

Newsletter

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Kingston Amateur News

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146.94(-) MHz



**The 2nd Repeater is now
Operational
147.090(+) MHz**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings:

Thanks to the 15 people who made the effort to attend the March meeting, 11 fewer than February. I hope more will be at the Apr. 7th meeting to hear Roland Kleer from Environment Canada's Hamilton office talk about Weather Radio. Thanks to Ron VE3GO for arranging this. Roland will join us for dinner prior to the meeting. If you haven't heard Weather Radio Canada, tune your VHF transceiver to 162.400 MHz. All current transceivers and many older ones should be able to receive the station.

Your executive has held regular monthly meetings since January. At our March meeting, we considered the matter of the ham course and decided not to hold one this Spring. Although we have several members who are willing to teach, we have no one to manage/coordinate the course and we need someone to do that. We will consider the possibility of a course in the Fall.

Although we will not hold a course this Spring, thanks to Terry VA3TRM for increasing our ranks by two. As he posted on the Free List, Doug Lee from Westport and Mike Sweeney recently were licensed. Congratulations, Mike and Doug and we look forward to hearing you on the air.

Free List readers will already know about the kit building project that Rob VE3RPF has organized for interested members. Eight amateurs have indicated interest in participating. They'll be building the 40 meter Rockmite transceiver kit from Small Wonder Labs. If you missed Rob's post, or would like to join the group, contact Rob at <valveman_6146@yahoo.com>

I have been invited to speak to the Brockville Amateur Radio Club about the CNIB Amateur Radio Program. The meeting will take place Monday, Apr. 5, at 7 PM at Brockville Firehall #2, 360 Laurier Blvd. All are welcome.

Downing my Net Manager's hat for a paragraph, I'd like to thank those who continue to control the weekly KARC Tuesday Night Net. The net meets at 7:30 PM on 146.94 and we welcome check-ins from anywhere and everywhere. I welcome suggestions for making the net more entertaining, informative or just plain fun. If you're listening but not checking in because you don't have anything to say, a 'bean for the pot' is better than none. Given that the number of check-ins is down though, I'm toying with the idea of not running the net during July and August. Controllers will be away and replacements aren't beating down the doors.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting Apr. 7th. Let's show our out-of-town guest speaker a good turnout. Until then, 73s and good DX,

Steve VE3KC



From the Editor:

We are not including many articles of interest – none are coming in. As you are surfing or reading if, you find something you think would be of interest to your fellow ham, please send it to me:

joan.g.clarke@sympatico.ca

Thanks..... Joan

[Before you start the net, please turn off the repeater identifier by issuing the key sequence '300' on your touch-tone keypad. If you don't have a touch tone keypad, ask someone else to issue the key sequence for you.]

Good evening. This is [callsign], net control station for the Kingston Amateur Radio Club's Tuesday night Net. My name is ----.

The Kingston Amateur Radio Club Tuesday Night Net is an informal net that meets at 1930 hours every Tuesday evening using VE3KBR 146.940 MHz, with a 151.4 tone required on the input, located in Kingston. 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; to provide news from other radio clubs and 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 wishing to check in? Please call now.

