

Newsletter
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Kingston Amateur Radio Club

2011 Executive



Kingston Amateur News

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VE3KAR Clarendon Stn
147.090 (+) MHz

VE3KER Kingston packet
node
145.010 MHz simplex



VE3KBR Kingston
146.940(-) MHz
151.4Hz Tone
IRLP 2750

VE3UEL Hartington APRS
node
144.390 MHz

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to the 16 members and guests who made the effort to attend our October meeting and who enjoyed an interesting and informative presentation by Ron VE3GO about non-ham band monitoring both HF and VHF. Modern rigs include general coverage receivers with scanning capabilities so it's an activity available to all. Ron is frequently asked for specific frequencies; he shared many. Ron also showed slides of ships and racing cars highlighting their radio equipment, particularly antennas.

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You won't want to miss our November meeting. Assaf VA3PCI, our newsletter editor, has been developing radio apps for Apple iDevices. He'll talk about and demonstrate them. Some members have been using his app, IRLP Me, on our iDevices. Other picture presentations will also be welcome. Pictures can be put in any folder on a USB thumb drive including the root folder of the drive. They should be in .JPG format and numbered sequentially starting with 'IMG01.jpg' or 'Slide01.jpg'. Each folder should contain only 10 pictures with the highest one numbered '10.jpg'. Using this arrangement, the pictures should sort in order. If you want to test your slide show before the meeting, contact me and we can arrange it.

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Your 2012 membership dues are now being accepted. \$25.00 cash or cheque made payable to KARC.

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The 2011 Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) took place Oct. 15 at the Military Communications and Electronics Museum, a last-minute venue change necessitated by a previous booking at the original location, the Otter Lake Scout Camp, near Frontenac Park. KARC participated again this year. Our Vice-President, Terry VA3KLG, a leader in the scouting organization, coordinated our effort. He reports that he, Chip VA3KGB, Tim VA3TIC, Ron VE3GO, Doug VE3FFR, and Dan VE3SEW staffed the station. Several contacts were made between scouts here and elsewhere. Youth is the future of amateur radio and this was an excellent opportunity to attract them. Now we have to do our part by offering an amateur radio course. Anyone willing to coordinate it?

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The KARC Hamfest and Breakfast is set for **Saturday, Nov. 12th** from 09:00 to 12:00 at the Military Communications and Electronics Museum. Admission is a financial donation to the museum and tables are \$10 each and can be reserved by e-mailing <hamfest@ve3kbr.com>. Doors will open for vendor setup at 08:00. There will be a Club table that anyone can put 'fleas' on with proceeds going to the Club.

Like last year, the hamfest will be preceded by a breakfast buffet at the Garrison Golf and Curling Club from 07:30 to 09:00, \$7.00 per person. Terry VA3KLG is coordinating the event this year and says that breakfast reservations have been slow so if you're planning to join us for breakfast, please e-mail <hamfest@ve3kbr.com>. **Breakfast reservations must be received by November 7th.** If we don't get enough people for breakfast, it may be cancelled.

David VE3DZE will run the talk-in on VE3KBR. ONTARS is also interested in having controllers from the museum early in the net to help promote the hamfest. Anyone interested, please contact me. So check your basements and shacks and bring all the equipment you're no longer using. If you need help, just ask your better halves. :-)

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As some newsletter readers know, I spend a considerable amount of time enjoying tech related podcasts. If you haven't tried this form of online entertainment, it's worth a look and listen. There are more than 100,000 podcasts produced worldwide by individuals, groups, online and over-the-air broadcasters on every conceivable subject under the sun. I've recently become aware of an interesting amateur radio podcast called Ham Nation produced by the TWIT Podcast Network in Petaluma, California. The TWIT network (TWIT standing for 'This Week in Tech') describes it this way.

HAM Nation is the new TWIT show about ham radio. Bob Heil, with various co-hosts and guests will cover the excitement and importance of ham radio - from tossing an antenna wire in a tree allowing you to talk to the world, to the importance of ham radio operators in time of disasters. HAM Nation airs live each Tuesday at 6:00 PT/ 9:00ET on <http://live.twit.tv>.

Give it a listen or a look.

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As I reported at the October meeting and posted on the Free List, RAC has announced the details of the 2012 RAC Insurance Program for Affiliated Clubs. Quoting from the announcement:

The Radio Amateurs of Canada is pleased to announce that the highly popular RAC Insurance Program will be available again in 2012, and with increased coverages at no increase in rates. The Program provides several types of coverage including liability insurance for Club activities and its members, equipment loss/damage coverage for Affiliated Clubs and their RAC members, and new this year will be the availability of additional insurance coverage for a RAC member's house, car and travel health insurance, which will be of particular interest to Snowbirds. All of these coverages are the best available in Canada and are offered at extremely competitive rates. The RAC Insurance Program is provided as a benefit of membership for RAC Affiliated Clubs and their RAC members.

