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Welcome Back!!

Next Regular Meeting of the Kingston Amateur Radio Club is
September 8 at 7:00 p.m. at **Smitty's** next door to Chapters book store.

Come around 5:30 p.m. and have dinner!!

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Deadline for October Submissions September 24, 2004

Submit to VA3KDH Kim at va3kdh@rac.ca

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

As we move into the approach of Fall, the Club elections will be coming up in October. From making some inquiries we will be requiring a **NEW SLATE OF ELECTED OFFICIALS** for the upcoming year.

Please give some thought as to how you can help the club next year.

Help and ideas are what we want so if you want to get your feet wet please jump in.

PLEASE NOTE:

CLUB ANNUAL FALL DINNER



WHERE: Glenburnie United Church,
Unity Road, Glenburnie, Ontario

DATE: October 16, 2004

TIME: Meet and Greet
6:00 - 6:30 P.M.

DINNER: 6:30 P.M. (sharp)

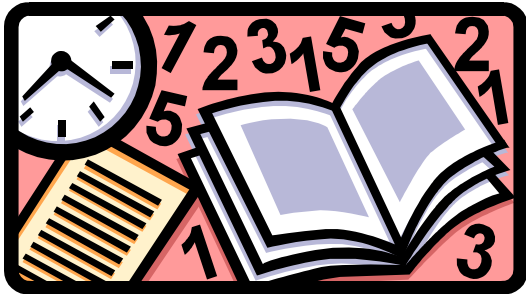
PRICE: \$15.00 each

MENU: Roast beef (no exceptions)

Entertainment to follow the dinner.

Tickets will be available at the September meeting.

VE3VJF - President Roy



Scribbles from the Editor-

Kim Hay- VA3KDH

Welcome back from the summertime fun of holidays and radio contacts. You may notice that this is a new layout of the newsletter and a new editor.

I would like to thank Mike Beausoleil VE3 BGP for being our newsletter editor for the past four years, and hope that Mike enjoys the break.

I have contacted some of our members on possible inclusions in our newsletter to let members know what is going on, but if you have a story or a note that you think others would like to know about, please send it in. I can except text format, doc format and wpd format. Our members look forward to hearing from you.

I hope the changes you see you like, if not let me know at va3kdh@rac.ca

Field Day – June26-27 2004 *-taken from the KARC email list*

Field Day 2004 ran from June 26 & 27. It was in operation from the Communications Museum located on Highway 2 just east of the Highway 15 intersection.

Callsign's used will be **VE3RCS** and **VE3SIG**, operating on behalf of the Communications Museum, not the Kingston Amateur Radio Club.

We were active on all HF bands (no WARC bands) and also ran PSK and RTTY as well. Contest began at 1 PM local time on the 26th and ended at 4 PM on the Sunday.

The antennas were already set up so we could only operate for a period of no more than 24 hours of the contest period. We operated on a 2D class as described below:

4.6. (Class D) Home stations: Stations operating from permanent or licensed station locations using commercial power. Class D stations may only count contacts made with Class A, B, C, E and F Field Day stations.



VE3 TMT making a QSL (picture from VE3ZXT- Thanks Peter!)

A few Operators were on hand over the weekend, but more participants would have helped with relieving operators. A canteen was open for refreshments.

Many thanks go out to Max (VE3TMT), Terry (VA3TRM) for organizing this event, and to all the ham radio operators who showed up to help out, get a QSL and give support to the event.

For more information on how a Field Day works, please visit :

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2004/rules-fd-2004.html>

For more pictures from Field Day, please visit Peter's (VE3ZXT) page at

<http://home.cogeco.ca/~ve3zxt/page.html>

Sky is the Limit Festival – July 3, 2004

From: John VE3GST &
Brett VE3KBF

I (John- VE3GST) was at Sky's the limit for the whole day, it was a great day.

Rob, VE3RPF organized the event along with Roy, VE3VJF making arrangements with city hall etc.

I was mostly involved with vintage gear working with Dave, VA3ORP. I was operating the WWII 19 set while Dave marched off to another QTH with a WWII 48 set. This was a short hop QSO to show both sets in operation. The 19 set was used in a CW QSO with Alan, VE3RIH of Mississauga, ON. In the picture I am working CW with VE3RIH.



(Picture of VA3GST)

The HF antenna was provided by Dave, a very portable dipole operating on 40 meters.

Other demonstrations were being carried out with 2 meter, HF SSB and packet.

Thanks to those who were there for the event and to support the club. Those noted and present,

Roy VE3 VJF , Dave VE3 DAC
Doug VE3 FFR, Rob VE3 RPF
Brett VE3 KBF, John VA3GST
and Dave VA3 ORP

(Editor's note- Kim VA3 KDH)

I'm sorry that I missed the event , but I was in St.John's Newfoundland, Cabots Tower on Signal Hill.

