

Newsletter

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Kingston Amateur News

# Kingston Amateur Radio Club

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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

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Welcome back! Hope your summer was as enjoyable as mine. My only complaint is that it seems to go faster every year.

Thanks to the 18 people who made the effort to attend our June meeting and who (hopefully) enjoyed my demonstration of how I, as a 'white caner', use a computer, and Phil VE3HST's pictures of his PC SAT setup and use.

You won't want to miss our September meeting. Michael Jablonicky, Operations Supervisor, Wolfe Island Wind Farm, will discuss "construction of the park, turbine specifics, communications, high voltages, turbine myths, health, bird and bats or just about anything that you would like to bring up, there are no areas that we can't discuss."

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. Pictures 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, which has been a problem at past meetings. If you want to test your slide show before the meeting, contact me and we can arrange it.

As it's September, your 2012 membership dues will be accepted once we approve the amount of the 2012 membership fee. Your executive is recommending an increase from \$20.00 to \$25.00.

Our expenses are rising, particularly for our post office box rental and our liability insurance, which are unavoidable fixed costs. Currently, we are financially sound, but we can't rely on a flush bank account indefinitely. If we weren't in the financial position we are, we'd be bankrupt because our annual expenses exceed our annual revenues.

At the June meeting, I raised the possibility of amending the Club's Bylaw and Regulations to change the fiscal year from Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 to Sept. 1 – Aug. 31 and move the executive elections from the December meeting to the May or June meeting. The executive has since discussed this idea more fully and will present appropriate amendments in October or November.

In July, I witnessed the true spirit of amateur radio. When I contacted John VE3NFK to arrange the removal of our IRLP antenna from his business, Altair Electronics, now that the node is at Assaf VA3PCI's QTH, John suggested instead that we leave the antenna where it is in case Assaf should be transferred suddenly. He said if that were to happen, we'd be welcome to return the node to its former location. KARC thanks you, John, most sincerely.

The 2011 Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) will take place Oct. 15-16 at the Otter Lake Scout Camp near Frontenac Provincial Park. KARC plans to participate. Our Vice-President, Terry VA3KLG is a leader in the scouting organization and will be co-ordinating our effort. He is looking for volunteers. Youth is the future of amateur radio and this is an excellent opportunity to attract them.

The KARC Hamfest and Breakfast is set for Saturday, Nov. 12th from 09:00 to 1200 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. Like last year, the hamfest will be preceded by a breakfast buffet at the Garrison Golf and Country Club from 07:30 to 09:00, \$7.00 per person. Terry VA3KLG is coordinating the event this year – let him know by Nov. 7th if you are coming for breakfast. Thanks, Terry. We need someone to 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. :-)

I look forward to seeing everyone at the September 7 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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MEMBER ARTICLE

*Although we don't have a formal article for this month's newsletter, I'd like to thank Ron for submitting some of his great photographs. –Ed.*

Photos from Ron VE3GO



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*VE3CLQ, VE3MNE and  
the guys from the Quinte  
Club*



*The duplexer for two metres as well as the 2m, 6m and 70 cm equipment for the VE3FRG repeater.*



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*Don, VE3MNE, tests out the VE3FRG repeater for the first time using a handheld xvc. Range has proven to be quite good and in fact, from Prince Edward Point, in Prince Edward County it was stronger than KBR.*



*The racing shot shows two cars at about 100 MPH. The closed car is a Le Mans LMP1 prototype car and it is passing a slower prototype class car. It is Mazda powered and actually ran at the famous 24 hour race. It is unusual to have both cars in focus. Note the four antennas on the roof of the inside car. Several are for telemetry data and one is for voice communications with the driver. All telemetry data is one way only. Any adjustments to the car have to be made in the pits. All transmissions are in the 450 to 470 MHz range. The shot was taken at corner 5, at Mosport, a hairpin turn known as Moss Corner.*



*The lighthouse is where the Frontenac County Ares set up to activate a lighthouse for the amateur radio lighthouse weekend.*



*The ship is the Jo Spirit. It carries an unusual cargo up the Seaway to Hamilton about three times a year. It comes from Jamaica with extremely high proof rum which is cut several times before going to the public. The ship is 400 feet long and that is a lot of booze. Shot was taken at Brockville.*

#### NET REPORT

September 7, 2011

Thanks to the controllers who kept the net alive over the summer. Check-ins ranged from 9 to 16 and net duration ran from 13 to 58 minutes, quite a range!

