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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
IRLP 2750

VE3UEL Hartington APRS
node
144.390 MHz

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to the 25 members and guests who made the effort to attend our September meeting and who enjoyed an entertaining and informative presentation by Mike Jablonicky from the Wolfe Island Wind Farm.

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You won't want to miss our October meeting. Ron VE3GO will be giving us a presentation about non-ham band monitoring both HF and VHF. Modern rigs include general coverage receivers with scanning capabilities so it's an activity available to all. Ron is frequently asked for specific frequencies; he'll share some. Other picture presentations will also be welcome. Pictures can be put in any folder on a USB thumb drive including the root folder of the drive. They should be in .JPG format and numbered sequentially starting with 'IMG01.jpg' or 'Slide01.jpg'. Each folder should contain only 10 pictures with the highest one numbered '10.jpg'. Using this arrangement, the pictures should sort in order, which has been a problem in the past. If you want to test your slide show before the meeting, contact me and we can arrange it.

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Your 2012 membership dues are now being accepted. \$25.00 cash or cheque made payable to KARC.

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At the June meeting, I raised the possibility of amending the Club's Bylaw and Regulations to change the fiscal year from Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 to Sept. 1 – Aug. 31 and move the executive elections from the December meeting to the May or June meeting. The executive has since discussed this idea more fully and has decided not to pursue it further at this time.

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The 2011 Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) will take place Oct. 15-16 at the Otter Lake Scout Camp near Frontenac Provincial Park. KARC plans to participate. Our Vice-President, Terry VA3KLG is a leader in the scouting organization and will be co-ordinating our effort. He is still looking for volunteers. Youth is the future of amateur radio and this is an excellent opportunity to attract them; although we then have to do our part by offering an amateur radio course.

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The KARC Hamfest and Breakfast is set for Saturday, Nov. 12th from 09:00 to 1200 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 e-mailing <hamfest@ve3kbr.com>. Doors will open for vendor setup at

08:00. There will be a Club table that anyone can put 'fleas' on with proceeds going to the Club. Like last year, the hamfest will be preceded by a breakfast buffet at the Garrison Golf and Country Club from 07:30 to 09:00, \$7.00 per person. Terry VA3KLG is coordinating the event this year – let him know by Nov. 7th if you are coming for breakfast. Thanks, Terry. David VE3DZE will run the talk-in on VE3KBR if he doesn't have to work. If he does, we'll be looking for someone else to do it. ONTARS is also interested in having controllers from the museum early in the net to help promote the hamfest. Anyone interested, please contact me. 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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Responding to subscriber suggestions, I've changed the way the Free List deals with 'replies'. Previously, when you 'replied' to a note you received from the Free List using the 'Reply' function in your e-mail program, your 'reply' went to everyone subscribed to the Free List. Now, when you 'reply' to a message you receive from the list using the 'Reply' function in your e-mail program, your reply will be sent to the original sender of the message only and will not be distributed to everyone subscribed to the Free List. If you want everyone subscribed to the Free List to get your reply, use your e-mail program's 'Reply All' function. Most recent list traffic has been of two types: informational notes requiring no response and notes intended for individuals to respond to; such responses don't need to go to everyone. Remember, the 'C' in 'KARC Free List' stands for 'Community'. Everyone is welcome to subscribe and participate.

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It's time to think about who you want to lead the Club in 2012. 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.

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I look forward to seeing everyone at the October 5 meeting. Until our next QSO on the air, at the next meeting or in the next newsletter, 73s and good DX.

Steve VE3KC

HAMFEST & BREAKFAST

12 November 2011

Breakfast Buffet at Garrison Golf & Curling Club

Cost: \$7.00 Time: 0730 - 0900

Hamfest at the Military Communications & Electronics Museum
0900-1200 (set-up starts at 0800)

Tables are \$10 each and must be reserved by contacting Terry
VA3KLG, hamfest (at symbol) ve3kbr.com

General admission is by donation to the Museum.