Are there any 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

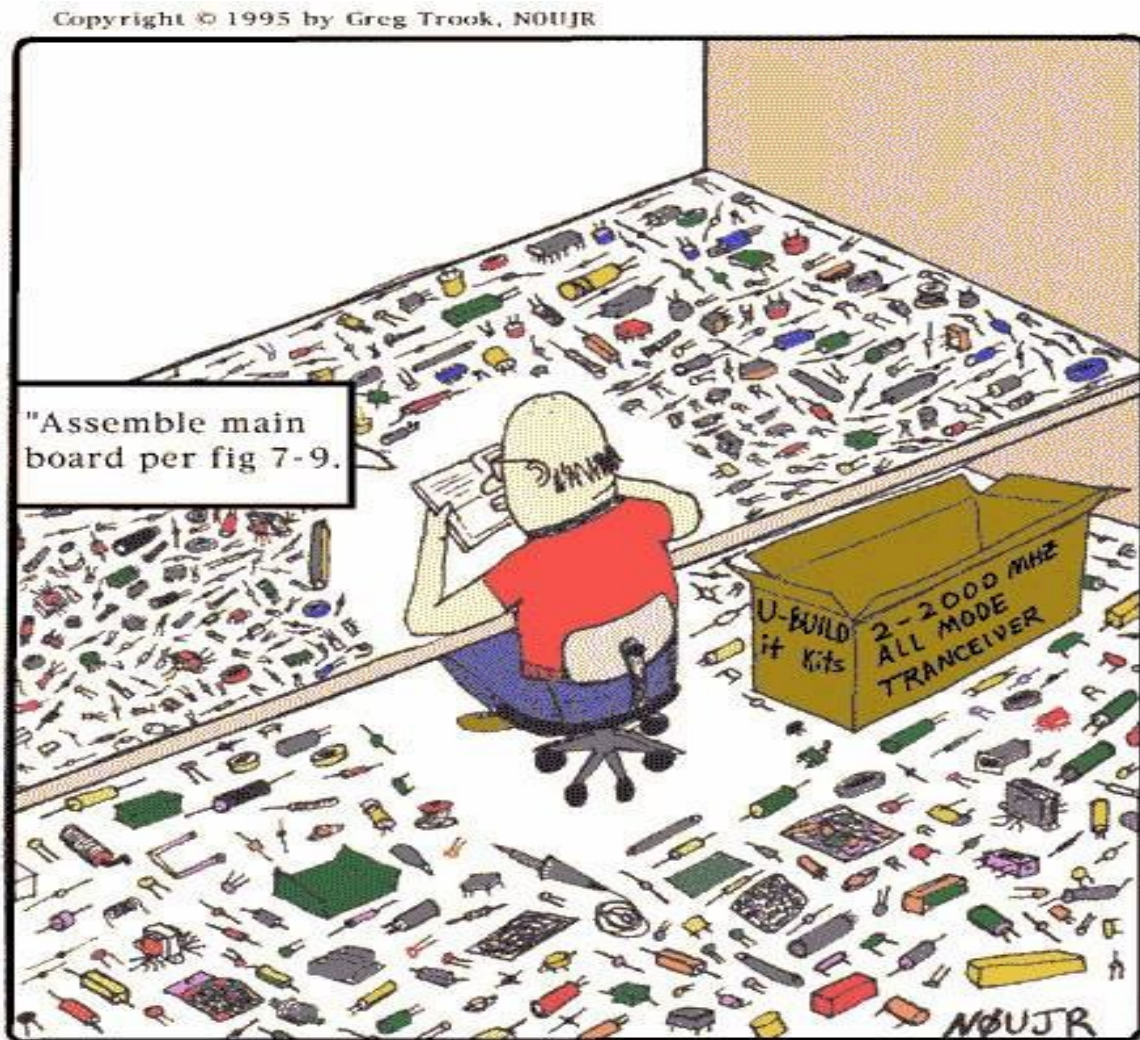
Are there any additional check-ins or announcements before I end the Net?

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 [callsign] returning the repeater to normal amateur use.

[Please remember to turn on the identifier again after the net by issuing the key sequence '301' on your touch-tone keypad. If you don't have a touch-tone keypad, ask someone else to issue the key sequence for you.]

KARC NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

APRIL	MAY	JUNE
April 6 – VE3KC, Steve	May 4 – VE3TD, Mike	June 1 – VE3DZE, David
April 13 – VE3MUD, Ian	May 11 – VA3PCI, Asaf	June 8 – VE3JPW, Warren
April 20 – VE3NFU, Bill	May 18 – VE3VJF, Roy	June 15 – VE3KC, Steve
April 27 – VE3SIQ, George	May 25 – VE3CAK, John	June 22 – VE3MUD, Ian
		June 29 – VE3NFU, Bill



Kit fun.



FRONTENAC ARES Sunday night net on VE3KBR at 1930 hours. All are welcome to check-in.

FRONTENAC ARES Tuesday HF night net on 3.740 at 2030 hours.

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**The THIRD MONDAY of every month at 7:00 pm.
is the KINGSTON ARES REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
at the Woodbine Firehall, second floor**

KARC Web page designed and maintained by: VA3KGB, Chip

<http://www.ve3kbr.com/>

Publication Schedule of the KARC Newsletter will be April 28th, 2010

OF INTEREST

SILENT KEY

VA3ERN Ernie Tilander, on Thursday, February 25, 2010.

