

Newsletter

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Kingston Amateur News

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



HAMFEST 2009

Congratulations to Terry (VA3TRM) for the fantastic job in setting-up and running the Flea Market.

I have heard nothing but rave reviews from all who attended.. From all indications a lot of "fleas" changed hands during this event with a lot of satisfied customers.

The December meeting will be the last for the current executive and I would like to thank them for their co-operation and advice provided during this past year. My thanks also, to all members of the KARC for their support.. The club has had many accomplishments and improvements over this year. Unfortunately we have lost some of our stalwart members. Their contribution to the KARC will always be remembered..

My thanks to the new executive who will take over the management of the KARC effective 1 Jan. - Steve VE3KC – President; David VE3DZE – Secretary; Chip VA3KGB - Vice president; Doug VE3FFR – Treasurer.

I encourage all members to support Steve (VE3KC) and the new executive in the new year. I am sure the membership will give the same support to the new executive that I have enjoyed as the President. The club will be in good hands and I encourage your support for all the efforts that the club has planned and in motion.

Again - thanks to the membership for supporting KARC and its many activities.

Les VE3KFS

From the Editor:

Congratulations to the New Executive. Hopefully with the new year we will see more articles of interest, from the membership, in your newsletter.

WEEKLY NETS:

NET CONTROL

The net meets every Tuesday (07:30 PM) local time on VE3KBR (146.940-) and we welcome check-ins from anyone anywhere. If you're out of town, check-in via EchoLink or IRLP (node 2750).

Thanks to the net controllers for making the KARC Tuesday Night Net a success and an enjoyable weekly event. We're always looking for additional controllers. There is nothing difficult about controlling the net. The script is available on the KARC web site or from me.

So wherever you are Tuesday night at 7:30, whatever you're doing, please take five minutes to say hello to your fellow amateurs and let us know what you're up to.

Cheers & 73s, VE3KC, Steve

KARC NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

DECEMBER

Dec. 1: VE3JPW Warren

Dec. 8: VE3KC Steve

Dec. 15: VE3 MUD Ian

Dec. 22: VE3NFU Bill

Dec. 29: VE3SIQ George



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 December 31st, 2009

OF INTEREST

The members of the Kingston Amateur Radio Club extend their deepest sympathy to VE3GO, Ron Walsh and his brother, Bert, on the passing of their mother, Jennie, on November 10, 2009

EDWORTHY, Evelyn May. For those who knew Howard Edworthy (died August, 2009) it may be of interest that his wife, Evelyn, passed away on November 6, 2009 at Extendicare.

RAC Bulletin 2009-035E - New Executive Announced.
2009-11-03

During a RAC Board of Directors' teleconference meeting held by the Nomination Committee Chair, B.J. Madsen, VE5FX, on October 29th, 2009, the following new members of the Executive were elected:

Geoff Bawden, VE4BAW - President
Paul Burggraaf, VO1PRB - Secretary
Margaret Tidman, VA3VXN - Treasurer

These individuals will assume their respective responsibilities on January 1, 2010.

Subsequent to the October 29th meeting, the following Directors and Officers submitted their resignations:

Bob Cooke, VE3DBD (former President) - effective October 31, 2009

Geoff Smith, VA3GS (former Ontario South Director) - effective November 1, 2009

Noel Marcil, VE2BR (former Quebec Director) – effective November 1st, 2009

The remaining positions on the executive will be unchanged as the current officers were acclaimed.

First Vice-President Ian MacFarquhar, VE9IM, pursuant to the RAC By-laws, will assume the duties of President until December 31st, 2009.

The Board and Executive extend their most sincere thanks to Geoff and Noel for their past service to RAC and wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.

The Board also extends its thanks to Bob Cooke for the time he has devoted to RAC as a past Director, Past Vice-President of Field Services and as President during rather challenging times. Bob's involvement with RAC began in the early 1990s as an Assistant Director. He was elected as Ontario South Director in 2001 and served in that capacity until January 2005. Bob was subsequently elected as Vice President, Field Services in January 2006 and served in that role until February 2009 when he was asked by the Board to assume the responsibilities of President of RAC.

The dedication and commitment of volunteers like Bob, Geoff, Noel, and many others, result in Canadian Amateurs having a voice which is heard locally, provincially, nationally and internationally, and they are to be congratulated for their outstanding contributions.

G. Linda Friars, VE9GLF
Corporate Secretary - Radio Amateurs of Canada

RAC Bulletin 2009-036E: RAC target of phishing attempt

Several messages have been received from users of the @rac.ca e-mail alias system who have received e-mails purporting to be from RAC claiming that maintenance was to be performed on the e-mail system and that certain information was requested to be sent to the sender of the message.

Please note that this message was not originated by anyone at RAC. We would not ask for such information as usernames and passwords in an e-mail. It can safely be ignored. E-mails relating to the @rac.ca e-mail alias system would come from alias-help@aliases.rac.ca or yptas@rac.ca or other identifiable RAC e-mail address.

Thanks to Earle Smith, VE6NM, who sent me the message with complete headers which made it possible to report this activity to the provider from which the messages originated as well as the provider of the e-mail address to which replies were to be sent.