If you plan on attending breakfast, let Terry know # by Nov. 7th

Talk-in on 146.94 (tone 151.4)

The Museum is located on Hwy 2,
about 1 km East of Hwy 15 – opposite
Vimy Barracks entrance



Everyone is encouraged to join us for breakfast. The Golf Club is located in McNaughton Barracks (Hwy 2) – enter opposite McDonalds, right turn at the stop sign, left turn at 2nd street.

This event is co-sponsored by the Museum and KARC

The Museum Kit Shop will be open and you can tour the Museum

Bring your surplus gear and swap not only some gear, but maybe a few stories and tall tales of great adventures and far-off DX contacts! Door Prizes, 50/50 Draw. Proceeds from the Draw and table rental benefit KARC.

Visit our website at:

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

KARC meetings held the first Wednesday of each month
1900 hrs - at Smitty's Restaurant,
2376 Princess St.
Dinner (optional) at 1730 hrs.



Weekly Saturday morning breakfast
0700 - 0900 at Smitty's Restaurant



MEMBER ARTICLE

This is a classic article reprint which originally appeared in the December 2004 edition of the KARC Newsletter.-Ed.

From Eldon Switzer

VE3HGO/VA3HGO

Hello radio operators, and those of you who may have what it takes to 6 become one. Perhaps you, who are visiting a radio station right now or intend on seeing how one operates at some time in the near future. Welcome to the world of thrilling, wireless radio communications. On the desk perhaps, in front of you, or for those of you, who have your very own station, and not relying solely upon the fragile communications, infrastructure of our society today, with blackouts and brownouts, have and can be confident, an amateur radio station, will and can put you in touch with the rest of the world, reaching to the most distant points of major continents, spanning the globe with radio signals, when all other means of communications will fail, either due to man induced intervention, or perhaps due to natural disastrous unforeseen scene events.

You have and can obtain the knowledge and skills, of studying radio waves selected from the LF, HF, VHF, and UHF, radio spectrum, and using all of the available modes, spanning from morse code, to various voice modes to using the interconnection of a PC, allowing some of the most advanced digital modes available to man, in this twenty first century, to continue to explore the radio waves helping others, around the world. Using what the Almighty Creator had designed while the earth and the heavens were in darkness, and then revealed before the heavenly host, the radio waves, including light waves which brings us day light .

What had been designed in eternity past and has been given to us to discover, to use and to manipulate, perhaps discovering something, that will help humanity communicate, to inspire peace, to encourage hope for the future, to those in these uncertain times we are living in. Go now and explore the world of ham radio, meeting other fellow explorers, riding the radio waves into unknown regions of exploration, even with those searching the outer limits of deep space, aboard the International Space Station.

Although radio waves travel the speed of light, approximately traveling one hundred and eighty six thousand miles per second. It will not be uncommon to wait lengths of time for your signal to read its destination. Or perhaps it will be you, waiting for the signal to arrive at your station. Go and do with what were given before time, and take a journey at the speed of light, travel to unknown regions, to destinations never before, to places never dreamed possible until what is now, not only realization, but indeed reality.

NET REPORT

Thanks to the controllers who kept the net alive in September. Check-ins ranged from 8 to 15 and net duration ran from 11 to 51 minutes, quite a range!

The net control schedule for October to December 2011 is in the October newsletter.

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

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.

AGENDA

KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC

October 5, 2011

At Smitty's Restaurant, back room

07:00 p.m.

1. Members and guests introduce themselves

2. Additions to the agenda

3. Minutes of the September 2011 meeting: errors/omissions/approval (David VE3DZE)

4. Treasurer's report (Doug VE3FFR)

5. Business arising from the Minutes:

(a) 2012 membership dues reminder (Steve VE3KC)

(b) Proposal to amend the Club's Bylaw and Regulations to change the fiscal year from Jan. 1 - Dec. 31 to Sept. 1 - Aug. 31 and move the executive elections from the December meeting to the May or June meeting (Steve VE3KC)

(c) JOTA (Steve VE3KC)

(d) Hamfest (Steve VE3KC)

(E) Other items

6. New business:

7. Reports:

- (a) President (Steve VE3KC)
- (b) Repeaters
- (c) RAC
- (d) Net Manager (Steve VE3KC)
- (e) Web page (Chip VA3KGB)
- (f) KARC Newsletter (Assaf VA3PCI)
- (G) Frontenac County ARES (George VE3SIQ)
- (H) 'Hearts and Flowers'
- (i) Other reports

8. Date of next meeting: Nov. 2, 2011

9. 50/50 draw

10. Adjournment

Presentation: Ron VE3GO - non-ham band monitoring both HF and VHF.

