

# KINGSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER

Founded in 1947

January 2019

## *Executive Committee*

### **President**

Brian Hopkins, VA3BAH

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### **Vice President**

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### **Treasurer**

Douglas Richards, VE3FFR

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### **Secretary**

Chip Chapman, VA3KGB

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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

## *Committee Chair Members*

VHF Net Manager

Steve Cutway, VE3KC

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HF Net Manager

David Wendt, VE3EAC

Membership Manager

Steve Cutway, VE3KC

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Message from the President:

Just a short note from the helm to thank all of you for placing your trust in me as President for the coming year. I'm looking forward to a new year with new club projects and activities. I'd like to thank the previous club executive for managing the club and keeping us organized and on track; furthermore, I'd like to thank the executive and directors who are staying on to support the club and maintain continuity. Most of all, I'd like to thank the members for making it a club. Without members, we do not exist.

The Kingston Amateur Radio Club is an eclectic group of individuals with a common interest in amateur radio. In my humble opinion, (which I have been told, isn't that humble – go figure), Amateur Radio is an aspect of communication. One definition of communication is not only the transmission of a message, but also the acknowledgement and understanding of that message. According to a Google online dictionary, communication is:

- 1) The imparting or exchanging of information or news.
- 2) A means of connection between people or places; in particular.

And according to the quote below, communication is a human connection. Our in-person meetings are about connecting with others who have a common interest and sharing information. I, for one, look forward to our monthly meetings to exchange ideas and information. I learn something new each, and every, time I attend a meeting and a presentation.



**Communication - the human  
connection - is the key to  
personal and career success.**

Paul J. Meyer



This is our club, so please share your ideas and participate in club activities. Let's communicate!

73,

Brian Hopkins, va3bah

## MEMBER ARTICLE

### Canadian Parks On The Air 2019 (CNPOTA 2019)

A group of Amateurs in Nova Scotia had a limited/no budget idea for activating Canadian National Parks and Historic Sites based on the ARRL Parks On The Air (POTA) program. In the Canadian effort, 219 parks and sites were selected by their committee. This program runs for the full year 2019 starting January 1, 2019.

The challenge is to see how many of these parks and sites can be activated and for Parks chasers how many will you make contact with. Any Amateur can activate a Park/Site following the rules as set out by the CNPOTA 2019 and Parks Canada. There are several park/site combinations that allow for activation of both at the same time by the same activator!

There are some Parks and Sites that I can see not being activated as they are in remote locations with no access by road. It would be great if they get activated, but it would take dedication, time, and money, etc., to get into those activations.

There will be a Leaderboard on the CNPOTA 2019 web site so you can see where you stand as a chaser. Certificates as Activators and Chasers will be electronic only and logs must be uploaded to the CNPOTA 2019 web site (Free registration).

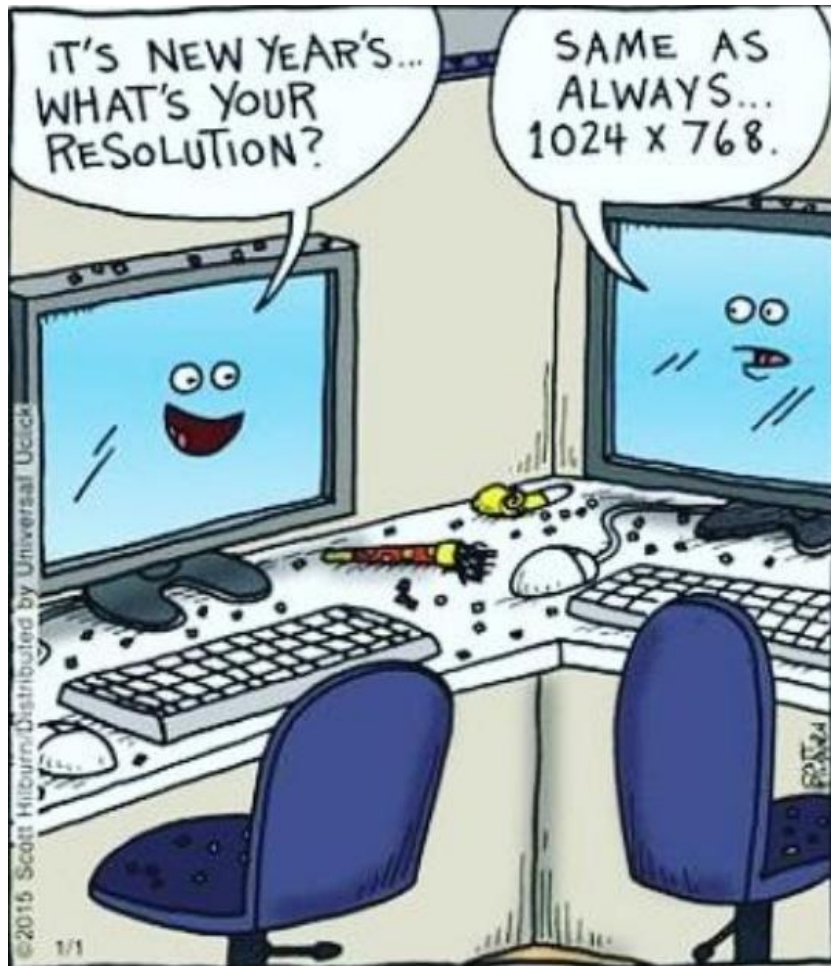
For more information see the CNPOTA 2019 web site at <https://cnpota.ca/>

I have created a KML file for the sites so you can view them in Google Earth. I also have created a log spreadsheet to keep track of your CNOPTA 2019 contacts and activations. The spreadsheet will create an ADIF file for uploading your contact to CNPOT 2019. More information on these will be provided at the Jan 2019 meeting. (Also a CNPOT 2019 page will be set up on the KARC website)

There are several in the Kingston area and I hope to be able to activate several of them during the year.