Highlights of the Program for 2012 include:

- Liability Insurance for Affiliated Clubs of \$10 million, \$5 million per occurrence for 2012 at the lowest cost in Canada.
- Equipment loss/theft/damage coverage for only \$10 per \$1,000 of actual equipment value per year.
- RAC members of Affiliated Clubs in the program get liability coverage extended for their home stations at no charge.
- Liability coverages for portable operation, advertising liability and personal injury.
- Home, Car and Travel Health coverage coming soon.

For complete details, visit:

<http://www.rac.ca/en/rac/programmes/affiliated-clubs/insurance/>

As our deadline to apply this year is Dec. 1, at our November meeting, I will be asking for approval to spend \$512.09 for our 2012 insurance and RAC affiliation.

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It's time to think about who you want to lead the Club in 2012. Elections for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer will take place at the December meeting. Our bylaws permit one person to hold the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. Let's have real elections this year instead of the acclamations that have become too common in recent years.

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I look forward to seeing everyone at the November 2 meeting. Until our next QSO on the air, at the next meeting or in the next newsletter, 73s and good DX.

Steve VE3KC

HAMFEST & BREAKFAST

12 November 2011

Breakfast Buffet at Garrison Golf & Curling Club
Cost: \$7.00 Time: 0730 - 0900

Hamfest at the Military Communications & Electronics Museum
0900-1200 (set-up starts at 0800)

Tables are \$10 each and **must be reserved by contacting Terry**
VA3KLG, hamfest (at symbol) ve3kbr.com

General admission is by donation to the Museum.

If you plan on attending breakfast, let Terry know # by Nov. 7th

Talk-in on 146.94 (tone 151.4)

The Museum is located on Hwy 2,
about 1 km East of Hwy 15 – opposite
Vimy Barracks entrance



Everyone is encouraged to join us for
breakfast. The Golf Club is located in
McNaughton Barracks (Hwy 2) – enter
opposite McDonalds, right turn at the
stop sign, left turn at 2nd street.

This event is co-sponsored by the Museum and KARC

The Museum Kit Shop will be open and you can tour the Museum

Bring your surplus gear and swap not only some gear, but maybe a few stories and tall tales of
great adventures and far-off DX contacts! Door Prizes, 50/50 Draw. Proceeds from the Draw and
table rental benefit KARC.

Visit our website at:

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

KARC meetings held the first
Wednesday of each month
1900 hrs - at Smitty's Restaurant,
2376 Princess St.
Dinner (optional) at 1730 hrs.

Weekly Saturday morning breakfast
0700 - 0900 at Smitty's Restaurant



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JOTA 2011

On 15 October 2011, VE3RCS was placed on the air from the Military Communications & Electronics Museum by members of the Kingston ARC for the annual Scouts Jamboree on the Air. This was a last minute move due to circumstances beyond our control as originally JOTA was going to be held out at the Otter Lake Scout Camp next to Frontenac Park.

HF propagation was quite good and the Scouts that showed up were able to talk to other Scouts across Canada and the States. In fact at times there were so many stations on adjacent frequencies you could hear 3 and 4 different conversations at once!

Dan, VE3SEW, gave presentations and demonstrated Amateur Radio equipment in the conference room. One of the Scout Leaders was running JOTI or Jamboree on the Internet from his laptop and Scouts were chatting via the internet.

Perhaps the best satisfaction that we received as Amateur Operators was when one of the last contacts one of the Scouts was with the National Scout Headquarters in Germany. Dan had him plot where the station was on a map with a distance ruler and he was able to see the distance he had talked over the air to. The grin on his face when we told him he had made the furthest contact during our JOTA over radio was priceless.

JOTA was organized by Terry, VA3KLG, and had help from Ron VE3GO; Dan, VE3SEW; Doug, VE3FFR; and Chip, VA3KGB. (hopefully I didn't forget anyone (Chip)).

Our thanks to the Scouter who dropped in and especially those who stayed all day. Thank you to the parents and Scouts who braved the torrential downpours to participate in JOTA.

Finally thank you to the Military Communications & Electronics Museum, also referred to as the C&E Museum or the Sigs Museum, for opening their doors to us so that VE3RCS could be a part of the 54th JOTA.

Chip, VA3KGB

Pictures: Ron VE3GO, Terry VA3KLG



NET REPORT

Thanks to the controllers who kept the net alive in October. Check-ins ranged from 9 to 14 and net duration ran from 18 to 51 minutes, quite a range!

The net control schedule for November and December 2011 is in the November newsletter.

I'm always looking for new controllers. Controlling isn't difficult. The script is on the Club website and in the current newsletter.

But the most important thing is that you check into the net every Tuesday night at 7:30 because without you, it's pretty lonely.

AGENDA

KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

November 2, 2011

At Smitty's Restaurant, back room

07:00 p.m.

