

# Newsletter

## November

### 2010



# Kingston Amateur News

# Kingston Amateur Radio Club

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VE3KAR Clarendon Stn  
147.090 (+) MHz



VE3KBR Kingston  
146.940(-) MHz  
151.4Hz Tone

VE3KER Kingston  
packet node  
145.010 MHz simplex

VE3UEL Hartington  
APRS node  
144.390 MHz

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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I'd like to again welcome Assaf VA3PCI as our newsletter editor. Remember, this is your newsletter. You all do something related to amateur radio. Share it. Tell the rest of us about it. Send articles, pictures, cartoons, jokes (about amateur Radio), whatever, to [news@ve3kbr.com](mailto:news@ve3kbr.com).

Thanks to the 23 people who made the effort to attend the October meeting and who enjoyed Phil VE3HST's talk about the Satellite Tracking research he does at RMC and the satellite being launched in June 2011. I particularly enjoyed the opportunity to examine the model of the satellite Phil brought to the meeting. It brought his slides to life for me.

Thanks also to Terry VA3KLG for selling the 50/50 tickets at the meeting. He has the magic touch because we sold \$24 worth, one of the highest amounts this year.

Our guest speaker at the November meeting will be Assaf VA3PCI who will talk about radio scanners and the software he writes for them. If you're interested in radio scanning, you won't want to miss his talk.

Responding to a letter from the CNIB Amateur Radio Program to all clubs requesting funds, KARC voted a donation of \$150.00 at the October meeting. For the benefit of those who weren't at the meeting and those who were who may not have seen the letter, I'm including its description of what the Program does for 'white caners' across Canada. For those who aren't familiar with the term, 'white caner' describes a blind or visually impaired amateur, in the same way 'OM' describes a long time male amateur, 'xyl' describes his wife and 'yl' describes his girlfriend (hopefully not at the same time. :-)

### **CNIB Amateur Radio Program**

Established in 1967, CNIB's Amateur Radio Program has grown to include nearly 500 members across Canada, from teens to professionals, parents and retirees.

The CNIB Amateur Radio Program offers extensive services to its members, including:

- Training materials in a variety of formats for people with vision loss, including Braille, audio and electronic text;
- Training services through qualified Radio Amateur helpers and mentors located in the member's community;
- Preparing new members for the federal licence examination;
- Providing free loan radios to those in financial need; and
- Making affordable equipment available by lease or sale.

In addition, the Program is an advocate for Amateurs with vision loss and an information clearinghouse:

- Representing their needs to governments and manufacturers;
- Distributing audio newsletters and Amateur magazines on CD; and
- Operating and maintaining an Amateur station in Toronto;
- Operating an international net on IRLP and Echolink.

Our repeater VE3NIB, in downtown Toronto is now linked to **IRLP** (node 2271). Our weekly net is now available internationally on IRLP node 9008 and on the Van-IRLP conference server on Echolink. We meet at 7:00pm EDT daily on Monday - Friday nights.

Another successful event this past year was the **Radio-Thon** organized by Peter Teminski VA3WET of the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club. This was the third year of the event. This event encourages amateur radio operators and clubs to join in on the fun to raise money by obtaining pledges for every contact they made. \$235.00 was donated to the CNIB Amateur Radio Program.

If your club or members are interested in learning more about this event and potentially organizing a Radio-Thon in your area next year, please contact us at

[amateurradio@cnib.ca](mailto:amateurradio@cnib.ca)

The KARC fleamarket is set for Saturday, Nov. 13th from 08:30 to 11:30 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 contacting Terry VA3TRM <[va3trm@cogeco.ca](mailto:va3trm@cogeco.ca)>. Thanks, Terry, for organizing this again. There will be a Club table that anyone can put 'fleas' on with proceeds going to the Club. Like last year, the fleamarket will be preceded by a breakfast buffet at the Garrison Golf and Curling Club from 07:30 to 09:00. \$5.50 per person. I will run the talk-in on VE3KBR. ONTARS is also interested in having controllers from the museum early in the net to help promote the fleamarket. Anyone interested, please contact me. At the time of writing (Oct. 24th), Terry has sold 26 tables and has room for a couple more. However, only 16 people have indicated they'll be attending the breakfast. If you're planning to go to breakfast, please let Terry know ASAP by e-mail at [<va3trm@cogeco.ca>](mailto:va3trm@cogeco.ca).

As I reported at the October meeting, KARC has received two signed agreements from Glentel Inc., the owner of our Kingston and Clarendon repeater sites. The agreements are for an initial 5-year term from Jan. 1, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2014, with the option to renew them for two additional 5-year terms. Future executives will have to keep an eye on the agreements. We will continue to pay no rent for our repeater sites but must carry liability insurance in an amount of \$2 million or greater, which we currently have under the RAC Affiliated Clubs Insurance Program.