Summer Club Picnic- July 18, 2004

Kim Hay

On July 18, 2004 KARC members were invited to Chip & Marilyn's place just outside of Yarker.

There was a very good turn out, and though the clouds were threatening us with possible rain showers, it held off.

Many thanks to the cooks, Roy and Doug who cooked up the burgers, hot dogs and onions, and to everyone who brought salads, deserts and munchies to eat.

The kids (big and small) had a great time swimming in the pool, and a great time was had by everyone.

Thank you Chip and Marilyn for hosting this years BBQ, and for those who missed it, lets hope we have one next year that you can come too.

Chip says," Thanks to Tom, VE3ZE, and Mike, VE3PRW for the photos and thanks to all who came out and had a good time."

See the pictures at:

http://www.king.igs.net/~karc/photo_albums/picnic_2004_album.htm

Upcoming Elections for the KARC Club

October of each year we hold our clubs elections for our Executive positions. All positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are open.

On a sad note, Roy Clarke, our President for the last 3 years, Terry Murphy our Treasurer, and Bill Mason, who kindly

took over the Secretaries position, will not be running this year.

I would like to thank each one of these members who have volunteered their time to help run and organize the club over the last several years. **Thank you Gentlemen.**

In order to be elected to any of the positions, you must be a paid up member, and in good standing.

If your not sure what is involved with fulfilling any of these positions, here is a brief outline from our constitution and our by-laws which is available in its full content online at

http://www.king.igs.net/~karc/karc/karcc_on.html

President: 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.

Vice President: 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.

Secretary: 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.

Treasurer: 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.

Upcoming Events

- Sept 8** Regular Meeting- 7:00 p.m. at Smitty's
- Sept 11** Flea Market - Drill Hall location at CFB Kingston Starting at 9:00 a.m. The Communication Museum will also be open. There will be a talk in on the repeater.

- Sept 20** Ares Meeting- SouthWest Kingston Fire Hall-7:00 pm
- Sept 25** Antique telephone show Communications Museum
- Oct 3** Prince Edward County Marathon (see note later on)
- Oct 6** Regular Meeting Smitty's 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 16** Club Dinner- 6:30 p.m. Elginburg

Every **Tuesday** at 7:00 p.m. ARES Net on VE3KBR

Every **Wednesday** at 7:30 p.m. KARC Net VE3KBR

Every **Saturday** Breakfast at Smitty's Starts at 8:00 a.m. but come early and chat



RAC Updates

Dave, VA3ORP, Assistant Director, Ontario North

There are two items of interest to the members -

1) The proposed change to Morse code testing and information on Broadband over Power Line (BPL). An excellent summary of the technical aspects of BPL can be found in the latest issue of TCA or on the RAC website (see: <http://www.rac.ca/regulatory/plc.htm>).

I highly recommend it to everyone!

2) The details of the proposed changes to testing and licensing can also be found on the RAC website (see: <http://www.rac.ca/news/canada.htm#RAC%20President%20sends%20formal> and select "RAC President sends formal proposal on Morse Testing to Industry Canada"). The main recommendations concerning Morse are as summarized as follows: List of Recommendations Concerning Morse Code Testing

Recommendation 1

Radio Amateurs of Canada recommends to Industry Canada that the current Morse code Qualification be dropped as a requirement for operation in the bands below 30 MHz.

Recommendation 2

RAC recommends to Industry Canada that, at the same time as Recommendation 1 comes into force, the achievement of a grade of at least 80% on the Basic examination will be required in order to be permitted to operate in the bands below 30 MHz. Achievement of at least 80% will lead to a new qualification to be called the Intermediate Qualification. Holders of the present Basic plus Morse Qualification will be deemed to hold the Intermediate Qualification.

Recommendation 3

RAC recommends to Industry Canada that current holders of the Basic Qualification who have not also obtained the Morse Qualification should continue to have their existing operating privileges. That is, they will be permitted

only to operate on the bands above 30 MHz.

Recommendation 4

RAC recommends to Industry Canada that any current holder of the Basic Qualification who does not also have the Morse Qualification should have the option of re-taking the Basic examination with a view to obtaining a grade of at least 80%. Those who are successful will receive the Intermediate Qualification.

Recommendation 5

RAC recommends to Industry Canada that the pass mark for the examination leading to the Basic Qualification be raised to 70% at the same time as the Morse code requirement is eliminated.

Recommendation 6

RAC recommends to Industry Canada that all persons who currently hold both the Basic and Advanced Qualifications be given operating privileges on the HF bands. In future, persons who wish to obtain the Advanced Qualification should already hold the Intermediate Qualification, or the current Basic plus Morse Qualifications, and will need to obtain a grade of at least 70% on the Advanced examination.