1. Members and guests introduce themselves
2. Additions to the agenda
3. Minutes of the October 2011 meeting: errors/omissions/approval (David VE3DZE)
4. Treasurer's report (Doug VE3FFR)
5. Business arising from the Minutes:
 - (a) 2012 membership dues reminder (Steve VE3KC)
 - (b) JOTA (Terry Va3KLG)
 - (c) Hamfest (Terry VA3KLG)
 - (d) Insurance (Steve VE3KC)
 - (e) Other items
6. New business:
 - (a) Suggestion to replace or eliminate the Club membership card (Phil VE3HST)
 - (b) Other items

7. Reports:
 - (a) President (Steve VE3KC)
 - (b) Repeaters
 - (c) RAC
 - (d) Net Manager (Steve VE3KC)
 - (e) Web page (Chip VA3KGB)
 - (f) KARC Newsletter (Assaf VA3PCI)
 - (G) Frontenac County ARES (George VE3SIQ)
 - (H) 'Hearts and Flowers'
 - (i) Other reports

8. Date of next meeting: Dec. 7, 2011 - **ELECTIONS**

9. 50/50 draw

10. Adjournment

Presentation: Assaf VA3PCI - Radio apps for Apple iDevices he's developed or developing.

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MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE
KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC
HELD ON
Wednesday 5 Oct 2011
At Smitty's Restaurant
Princess Street, Kingston Ontario

The Kingston Amateur Radio Club meeting was called to order by our president Steve VE3KC at 7:00 PM.

1. The members present introduced themselves. There were 14 members in attendance and two members late (they missed the ferry).
2. There were no additions to the agenda.
3. **Minutes:** Our president asked for approval of the Sept. meeting minutes as published in the October newsletter. David VE3DZE moved with Chip VA3KGB seconding and the motion was carried.
4. **October Treasurer's Report:** Doug VE3FFR read the Sept financial report. We had a closing balance of \$4813.28. Doug moved, seconded by George VE3GHK, that the Treasurer's Report be adopted as read. Motion carried.
No fifty fifty this month.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes:
 - a) 2012 Membership Fee: The 2012 membership dues are now due and if paid between October-December 2011, they will carry through to Dec 2012.
 - b) Changing the election and fiscal year dates has been shelved; they will remain as is.
 - c) JOTA is coming up Oct 15 –16th at Otter Lake Scout Camp. Everyone is welcome. Contact Terry VA3KLG.
 - d) Breakfast and Hamfest: Steve VE3KC reminded everyone to contact Terry VA3KLG **ASAP** for table bookings and breakfast reservations for the KARC Hamfest Nov 12th. Breakfast at 7:30 AM, doors open for vendors at 8:00 AM and doors open to the public at 9:00 AM. Contact is hamfest@ve3kbr.com
6. New Business: none.

7. Reports:

- a) **President:** See the report in the October newsletter. Steve VE3KC added that he, VE3FFR and VE3DZE will not be running for office next year. We will need new officers for next year.

b) Repeaters: the northern machine needs service and Don VE3MNE and Les VE3KFS will be going up to check it out.

c) RAC: Steve VE3KC said that RAC has released the details of the 2012 Insurance Program for Affiliated Clubs. Info will be posted on their web site. Due to the fact that our membership is up, Steve estimates the cost of our 2012 insurance will be approximately \$512.09 if the formula remains the same as this year.

d) NetManager: the report is in the October newsletter with an updated schedule for net controllers. KARC net is Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM.

e) WebPage: Chip VA3KGB said that the site is running smoothly and if you want either your own e-mail address or web page, contact him. Assaf VA3PCI has written some handy apps for the iPhone and there will be links to them on our website. Assaf will be doing a presentation on his iPhone apps at the November meeting.

f) Newsletter: In Assaf's absence, Steve VE3KC said that articles for the newsletters should be sent to news@ve3kbr.com a week before the monthly meeting and in light of the absence of articles, Assaf is considering reprinting "classic articles" from years past.

g) FCARES: In George VE3SIQ's absence, David VE3DZE said that FCARES will be at Whispering Pines Scout Camp for JOTA

h) Hearts and Flowers we received a very nice note from George VE3GWS thanking us for our get-well card. No one has heard how Mike VE3TD is doing and we understand that Michael VE3PRW requires 24-hour care now.

8. Date of the next meeting is November 2nd, 2011. Assaf VA3PCI will give a presentation on his radio apps for the iPhone.

9. Adjournment: Roy VE3VJF seconded by Doug VE3FFR, moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

We had a presentation by **Ron VE3IDW** about scanning amateur and non-amateur frequencies and monitoring short-wave bands. Ron also showed slides of ships and racing cars highlighting their radio equipment, particularly antennas.

David Sellick VE3DZE

Secretary

Kingston Amateur Radio Club Inc.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Kingston Amateur Radio Club

Financial Statement

Oct 2011

Income

Membership 325.00

Total Income 325.00

Expenses

Misc Business 9.52

Total Expenses 9.52

Bank Balance

As of Oct 26, 2011 **5,088.37**

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Controller
November	1	VE3KC Steve
November	8	VE3NFU Bill
November	15	VA3PCI Assaf
November	22	VE3VJF Roy
November	29	VE3CAK John
December	6	VE3DZE David
December	13	VE3JPW
December	20	VE3KC Steve
December	27	VE3NFU Bill

NET CONTROL SCRIPT

KARC Tuesday Night Net Control Script

Revised March 7, 2011

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 on the Kingston repeater, VE3KBR, 146.940 MHz, with a 151.4 Hz tone required on the input, 146.340 MHz. 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.