The net control schedule for September to December 2011 is in the September 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.

Steve VE3KC

KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC  
September 7, 2011  
At Smitty's Restaurant, back room  
07:00 p.m.

1. Those present introduce themselves
2. Additions to the agenda
3. Minutes of the June 2011 meeting: errors/omissions/approval (David VE3DZE)
4. Treasurer's report (Doug VE3FFR)
5. Business arising from the Minutes:
  - (a) 2012 membership fee review (Steve VE3KC)
  - (b) IRLP node location update (Steve VE3KC)
  - (c) Support letter for a permanent Amateur exemption from the Ontario 'distracted driving' legislation (Steve VE3KC)
  - (d) Proposal to amend the Club's Bylaw and Regulations to change the fiscal year from Jan. 1 - Dec. 31 to Sept. 1 - Aug. 31 and move the executive elections from the December meeting to the May or June meeting (Steve VE3KC)
  - (e) Other items
6. New business:
  - (a) Fleamarket (Terry VA3KLG)
  - (b) JOTA (Terry VA3KLG)
  - (c) Other items
7. Reports:
  - (a) President (Steve VE3KC)
  - (b) Repeaters (Steve VE3KC)
  - (c) RAC
  - (d) Net Manager (Steve VE3KC)
  - (e) Web page (Chip VA3KGB)
  - (f) KARC Newsletter (Assaf VA3PCI)
  - (g) 'Hearts and Flowers'
  - (h) Other reports
8. Date of next meeting: Oct. 5, 2011
9. 50/50 draw

## 10. Adjournment

Presentation: Mike Jablonicky, Operations Supervisor, Wolfe Island Wind farm, will discuss “construction of the park, turbine specifics, communications, high voltages, turbine myths, health, bird and bats or just about anything that you would like to bring up, there are no areas that we can't discuss.”

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## MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE  
KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC  
HELD ON  
Wednesday 1 June 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 18 members in attendance.
2. Minutes: Our president asked for approval of the May meeting minutes as published in the June newsletter. David VE3DZE moved with Les VE3KFS seconding and the motion was carried.
3. Treasurer's Report: Doug VE3FFR was away so the report was via Steve. We had a closing balance of \$4979.15. Steve VE3KC moved, seconded by Terry VA3TRM, that the Treasurer's Report be adopted as read. Motion carried.
4. Old Business: Pursuant to the motion passed at the May meeting to cancel our post office box because of its cost and under-utilization, Steve reported that Canada Post Corporation will only refund us \$45.45, 29.8% of what we paid for it in April. As a result, he recommended that we keep our post office box until our present rental period ends, Apr. 30, 2012. After that, there are options other than the Post Office. We could, for example, rent a box at the UPS Store on Princess Street which, unlike a box at a post office, would give us an actual street address which could serve as our corporate head office address avoiding the need for an executive member's home address to serve as our head office, the current situation. Steve suggested that the future of our post office box be reviewed at the March or April 2012 meetings. There was no other old business.
5. New Business:

a) Steve announced that the CAN/AM lunches are starting up again with the first one taking place June 9th at Caigers resort on the Thousand Islands Parkway just east of Rockport. Steve also announced that Ed KC2HRZ will be hosting a BBQ at his place in Cape Vincent, NY, Saturday, June 18 at noon.

b) The Lanark Frontenac Highland Auto Rally donated \$100 to the club to help cover costs of maintaining VE3KAR.

