

# CLUB NEWSLETTER



## KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB DIRECTORS MESSAGE



### Directors Message

Well, it looks like we are going into our second winter of the season as this message is written. This means for some of you it is time to get out and fix/upgrade those antennas because we all know they work so much better if the work is done in the bright Winter sunshine at a negative degree temperature!

During the February meeting we polled the members present as to what they would like to see the club doing in 2024. We collected that data and have put together a club calendar which is attached to this newsletter. Some of the dates are fixed and some are tentative. The calendar is not cast in stone and can have items added and subtracted but the important thing to remember is that these are club activities and as such required club participation. We hope to see everyone attend these activities. If you would like to add to or change the calendar, please let us know.

Be Safe and good DX

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Vice President  
**Tim Gregory, VA3TIC**  
[vicepres@ve3kbr.com](mailto:vicepres@ve3kbr.com)
- Treasurer  
**Greg Foster, VE3PJ**  
[treas@ve3kbr.com](mailto:treas@ve3kbr.com)
- Secretary

### KARC REPEATERS

- VE3KBR 146.940(-) MHz  
Tone 151.4  
IRLP Node# 2750  
All Star – Node# 58939  
Echo Link – Node# 853129
- VE3UEL, Hartington APRS  
Node  
144.390 MHz Simplex

### COMMITTEE CHAIR MEMBERS

- Membership Manager  
**Greg Foster, VE3PJ**  
[membership@ve3kbr.com](mailto:membership@ve3kbr.com)

Tim (VA3TIC)  
Vice President

Greg (VE3PJ)  
Secretary/Treasurer



# **KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

## **MINUTES – February 7 2024**

### **Welcome and self-introductions.**

1. Meeting called to order by Tim (VA3TIC), at 19:05 hours local. Tim invited all present to introduce themselves by name and call sign. There were 13 members present.

### **2. Minutes November meeting**

Greg (VE3PJ) moved that the minutes be accepted as published in the news letter, seconded by Clair (VE3BAC), motion passed.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Report (Dec 2023) was read by Greg, and moved to be accepted as read. The motion was seconded by Les (VE3KFS), there was no discussion, motion passed.

The report will be posted on the web site (Members Only section)

Reminder: The 2024 dues are now payable and cover membership to December 31 2024. Dues can be paid using any of the following methods:

- i. E-transfer to [tres@ve3kbr.com](mailto:tres@ve3kbr.com)
- ii. Cheque made payable to KARC, and mailed to  
744 Maple Road; Odessa, Ontario, K0H 2HO
- iii. Cash is always acceptable.

### **4. Reports**

- a. **2-Meter Net** – Bill (VA3EBK) reports the net is going strong with 61 check-ins in January, some of which came in via AllStar. The Swap Shop is still a big hit (thanks Ron VE3GO). Bill is still looking

to add some more Net Controllers into the mix so if you would like to help out, please contact Bill.

- b. **CFARS** – VE3KFS - Les gave a summary of the activities of CFARS informing the club that ISED will be setting up some “Gateways” across Canada
- c. **HF Remote** – Chip (VA3KGB) informed the club that the new instructions have been sent to Robert (VA3RT) to post on the website and Robert has done some testing. The OCF is still down so there is no 160 m antenna available.
- d. **Hearts and Flowers** – Tim reminded us of Ron’s (VE3GO) situation, he has started his treatment but it does make him tired.
- e. **KAREX** – Phil (VE3HST) reminded us that KAREX will be meeting again on Jan 13<sup>th</sup>.

## 5. Old Business

- a. **Communications Museum Update** – Les (VE3KFS)- Things are moving along, Les has had his “paper work” approved. If anyone is looking to help out please contact Les and he can guide you as to what paper work is required.
- b. **Hats:** KARC hats are completed and will be distributed by Greg. We can order these in any quantity at any time so if you would like one please contact Greg.
  - i. Option 1 – Name and Call sign on the front \$18.00
  - ii. Option 2 – KARC Logo on the front \$20.00
  - iii. Option 3 - KARC Logo on the front with name and call sign on the side \$27.00
- c. **Election of Directors** – We are still looking of some people to step up as President and Secretary, if interested please contact either Tim or Greg.

