

Newsletter

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Kingston Amateur News



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146.94(-) MHz



**The 2nd Repeater is now
Operational
147.090(+) MHz**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings everyone:

Thanks to the 26 people who made the effort to attend the KARC February meeting. Thanks too for the positive feedback that I have received since the meeting, particularly concerning Rob's most informative talk on LED technology and other technical matters. It's clear that Rob has had considerable experience both with his subject matter and delivering it. How many public speakers have we all endured in our professional and personal lives only to wonder afterwards where they learned (or didn't) their skill? Rob definitely does not fall into that category. He held his audience's interest which was clear from the number of questions that followed his presentation. Thanks again, Rob!

In my January column, I mentioned that your executive was beginning to consider some unfinished business. Meeting regulars will recall discussions at several meetings last year about distributing a KARC membership list. Your executive has decided to create a 'Members Only' section of the KARC web site:

<http://www.ve3kbr.com>

It will be password protected and current KARC members (those who have paid their 2010 dues) will be able to request a password of their choosing from our webmaster, Chip VA3KGB. The membership list will be available there in PDF format. It will contain members' callsigns, names, cities, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. If members want their snail mail addresses made available too, that can be done. However, we're thinking that if you need a member's snail mail address, you can phone or e-mail them and obtain it directly. Alternatively, you may be able to obtain it by using the 'Reverse Lookup' feature in Canada 411. (There really isn't such a thing as privacy any more.)

At the March meeting, Chip VA3KGB will demonstrate the new 'Members Only' feature of the web site and will explain how to obtain your password. This information will also be posted on the KARC Freelist.

And speaking of the KARC Freelist, if you aren't currently subscribed but would like to be, contact Rob VE3RPF <valveman_6146@yahoo.com> or me <pres@ve3kbr.com> and you'll be added. List traffic is generally minimal with occasional flurries of activity so your inbox won't usually be overburdened.

Until our next QSO, on the air, at the next meeting or in the next newsletter, as I say in e-mail, cheers & 73s,
Steve VE3KC

From the Editor:

I'm sure you are getting a little tired of reading that I would like you to send me articles or Web Site addresses of interest. But nothing has changed – I do need material for YOUR newsletter.....Joan

KARC Tuesday Night Net Control Script

Revised Jan. 12, 2010

[Before you start the net, please turn off the repeater identifier by issuing the key sequence '300' on your touch-tone keypad. If you don't have a touch tone keypad, ask someone else to issue the key sequence for you.]

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 using VE3KBR 146.940 MHz, with a 151.4 tone required on the input, located in Kingston. 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.

[Please remember to turn on the identifier again after the net by issuing the key sequence '301' on your touch-tone keypad. If you don't have a touch-tone keypad, ask someone else to issue the key sequence for you.]

KARC NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

MARCH	APRIL
March 2 – VE3TD, Mike	April 6 – VE3KC, Steve
March 9 – VE3VJF, Roy	April 13 – VE3MUD, Ian
March 16 – VE3CAK, John	April 20 – VE3NFU, Bill
March 23 – VE3DZE, David	April 27 – VE3SIQ, George
March 30 – VE3KC, Steve	

MAY	JUNE
May 4 – VE3TD, Mike	June 1 – VE3DZE, David
May 11 – VA3PCI, Asaf	June 8 – VE3JPW, Warren
May 18 – VE3VJF, Roy	June 15 – VE3KC, Steve
May 25 – VE3CAK, John	June 22 – VE3MUD, Ian
	June 29 – VE3NFU, Bill



FRONTENAC ARES Sunday night net on VE3KBR at 1930 hours. All are welcome to check-in.

FRONTENAC ARES Tuesday HF night net on 3.740 at 2030 hours.



