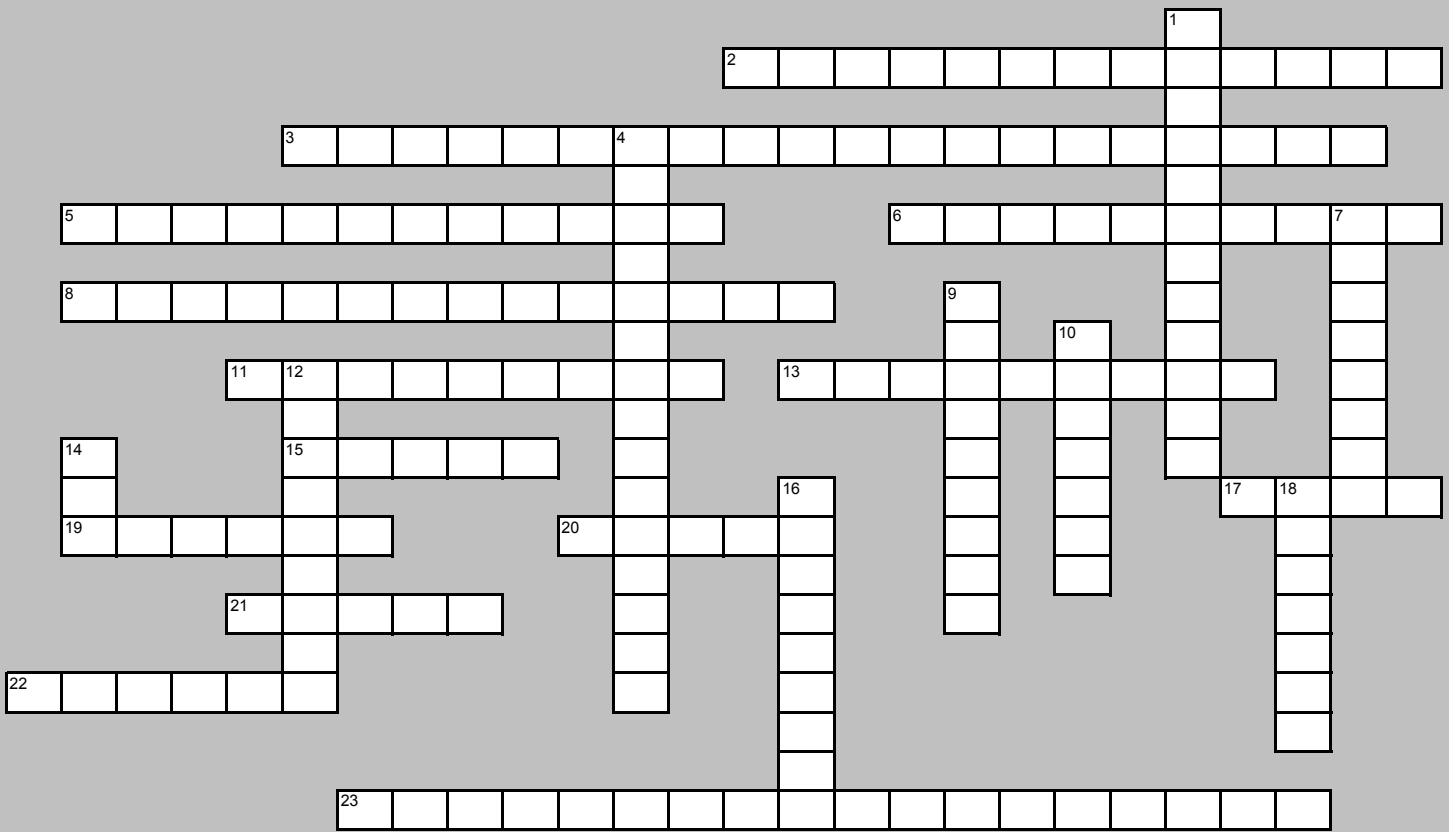
Our deepest sympathy to Bert's family

Special Call Sign

GB4CEB is a special event callsign allocated to Sam Kennard(G4OHX) in England. The callsign is to commemorate the 100th year of Military Communications in Canada (if you look closely at it you will see Great Britain for Communications Electronics Branch). It has been allocated to Sam for the periods of 1-28 Feb 03 and again from 14 Jul-10 Aug 03. Sam can be heard most days at 1700 utc on phone 21.180 to 21.185 and if band conditions are bad he will work CW on 21.056 in the same time frame. So far this month the conditions have not been great and VE contacts are scarce, so I encourage everyone to make an effort to make contact. Sam has some real nice QSL cards for the event and he is also a member of several other organizations such as FISTS and RSARS. Please pass this on to all hams in your area and if anyone wants a special sked time, just let me know and I will try to set it up with Sam.

73 to all

Terry VA3TRM



Across

- 2 DC
- 3 Modem
- 5 TX
- 6 Layer
- 8 SSB
- 11 Make bigger
- 13 Diagram
- 15 Ham device
- 17 Club
- 19 Squeeze in / out
- 20 Dial up
- 21 Support

- 22 From far away
- 23 IC

Down

- 1 Before amplifier
- 4 Looking for trouble
- 7 146.94 /34
- 9 Dial the....
- 10 Storing component
- 12 CW
- 14 More than HF
- 16 AM
- 18 Ham device

Would you like to see more crossword puzzle?

Let me know.

Send me some words and short definition

I will incorporate them in a puzzle