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MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING

OF THE

KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC

HELD ON

Wednesday 7 Sept 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 21 members in attendance and four guests

2. Minutes: Our president asked for approval of the June meeting minutes as published in the September newsletter. David VE3DZE moved with Terry VA3TRM seconding and the motion was carried.

3. September Treasurer's Report: Doug VE3FFR read the July-August financial report. We had a closing balance of \$4980.47. Doug moved, seconded by Roy VE3VJF, that the Treasurer's Report be adopted as read. Motion carried.

4. New Business:

a) 2012 Membership Fee Review: The 2012 membership dues were discussed. Steve VE3KC reviewed the discussion that took place at the June meeting and recapped the reasons for the recommended increase. Terry VA3TRM moved, seconded by Roy VE3VJF, that the dues be increased to \$25. Ron VE3GO wondered if they should go higher. Steve VE3KC said that he prefers a small increase. The motion passed.

b) IRLP Node Location Update: Steve VE3KC said that when he contacted John VE3NFK to thank him for housing our node at Altair Electronics for the past ten years and to arrange the removal of our antenna, now that the IRLP node is at Assaf VA3PCI's QTH, John suggested that we leave the antenna installed in case we need to return the node there. Steve commented that John represents the true spirit of amateur radio.

c) Distracted Driving Legislation: Ron VE3GO has prepared a draft letter for us to forward to RAC regarding a permanent amateur exemption from the Distracted Driving Legislation.

d) The idea proposed by Steve VE3KC at the June meeting to change the dates of our calendar year and executive elections is deferred to a later meeting.

e) Breakfast and Hamfest: Terry VA3KLG reminded everyone to contact him ASAP for tables and breakfast for the KARC Hamfest Nov 12th. Contact is hamfest@ve3kbr.com

f) JOTA. Terry VA3KLG is looking for volunteers for JOTA on Oct 15/16.

6. Reports:

- a) **President:** See the report in the September newsletter.
- b) **Repeaters:** Steve VE3KC said that the repeater committee needs to be reviewed in light of Les stepping down as Chair at the June meeting.
- c) **NetManager:** the report is in the September newsletter with an updated schedule for net controllers. KARC net is Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM.
- d) **WebPage:** Chip VA3KGB said that the site is running smoothly and if you want either your own e-mail address or web page, contact him.
- e) **Newsletter:** Assaf said that articles for the newsletters should be sent to news@ve3kbr.com a week before the monthly meeting and in light of the absence of articles, he's considering reprinting "classic articles" from years past.
- f) We circulated a get-well card for George VE3GWS who is recovering from surgery to remove his left lung due to cancer.
- g) George VE3SIQ reported on the Frontenac County ARES activities this summer. We will publish info regarding their two meter challenge Sept 25th on the freelist.

7. Date of the next meeting is October 5th, 2011.

8. Adjournment: Chip VA3KGB seconded by Les VE3KFS, moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

9. 50/50 draw was held and the winner of \$14.50 was Terry VA3TRM.

We had a presentation by **Mike Jablonicky** from the Wolfe Island Wind Farm, "Windmills & Myths".

David Sellick VE3DZE

Secretary

Kingston Amateur Radio Club Inc.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Statement

Sep 2011

Income

50 / 50 Draw 24.50

Total Income 24.50

Bank Balance

As of Sep 28, 2011 4,813.28

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Controller
October	4	VE3VJF Roy
October	11	VE3CAK John
October	18	VE3DZE David
October	25	VE3JPW
November	1	VE3KC Steve
November	8	VE3NFU Bill
November	15	VA3PCI Assaf
November	22	VE3VJF Roy
November	29	VE3CAK John
December	6	VE3DZE David
December	13	VE3JPW
December	20	VE3KC Steve
December	27	VE3NFU Bill

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.