

KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER

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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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings and salutations,

I read somewhere that some groundhog predicted an early Spring; little did they know that Winter wasn't giving up that easily. With the recent round of high winds, I've been stepping out in the backyard every few hours just to ensure my antennas haven't been damaged. So far, so good; even the beam is still in one piece!

But maybe the days of antennas are numbered. I recently downloaded an app on my phone that allows me to connect to an All-Star repeater via my android blackberry. Even the purist amongst us must admit that this is pretty cool.

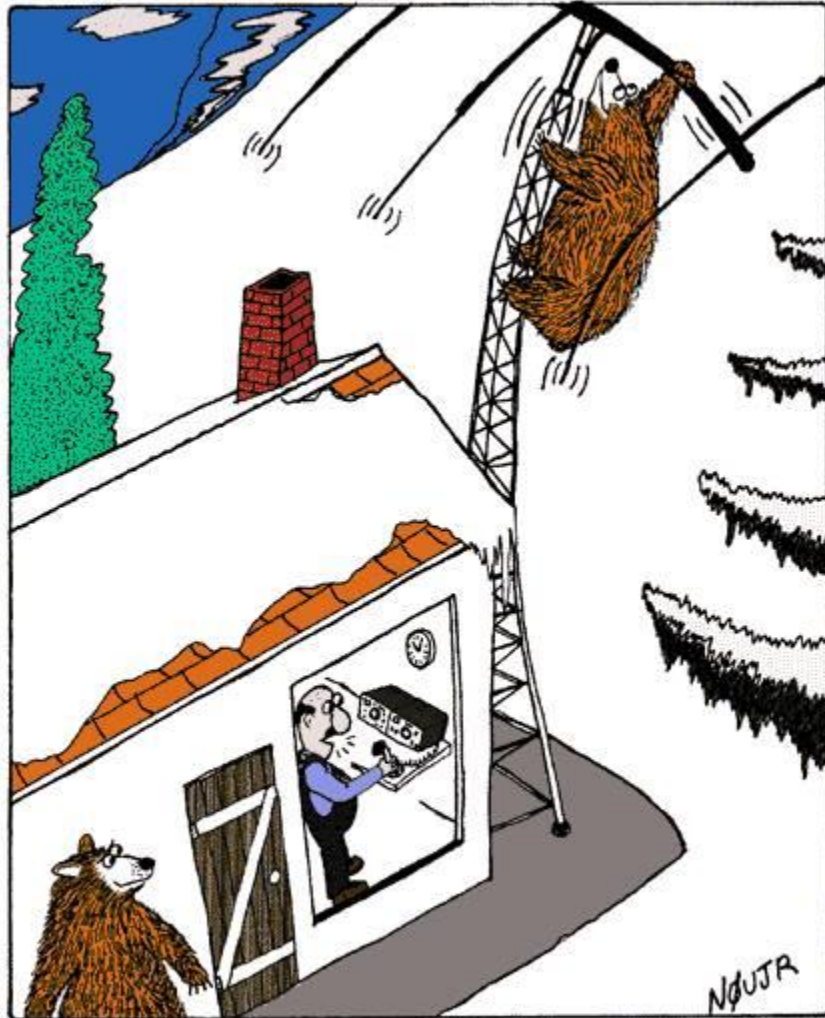
Of course, this communication system is dependent on the internet like every other Voice Over Internet Protocol, (VOIP), system. At the end of the day is this system useful in an emergency; I think not. If the power grid goes down, I have a generator and usually full gas can. I can use the generator to power the blower motor on my furnace, power the refrigerator and/or my radio. I have enough wood in the yard to feed my fire, and enough propane to cook on the BBQ. Failing an apocalyptic zombie invasion, I think I should be ok for a few days. However, if not, I'll probably come back as a white walker and I will survive in spite of all my best efforts,,,,,, maybe.

Seriously though, how many of us are prepared?

73,

Brian, va3bah

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"Hang on a minute Larry...my SWR is jumping...I'm going outside and see what the problem is..."

MEETING MINUTES

Kingston Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the Meeting

5 February 2018

Held at Smitty's Restaurant

Kingston, Ontario

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by the President Brian, VA3BAH.
2. There were 22 members and guests present.
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:
 - a. It was moved by Chip, VA3KGB, and seconded by Eric, VE2PEF, that the minutes of the December meeting be approved as posted in the January Newsletter.
 - b. Carried
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. It was moved by Eric, VE2PEF, and seconded by Dave, VE3EAC, that the Financial Report for December 2018 be approved as posted in the January Newsletter.
 - i. Carried.
 - b. It was moved by Jack, VE3YCJ, and seconded by Les, VE3KFS, that the 2018 Annual Financial Report for December be approved as posted in the January Newsletter.
 - i. Carried.
 - c. It was moved by Ron, VE3GO, and seconded by Les, VE3KFS, that the Financial Report for January 2019 be approved as posted in the February Newsletter.
 - i. Carried.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Nil.
6. New Business:
 - a. Canadian National Parks On The Air (CNPOTA) 2019 and Activations:
 - i. Brian, VA3BAH, discussed the possibility of the Club activating on of the sites such as the Rideau Canal. For future discussion as the weather warms up.
 - b. Winter Field Day, 26/27 Jan 2019:
 - i. Tim, VA3TIC; Greg, VE3PJ; and Rob, VE3SCN; made 710 contacts from a BnB near Loughborough Lake.
 - c. Community Living Ontario:
 - i. The Club received a request if we would be willing to show/help Community Living members Amateur Radio
 - ii. Concerns were what exactly would our involvement be, CPICs, etc.
 - iii. Tabled until we have more information.
 - d. 3rd Party Traffic and Banned Countries Lists:

