

CLUB NEWSLETTER



KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

DIRECTORS MESSAGE

As this message is being written we start to see the weather change. warmer days provide us opportunities to get out and inspect any damage to the "antenna farm" that may have occurred over the Winter months. Be sure to check all ropes (polypropylene deteriorates in sun light), it is far easier to replace an existing rope than to place a new one! Be sure to check all fasteners especially where water could concentrate, where possible it is good practice to leave fasteners exposed, water has been known to collect in taped areas creating rust and weakening the fastener. Next should be a physical inspect of your coax lines and any control cables to insure you have not been visited by any rodents and all connections are still water tight. A little prevention may save a more costly or inopportune failure!

There are a couple of club activities approaching and we would like to get some indication on who will be attending. The Fox hunt is scheduled for June 8th and Field Day is June 22-23. We would like to know who is thinking of coming out to the two events, please let us know.

Tim (VA3TIC)
Vice President

Greg (VE3PJ)
Secretary/Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Vice President
Tim Gregory, VA3TIC
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- Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Foster, VE3PJ
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KARC REPEATERS

- VE3KBR 146.940(-) MHz
Tone 151.4
IRLP Node# 2750
AllStar Node# 59939
- VE3UEL, Hartington APRS
Node
144.390 MHz Simplex

COMMITTEE CHAIR MEMBERS

- Membership Manager
Greg Foster, VE3PJ
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MINUTES – April 3 2024

1. Welcome and self-introductions.

Meeting called to order by Tim (VA3TIC), at 19:05 hours local. Tim invited all present to introduce themselves by name and call sign. There were 11 members present and 1 non-member.

2. Minutes November meeting

Greg (VE3PJ) moved that the minutes be accepted as published, seconded by Chip (VA3KGB), motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report

Greg (VE3PJ) reported the estimation of the interest in February's report was correct so no adjustment was required. He went on to read the March report and moved that it be accepted as read. The motion was seconded by Doug (VE3FFR) and passed.

4. Reports

- a. **2-Meter Net** – Bill (VA3EBK) was unable to make the meeting and sent a report prior to the meeting.

I'm sending in my March report for the 2M Net as I will be unable to make the meeting tonight because I still am battling a cold from the weekend and I'm sure no one wants me around them!

We had a total of 55 check ins for March on the weekly Tuesday night net. It appears the ALLSTAR node is still down and has been for some weeks now. Just wondering if anyone has looked into it and knows what the issue is and if and when it will be up again.

Want to again thank Ron for the great job on the SWAP SHOP. The current level of offerings has been low so if anyone has any items they would like to put out there that would be of interest to the local HAM community please get ahold of him.

And again, as always, we are looking for more Net controllers. Even if just for substituting for the regular rotation controllers. I did put an email out requesting

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volunteers and did thankfully get one response. Any additional help would be greatly appreciated.

Bill, VA3EBK

KARC Net Manager

- b. **CFARS** – Les (VE3KFS) – CFARS Is proceeding as usual and is planning some special activity during the upcoming eclipse.
- c. **HF Remote** – Chip (VA3KGB) informed the club that the new instructions have been sent to Robert (VA3RT), still waiting for them to be posted, Greg will follow up with Robert.
- d. **Hearts and Flowers** – No new concerns we all wish Ron (VE3GO) and Pieter (VE3NXE) well.
- e. **KAREX** – Phil (VE3HST) mentioned some of the up coming presentations are on the CAN Bus and Arduinos. There is still some Slow Scan TV on Monday nights.

5. Old Business

- a. **Fox Hunt** – Just a reminder the Fox Hunt is scheduled For Sat. June 8th. We will meet at the A&W (Centennial & Princess) at 8:30, some of us will go for breakfast at 7:00.
- b. Hamfest - We are set for Sept 21
- c. Winlink Session – Les will pick a Thursday Night and let those interested know.
- d. Field Day - If anyone is interested in participating, please let either Tim or Greg know ASAP.
- e. Course – There appears to be a course being offered at the Kingston Seniors Centre. No one knows anything about it. The 10 sessions were going to be done by Dave (VE3HFX – SK). Greg will do a 1.5-hour Lunch & Learn session at the Seniors Centre to gauge any interest is anyone becoming a licensed ham.

6. New Business:

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- a. Phil (VE3HST) was inquiring if anyone would be interested in running some SSTV through an ALLStar node, if you are interested, please contact Phil.

- b. Just a note, Smith Falls Flea Market has a new location this year.

Civitan Club
12468 Highway 15, Smiths Falls, ON, K7A 4S7
North edge of Smiths Falls on Hwy 15 next to the Honda Dealership.

Members watched a video - A Canadian Operating from Senegal

Next Meeting May 1 2024, at 19:00

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KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB FOX HUNT **EVERYONE WELCOME**



Date – Saturday June 8th

Time – 8:30 until the slaying of the fox

Location

1. Fox and Hounds will meet at A&W (at Princess and Centennial) at 8:30 for radio checks and last-minute instructions
2. The fox will leave at 8:45 to move to it's unknow location
3. Fox begins transmitting at approximately 9:00.
4. The unknown location will be South of 401, East of Westbrook Rd, West of the Cataraqui River and North of the lake (no swimming foxes)

Fox Frequency - 146.700 FM (The fox will transmit a tone (approximately 1000 HZ) for 5 seconds and repeat every 20 seconds)

