Kingston Amateur Radio Club

2011 Executive

Kingston Amateur News

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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

VE3UEL Hartington
APRS node
144.390 MHz

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to the 13 people who made the effort to attend the April meeting and who enjoyed four presentations: by Assaf VA3PCI, about the new web forum available on the KARC web site; Phil VE3HST, who showed pictures of his shack and antennas and Les VE3KFS who showed the well-known "Today in Amateur Radio" produced by the late Walter Cronkite in 2002 and the contest between cell phone texting and Morse code (code won hands down.)

At the May meeting, Ron VE3GO will talk about and show telegraph equipment. He has his father's actual telegraph equipment he used here at North American Telegraph, the CPR Telegraph and the James Richardson and Sons Ltd. office where he started as a messenger and worked up to be a brokerage telegraph operator. The equipment includes the sounder, key and vibroplex bug in a box. Ron also has some other very old telegraph equipment his father collected, a diagram that he and Bernie Burdsall VE3NB put together showing the North American telegraph network from Kingston, a Phillips Code Book, other associated artefacts and papers including a copy of the last telegraph message sent from Kingston, along with several stories he wrote down about his telegraph days.

Other picture presentations are also welcome. Just put them in the root folder on a USB thumb drive and arrange them sequentially by number, ie. '01 - filename.jpg'. If you want to test your slide show before the meeting, contact me and we can arrange it.

At the June meeting, Paul VA3LX, who moved to Kingston (Wolfe Island, actually) last summer, hopes to show us pictures of his new antenna setup which he's been building since moving here and if time permits, I'll demonstrate how I, as a 'white caner', use a computer. Several members have asked me about that and it's been more than 20 years since I demonstrated screen reading technology at a KARC meeting and a lot has changed in that time.

Thanks to Assaf VA3PCI for getting our IRLP node back on the air. He replaced the computer's hard drive and did some other software maintenance to improve the node's operation. We have yet to replace the battery in the UPS and then the equipment should be able to be returned to its normal location at Altair Electronics on Progress Ave. where it's been for almost ten years. In the mean time, it's operating at Assaf's place. To use it, just enter the 4-digit number of the node you want to access. If you don't know it, you can find it on the IRLP web site:
http://www.irlp.net

On Apr. 13, I posted a six-question survey to the Free List about future meetings. To date, only six members have responded. Based on those responses, there will be no change to the time, location or format of our meetings. If you haven't responded, it isn't too late to make your voice count.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the May 4 meeting. Until our next QSO on the air, at the next meeting or in the next newsletter, 73s and good DX.

Steve VE3KC

MEMBER ARTICLE

Listening To The Repeater Online

We've recently added an online feed which allows you to listen to audio from the VE3KBR server. This is available anywhere you have Internet access and can be listened to several different ways.

The easiest way to listen to it on a computer is using the Flash applet on the website. Simply log on to http://www.ve3kbr.com and enter the main page where there is a link to listen to the repeater.

You can also listen using Winamp one of two ways. You can select Open URL (press Ctrl+L) and enter the address http://2750.dyndns.org:8000/listen.pls. You can also access the built-in Shoutcast radio service and search for VE3KBR.

If you would like to listen to the feed while on the go with your iPhone or other smartphone, you can do so by downloading the Shoutcast application (free) and searching for VE3KBR. Alternatively, at least on the iPhone or iPod Touch, you can also enter the feed address mentioned above directly into the browser and it will play in the browser.

There is about a 1-2 minute delay involved in the stream when compared to live audio. I wouldn't suggest listening to the repeater on your radio and online at the same time. Enjoy & 73.

Assaf
VA3PCI

AGENDA

KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC
May 4, 2011
At Smitty's Restaurant, back room
7:00 p.m.

1.   Those present introduce themselves

2.   Additions to the agenda

3.   Minutes of the April 2011 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) Repeaters (Les VE3KFS)
(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: June 1, 2011

9.   50/50 draw

10.   Adjournment

Presentation: Ron VE3GO will talk about and show historic telegraph equipment.
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MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE
KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC
HELD ON
Wednesday 6 April 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 13 members in attendance.

2. Minutes: Our president asked for approval of the March meeting minutes as published in the April newsletter. Les VE3KFS moved with Roy VE3VJF seconding and the motion was carried.

3. April Treasurer's Report: Doug VE3FFR read the report. We had a closing balance of $4966.09. And a 35-dollar float. Doug VE3FFR Moved, seconded by David VE3DZE, that the Treasurer's Report be adopted as read. Motion carried.

4. Old Business: There was no old business.

5. New Business:
Les VE3KFS will be setting up on the 14, 15th of May a CFARS station at the Base Area 10 behind the Redding building. Please email or call Les ahead so you can get through the gate.

6. Reports:
a)   President: See the report in the April newsletter.
b)   Repeaters: The repeaters are running well but our IRLP node is still down due to a dead hard drive. The Echolink antenna was broken but will be up and running again very soon.
c)   RAC: no RAC report at this time.
d)   Net Manager: Steve VE3KC reported that March check-ins ranged from 10 to 15 and time ranged from 29 to 32 minutes. We are always looking for net controllers; the script and schedule is on the web site. 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. Ron Walsh VE3GO will be controlling the April 12th net.
e)   WebPage: As Chip is away there is no web report though it is up and running smoothly.
f)   Newsletter: Assaf said that articles for the May newsletter should be sent to news@ve3kbr.com a week before the May meeting (April 27th).
g)   Hearts & Flowers: George Kennedy's (VE3GHK) wife is recovering from chemotherapy.

7. Date of the next meeting is May 4th, 2011.

8. Adjournment: David VE3DZE seconded by Roy VE3VJF, moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

9. 50/50 draw was held and the winner of $6.50 was Steve VE3KC.

Major Rich Van Der Pryt from RMC gave us a short presentation on the RMC's balloon project and their proposed use of APRS.
Les VE3KFS showed two short videos, "Today in Amateur radio" hosted by the late Walter Cronkite and a contest between cell phone texting and Morse code (code won hands down.)
Phil VE3HST showed photos of his ham shack and antennas.

David Sellick VE3DZE
Secretary
Kingston Amateur Radio Club Inc.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Kingston Amateur Radio Club
Financial Statement
Apr 2011

Income

Membership	40.00
50/50 Draw	6.50

Total Income   **46.50**

Expenses

Post Box Rental	152.55
Total Expenses	152.55

Overall Total   **-106.05**

Bank Balance
As of   Apr 24, 2011 $ **4846.92**

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

May	3	VE3CAK John
May	10	VE3DZE David
May	17	VE3JPW Warren
May	24	VE3KC Steve
May	31	VE3NFU Bill
June	**7**	**VA3PCI Assaf**
June	**14**	**VE3SIQ George**
June	**21**	**VE3TD Mike**
June	**28**	**VE3VJF Roy**

NET CONTROL SCRIPT

Revised Apr. 19, 2010

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.