James R. Hay, VE2VE ve2ve@rac.ca
Vice President, Technical and Administrative Services
Radio Amateurs of Canada

HAMFEST, 2009

There is no doubt this year's Fleamarket was a great success. All Hams present found the whole affair was a very 'Professional' occasion. Following are remarks that came to us through the FreeList.

CONGRATULATIONS, Terry.....Job well done!!!!.....Ed.

****The Kingston Ham radio Fleamarket was a great success. At the front door there was Eldon VE3HRO with a truck load of treasure. As we went in we were greeted by Terry VA3TRM collecting donations to the museum as entrance fee which gave us a chance to win door prizes. Doug VE3FFR won a very nice coax switch. Harold VE3BPM had his table set up to the left as you entered the room. I bought a number of needed items and met a great number of Amateur Radio hobbyists.

David VE3DZE****

****Terry,

Thank you for taking the time and effort to arrange this event. It was well arranged and very enjoyable to attend. I wish I could have been a bigger help setting up but, as you know, other matters had to be attended to. I would hope this does go again and I will be more than willing to help.

At least I can treat you to your next coffee!

Ron VE3GO****

****My thanks to Terry and all the organizers for a great event. Even though I came home empty handed it was nice to meet some guys and look at some goodies. The breakfast was great and cheap!!

My hat's off to Terry and the rest who made this event possible.

Max, VE3TMT ****

****Terry,

I want to add my thanks and congratulations to you (and your "staff") for a great job well done. I thoroughly enjoyed both the breakfast and the flea market. I met several old friends I had not seen in a long time, and got a few goodies that I needed.

Looking forward to next year. Thanks again.

Phil VE3HST****

****Well attended and a great Job Terry and all those who were involved. Even my wife enjoyed it. That was a surprise.

Maybe cause I only took home one thing from the market.

Robert, VE3RPF****

****Thanks to Terry and all his helpers for a great event. I wish I could have helped as I always did in the past but my arthritis in back would not let me.

Bill VE3NFU****

****Terry and all of the helpers:

Thank you.

Bill, VA3OL
Kingston, ON****

****Terry,

Many thanks for a great morning. Enjoyed the breakfast and had a good time talking to a lot of interesting people at the museum.

That was a lot of work for you and all those that helped you, FB

John, va3gst****

****Terry,

I think that all who attended your Hamfest agree that you did a fabulous job of putting together a very excellent show. I add myThanks and speak for the many who agree with me but have found it difficult to put words down to paper. For 'many', you should read 'everybody'. Thanks and 73.

Michael, VE3PRW****

****My best to Terry . I had a great time at the flea market. Met a lot of people that I haven't chatted with for a long time.

It takes a lot to put something like this together. Looking forward to the next one.

Big thanx to Terry M.

Dave VA3HFX****



WOW. WHAT A CROWD!!!!!!



I'll take that one.



Do I really need it??????



I'll make you a deal.....

IF YOU NEED A LAUGH

<http://www.qsl.net/soc/trash.htm#top>

AND I am an SOC (Second Class Operator membership nbr 597!)

Life is way to serious to take it seriously.

Bill, VA3OL
Kingston, ON

Change your "Home" Favourite on Your GPS

By Chip, VA3KGB

Over the last few months I've received several emails regarding thieves using information gleaned from stolen GPS devices, along with stolen garage door openers from cars parked at public events. These "Chain" emails are usually forwarded on and on and usually past the second or third forwarding back none of the email addresses are known to me.

A look at Snopes.com, (<http://www.snopes.com>), does give some credibility to this chain email letter. For the full details go to <http://www.snopes.com/crime/intent/gps.asp>.

"Won't happen to me" you say! Consider this: While on a recent trip in Edmonton for work, one of my co-workers had his GPS stolen out of the rental car that we were using. He was upset naturally, but took our ribbing for the remainder of our time out there. Considering we were in Edmonton at the time and we all live in the Kingston area he wasn't too concerned about thieves using it to find his house.

If your GPS is stolen, then the "Home" will lead thieves to your house. And if they have your garage door opener, in they go.

GPS has become a very good tool for finding your way around, especially in a city you don't know. And of course most come with the option to put your home location in as an easy to access favourite (or Waypoint). This makes it very handy when you are travelling and it's time to head home, you select your "Home" and you now know how far and how long it will take to get home.

A good feature on newer GPS devices is that they have a security feature that locks the GPS if you are not at your home location. How this works is that if you turn your GPS on while very close to your "Home" location, you will not need to unlock the GPS. However, if you are not at the location saved as your "Home", you need to enter an unlock code to access the GPS.

For those who own a GPS without this security feature, what you can do is set "Home" to your local Police station, and give another Favourite, your actual home location, and name it other than "House", "Our Place", etc. In this case, if they steal your GPS and garage door opener at a public place like a mall etc., "Home" will not take them to your place, but to a police station which they probably will not break into. With all your other personal favourites, they would need to do a lot of driving and testing garage doors. Not a perfect solution but easy to implement.

