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VE3KAR Clarendon Stn
147.090 (+) MHz

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node
145.010 MHz simplex

VE3KBR Kingston
146.940(-) MHz
151.4Hz Tone
IRLP 2750

VE3UEL-1 Hartington APRS
node
144.390 MHz

John and the Tomato Plant
written by Phil VE3HST

When **John VA3GST** was in KGH and St. Mary's of the Lake, I visited John every Saturday after ham radio breakfast. At St. Mary's, you have to pay $2.00 at the meter for parking. One Saturday in early June, not long before John passed away, I arrived in the parking lot only to discover that I had no change for the parking meter. St. Mary's is quite a ways from anywhere that I could get change. But as luck would have it, some kids were having a yard sale across the street from the parking lot. I went over and asked them if I could buy something and get change for a $5. bill. They said that they were selling tiny little tomato plants for their school for $1.00. So I bought one and got the change I needed.

I told John the story and he thought it was neat, and wished me luck with the tomato plant. I put it on a sunny windowsill at home, and gave it some water regularly. By the time John passed away, the plant was starting to grow. It grew taller and taller, and soon I had to transfer it to a larger pot, and tie it up with strings to keep it from falling over. It turned out to be a cherry tomato plant. It started to produce a couple of small tomatoes. Then a few more, and a few more. I eventually gave it some extra fertilizer, and it kept producing tomatoes.

It grew all summer and all fall, and was still producing tomatoes at Christmas. Finally, last week, in mid January, it finally produced its last tomato. Altogether, 94 tomatoes from that one little plant. Somewhere I suspect John is smiling to hear this story about what I always considered to be his little tomato plant.

MEMBER ARTICLE

QUA - Phil VE3HST

Phil was first licenced in 1968 and began operating VE2CMR at the Collège Militaire Royal de Saint-Jean. His first personal callsign was VE1ABU in P.E.I. The CMR station consisted of a Heathkit DX-100 transmitter and a Hammurland HW-110 receiver. Phil has also held VE4PP, VE3HCK, VE1ARC and DA2WO in Lahr, Germany. He currently holds VE3HST which really stands for Hubble Space Telescope, and VE0BF for when/if he ever operates in international waters.

Back in 1968, the HF bands were in remarkable condition and Phil worked the world on CW with 140 watts and a multiband dipole. He operated his first Field Day in 1969 from the back of a farmer's truck in P.E.I., running 40 watts CW with a Hallicrafters HT-40 and a Heathkit HR-10 receiver. His first transceiver was a Yaesu FTDX400 which provided 560 watts PEP input and 500 watts input on CW. That was a great rig.

Phil operated as DA2WO from Lahr, Germany, from the top floor of a 15 storey apartment building. With a 20m dipole facing east, it was one hop into Moscow and the log was filled with Russian contacts. The Canadian amateur radio club in Lahr was very active and organised a DX-Pedition to Lichtenstein that was very memorable.

Operating as VE1ARC in Greenwood, NS, Phil discovered RTTY and computers. He ran a hybrid Altair 8800 and Radio Shack TRS-80, both interfaced to eight mechanical teleprinters, including a Model 15, and an Model 33 and 35, and several receive-only models.

Phil was very active for two years in Dayton, Ohio and has now attended four Dayton Hamfests. He was also very active with the Pikes Peak Amateur Radio Club in Colorado Springs for two years where he was editor of the Club's 0-Beat Newsletter.

These days Phil's interest is mainly with the digital modes, including PSK-31, Olivia and JT65, plus some very QRP CW using the half-watt Rockmite on 40m. His current rig is an Icom IC-746 PRO and a Mosley Classic 33 tribander, plus a multiband dipole.

Phil is the custodian of VE3RMC at the Royal Military College, where he operates a bit of satellite SSB and FM, including a nice QSO with the commander of the International Space Station. Chris Hadfield, VE3OOG has promised RMC some QSOs while he is on the ISS.

<u>NET REPORT</u>

Thanks to the controllers who kept the net alive in January. Check-ins ranged from 8 to 20 and net duration ran from 22 to 46 minutes.

The February net control schedule is in this newsletter.

I'm always looking for new controllers. Controlling isn't difficult. The script is on the Club website.

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

1. Members and Guests introduce themselves

2. Additions to the Agenda

3. Minutes of the last Meeting: errors / omissions / approval (Larissa VE3KGC)

4. Treasurer's Report (David VE3DZE)

5. Business arising from the Minutes:
   a.
   b.

6. New Business:
   a.
   b.

7. Reports:
   a. President   (Terry VA3KLG)
   b. Repeaters   (Chip VA3KGB)
   c. RAC   (See RAC bulletins via the Free List.)
   d. Net Manager   (Steve VE3KC)
   e. Web Page   (Chip VA3KGB)
   f. KARC Newsletter   (Assaf VA3PCI)
   g. Frontenac EmComm Group   (George VE3SIQ)
   h. Kingston ARES
   i. CFARS   (Les VE3KFS)
   j. "Hearts and Flowers"
   k. Other Reports

8. Date of next meeting: 06 March 2013

9. 50 / 50 Draw

10. Adjournment

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Controller
February	5	VE3NFU Bill
February	12	VA3PCI Assaf
February	19	VE3VJF Roy
February	26	VE3CAK John
March	5	VE3DZE David
March	12	VE3JPW Warren
March	19	VE3KC Steve
March	26	VE3KGC Larissa
April	2	VE3NFU Bill
April	9	VA3PCI Assaf
April	16	VE3VJF Roy
April	23	VE3CAK John
April	30	VE3DZE David

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) 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.