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NEXT CLUB MEETING

Nov 6, 7:00 p.m. (Wednesday)

MEETING PLACE: Smitty's

2376 Princess (next door to Chapters)

Come in early and have supper.

GUEST SPEAKER:



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With RAC



President's Notes

With the month of November coming up we once again are into the club elections. If you would like to throw your hat into the ring please let us know at the General Meeting.

K.A.R.C. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saturday, November 30, 2002

at

Glenburnie United Church Hall

Meet and Greet: 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment following the dinner

Tickets: \$30.00/couple will be available from VE3UDO-Tom and myself, VE3FJV-Roy

(If you have any dietary requirements please let us know in advance.)

KARC Web page designed and maintained by: VA3KGB, Chip
<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!

2001 / 02 EXECUTIVE OF KARC:

President	VE3VJF Roy Clarke	384-5900	ve3vjf@rac.ca
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ARES MEETING

The next regular ARES meeting will be on Monday 18 Nov 2002 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

Election Night 2003

SECTION FOUR - EXECUTIVE:

Article 13. Composition of the Executive. The affairs of the Club shall be managed by the Executive. The executive shall consist of the Immediate Past President, the President, the Vice- President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Article 14. Qualifications of Executive Members. All members of the Executive shall be, at the time of election and throughout the term of office, a member in good standing of the Club.

Article 15. Term of Office. Executive members shall be elected annually at a special general meeting and shall hold office for one calendar year commencing on the first day of January of the year for which elected.

Article 16. Method of Election of Executive Members. Any qualified member of the Club may be nominated for any office by a person entitled to vote at a general meeting of the members. All nominated candidates shall give consent to serve in the position for which nominated. If more than one candidate is nominated for any one position, one candidate shall be selected by a roll call vote, by a show of hands or by secret ballot.

Article 17. Tabulation of Votes. The Secretary shall tabulate all votes taken and shall announce the results of each vote immediately after such tabulation has taken place. The candidate receiving a majority of votes cast shall be considered elected to the position.

Article 26. *Duties of the President:* The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Club and shall be charged with the general supervision of the business and affairs of the Club. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Executive.

Article 27. *Duties of the Vice-President:* The Vice-President shall, in the absence or incapacity of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President. The Vice-President shall also perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Executive may prescribe or as the President may delegate to such office.

Article 28. *Duties of the Secretary:* The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the members and of the Executive in the books to be kept for that purpose. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, all notices required to be given to the members and to the Executive and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the By-Laws, regulations or by the Executive. The Secretary shall be the custodian of all current records, other than financial, of the Club.

Article 29. *Duties of the Treasurer:* The Treasurer shall keep full and accurate records of all financial transactions of the Club; shall be responsible for the deposit of all monies of the Club in such bank, or banks, as may be designated by the Executive; shall control the disbursement of the funds of the Club; and shall render to the Executive, whenever required, an account of all transactions undertaken by the Treasurer and of the financial position of the Club. The Treasurer shall prepare an Annual statement for the incoming Executive. The Treasurer shall also perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive.

X-MAS PARTY
30 November 02
Glenburnie United Church
18:30 Meet and Greet
19:00 hrs Supper
Followed by live entertainment

KARC next Election Committee
In search of:
New Secretary and Treasurer

**KARC is looking for a Club Historian, are you interested?
For more details, please contact our President Roy, VE3VJF**

This is your space
You can advertise, write put in a picture, tell us a story, how
your project went. Are you interested? Contact me; I will
make it happen. Put it in **your** Newsletter first!

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
HELD ON OCTOBER 2, 2002
AT SMITTY'S**

1. Agenda: There were no agenda's to hand out.

2. Minutes of the September meeting: Moved by VE3AHU and second by VE3FFR that the minutes be adopted as read. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's report: Moved by VE3JCQ and second by VE3AHU that the report be adopted as read. Carried.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A: NAME TAGS: Mike was not present, but this is still being looked into.

B: SCREWDRIVER ANTENNAE'S: On going

C: AMSAT PRESENTATION: Need the number of people going. No interest was shown.

D: ELECTIONS: Will be held in November

5. NEW BUSINESS ARISING

A: ARES: Drew VE3UIN made a presentation to the club with a \$50 check as a donation to the club for the picnic held in the summer.

B: CHRISTMAS DINNER: November 30 at the Glenburnie church at \$30 a couple. Meet at 6:30pm with dinner at 7pm.

C: PLOWING MATCH: Will be held in Sept. of 2003 the club may be asked to set up a display.

D: JOTA: Chip and Doug will be setting at the usual place during the weekend of October 18 and 19.