- i. Ron, VE3GO, passed on that there is no longer Canadian lists pertaining to countries restricting 3rd party traffic or countries we are not to have contact with.
 - ii. Onus is on the Amateur in the other country to know their country's rules.
 - e. On Air Swap Shop:
 - i. Ron, VE3GO, indicated that there was interest in placing the swap shop listings on our web page.
 - ii. Swap Shop listings on the web page had been removed due to spam and excessive maintenance required to keep spam out.
 - iii. Listings will be placed in the Newsletter to augment the on air listings.
 - f. GIC's:
 - i. Greg, VE3PJ, proposed that the Club is not making very much interest in our account and that we should invest in GICs.
 - ii. Discussion was held, and the Treasurer will be asked to look into GICs with the Credit Union.
 - g. Frontenac County Emcomm Group:
 - i. Greg, VE3PJ, passed on that the group is focused on emergency comms, and would Club members like to participate in training and emergency call outs.
 - ii. Would we need a Mutual Aid Agreement?
 - iii. Ron, VE3GO, suggested it was time for all radio groups in the area to come together as a whole.
- 7. Reports:
 - a. 2 Metre Net:
 - i. Steve, VE3KC, reported there were between 6 to 13 check ins in January with net times of 30 to 65 minutes.
 - ii. Looking for more Net Controllers.
 - b. CFARS:
 - i. Les, VE3KFS, reported there are 6 new members. Cross border CFARS/MARS message traffic utilizing software encryption has been progressing. (Note: MARS/CFARS utilize military frequencies, therefore encrypted traffic is legal.)
 - c. HF Remote Station:
 - i. Chip, VA3KGB, reported the station is fully operational and antennae have weathered the wind storms.
 - d. Hearts and Flowers:
 - i. Nil Report.
 - e. KAREX:
 - i. Kingston Amateur Radio Experimenters Group meets Saturdays at the 560 Legion on Montreal St.

- f. HF Net:
 - i. Being held on Friday nights along with KAREX exploring various digital modes.
- g. Amateur Radio Course:
 - i. Students are progressing through the material.
 - ii. New Amateur Kevin, VE3KWL.
- 8. Date of Next Meeting: 5 March 2019.
- 9. 50/50 Draw:
 - a. A total of \$15.05 with Terry, VE3KLG, and the Club splitting the winnings (\$7.50/7.55).
- 10. Adjournment:
 - a. It was moved by Dave, VA3DLF, and seconded by Eric, VE2PEF, that the meeting be adjourned.
 - b. Carried
- 11. Presentation:
 - a. Nil.

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

MEETING AGENDA

KARC Meeting Agenda 5 March 2018

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. GICs
 - c. Community Living Ontario (Andrea Whyte)
 - d.
6. New Business:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
7. Reports:
 - a. 2M Net Manager (Steve, VE3KC)
 - b. HF Net Manager (Dave, VE3EAC)
 - c. CFARS (Les, VE3KFS)
 - d. Remote HF Station (Chip, VA3KGB)
 - e. KAREX
 - f. Amateur Radio Course
 - g. "Hearts and Flowers"
 - h. Other Reports
8. 50/50 Draw
9. Presentation: Noble Skywave 2018 – Larissa, VE3KGC and/or Radio and Camping Peter, VE3POA
10. Date of Next Meeting: 2 April 2019
11. Adjournment

FINANCIAL REPORT

KARC FINANCIAL REPORT – February 2019

Feb 20, 2019

Opening Balance

Cooperation Plus	5122.97
Dividends Share	289.81
Equity Shares	25.00
Total	5437.78

Income

Int	.04
50 50 Draw	7.55
Membership	150.00
Donation	15.00
Total	172.59

Expenditures

Closing Balance

Cooperation Plus	5295.52
Dividends Share	289.81
Equity Shares	25.00
Total	5610.33

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

January 9 VE3POA Peter
January 16 VE3WIO Carlyle
January 23 VE3CAK John
January 30 VA3BAH Brian
February 13 VA3PCI Assaf
February 20 VE3KGC Larissa
February 27 VE3NXE Pieter
March 13 VE3POA Peter
March 20 VE3WIO Carlyle
March 27 VE3KC Steve
April 10 VA3BAH Brian
April 17 VA3PCI Assaf
April 24 VE3CAK John
May 8 VE3KC Steve
May 15 VE3KGC Larissa
May 22 VE3NXE Pieter
May 29 VE3POA Peter
June 12 VE3WIO Carlyle
June 19 VA3BAH Brian
June 26 VA3PCI Assaf
July 3 VE3CAK John
July 10 VE3KC Steve
July 17 VE3KGC Larissa
July 24 VE3NXE Pieter
July 31 VE3POA Peter
August 7 VE3WIO Carlyle
August 14 VA3BAH Brian
August 21 VA3PCI Assaf
August 28 VE3CAK John
September 11 VE3KC Steve
September 18 VE3KGC Larissa
September 25 VE3NXE Pieter
October 9 VE3POA Peter
October 16 VE3WIO Carlyle
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December 18 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) 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.