The **THIRD MONDAY** of every month at **7:00 pm.**
is the **KINGSTON ARES REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**
at the **Woodbine Firehall, second floor**
KARC Web page designed and maintained by: VA3KGB, Chip

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

Publication Schedule of the KARC Newsletter will be March 24th, 2010

OF INTEREST

RAC Bulletin 2010-004E - New Manager NARED Mervyn Halvorsen, VA3TSA
February 19, 2010

RAC Vice President Field Services, Doug Mercer, VO1DTM is pleased to announce the appointment of Mervyn Halvorsen, VA3TSA/VO1TSA as our new NARED Manager effective immediately.

Merv has many years of ARES experience, has worked in support of ARES during the BC fires while he lived there, has worked closely with me in support of the Newfoundland and Labrador EMO at the Provincial EOC.

Merv was active "on the ground" following Hurricane Katrina in Biloxi, Mississippi and while in Newfoundland was in charge of Emergency Services for the Salvation Army, Critical Incident Stress Trainer, as well as Chaplain for the St. John's Regional Fire Department.

Merv and family now reside in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Welcome aboard! It will be great working with you again.

Doug Mercer VO1DTM CEC

WEB SITES OF INTEREST

For those of you who are tracking the NASA missions..... Thanks to Les for the link to the Web Site.

<http://www.nasa.gov/missions/highlights/schedule.html>

WINMOR

http://www.winlink.org/webfm_send/109

www.cfars.ca

For all who have asked about this new mode, I have it up and running on the Flex and as of now it looks pretty good. There are many RMS stations coming on-line shortly. With this application you will be able to compose an e-mail and forward it through this system.

Note:

1. If you are up on PSK31 or any other sound card app this will work for you
2. It's a supplement to the expensive PACTOR TNC (SCS) out there and shows promise.
3. I have also included the CFARS web page URL (above) for your info.

Les VE3KFS/CIW650

Just another reminder:

We are now accepting 2010 membership dues. They can be paid at a meeting through any executive member or sent to:

