

Newsletter
November
2012

Kingston Amateur Radio Club

2012 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
IRLP 2750

VE3UEL-1 Hartington APRS
node
144.390 MHz

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Thanks to the 19 members and guests who made the effort to attend the October meeting and who enjoyed a most informative and entertaining presentation by Eric Pierce VA3EP from Picton about the Raspberry Pi. His knowledge of and enthusiasm for this product were infectious and I know of at least one member who has since purchased one.

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The next meeting will take place Wednesday, Nov. 7th at 7 PM in the back room at Smitty's. Everyone is welcome to join us at 5:30 for dinner. Following the meeting, David VE3DZE will talk about Winmore and maybe some other related things. Hope to see everyone there.

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Our President, Terry VA3KLG, is the recipient of a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. 60,000 medals have been made available to federal members of Parliament to be given to deserving citizens in their ridings. Terry was nominated (but he doesn't know by whom) for his volunteer work in a number of activities including amateur radio and the scouting movement. Terry will receive the award at a ceremony in Toronto on the morning of Nov. 8 so he won't be at the meeting Nov. 7 as he and his family will be traveling to Toronto for the occasion. Congratulations, Terry!

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The KARC Hamfest is set for Saturday, Nov. 17th from 09:00 to 12:00 at the Military Communications and Electronics Museum. Doug VE3FFR is coordinating the Hamfest this year and reports that 19 tables have been reserved so far. Admission is a financial donation to the museum and tables are \$10 each and can be reserved by e-mailing <hamfest@ve3kbr.com>. Doors will open for vendor setup at 07:30. There will be a Club table that anyone can put 'fleas' on with proceeds going to the Club. So check your basements and shacks and bring all the equipment you're no longer using. If you need help, just ask your better halves. :-)

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Les VE3KFS has kindly offered to run an amateur radio course in the new year. He reports that 9 people have signed up so far and there is room for more. So if you know someone who is interested in getting their amateur radio license, Contact Les VE3KFS/CIW650 at 613-634-4247 or have the interested person do it.

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JOTA (Jamboree On the Air) was held this year at Otter Lake Scout Camp Oct. 20-21. Terry VA3KLG reports that he, Chip VA3KGB and Chips Grandson (Dylan) had a blast. The kids were very enthusiastic about being on the radios. They also enjoyed learning Morse code. The event went off very well and no problems even putting up the antenna's. (Terry and his crazy gun.) Next years event will be at Otter Lake again. There should be a tower to hang antennas from. Next years event has been opened to all Scouts, Cubs and Beavers in the area. Terry will be looking for a couple of more Hams for next years JOTA.

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Your 2013 membership dues are now being accepted. \$25.00 cash or cheque made payable to KARC.

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It's time to think about who you want to lead the Club in 2013. 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. Ron raised valid questions at the October meeting about what the Club plans to do in 2013. You, not the executive, are the Club. As an executive member for the past three years, I'm tired of being told, "you should ..." No, it's "we should" and if there's no "we", I believe, as Ron suggested, there's a real possibility that KARC won't survive. At least three current executive members have indicated that they will not run again. New blood and fresh ideas are needed. The future of KARC is up to you!

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I look forward to seeing everyone at the November 7 meeting. Until our next QSO on the air or at the next meeting, 73s and good DX.

Steve VE3KC

Vice-President

KARC, Inc.

NET REPORT

Thanks to the controllers who kept the net alive in October. Check-ins ranged from 9 to 13 and net duration ran from 17 to 44 minutes.

The net control schedule for November and December is in the October 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.

MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2012 AT SMITTY'S

The Kingston Amateur Radio Club meeting was called to order at 7PM by our vice-president Steve VE3KC

1. The members present introduced themselves. There were 19 persons in attendance.
2. **Additions to the Agenda:** Ron VE3GO has questions for the next year.
3. **Minutes:** David VE3DZE motioned to adopt the minutes of the September 2012 meeting as published in the Newsletter, seconded by Bruce VE3GJA.
4. **October Treasurer's Report:** In the newsletter. David VE3DZE motioned it would be accepted as read, seconded by Chip VA3KGB.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- a) **JOTA:** Terry VA3KLG was hoping to have 2 venues, one at Otter Lake and one at the C&E Museum. It is taking place on October 20-21. However, the antenna at the museum will not be repaired in time. He plans to be there Friday night and is still looking for volunteers to participate. Anyone interested can email Terry at va3klg@bell.net
- b) **Hamfest:** Doug VE3FFR said we wont have Durham Radio attending due to lack of free staff to attend the event. 10 tables have been booked so far, tables are \$10 each and there will be a club table. Admission is donation to museum. Parking is also improved this year. The event will take place on Nov 17, 2012, vendor doors open at 0730 and it will be open to the public at 0900. Anyone interested should e-mail hamfest@ve3kbr.com.