## **1) New Business:**

- a) Hamfest – The Legion has been booked for Saturday Sept. 21 for this years Hamfest. As we get closer to the day, we will be looking for volunteers to assist in various tasks. This secures our meeting room for 2024.
- b) Course – There appears to be a course being offered at the Kingston Seniors Centre. No one knows anything about it. Greg will investigate further.
- c) Club purchase of a Climbing Harness - Brian (VA3BAH) was inquiring if the Club would be interested in purchasing a Climbing Harness to be shared by the Members. In Brian's absence Greg moved that the club purchase a climbing harness to be shared by club members. During the discussion no one was in support of this, the motion failed.
- d) Club activities – We went around the room and asked everyone what they would like to see the club “do” this year. Here is a list of the majority of the items (if I missed any of yours, please let me know)
  - Field Day
  - Summer Meeting
  - More experimentation
  - Assist RSMC with Starlite work
  - Fox Hunt
  - A get together with spouses
  - HF Net
  - Get more set up on Winlink

To address some of these items I (Greg) have put together a club calendar which will be published in the news letter and will be updated as things change.

Next Meeting March 6 2024, at 19:00



# **KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

## Agenda – March 6 2024

1. Welcome and self-introductions
2. Minutes of Last Meeting
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Reports
  - a. 2 meter net
  - b. CFARS
  - c. HF Remote
  - d. Hearts & Flowers
  - e. KAREX
5. Old Business
  - a. 2024 HamFest
6. New Business
  - a. Field Day 2024
  - b. WinLink Google Meet Session

Next Meeting April 3 2024 19:00

## **A Tribute to Major (Ret'd.) Jean-Paul LeBlanc, CD (VE9BK)**

### **Biography of Major (Ret'd) Jean-Paul LeBlanc, CD**

Major Jean-Paul LeBlanc, born on August 19, 1950, in Moncton, New Brunswick, has led a distinguished career in the Canadian Armed Forces, marked by dedication, expertise, and leadership. A graduate of Ecole Secondaire Vanier, his military journey began with five years in the 560 Moncton Army Cadet Corps, followed by two and a half years with the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) (Militia), where he achieved the rank of Master Corporal.

Enlisting in the Regular Force as a Private in 1970, Major LeBlanc's foundational training at CFB Cornwallis and subsequent specialization in Signals Intelligence at CFS Gloucester set the stage for a series of impactful postings. His early career saw him serving at CFS Gander, Echo Squadron at the Canadian Forces School of Communications and Electronics, 770 Communication Research Squadron, CFS Bermuda, and as a recruiter in Corner Brook, Newfoundland. His operational commitment included four tours at CFS Alert, demonstrating his dedication to Canada's northern sovereignty.

Commissioned from the rank of Warrant Officer in 1986, Major LeBlanc's officer career was equally illustrious. Following further training at CFB Kingston, he served in key technical and leadership roles at 226 Radar Squadron, 764 Communication Squadron, Communication Squadron Lahr, and the Canadian Forces Naval Engineering School in Halifax. His tenure as Staff Officer Information Resources Management (G6) at CFB Borden before retiring in 1999 highlights his significant contributions to military communications and information management.

Post-retirement, Major LeBlanc continued to serve the community and the nation through his work with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services in Ontario and his leadership role in the Communications Reserve at 700 (Borden) Communications Squadron.

Throughout his career, Major LeBlanc has been recognized for his expertise in advanced data and satellite communications, electronic warfare, information technology security, and more. His commitment to professional development and bilingualism, alongside his operational and leadership excellence, has been honored with the Canadian Forces Decoration and the Special Service Medal, among other accolades.

Married to Pauline Downer, with whom he shares three daughters and six grandchildren, Major LeBlanc's legacy extends beyond his military achievements. An avid amateur radio operator, his involvement in emergency communications and the Canadian Forces Amateur Radio System (CFARS) underscores his ongoing commitment to service and community.

Major LeBlanc's career embodies the values of dedication, innovation, and leadership, making him a respected figure in both military and amateur radio communities. His contributions continue to inspire those who have the privilege of knowing him or learning of his remarkable journey.



## WinLink– Global Radio Email

Winlink is a network of amateur radio and authorized government stations that provide worldwide radio email using radio pathways where the internet is not present. Read more about it at <https://www.winlink.org/>.

Les (VE3KFS) has offered to host a Google Meet session to assist anyone interested in getting WinLink functional in their shack. If you are interested, please contact Les at [les.lindstrom@sympatico.ca](mailto:les.lindstrom@sympatico.ca).



Some of you may not know we have an electronic parts store in Kingston. They carry both discrete components as well as kits. On a recent visit I was speaking with the proprietor and he informed me he has a significant stock of 3D printer filament on order and it will be selling at a reduced price from his current listing, passing on his savings from his stock purchased during "COVID" elevated prices.

His web site can be viewed at <https://store.qkits.com/> or I find it handy to just go in a "poke" around to see what is on the shelf!

### SHOP LOCATION

- 2-620 Cataraqui Woods Drv Kingston ON
  - Sales: [Sales@QKits.com](mailto:Sales@QKits.com)
  - Order: 613 544 6333
  - Order : 613 544 6333
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