The Kingston Amateur Radio Club sends its condolences and deepest sympathy to Ernie's family.

REMEMBRANCES FOR SILENT KEY, ERNIE TILANDER VE3ERN

It is with great sadness that I respond to the notice of Ernie's passing. There was a time when Ernie and myself had great qso's. I was thinking about him just the other day. It saddens me deeply and I wish to offer my most sincerest condolences to Barb and his granddaughter. Ernie help me in a good many of my miles of travel. I have also been privileged to have visited him at his home qth. I am sure Ernie will be greatly missed. Rest in peace.

VA3HFX Dave

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Ernie had such a fascinating background. I was thinking only just recently that he'd make a good interview candidate for CBC's Stuart McLean. 73,
Peter, VE3ZXT

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Steve Cutway wrote:
Hello everyone:

It is with sadness that I have to report that Ernie VA3ERN became a 'silent key' on February 25, 2010.

Ernie will be well known to long time breakfast participants. Three generations of Tilanders, Ernie, daughter, Barb VA3BTM and granddaughter, Megan, attended breakfast frequently in the '90s and it was thanks to Tom VA3DZE that Barb was licensed. (I was there for her test.) Ernie checked in regularly to the KARC Tuesday Night net, as recently as a couple of weeks before his death.

A luncheon to celebrate Ernie's life took place Saturday, February 27th at 2:00 p.m. at the Marlbank Hall. All were welcomed.

73s,
Steve VE3KC

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And Remembrances of VE3ZE Tom. It's been a year but you are not forgotten – old friend.
Joan.....Ed

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REMEMBERING ERNIE VA3ERN

Steve VE3KC

The day after the February newsletter was put to bed, I learned that Ernie Tilander VA3ERN had become a 'silent key'.

Regular repeater and HF users will remember interesting QSOs with Ernie over the past decade or so and those at breakfast eight or nine years ago will remember three generations of Tilanders, Ernie VA3ERN, his daughter, Barb VA3BTM and his granddaughter, Megan, who joined us frequently.

Ernie was a 'white caner' (the longstanding amateur term used to describe blind or visually impaired operators). Before 2000, Industry Canada required 'white caners' to have a 'sponsor' whose job it was to look after our antenna installations, set up our transceivers and generally provide help as required. Chip VA3KGB was Ernie's 'sponsor' and got him on HF with a TS-570 that Ernie purchased through the CNIB Amateur Radio Program. Chip also set up a 2 meter radio, a Kenwood, I think.

I spent many enjoyable hours with Ernie, Barb and Megan, sometimes in Kingston and sometimes in Marlbank where they lived. I was present when Barb wrote her test with Tom VA3DZE and passed with flying colours. Although he may not have said it, Ernie was so proud of her.

Ernie checked in regularly to the KARC Tuesday Night net, as recently as a couple of weeks before his death.

A luncheon to celebrate Ernie's life took place Feb. 27th at the Marlbank Hall. I had hoped to attend but was sick so didn't.

Ernie was one of those people who once you met him you didn't forget him. His stories of misbehaviour brought smiles to the faces of everyone who heard them. Barb used to tell me that no matter how often she heard them, she found some of them hard to believe; but her Mom would always confirm them. I also remember the surprise I'd hear on the repeater from some stations when Ernie would talk about fixing cars and driving them. I remember one QSO he and I had where we exchanged driving stories. A third station broke in and accused us of being politically incorrect. We just laughed.

KARC extends its sincere sympathy to Barb and her family. Rest in peace, my friend.

RAC Bulletin 2010-007E - Canadian Amateur Radio Access to 137 Khz. 2010-03-10

Industry Canada has approved access by Canadian radio amateurs to the Low Frequency (LF) band 135.7 ? 137.8 kHz, subject to certain conditions. The Revised Canadian Table of Frequency Allocations, promulgated in December 2009 to incorporate changes arising from decisions taken at World Radio communication Conference (WRC) 2007, permits amateur use on a Secondary basis subject to Footnote 5.67A.

The Footnote states: "Stations in the amateur service using frequencies in the band 135.7-137.8 kHz shall not exceed a maximum radiated power of 1 W (EIRP) and shall not cause harmful interference to stations of the radio navigation service operating in countries listed in No. 5.67. (WRC-07)". Industry Canada has advised that Canadian radio amateurs may now use the band and that Schedule I of RBR-4 Standards for the Operation of Stations in the Amateur Radio Service will be amended in due course.

