

KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER

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KARC Repeaters

VE3KBR
146.940(-) MHz
151.4Hz Tone, IRLP Node #2750

VE3UEL Hartington APRS Node
144.390 MHz

VE3KER Kingston Packet Node
145.070 MHz Simplex

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MEMBER ARTICLE

New Public Service / First Responder Radio Network for Ontario

When the tornado hit Ottawa, the antiquated public radio system failed. This should be of no surprise to amateur radio. However, today's announcement that the system across Ontario will be updated and the same across the province means something to us listeners. The new system for Police, fire, ambulance etc will be digital APCO 25 and encrypted so scanners will not be able to listen to the services. This is supposed to be done by 2021, I believe they said. As we know, the local police are encrypted now. Let us hope they do it right.

It was amazing that one fire fighter said the public services could not talk to one another during emergencies. we, as amateurs, have known that for years.

If you are thinking of buying a digital scanner then think you will only have 3 or 4 years to use it. The change will start in southern Ontario.

I am sure Don will enjoy the fact that installing the new system will soon be open for bids.

There are digital items coming to marine radio. We have a digital weather buoy being tested on the St. Lawrence. DSC is also becoming increasingly used. There are still analog channels being used throughout the system at present.

I am not sure if the railroads are changing as I have no info.

Ron VE3GO



MEETING MINUTES

Kingston Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the Meeting

6 November 2018

Held at Smitty's Restaurant

Kingston, Ontario

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the President Larissa, VE3KGC.
2. There were 20 members and guests present.
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:
 - a. It was moved by Chip, VA3KGB, and seconded by Les, VE3KFS, that the minutes of the October meeting be approved as posted on the web site.
 - b. Carried
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. It was moved by Doug, VE3FFR, and seconded by Eric, VE2PEF, that the Financial Report be approved as posted on the web site.
 - b. Carried.
5. Old Business:
 - a. KARC Logo Items :
 - i. Greg, VE3PJ, gave an update. Blue hats with logo will be \$18.25 each, Hats with Logo, call and name \$25.00. Hats should be ready by next meeting
 - b. 2019 Executive Elections:
 - i. Request for nomination/volunteers to run was sent out on the Group List.
 - ii. Contact Chip, VA3KGB, or Ron, VE3GO.
 - c. Amateur Radio Course:
 - i. LES, VE3KFS, 13 Nov 2018 at E30 7-9pm with Club members assisting in the instruction.
 - d. RAC Insurance:
 - i. Steve, VE3KC, used the Personal Insurance as a RAC Member to save \$150.00 on his home insurance.
6. New Business:
 - a. Data Training:
 - i. Les, VE3KFS, Is there interest in some training in digital modes on VE3GRG, such as WinLink and weak signal modes and other digital modes.
 - b. Information:
 - i. Ron, VE3G), During the tornados in the Ottawa area first communications to go down was the cell phone system. Ontario government looking at upgrading interagency comms.
 - c. Christmas Brunch:
 - i. Larissa, VE3KGC, asked if there was any interest in doing a Christmas Brunch. Consensus was to wait until the new year
7. Reports:
 - a. 2 Metre Net:
 - i. Steve, VE3KC, thanked the controllers and participants who were on the nets.
 - b. HF Net:

- i. Dave, VE3EAC, Digital modes being used Friday nights at 8pm on 28.300 MHz.
 - c. CFARS:
 - i. Les, VE3KFS, reported ops normal with propagation causing some problems and participation with MARS using software encryption.
 - d. HF Remote Station:
 - i. Chip, VA3KGB, reported station is available for Advanced Amateurs.
 - e. Hearts and Flowers:
 - i. Paul, VA3LX.
 - f. KAREX:
 - i. Dave, VE3EAC: Regular meetings being held Saturdays at 9am at 560 Legion on Montreal St.
 - g. Other Reports:
 - i. Exercise Noble Skywave 30/31 Oct 2018, Multinational Military HF Exercise/Contest
 - 1. 123 teams participated this year with the top two teams from Joint Signals Regiment (JSR) separated by mere points, Larissa, VE3KGC, was a member of the 2nd place team.
8. Date of Next Meeting: 4 December 2018.
9. 50/50 Draw:
 - a. \$23.10, \$11.55 to Jack, VE3YCJ.
10. Adjournment:
 - a. It was moved by Ron, VE3GO, and seconded by Eric, VE2PEF, that the meeting be adjourned.
 - b. Carried
11. Presentation:
 - a. Chip, VA3KGB, gave an update on the VE3KBR Remote HF Station and a live demonstration.

Clifford ('Chip') Chapman, VA3KGB
Secretary
Kingston Amateur Radio Club

MEETING AGENDA

KARC Meeting Agenda 4 December 2018

1. Members and Guest introduce themselves
2. Additions to the Agenda
3. Minutes of the Last Meeting: errors / omissions /approval (Moved by the Secretary, Chip, VA3KGB)
4. Treasurer's Report: (Moved by the Treasurer, Doug, VE3FFR)
5. Old Business
 - a. Logo items (Greg, VE3PJ)
 - b. 2019 Executive Elections
6. New Business:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
7. Reports:
 - a. 2M Net Manager (Steve, VE3KC)
 - b. HF Net Manager (Dave, VE3EAC)
 - c. CFARS (Les, VE3KFS)
 - d. Remote HF Station (Chip, VA3KGB)
 - e. KAREX
 - f. "Hearts and Flowers"
 - g. Other Reports
8. 50/50 Draw
9. Presentation: Noble Skywave – Larissa, VE3KGC
10. Date of Next Meeting: 8 January 2018
11. Adjournment

FINANCIAL REPORT

KARC FINANCIAL REPORT – November 2018

Nov 27, 2018

Opening Balance

Cooperation Plus	5280.06
Dividends Share	289.81
Equity Shares	25.00
Total	5594.87

Income

Int	.04
50 50 Draw	11.50
Donation	
Membership	150.00
Total	161.54

Expenditures

Closing Balance

Cooperation Plus	5441.60
Dividends Share	289.81
Equity Shares	25.00
Total	5756.41

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

December 11 VE3NXE Pieter

December 18 VE3POA Peter

NET CONTROL SCRIPT

Revised April 16, 2013

Good evening. This is [name and callsign], net control station for the Kingston Amateur Radio Club's Tuesday night Net.

The Kingston Amateur Radio Club Tuesday Night Net is an informal net that meets at 1930 hours every Tuesday evening on the KARC repeater, VE3KBR. 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; and to provide 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 or 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 [name and callsign] returning the repeater to normal amateur use.