Recommendation 7

RAC recommends to Industry Canada that the present Morse code examination continue to be available to those Canadian radio amateurs who wish to have that qualification specified on their certificate.

Recommendation 8

RAC recommends to Industry Canada that holders of the Intermediate Qualification be permitted to construct and use commercial transmitting equipment kits.

Recommendation 9

RAC recommends to Industry Canada that holders of the Intermediate Qualification be permitted to construct and use their own transmitting equipment in the bands at 2.3 GHz and above.

Recommendation 10

RAC recommends that a new entry-level qualification be introduced, designed to ensure good operating practices and requiring only an introductory level of theory.

Recommendation 11

RAC recommends that all examinations on the new syllabus be divided into several elements, as appropriate, and a pass mark be required on every element.

Recommendation 12

RAC recommends to Industry Canada that the pass mark on all elements of all examinations be set at 75 percent at the same time as the new syllabi are introduced.



From Bernard VE3NB

Good news: Radio Shack is now back stocking piece-parts. The Cataraqui Town Centre store has almost completed its inventory.

Congratulations to Eric Ilott VE3XE and his wife Win on celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary, July 18, 2004.

Silent Key. Dr. Peter Smith, formerly VE3DEX, died Tuesday, July 20, 2004. Peter was a member of KARC from the 1970s and was chairman of the very successful 1973 Radio Society of Ontario (RSO) convention which was held at Queen's University, Kingston. Our sympathy to his wife Barbara, his daughter Pat and son

Kingston, Saturday September 25, 2004. There will be an antique telephone show sponsored by the Ontario Telephone Collectors at the Military Communication and Electronic Museum, located on Hwy 2, 2 km east of Hwy 15, (opposite the Vimy Barracks) from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Ample parking.

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<http://www.smartgroups.com/groups/karc>



Kingston ARES News

<http://www.qsl.net/kingstonares/>

by VE3NB (Bernard)

Kingston, ON A.R.E.S. group, EC Rod VE3RXE, again set up their station VE3KTO on the grounds of the Verona, ON, Memorial Park which was the location of the two-day celebration, August 7 & 8, 2004, known as Verona Days. The group patrolled the park and waterfront to keep a watchful eye on the safety of the multitude of participants.

They were linked to VE3NB at Kingston on a SX channel. Those taking part were VE3RXE (Rod), VE3UIN (Drew), VE3VJF (Roy), VE3ZOS (Rob), VA3ORP (Dave), VA3ASI (Tony) and visitors VE3PRW (Michael), VE3JCQ (John) and VA3GST (John).

On Saturday, August 21, 2004, the Kingston A.R.E.S group again provided communications on the various routes used by the participants in the Sharbot Lake, ON. Triathlon, a nationally sanctioned event. The communication network was organized by Drew VE3UIN, AEC.

Stations taking part were VE3ZOS Rob, Net Controller; VE3UIN Drew; VE3ZJP John; VE3SV Bob; VE3NXE Pieter; VE3RWT Ken; VE3VJF Roy; VE3NB Bernard on standby. Frequencies used 146.475 SX and VE3KJG 146.640 Lanark repeater. Thanks for use of the Lanark repeater to EC Earl VE3HEG.

Taking part in packet radio tests were VE3HGO Eldon, VA3DAC Dave, VE3ZOS Rob, VE3UIN Drew.

Many thanks to all participants from EC, VE3RXE, Rod.

**The next A.R.E.S. activity will be in Prince Edward County on the 2nd and 3rd of October 2004 Details later.

Prince Edward County Marathon **October 3, 2004**

-from Mike Beausoleil

The following is from Mike Papper VE3VMP, President of QARC - please pass the following information on to your members and ask them to contact Mike directly for more information or if they would like to assist us.

Thanks, Tim VE3UO
Secretary, QARC

Hello to all. Ron VE3IVC and myself attended a planning meeting of the PEC group that is organizing the PEC Marathon on Sunday October 3, 2004.

We explained to them how we could be of assistance using Amateur Radio communications. They were very impressed and we got the feeling that they would really like us to assist. All they had so far was 20 cell phones donated by TELUS, but really did not have a good idea on how they would use them. So we decided to go ahead and assist in the PEC Marathon on Oct 3/04. They asked us how much it would cost and were very surprised to hear that we volunteer our time. In return, they offered us booth space to advertise our Clubs or Amateur Radio on the Friday and Saturday prior to the event.

We are looking for 20-25 volunteers. Tim VE3UO will send all of our neighbouring Clubs an invitation to request for volunteers. This is a fully sanctioned 42.6 km Marathon and will be a qualifier for the Boston Marathon. The organizers are hoping to make this into an annual event. For more info you can go to their WEB site at www.pecmarathon.ca

Also of interest is a WEB site that Tim VE3UO found on how to organize or manage special events. See WEB site on The Special Events Communications Manual by WV1X - <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/spevm/index.html>

If you would like to volunteer please contact Ron VE3IVC or myself. Also, please pass this along to anyone that you know that would be interested in helping out.

