

Kingston Amateur News

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

Oct 2, 7:00 p.m. (Wednesday)

MEETING PLACE: Smitty's

2376 Princess (next door to Chapters)

Come in early and have supper.

GUEST SPEAKER: VE3/VA3HGO Eldon, HF, VHF, UHF mobile/portable



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President's Notes

As we slide into the fall season with the meetings again back in session we can look back on a busy summer.

Most recently the club auction was held at the residence of VE3DUG - Doug, who graciously allowed us the use of his garage for this event. Hot dogs were served along with the usual fried onions.

Most notable: The sum of over **\$400.00** was raised for the club.

At our next General Meeting we have arranged for VE3HGO - Eldon, to give us a look at his "HF" pedestrian mobile unit, which should be quite interesting.

Hope to see a good turnout as we start another "Ham" season.

VE3VJF, Roy
President, K.A.R.C.



Every Saturday morning
at

Smitty's

Come and meet, get the latest in
Amateur Radio gossip and of course
eat while you talk!

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ARES MEETING

The next regular ARES meeting will be on Monday 16 Sep 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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2002
AT SMITTY'S

1. **Agenda:** VE3NB added 6.E in the new business

2. **Minutes of the June meeting:** It was noted that when Mary won the 50/50 she donated it back to the club. Moved by VE3FFR and second by VE3DUG that the minutes be adopted as corrected. Motion carried.

3. **Treasurer's report:** Kim gave a quick summary and explained the membership forms. Moved by VE3UDO and second by VE3AHU at the report be adopted as read. Carried.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A: Nametags: Mike was not present but is still looking into this.

B: Screwdriver antennae's: Les and Rob told of some supply problems but the antennae's are coming along. There was further discussion about mounting options.

C: Repeater project: A discussion was held, still no site.

5. **NEW BUSINESS ARISING**

A: VE3FRH AMSAT presentation: Roy read an email regarding this and asked if there was any interest in going.

B: Elections: Brian noted that he would be stepping down as secretary. Kim will be stepping down as treasurer but Terry VA3TRM will be replacing her.

C: Auction: September 14 and VE3DUG's.

D: ARES dinner: Roy noted that this will be held at the Travel lodge on sept. 27.

E: JOTA: Chip will need help for this event on the weekend of oct. 19. More to follow.

6. 50/50 draw and 5 min break: Ron VE3GO won \$15 and donated it to the Repeater project.

7. **REPORTS:**

RAC: Ron VE3GO needs someone to read the bulletins on the net. He also noted that he would be writing an article on Art who is retiring from writing articles in the TCA.

VE3KFS: Tom's SSTV repeater will be put up in the John Orr tower this fall once a power supply is found. Frequency is 145.500. Les reported that the UPS for the IRLP node is working well and a special thanks is being given to John VE3NFK and Sven. All other systems are working normally. Rob is donating a radio for the node so that dug will get his back.

KARC Newsletter: Mike VE3BGP was not present.

KARC Website: Chip VA3KGB reported that the Webpage will get updated soon and that the IRLP listing is being removed.

SUMMER EVENTS: The picnic turned out well and we have been asked to come back next year for Sky's the Limit. Field Day was limited and will need more help next year.

HEARTS AND FLOWERS: Stu is in a home and George VE3EZB died last week.

Moved by VE3AHU and second by VA3HAW that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Brian Allen
VA3HAW
KARC Secretary

October on the Air

- 3 SARL 80-Meter QSO Party
- 5 TARA PSK31 Rumble
- 5-6 Oceania DX Contest, Phone
- 5 EU Autumn Sprint, SSB
- 5-6 California QSO Party
- 5-6 QCWA QSO Party
- 6 Pro CW Contest
- 6 RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest, SSB

October 1 to October 15, 2002
Special Event callsign VC3L has been assigned to Mr. Ronald Norris, VE3FXX, from October 1 to October 15, 2002 to celebrate The Queen's Golden Jubilee.

October 21 to October 31, 2002
Authority has been granted to Mr Carl Styan (VA2BY) and the Team Zone-2 Club to use special event callsign VC2C from October 21 to October 31, 2002 to commemorate the completion of the Trans-Pacific Cable.

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

BACK IN TIME

On Christmas Eve 1906, Reginald Fessenden, the Canadian born electrical genius staged a history making broadcast from his station at Brant Rock, Massachusetts. The callsign was "BO" and the wavelength 6000 meters of 50 KHz, obtained from a 1 Kw alternator driven by a steam engine. The antenna was a 420-foot tubular steel mast, insulated from ground, with a capacity hat on top. At each 100-foot level 4 guy wires broken in sections by 500,00 V-test insulators went down to concrete anchors.

Access to the mast was through a hatch at the bottom with a riveted ladder inside right to the top.

The broadcast put a phonograph playing "Handel's Largo", Christmas carols played on his violin, and then Fessenden sang a verse of "O Holy Night". The microphone was probably a carbon granule type in the ground lead, which got hot, so there may have been a number used. Fessenden then asked for signal reports from ships operators and got many from a wide area. He received a telegram from his identical station in Scotland, saying they had heard his voice, just before the Scottish tower collapsed due to faulty construction. The Brant Rock tower stood until December 1917 when it was toppled by the US Navy as war hysteria considered it a land mark for enemy ships.

To end on a humorous note, Fessenden, a well built man, tempted by the glowing reports of the breath taking view from the top of the tower, decided he would climb up inside for a look. He managed to squeeze through the small hatch but got hopelessly wedge inside. The only way he could be rescued was to cut all his clothes, smear his body with butter, and pull.

Thanks, VE3NB, Bernard

A PROUD HERITAGE

There are few, if any, activities that requires of mankind that require the calm cool courage of a wireless operator in time of real emergency.

During the past 80 plus years there have been thousand of times that help has been brought to ships in dire emergencies by the calm efficient know-how of the wireless operator at the key, occasionally losing their lives in the process.

The same applies to members of our craft who have upheld the tradition while under fire in battle at sea, on land and in the air.

It covers men and women of all nationalities dedicated to the cause as members of the Amateur radio Service

Bernard, VE3NB

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!



VE3KAR

[VE3KBR](#) [VE3UEL](#) [VE3KER](#)

Voice Repeater 146.94(-)
MHz

Kingston Amateur Radio Club
Kingston, Ontario, Canada
A RAC Affiliated Club

Are YOU a member of
Kingston Amateur Radio Club?

We Invite you to come and share the good times and camaraderie with fellow amateurs and to become a member of the local club. The Kingston Amateur Radio Club has lots to offer.

- Meetings every 1st Wednesday, at Smitty's Restaurant, starting at 7:00 pm.
- Monthly Newsletters (available in hard copy or electronic pdf format)
- Weekly Nets on 146.94(-) at 7:30 pm on Wednesday nights
- IRLP (Internet Radio Linking Project)
- 4 repeaters- VE3KAR, VE3KBR, VE3UEL, VE3KER
- Special Events
- Weekly Saturday Breakfasts at Smitty's -starting at 7:30 am.

Join the Kingston Amateur Radio Club for \$20.00.
Membership runs from Sept 1 to Aug 31)

Join the IRLP (Internet Radio Linking Project) \$10.00 /year

Total Submitted

If interested please fill in the bottom portion and mail to:

Kingston Amateur Radio Club
ATT: Treasurer-Membership
P.O. Box 1402
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Address: _____ City _____

Postal Code _____ Email: _____

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