There is going to be a 50/50 draw.

6. New Business:

- a) **Membership Renewals:** It is that time of year to renew memberships. Renewals are \$25 and David or any exec member can accept payment. New membership forms are available on the website.
- b) Ron VE3GO is spearheading the 2014 100th anniversary of DDH Kingston, first broadcasting station in Kingston. Ron would like to give a letter to the exec to get a special station callsign. Dave VE3ORP said it may be possible to get a spark transmitter on the air. Ron is also getting permission from DND to operate on their property.
- c) Ron VE3GO raised the question of repeater under-utilization and asked what plans KARC has for 2013. No one replied. He said that if KARC isn't going to do anything in 2013, he would not be a member and it should fold. He said he might bring forward a motion to shut down the repeater at the November meeting.

7. Reports:

- a) **President:** No report for this month.

b) **Repeaters:** Steve VE3KC said he is looking for members for the repeater committee, George VE3GWS said he will volunteer. Steve also mentioned the CW Identifier on the repeater has been coming on and wiping out anyhow who is speaking when it should be reducing its volume. Access to the site is limited but club will pursue this issue.

c) **EchoLink:** EchoLink has been down for some time. After doing some investigation, we found that the radio has been shifting in frequency, sometimes 15Khz, sometimes 20Khz off. We believe someone may have changed the dial to reduce audio output in the museum. There is also a problem with the firewall at the museum. It will be looked into more closely.

d) **RAC:** Distracted driving exemption has been extended to Jan 1st, 2018.

e) **Net Manager:** Steve thanks all controllers who kept the net alive during the September time frame, with a nod to Larissa VE3KGC for doing a great job on her first time doing net control. There were 8-13 check-ins, and duration was 22-36 minutes. Steve said he is always looking for additional controller and asks everyone to join at 7:30PM every Tuesday.

f) **Web Page:** Chip VA3KGB says there is now a new mobile version of the website provided for those using mobile phones. He says he does not want to do the entire website since it is not accessible by all mobile devices but pertinent info will be made available. It has been tested on Android and iOS. Steve reminds everyone that any website issues should go directly to Chip and not the freelist.

g) **Newsletter:** Assaf VA3PCI reminded everyone that articles for the newsletter should be sent to news@ve3kbr.com a week before the monthly meeting and thanks everyone for articles that have been submitted.

h) **Frontenac EMCOMM:** David VE3DZE reports George VE3SIQ is going to be helping out with JOTA. Coming up this Sunday they are going to go to Nickelsons' lighthouse to activate. A series of island activations is coming up in the following weekends. Looking at getting a packet digipeater up to make sending and receiving email through Paclink a reliable format.

i) **Kingston ARES:** No reports for this month.

j) **CFARS:** Chip says CFARS is active and there are cross-country checkings during nets.

8. **Date of next meeting:** 7 November, 2012, 7PM at Smitty's.

9. There was no 50/50 draw.

10. Roy VE3VJF motioned to adjourn, seconded by Doug VE3FFR.

Presentation: Eric, VA3EP, gave an interesting and informative presentation on the Raspberry Pi.

Assaf VA3PCI

Secretary

Kingston Amateur Radio Club Inc.

AGENDA - 7 NOV 2012

1. Members and Guests introduce themselves
2. Additions to the Agenda
3. Minutes of the last Meeting: errors / omissions / approval (Assaf VA3PCI)
4. Treasurer's Report (David VE3DZE)
5. Business arising from the Minutes:
 - a. JOTA
 - b. Hamfest
 - c. Other items
6. New Business:
 - a. 2013 Membership Dues Reminder
 - b. Ham Course (Les VE3KFS)
 - c. Insurance
 - d. Other items
7. Reports:
 - a. President (Terry VA3KLG)
 - b. Repeaters (Chip VA3KGB)
 - c. RAC
 - 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: 05 December 2012 - Elections.
9. 50 / 50 Draw
10. Adjournment

Presentation: David VE3DZE will demonstrate Winmore and maybe other related things.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Kingston Amateur Radio Club
Financial Statement
17 October 2012

Income

Dues & Donations 175.00

Total Income 175.00

Expenses

0.00

Total Expenses 0.00

Overall Total 0.00

Bank Balance

Co-Operation Plus Account \$5057.42

Dividend Savings \$23.07

Equity Shares \$216.44

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Controller
October	30	VE3VJF Roy
November	6	VE3CAK John
November	13	VE3DZE David
November	20	VE3JPW Warren
November	27	VE3KC Steve
December	4	VE3NFU Bill
December	11	VA3PCI Assaf
December	18	VE3VJF Roy

NET CONTROL SCRIPT

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.