c) 2012 Membership Fee Review: Steve reported that the executive recommends raising the 2012 membership fee to \$25. He said that our costs are rising, particularly for our post office box rental and our liability insurance, which are unavoidable fixed costs. Currently, we are financially sound, but we can't rely on a flush bank account indefinitely. If we weren't in the financial position we are, we'd be bankrupt because our annual expenses exceed our annual revenues. David VE3DZE moved, seconded by Les VE3KFS, that our 2012 membership fee be raised to \$25. After much discussion, led by Phil VE3HST who argued that we should defer consideration of the motion until the September meeting to allow members time to think about it, David and Les agreed to let the motion become a notice of motion. The motion will be re-introduced at the September meeting.

d) IRLP Node Location: Steve announced that Assaf VA3PCI has offered to house the node at his house permanently. He has a high speed internet connection which the node needs. Steve will write a letter to John VE3NFK on behalf of KARC to thank him for housing the node at his business, Altair Electronics, for the past ten years.

e) Steve raised the possibility of amending the Club's Bylaw and Regulations to change the fiscal year from Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 to Sept. 1 – Aug. 31 and moving the executive elections from the December meeting to the May or June meeting. He said that the executive hasn't discussed this idea fully so this matter may be considered in the Fall.

f) FCARES asked for, and received permission to use VE3KBR as a backup repeater for the Ottawa-Kingston Bike Trek June 11-12.

## 6. Reports:

a) President: See the report in the June newsletter.

b) Repeaters: The repeaters are running well and our IRLP node is up and running with an enhanced feature of streaming repeater audio. Les VE3KFS said that he will be away frequently following retirement and will no longer chair the repeater committee.

c) RAC: Steve mentioned the request from Bill Unger VE3XT, RAC Ontario North and East Director, requesting letters of support for a permanent Amateur exemption from the 'distracted driving' legislation enacted in Ontario in October 2009. Our exemption currently expires in January 2013. Ron VE3GO volunteered to write a letter of support on behalf of KARC.

d) Net Manager: Steve VE3KC reported that May check-ins ranged from 8 to 15 and duration ranged from 19 to 50 minutes. We are always looking for net controllers; the script and schedule is on the web site and in

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

- e) WebPage: Chip VA3KGB reported that it's running smoothly but there were/are some dead links to be removed/repared so please continue to let him know of any errors or dead links.
  - f) Newsletter: Assaf VA3PCI said that articles for the Sept newsletter should be sent to [news@ve3kbr.com](mailto:news@ve3kbr.com) a week before the Sept meeting (Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>).
7. Date of the next meeting is Sept 7th, 2011.

We will have a presentation by Michael Jablonicky, Operations Supervisor, Wolfe Island Wind Farm: "construction of the park, turbine specifics, communications, high voltages, turbine myths, health, bird and bats or just about anything that you would like to bring up, there are no areas that we can't discuss."

8. Adjournment: Chip VA3KGB seconded by David VE3DZE, moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

9. 50/50 draw was held and the winner of \$10.50 was Ted VE3VSZ.

Steve VE3KC gave us a presentation of how the blind operate computers and access the internet and Phil VE3HST showed pictures of his PC SAT setup and use.

David Sellick VE3DZE  
Secretary  
Kingston Amateur Radio Club Inc.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Kingston Amateur Radio Club  
Financial Statement  
July - Aug 2011

*Income*

Membership	40.00
IRLP	25.00
Bank Int	00.05
Total Income	<b>\$ 65.05</b>

*Expenses*

Cards	5.30
<u>Website Cost</u>	<u>231.39</u>
Total Expenses	236.69
<u>Overall Total</u>	<u><b>\$-171.64</b></u>

Bank Balance	
As of Aug 31, 2011	<b>\$4,980.47</b>

## NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

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<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Controller</b>
September	6	VE3JPW Warren
September	13	VE3NFU Bill
September	20	VE3KC Steve
September	27	VA3PCI Assaf
October	4	VE3VJF Roy
October	11	VE3CAK John
October	18	VE3DZE David
October	25	VE3JPW Warren
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 Warren
December	20	VE3KC Steve
December	27	VE3NFU Bill

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**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](http://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.