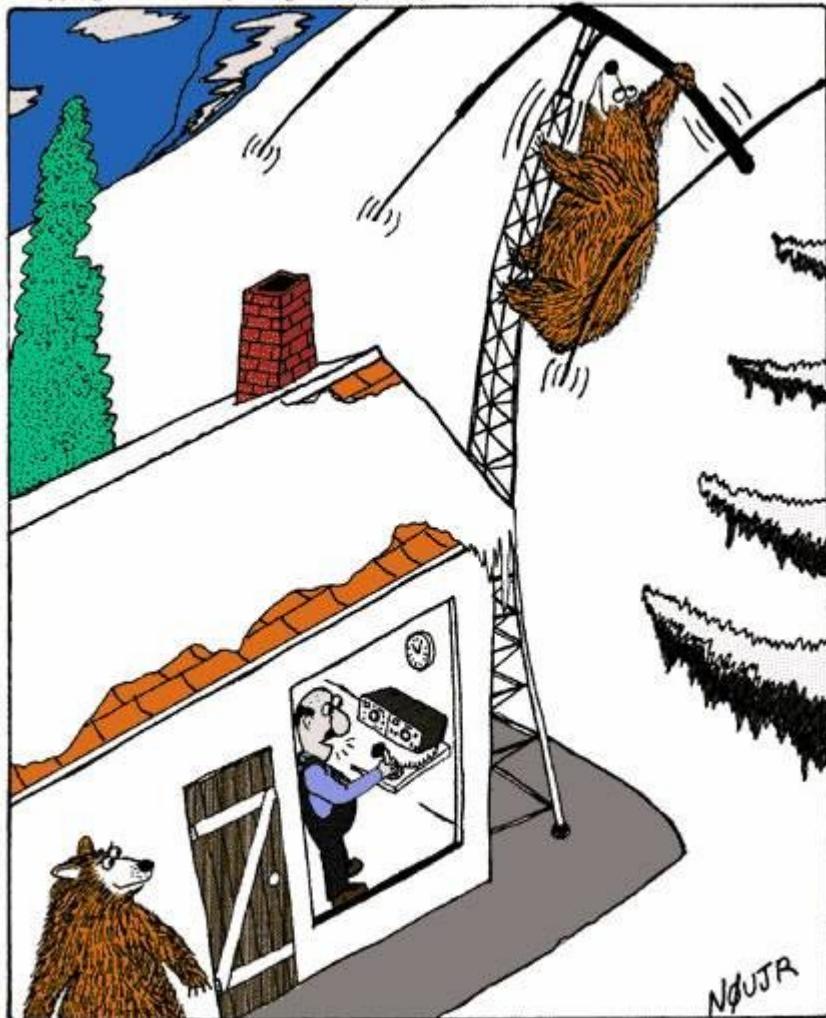
Kingston Amateur Radio Club

ATTN: Treasurer-Membership

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"Hang on a minute Larry...my SWR is jumping...I'm going outside and see what the problem is..."

Kingston Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Monthly Financial Report

February 2010

Income

Membership **\$140.00**

Donations **25.00**

50/50 Draw **7.50**

Total Income **\$172.50**

Expenses

Postage **\$ 23.39**

Cards **6.43**

Total Expenses **\$29.82**

Overall Total **\$142.68**

Balance in the bank **\$6,375.07**

Doug VE3FFR

Treasurer

Kingston Amateur Radio Club

AGENDA

KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC

MARCH 3rd, 2010

At Smitty's Restaurant, back room

7:00 p.m.

- 1. Members introduce themselves**
- 2. Additions to the agenda**
- 3. Minutes of the February 2010 meeting** - errors/omissions/approval (David VE3DZE)
- 4. Treasurer's report (Doug VE3FFR)**
- 5. Business arising from the Minutes**
- 6. New business**
- 7. Reports:**
 - (a) President (Steve VE3KC)
 - (b) RAC (Steve VE3KC)
 - (c) Repeaters (Les VE3KFS)
 - (d) Net Manager (Steve VE3KC)
 - (e) KARC Newsletter
 - (f) Web page (Chip VA3KGB)
 - (g) Frontenac County ARES (George VE3SIQ)
 - (h) 'Hearts and Flowers'
 - (i) Other reports
- 8. 50/50 draw**
- 9. Date of next meeting - Apr. 7, 2010.**
- 10. Adjournment**
- 11. Guest Speaker: Chip VA3KGB, KARC Webmaster**, will demonstrate the new Members Only section of the KARC web site.

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE
KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC
HELD ON
Wednesday, 3 Feb 2010
At SMITTY'S RESTAURANT
Princess Street, Kingston, Ontario.**

- 1. The President**, Steve, VE3KC, called the meeting to order at 7pm and asked for those present to introduce themselves. There were 25 members and guests present.
- 2.** There were no additions to the Agenda.
- 3. Minutes** of the February Meeting: It was moved by Les, VE3KFS, and seconded by Terry VA3KLG, that the minutes be adopted as presented in the Newsletter. Motion carried.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** Present balance is \$6,290.81. It was moved by Doug, VE3FFR, and seconded by Roy, VE3VJF, that the Treasurer's Report be adopted as presented in the Newsletter. Motion carried.
- 5. Old Business:**
 - (a) KARC Response to the APRS Problem** - excessive transmissions by some Aircraft APRS stations: The KARC Executive has determined that this is an APRS community problem that should be handled by the APRS community.
- 6. New Business:**
 - (a) Newsletter Versions:** A comment was made about the updates on the Web Page with the Newsletter. The question was "Do I have to print out the newsletter every time there was an update to it?" Due to some technical difficulties and last minute changes to the Newsletter, there were three versions for the last issue. The web page did state the dates for the changes, and the Newsletter can be read on the computer. It was also pointed out that if you need a printed copy, only print the pages that changed or were added instead of the entire issue. Les, VE3KFS, commented that this is a hobby and Joan has looked after the Newsletter for several years and is not even an Amateur, so if there is an occasional hiccup, it's nothing to worry about. Steve, VE3KC, closed the issue saying that there is a lot of work in putting the newsletter together.