E: TINY TRACK 2: Doug VE3FFR will be putting in an order for these units soon anyone interested in having one should let him know. The cost is about \$50 each.

50/50 draw was won by Fred VE3FBG who donated the \$13.50 back to the club.

Eldion VE3HGO gave a presentation on his HF backpack gear.

7. REPORTS:

RAC: Ron is needing a bulletin reader for the net.

VE3KFS: All normal. The IRLP node has been banned from reflector 925 because of interference. Les asked that we should check to see if the node is being used before txing. Still working on putting in the new radio.

KARC Newsletter: Mike VE3BGP was not present.

KARC Website: Chip VA3KGB reported that the webpage is being updated.

HEARTS AND FLOWERS: Stu is out and about.

Moved by VE3FFR and second by VA3HAW that the meeting be adjourned.

Brian Allen
VA3HAW
KARC Secretary

For those who thought the hardest part of Physics 101 was the constant conversion from feet and inches to the metric system including all its Newtons, Joules, and Watts, here are some other useful conversions:

Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter: Eskimo Pi
2000 pounds of Chinese soup: Won ton
1 millionth of a mouthwash: 1 microscope
Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement: 1 bananosecond
Weight an evangelist carries with God: 1 billigram
Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour: Knot-furlong
16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone: 1 Rod Serling
Half of a large intestine: 1 semicolon
1000 aches: 1 megahurtz
Basic unit of laryngitis: 1 hoarsepower
Shortest distance between two jokes: A straight line
454 graham crackers: 1 pound cake
1 million-million microphones: 1 megaphone
1 million bicycles: 2 megacycles
2000 mockingbirds: two kilomockingbirds
52 cards: 1 decacards
1 kilogram of falling figs: 1 Fig Newton
1000 grams of wet socks: 1 literhosen
1 millionth of a fish: 1 microfiche
1 trillion pins: 1 terrapin
10 rations: 1 decoration
100 rations: 1 C-ration
2 monograms: 1 diagram
8 nickels: 2 paradigms
100 Senators: Not 1 decision.

**Kingston Amateur Radio Club
Treasurer Report
Sept 16- Oct 15 , 2002**

KARC-All Accounts

Account Balances Report

ASSETS	Acct	Balance
Cash and Bank Accounts		
	KARC Chequing	\$ 3,073.30
	St.Mary's Hospital	.00
	Repeater Project	\$ 1,958.95
	TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$ 5,032.25

Summary of Revenue and Expenses

Income	Account	Expenses	Account
\$ 40.00	427 (IRLP)	\$ 13.50	534 (50/50 draw)
\$ 220.00	404(Membership)		
\$ 63.50	413 (Donations)		
\$ 27.00	418 (50/50 draw)		
Total Income=350.50		Total Expenses =\$ 13.50	

Submitted by
Kim Hay VA3KDH
Treasurer

Remember When

In 1999 it is difficult to imagine that in 1921 there were 689 telephone companies in Ontario. Almost every village had a small manual switchboard, generally in a private house, operated by the family, often with additional help from a young girl aspired to be a Bell telephone operator. The number of subscribers varied, but quite often was less than 100, and with ten or more subscribers on each line. Many were called the "Hoot and Holler" phone companies because of noisy lines and poor speech quality.

The number of "code rings" required for each subscriber meant that the bells were constantly ringing, but being able to listen to your neighbor's telephone conversations more than made up for the petty irritation of the bells.

Many independent companies could not upgrade their plant and generally sold out to the Bell Telephone Co. and by 1975 only about 40 remained. There are even fewer today, but in the Kingston area Westport, Lansdowne and Sharbot Lake are served by modern, well-run companies.

On a recent visit to Verona, a village 20 miles north of Kingston, I pointed out a white clapboard two-storey house that for many years was the exchange or "Central" for the Verona & Bellrock Telephone Co. and also the Verona & Frontenac telephone Co. with 200 subscribers.

The small manual switchboard was in the main room with the line equipment screwed to the wooden ceiling. On a wall adjacent to the switchboard were eight wooden bell sets mounted upside down so that the two gongs and the clapper were at the bottom. On each clapper was a long piece of tread with a button at the bottom end. This was an ingenious system: if the operator was busy elsewhere and a call came in, the bell would ring and the button would swing and thus it would be easy to tell which bell rung so the operator could plug in an answer the call, either local or long-distance.

Most of these small exchanges were "Magneto" using those lovely big wooden phones with a crank on the side which would operate n a barbed wire fence and a ground rod.

So much for the "good old Day"

Bernard, V3NB