Speaking of the RAC Affiliated Clubs Insurance Program, it looks like our days of low cost insurance are over. In

order to choose the best coverage for both clubs and individual members, RAC has sought the advice of Jerry Beneteau VE3EXT, a RAC member with 40 years experience in the insurance industry. As a result of Jerry's input, RAC will not be dealing with its current insurer, AXA, after Dec. 31, 2010. Apparently, AXA fought every claim submitted and were successful denying some. They also failed to provide insurance certificates in a timely manner when requested to. Jerry says that they can do better for their members but it will probably be at a higher cost than at present. He estimates that premiums could be in the \$500.00 per annum range, which is getting close to what we paid locally, our last local premium being \$585.00. And don't forget we now have two locations whereas we had only one when we bought insurance locally. Jerry is conducting a survey to determine the insurance needs of affiliated clubs. I have received it and have to complete and return it by Nov. 30th. So stay tuned for more info as it becomes available.

And speaking of future executives, it's time to think about who you want to lead the Club in 2011. Elections for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer will take place at the December meeting. Our bylaws permit one person to hold the positions of Secretary and treasurer. Let's have real elections this year instead of the acclamations that have become too common in recent years.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Nov. 6th meeting and to hearing Assaf VA3PCI's presentation. Until our next QSO on the air, at the next meeting or in the next newsletter, 73s and good DX.

Steve VE3KC

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#### MEMBER ARTICLE

### **CQ CQ CQ JOTA (Jamboree On The Air)**

**de VE3SFD**

On the 15th and 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2010, KARC members got together at Otter lake Scout reserve Camps (near Frontenac Park) to initiate young Cubs (8-10 years of age) to Amateur Radio.



**From Left To Right:** Doug VE3FFR, Chip VA3KGB, and Mike VE3TD

Friday weather was not pleasant but five Radio Operators: VA3KGB Chip, VE3FFR Doug, VA3KLG Terry, VE3NNR Lesley and VE3TD Mike battled the elements to setup the antennas and station. 2 X HF's, 1 X VHF's and 1 X APRS's demo station were available to Scouts to look at and ask questions about. Morse code keys were made available for youth to acquire new skills.

Approximately 95 youth, leaders and parent helpers came and enjoyed the operation of the station. The Cuboree (gathering of Cubs) organizers were very pleased with the layout of the Amateur Radio displayed and very goods comments were received from the youth themselves.

Stations contacted on PSK31 were:

- VE7YN
- KJ4IKD
- ACORA
- W9XQ
- KT4WCQ
- VE3FAL
- KG4FZR
- W8DQ



Stations contacted on HF were:

- W0IW
- DL5X

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the KARC and the 5 Operators who donated their time to make this event a tremendous success. The Loyalist Area Scouting is interested in doing the same event next year, operators and equipment permitting.

QSL cards will be sent to all contacts made on Saturday 16 Oct 2010.

73,

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## AGENDA

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### KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC

**November 3, 2010**

At Smitty's Restaurant, back room

7:00 p.m.

1. Members introduce themselves
2. Additions to the agenda
3. Minutes of the October 2010 meeting - errors/omissions/approval (David VE3DZE)
4. Treasurer's report (Doug VE3FFR)
5. Business arising from the Minutes

6. New business:
  - (a) KARC insurance
  - (b) Other items
7. Reports:
  - (a) President (Steve VE3KC)
  - (b) Repeaters (Les VE3KFS)
  - (c) RAC (Rob VE3RPF)
  - (d) Net Manager (Steve VE3KC)
  - (e) Web page (Chip VA3KGB)
  - (f) KARC Newsletter (Assaf VA3PCI)
  - (g) JOTA - Oct. 16, 2010 (Mike VE3TD)
  - (h) Fleamarket - Nov. 13, 2010 (Terry VA3TRM)
  - (i) 'Hearts and Flowers'
  - (j) Other reports
8. Date of next meeting - Dec. 1, 2010. AGM and 2011 executive elections.
9. Adjournment
10. Break and 50/50 draw

Guest Speaker: Assaf VA3PCI will talk about his radio scanner software.

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#### MEETING MINUTES

**KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC**  
**HELD ON**  
**Wednesday 6 Oct 2010**  
**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. We welcomed our newest member Paul Taenzer VA3LX from Wolfe Island. Paul moved here from Calgary in July. Terry VA3KLG, who won the draw last month, sold the fifty-fifty tickets.