Another nice feature that is becoming very popular in the new GPS systems is the "Bluetooth" function. This allows you to have your cell phone "paired" to the GPS and you can answer and talk through your GPS. This perfect for your "Handsfree" cell phone solution to be compliant with Ontario's new Cell Phone and Handheld Device law which is now in effect. Depending on the GPS and how much you would like to pay for one, the more bells and whistles they come with.

Kingston Amateur Radio Club, Inc

Treasurer's Report to Nov. 5, 2009

	This Month	Year to date
	(Nov)	(2009)
Membership	80.00	980.00
50/50 Draws	11.00	89.50
Other Donation	0	152.57
Interest		3.47
TOTAL INCOME	91.00	1225.54
Expenses		
Repeater upgrade	0	525.02
RAC insurance	0	150.00
Queens Balloon	0	0
Post Box Rental	0	132.25
Newsletter expenses	0	57.62
Website Cost	0	242.71
Donation to Communications Museum	0	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	0	1107.60
NET INCOME (LOSS)	91.00	117.94
Cash in Chequing Account Nov. 9, 2009	5928.43	
Petty Cash on hand	0.00	

VA3OL, Bill Rumball

Treasurer, KARC

AGENDA

KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC

DECEMBER 2nd, 2009

At Smitty's Restaurant, back room

7:00 pm.

- 1. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS**
- 2. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS**
- 3. MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING ERRORS/OMMISSIONS**
- 4. TREASURER'S REPORT**
- 5. OLD BUSINESS**
- 6. 50/50 DRAW**
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
- 8. REPORTS:**
 - a) RAC
 - b) Net Manager - VE3CLQ
 - c) KARC Newsletter
 - d) Web page - VA3KGB
 - e) Any other reports
- 9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
- 10. PRESENTATION: Powerpole connectors - installation and useage - by Les, VE3KFS**
- 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE
KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC
HELD ON
Wednesday, 4th November, 2009
At SMITTY'S RESTAURANT
PRINCESS STREET, KINGSTON, ONTARIO

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order by the President, Les, at 7 pm.

a) A membership list is being passed around for corrections.

b) A minute of silence was held in memory of Gary Penwarden, VE3HWS.

c) Steve, VE3KC gave a synopsis of Gary's Amateur life including his work with the station at St Mary's.

2. INTRODUCTIONS OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS: There were 18 members and guests present.

3. MINUTES: Chip, VA3kgb, moved and Micheal, VE3PRW, seconded that the minutes of the meeting of 7 Oct 2009 be adopted as published in the Newsletter. Motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT: It was moved by Bill, VA3OL, and seconded by Michael, VE3PRW, that the Treasurer's Report be adopted as published in the Newsletter. Motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

1) Trenton Repeater: Our old repeater is now operating at Trenron on 147.015 (+) with a tone of 91.5.

2) Clarendon Repeater: Waiting access to the site to implement tones.

3) Echolink: Ken, VE3XCT thanked those who helped to program his Echolink.

4) Breakfast/Fleamarket: Let Terry, VA3TRM, know if you're coming for breakfast before the fleamarket on Saturday 14 Nov.

5. Comments for RAC: It was asked whatever happened to the list of complaints/solutions that the Club was to send to RAC. It was stated that Dave, VA3ORP, did not draft up the report and send it on due to only a few responders. It was then stated that it should still have gone as this was what was requested of the Club membership. Rob, VE3RPF, stated he would get ahold of the notes and pass it on.

6. 50/50 Draw: Doug, VE3FFR, share was \$11.00.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

1) **Gary Penwarden:** A minute of silence was held in memory of Gary Penwarden, VE3HWS.

Steve, VE3KC gave a synopsis of Gary's Amateur life including his work with the station at St Mary's.

8. REPORTS:

1) **RAC:** Some discussion as to the resignation of three of the RAC Executive and the New Executive in place. One of the members had asked RAC why there was no mention of Ontario's Handheld Device/Cellphone law on the RAC website and was told it didn't concern all of Canada. The member replied "What about Amateurs from outside the province driving through?"

There is a link to the law on the Club website and it is suggested that this be printed out and carried in your vehicle along with a copy of your Amateur certificate Card, as Amateurs have an extension of the deadline for hands free on their radio equipment.

2) **Net Manager:** Nets have been very active and Steve, VE3KC, thanked the Net Controllers and is looking for a couple more. There has been an average of 17 checkins with an average duration of 45 mins.

3) **Newsletter:** Send articles and updates directly to Joan.

4) **Website:** Website is being redesigned in order to make it faster loading and easier to use.

5) **Les, VE3KFS,** thanked the incoming Executive for taking on their postings effective 1 Jan 2010.

9. **PRESENTATION:** There was no presentation tonight due to illness of the guest speaker who is rescheduling his presentation with us.

10. **NEXT MEETING:** 2 Dec 2009.

11 **ADJOURNMENT:** It was moved by Roy, VE3VJF, and seconded by Doug, VE3FFR that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

CJ 'Chip' Chapman, VA3KGB, Secretary

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