We are aware that there is a another special event on the day before managed by Doug VE3ZDG, and some of you are already involved in it; but, we ask that you would also consider assisting in this one as well.

Thanks.

The event starts at 9:00am and will go on to around 5:00pm (my guess).

Tnx es 73 de Mike VE3VMP

President, QARC

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB HELD ON WED., June 2nd, 2004 AT SMITTY'S RESTAURANT, PRINCESS ST.

Meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by vice president Mike Beausoleil VE3BGP with introduction of members present.

1. MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING: Moved by VE3NFU Bill Mason seconded by VA3KDH that minutes be accepted as printed in the Newsletter with correction in item

3A)which should read; VA3TRM Terry Murphy and VE3TMT Max Donoghue to arrange Field Day.....carried

2. TREASURERS REPORT was presented showing cash in bank \$4,555.83, Repeater account \$1337.55. Total assets \$5,793.38. Moved by VA3TRM Terry Murphy seconded by VA3GST John Taylor that report be accepted as read.....carried.

50/50 DRAW won by VA3TRM Terry Murphy (\$12) Terry donated money to club

3. NEW BUSINESS

VA3TRM Terry Murphy Moved that in recognition of the efforts put forth by Barry Smith VE3NWV in organizing, coordinating and hosting our recent Amateur Radio Course, that KARC recognize his efforts by granting Barry a gratis membership for the year 2005. Seconded by Ron Walsh VE3GO.....carried

4. UPCOMING EVENTS:

A: **FIELD DAY:** VE3TMT Max Donoghue Reports event will be held on June 26, 27 at the Communications Museum

B: **SKY'S THE LIMIT:** VA3TRM Terry Murphy and VE3VJF Roy Clark will arrange and ask for help with setting up this event.

C: **PICNIC:** VA3KGB Chip Chapman will arrange a BBQ at his residence in Yarker on Sunday July 17th. VA3TRM terry Murphy moved that up to \$200 be allotted for picnic expenses. Seconded by VE3AHU Art Blick.....carried

D: **FLEA MARKET:** VE3TMT Max Donoghue and VE3GO Ron Walsh are planning the Amateur Radio and Electronics Flea Market at a Drill Hall at the Military Base on September 11, 2004. As there is no charge for the Hall VE3GO recommended that 50/50 tickets be sold and money be presented to those responsible. Also no sales to be made before doors open.

5: REPORTS

A: **VE3GO** Ron Walsh thanked club members for their kind remarks re: his pictures.

B: **IRLP:** VE3FFR Doug Richards has reported a problem with IRLP to VE3KFS Les Lindstrom. Doug says Les is working on it.

C: **WEB PAGE:** Please send material to VA3KBG Chip Chapman

E: **KARC NEWSLETTER:** VE3BGP Mike: Please send material.

F: **LIST OF MEMBERS:** VE3DUG Doug Neil asked if he could get a list of members phone numbers and e-mail addresses. VA3TMT Terry explained that the list does not have all the phone numbers as some members do not give him that information when they pay their dues.

G: **IRLP:** A two metre rig was loaned to club by VE3DUG Doug Neal. Doug asked if he could have it returned. VE3GO Ron Walsh moved that a radio up to \$300 be purchased by the club for IRLP and Doug's Radio be returned. VE3TRM was asked to look into the purchase for the club. VA3OR Keven Clements has a similar radio and will check with his XYL about selling it. Possibly other arrangements may be made with VE3DUG.

H: **Vice President** reminded members that next meeting will be held in September

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by VE3FFR at 7:31 p.m.

VE3NFU Bill Mason , Secretary KARC

KARC AGENDA

Meeting September 8, 2004

1. Additions and/or deletions
2. Minutes of June 2004 Club meeting. Errors/Omissions
3. Treasurer's Report- **Due's are Due Now** until December 31, 2004 for the 2005 year ,
ing your Money!!
4. Old Business
 - a) Antenna Analyzer?
 - b) Flea Market
5. 50/50 Draw
6. New Business
 - a) Dave VA3ORP- Update on Propagation tests with the 19 Set Group
 - b) Fall Dinner Oct 16th Tickets Available.
 - c) Lap/top for the club
 - d) Digital Interface for the club
 - e) Club Equipment
 - f) New Software for Accounting
7. Reports
 - a) RAC
 - b) Net Manager - VE3KFS
 - c) KARC Newsletter – VA3KDH
 - d) Webpage - VA3KGB
 - e) Any other reports
8. Adjournment