- 1.** The members present introduced themselves. There were 23 members in attendance.
- 2.** Steve had an addition to the agenda – letter from the CNIB Amateur Radio Program seeking funds.
- 3. Minutes:** our president asked for approval of the Sept. meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. The motion was moved by David VE3DZE and seconded by Les VE3KFS and was passed.
- 4. September Treasurer's Report:** The report was read by Doug VE3FFR. We had a closing balance of \$6486.40 and no expenses. Doug VE3FFR Moved, seconded by Mike VE3TD, that the Treasurer's Report be adopted as read. Motion carried.
- 5. Old Business:** there was no old business
- 6. New Business:**
  - a) Steve was contacted by Tim VE3UO from the Quinte Amateur Radio Club to see if there was any interest from those who qualify to start up a chapter of the quarter century wireless association. There was no interest expressed to do so.
  - b) The CNIB Amateur Radio Program requested a donation from the Club by letter. Rob VE3RPF moved that we donate \$150 and Michael VE3PRW seconded it, the motion passed.
- 7. Reports:**
  - a) President:** See the report in the newsletter. Steve added that we now have a signed agreement with Glentel for the Kingston and Clarendon Station repeater towers. There is no fee for the space on those sites.
  - b) RAC Report:** Rob VE3RPF has been accepted by RAC as assistant Director Ontario North and East. Congrats Rob! Steve mentioned the recent RAC bulletin posted to the Free List announcing El Salvador's intention to sign the IARU agreement Amendment. This very significant news means that shortly the IARU and the CEPT International Amateur licenses could be harmonized and become one. This is the first concrete step towards a worldwide international roaming permit that has long been sought by the IARU and the Amateur community.
  - c) Repeaters:** Les VE3KFS reported that both machines are running fine. The FCARes Simplex IRLP machine continues to operate smoothly. Their Quad repeater is still not up and running. Steve mentioned that someone recently using the echo test IRLP node (9999) didn't shut it down. Les reminded everyone that #73 will shut it off if the problem recurs.
  - d) Net Manager:** Steve thanked the controllers who kept the net alive in September. Check-ins ranged from 6 to 14 with nets lasting 20 to 44 minutes. He thanked those who contributed trivia, a popular segment of the net. We are always looking for net controllers, the script is on the web site. But the most important thing is that you check into the net, Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM.
  - e) KARC Newsletter:** Assaf VA3PCI was congratulated for a job well done on his first newsletter. Articles for the November newsletter should be sent to [news@ve3kbr.com](mailto:news@ve3kbr.com) by Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. The suggestion posted to the Free List

September 3<sup>rd</sup> that we start a blog was discussed and rejected due to the amount of time and maintenance required to keep it updated and relevant. It was felt that the Free List meets the need adequately.

**f) WebPage:** Chip VA3KGB reported that the website is working well and the gallery for photos is open for uploads.

**g) JOTA:** JOTA will take place Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at the scout camp just past Frontenac Provincial Park. Look for the signage. Five operators have volunteered: Chip VA3KGB, Terry VA3KLG, Doug VE3FFR, Rob VE3RPF and Mike VE3TD. Email Mike VE3TD [VE3TD@cogeco.ca](mailto:VE3TD@cogeco.ca) if you're interested in volunteering.

**h) Flea market:** The Flea market will be held Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 2010 at the Military Communications and Electronics Museum. It's being coordinated by Terry VA3TRM. Setup at 7 AM, Breakfast at the Garrison Golf and Curling Club at 7:30 and doors open to the public at 8:30. Those wanting tables should contact Terry at his new email address [va3trm@cogeco.ca](mailto:va3trm@cogeco.ca) If you are going for breakfast, also let Terry know! Terry reported that nine tables have been reserved so far, none from Kingston. The ONTARS Net and the Ontario Swap Shop are advertising the event.

**8. Date of the next meeting is November 3rd, 2010. Assaf VA3PCI will talk about radio scanners and the software he writes for them.**

**9. 50/50 draw:** \$24 worth of tickets was sold. Steve VE3KC won \$12.00 with an extra twelve dollars in the kitty now.

**10. Adjournment:** Roy VE3VJF, seconded by Michael VE3PRW, moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

**Phil VE3HST presented a slideshow about the Neosat satellite tracking system at RMC and the satellite they're developing that will be launched in June 2011.**

David Sellick VE3DZE

Secretary

Kingston Amateur Radio Club Inc.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Kingston Amateur Radio Club  
Financial Statement  
Oct 2010

*Income*

Membership	20.00
50/50 Draw	12.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>32.00</b>

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*Expenses*

Donations (CNIB)	150.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>150.00</b>

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Overall Total **-118.00**

Bank Balance  
As of Oct 30, 2010 **6368.40**

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## NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

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November 2	VE3NFU Bill
November 9	VA3PCI Assaf
November 16	VE3SIQ George
November 23	VE3TD Mike
November 30	VE3VJF Roy
December 7	VE3CAK John
December 14	VE3DZE David
December 21	VE3JPW Warren
December 28	VE3KC Steve

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## NET CONTROL SCRIPT

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Revised Apr. 19, 2010

[Before you start the net, please turn off the repeater identifier by issuing the key sequence '300' on your touchtone keypad. If you don't have a touchtone 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 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.

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