Richard Ferch VE3IAY/VE3KI, Vice President Regulatory Affairs Radio Amateurs of Canada



RAC Bulletin 2010-008E - RAC Section Manager Election Results. 2010-03-12

Congratulations are extended to Charlie Marsh VO1VZ who was recently re-elected Section Manager for Newfoundland and Labrador for a two year term starting July 1, 2010. He ran unopposed, eliminating the need for a balloted election.

Doug Mercer VO1DTM, Vice President Field Services, Radio Amateurs of Canada
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RAC Bulletin 2010-009E : RAC Section Manager Election Results – Manitoba. 2010-03-15

Congratulations are extended to Jan Schippers VE4JS who was recently returned as Section Manager for Manitoba for a two year term of office that will begin on July 1, 2010. Jan was unopposed eliminating the need for a balloted election.

Doug Mercer VO1DTM, Vice President Field Services, Radio Amateurs of Canada, P.O. Box 1042, Goulds, Newfoundland Labrador A1S 1H2



RAC Bulletin 2010-010E : Ontario South Director Elected 2010-03-16

Congratulations are extended to Mr. Chris Pitre VE3CTP/VE3ZO who was recently elected as the RAC Director for Ontario South for the remainder of a two year term which started January 1, 2010 ending December 31, 2011. He ran unopposed, eliminating the need for a balloted election.



ONE MORE TIME

Just another reminder:

We are now accepting 2010 membership dues. They can be paid at a meeting through any executive member or sent to:

Kingston Amateur Radio Club
ATTN: Treasurer-Membership
PO BOX 14, STN MAIN
KINGSTON ON. K7L 5C6

NEW HAMS

Michael Sweeney, VA3ZTC, of Ottawa, passed his Amateur Radio Exam on 17 March and **Douglas Lee** from Westport passed his Amateur Radio Exam on 27 March 2010. His choice of calls are VE3BRO and VE3OJC. Congratulations to Mike and Doug and hope to hear them on air soon.

Terry, VA3TRM



WEB SITES OF INTEREST

WINMOR/WINLINK 2000

(Thanks to Les, VE3KFS)

Still don't understand what WINMOR/WINLINK 2000 is about? Check out these links.

<http://www.winlink.org/WINMOR>

<http://www.winlink.org/node/2>

<http://www.winlink.org/HELP>

The above links should clear up all your questions.



FCARES EXERCISE

March 21, 2010

On Sunday March 21st at 10:00 a.m. three groups of the Frontenac County Ares practiced setting up and operating VHF & HF radio stations with traffic.

The locations were Fort Henry, Sydenham Fire Hall and Napanee. The operators at Sydenham consisted of Dave VA3ORP, and George VE3SIQ. Bill VE3CLQ and Danielle VA3TBZ were at Napanee. David, VE3DZE, Martin VA3AKY and Carl VE3DNR manned the location at Fort Henry. The temperature was around 1 degree Celsius and it had started to snow. This did not stop the crew from their task of setting up antennas and tuning up the radio equipment. There were a few small snags in the setup of the antenna system but that is the reason for the exercise to find the errors and work on correcting the weak area we found. (We needed a few more guy ropes and tent pegs.)

We maintained contact with both stations in Sydenham and Napanee for 45 minutes using HF. The VHF contacted Sydenham fine but did not make Napanee on 146.52 simplex.

All in all it was a great exercise although I heard that one operator was wrapped in a blanket due to the cold.

Sorry that there are not photos as the camera was not packed. (I now have a camera packed in the go box).

David VE3DZE

**Kingston Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Financial Statem**

INCOME

404 Membership	\$100.00
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418 50/50 Draw	4.00
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Total Income	\$104.00
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Bank Balance as of March 25, 2010	\$6479.07
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Doug VE3FFR

Treasurer

Kingston Amateur Radio Club

AGENDA

KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC

April 7, 2010

At Smitty's Restaurant, back room

7:00 p.m.