7. Reports:

(a) President:

(1) Club Licensee Trustee: The President, Steve, VE3KC, is now the trustee of the Club licenses, taking over from Tom VA3ZE/VE3UDO (SK). Industry Canada also states that copies of the licenses are to be displayed at our repeater sites, and that changes to licenses must be made if the trustee leaves the Club, becomes a Silent Key, etc.

(2) Repeaters and Glen Tel Inc.: Glen Tel Inc. has sent the Club two agreements to cover use of their sites for our repeaters. The agreements are in force for five years; 1 Jan 2010 to 31 Dec 2014; with an option to renew for two additional 5 year terms. There will be no fees for this use, however they require proof of two million dollars liability insurance. This should be covered under the Club's RAC Liability Insurance, but Steve, VE3KC will confirm with RAC.

(3) Membership Dues for 2010: Membership dues for 2010 are due if you have not paid them yet.

(4) Program Coordinator: Steve asked if someone would like to take on the job of Program co-coordinator as we are hoping to have presentations at the meetings.

(b) RAC: The RAC insurance program is a cost through program and is changing to a calendar year for coverage. Jan - Dec starting 1 Jan 2011. Fee structure will be a flat rate of \$125.00, with a surcharge of \$25.00 if less than 25% of the Club are RAC members. There will also be a \$2.75 per non RAC member surcharge. Steve, VE3KC, expressed the opinion that although RAC is not perfect, it is our lobbyist with the government and it is preferable to have our own country lobbyist rather than having the ARRL be our lobbyist to look after Canadian interests.

(c) Net Manager: Steve, VE3KC, thanked the Net Controllers who have looked after the Net. The Net Control Script has been updated and has been posted on the web page and in the Newsletter. Latest revision is dated 12 Jan 2010.

(d) Newsletter: Any items for the newsletter, send directly to Joan. Deadline for next issue is 24 Feb 2010.

(e) Web Page: Majority of the web pages have been converted to the new format. Testing various methods to create member log in to members only section. Any articles, links, send to Chip, VA3KGB

(f) FCARES: George, VE3SIQ, FCARES EC, reported that some training during Winter Field Day had taken place. The IRLP Node ID is 2088 and is up and running. A full Quad repeater should be available soon.

(g) Hearts and Flowers: Cards were sent to Jim, VE3XJS on the passing of his mother, and John, VA3GST, on the passing of his sister. John, VA3GST, thanked the Club members for the card. A get well card was also given to Joanne (waitress at Smitty's), who is undergoing a tonsillectomy.

8. Other Reports:

(a) KARC Repeaters: Les, VE3KFS, reported that the repeaters are working well. Licenses will be posted at the sites. Tones at Clarendon repeater, VE3KAR, will be installed the same time the license is posted.

(b) Haiti Relief and Amateur Radio: Steve, VE3KC, received a request from a reporter from CFRC about doing an interview on the role Amateur Radio has played in the Haiti Relief effort. Steve pointed him to RAC HQ.

9. 50/50 Draw: Bob, VE3RVC, was the winner of \$7.50.

10. Next Meeting: 3 March 2010.

11. Adjournment: It was moved by Les, VE3KFS, and seconded by George, VE3SIQ, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45pm. Motion carried.

Presentation: **Rob, VE3RPF**, gave a demonstration of a project he has been developing for the military. They like his idea and he is now awaiting funding for proof of concept prototype. His project and demonstration was on LED projector technology using Vikuti film from 3M for lightweight portable projection screens for field O groups and for use to replace large bulky Monitors in a Command Post.

See the 3M Web Page at: http://solutions.3m.com/wps/portal/3M/en_US/VikutiHome/Landing-Page/

or: YouTube videos, at: <http://www.youtube.com/>. After you bring up the YouTube Web Site type valveman12 in the search box and Rob's videos will come up on the screen.....you have a choice of videos to choose from.

David Sellick VE3DZE
Secretary
Kingston Amateur Radio Club.