1. Members introduce themselves
2. Additions to the agenda
3. Minutes of the March 2010 meeting - errors/omissions/approval (David VE3DZE)
4. Treasurer's report (Doug VE3FFR)
5. Business arising from the Minutes
6. New business
7. Reports:
 - (a) President (Steve VE3KC)
 - (b) RAC (Steve VE3KC)
 - (c) Repeaters (Les VE3KFS)
 - (d) Net Manager (Steve VE3KC)
 - (e) KARC Newsletter
 - (f) Web page (Chip VA3KGB)
 - (g) Frontenac County ARES (George VE3SIQ)
 - (h) 'Hearts and Flowers'
 - (i) Other reports
8. Date of next meeting - May 5, 2010.
9. 50/50 draw
10. Adjournment

Guest Speaker: Roland Kleer, Environment Canada, Hamilton - Weather Radio

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE
KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC
HELD ON
Wednesday 4 March 2010
At Smitty's Restaurant
Princess Street, Kingston Ontario**

1. The Kingston Amateur Radio Club was called to order by our president Steve VE3KC at 7:PM. After the members present introduced themselves and there were 15 members in attendance.

2. There was an addition to the March agenda as we have a Silent Key VA3ERN Ernest Tilander of Marlbank. Steve will be posting a memorial to the newsletter and anyone wish can add comments by contacting Steve VE3KC.

3. Minutes of the February meeting: It was moved by Roy VE3VJF and seconded by Les VE3KFS that the minutes be adopted as presented in the Newsletter. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report: The report was read by Doug VE3FFR with a closing balance of \$6375.07 It was moved by Doug VE3FFR and seconded by George VE3GHK that the Treasurer's Report be adopted as presented in the Newsletter. Motion carried.

5. There was no business arriving from the minutes of the old meeting.

6. New Business:

a) Les VE3KFS wished to thank the club for the use of the repeater during the CFARS activity last week and to mention that there will be another CFARS activity from noon to 4:PM March 20th.

b) Regarding a new Ham Radio course Terry VA3KLG and George VE3SIQ have offered their services and Dave VA3ORP has offered to teach antenna theory for the course. Location is at the Base..

c) **PRESIDENT:** There is a new spot on the KARC website "members only" it will be password protected and members can apply to Chip for user name & password to log onto the site.

d) We received an email from a person looking for a TV tower and we directed him to Harold MacFarlane's and Doug's TV tower in Verona. If you have an old tower needing a new home get in touch with VE3KC Steve and he can contact the gentleman.

e) Due to a pricing error regarding ham radio equipment for sale from the estate of VA3GF George Foster one of the KARC members has left the club. The remainder of the items will be posted on the free list. ... (VE3KC Steve)

7. RAC Report. The frequencies to avoid because of the Chile earthquake are 28300, 28500, 21200, 21350, 14200, 14350, 7050, 7095, 3738, 3750 kHz. Other than that there is nothing to report..(VE3KC, Steve)

8. Repeaters. VE3KFS Les, reported both main repeaters are working fine. The FCARES repeater is close to completion. The FCARES IRLP is working fine ...on a side note, the Lansdowne repeater is soon to be back on the air.

9. Net Manager. VE3KC reported check-ins were down, probably due to the Olympics and no swap shop items at all. New controllers are welcome and the script is on the KARC website. Please check in to the net as we like to hear from you.

10. KARC Newsletter. Please send Joan some articles for the newsletter to add to the newsletter. FCARES can send articles to the newsletter as well. Deadline for newsletter is March 31st (VE3KC, Steve).

11 WebPage. VA3KGB reported there is now a member's only site that is password protected we also will be having pages dealing with WinMore and Bluetooth technology.

12 FCARES: VE3SIQ George reported FCARES has been active in the last while and we have been having training sessions with Antenna building. We have made multi-band dipoles. FCARES repeater is very close to deployment as we are basically waiting for spring weather to carry equipment up to John Orr Tower.. David

13. Date of the next meeting is April the 7th, 2010.

14. 50/50 draw: Won by Bob VE3RVC .

15. There will be a presentation from Environment Canada at the next meeting.

16. Adjournment: We had a motion to adjourn by Roy VE3VJF, seconded by Michael VE3PRW

17. Presentation: VA3KGB Chip gave a great Demo of the members only site and passed out slips for user name / password so members could fill out to be able to log in.

David Sellick VE3DZE
Secretary
Kingston Amateur Radio Club.