73 & 88

Chip, VA3KGB.



## MEETING MINUTES

### Kingston Amateur Radio Club

#### Minutes of the Meeting

4 December 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 17 members and guests present.
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:
  - a. Ron's call sign is VE3GO not VE3G)
  - b. It was moved by Chip, VA3KGB, and seconded by Doug, VE3FFR, that the minutes of the October meeting be approved as posted on the web site.
  - c. 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, had the hats at the meeting.
  - b. 2019 Executive Elections:
    - i. Elections for the 2019 Executive were held with the following results
      1. President: Brian Hopkins, VA3BAH (Acclaimed);
      2. Vice-President: Larissa Reise, VE3KGC (Acclaimed);
      3. Secretary: Clifford ('Chip') Chapman, VA3KGB (Acclaimed); and
      4. Treasurer: Doug Richards, VE3FFR (Majority of votes)
        - a. Two nominations:
          - i. Greg Foster, VE3PJ, and
          - ii. Doug Richards, VE3FFR.
6. New Business: NIL
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. It has also been used as a remote receiver with the Amateur using own station for transmitting (160m quieter on receive at remote QTH)
  - e. Hearts and Flowers:
    - i. Steve, VE3KC, reported Roy, VE3VJF, is doing well and is Martha's Table oldest volunteer (In his 90s).
  - f. KAREX:
    - i. Dave, VE3EAC: Regular meetings being held Saturdays at 9am at 560 Legion on Montreal St. Peter, VE3POA, demonstrated HackRF
  - g. Other Reports:
    - i. Signalling Santa
      - 1. 7 kids talked to Santa. (Terry, VE3KLG and Sean (XYM of Larissa, VE3KGC). Terry thanked the KARC for the use of the repeater.
    - ii. Amateur Radio Course
      - 1. Les, VE3KFS, reported the course is ongoing using the "firehose" method.
- 8. Date of Next Meeting: 8 January 2019.
- 9. 50/50 Draw:
  - a. \$16.00, \$8.00 to Dave, VE3EAC, \$8.00 to the Club.
- 10. Adjournment:
  - a. It was moved by Assaf, VA3PCI, and seconded by Jack, VE3YCJ, that the meeting be adjourned.
  - b. Carried
- 11. Presentation:
  - a. Dave, VE3EAC, gave a presentation on the QCX QRP Kit.

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

## MEETING AGENDA

### **KARC Meeting Agenda 8 January 2019**

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.
  - b.
6. New Business:
  - a. Canadian national Parks On The Air 2019 (CNPOTA 2019) and Activations
  - b. Winter Field Day, 26/27 Jan 2019
  - 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 2018 – Larissa, VE3KGC
10. Date of Next Meeting: 5 February 2019
11. Adjournment

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Banking Summary 2018 - Year to Date**

**1/1/2018 through 12/29/2018**

**Category      1/1/2018- 12/31/2018**

**INCOME**

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>50 50 Draw</b>    | <b>91.00</b>    |
| <b>Dividend Inc.</b> | <b>7.30</b>     |
| <b>Donation</b>      | <b>20.00</b>    |
| <b>Gift Received</b> | <b>56.50</b>    |
| <b>Interest Inc.</b> | <b>0.48</b>     |
| <b>Membership</b>    | <b>1,070.00</b> |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>  | <b>1,245.28</b> |

**EXPENSES**

**Club Equipment                      28.25**

**Financial**

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Financial: RAC Insurance</b> | <b>448.46</b> |
| <b>TOTAL Financial</b>          | <b>448.46</b> |

**Gifts & Donations**

|                                       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Gifts &amp; Donations: Charity</b> | <b>500.00</b> |
| <b>TOTAL Gifts &amp; Donations</b>    | <b>500.00</b> |

**Website                                      578.23**

**TOTAL EXPENSES                      1,554.94**

**OVERALL TOTAL                      -309.66**



**KARC FINANCIAL REPORT – December 2018**

**Dec 31, 2018**

**Opening Balance**

**Cooperation Plus 5441.60**

**Dividends Share 289.81**

**Equity Shares 25.00**

**Total 5756.41**

**Income**

**Int .04**

**50 50 Draw 8.00**

**Membership 125.00**

**Total 133.04**

**Expenditures**

**Club Equipment/Hats 28.25**

**RAC Ins. 448.46**

**Total 476.71**

**Closing Balance**

**Cooperation Plus 5097.93**

**Dividends Share 289.81**

**Equity Shares 25.00**

**Total 5412.74**

## NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

| <b>Month</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Controller</b> |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------|
| January      | 1           | VE3KC Steve       |
| January      | 15          | VA3BAH Brian      |
| January      | 22          | VA3PCI Assaf      |
| January      | 29          | VE3CAK John       |
| February     | 12          | VE3KC Steve       |
| February     | 19          | VE3KGC Larissa    |
| February     | 26          | VE3NXE Pieter     |
| March        | 12          | VE3POA Peter      |
| March        | 19          | VA3BAH Brian      |
| March        | 26          | VA3PCI Assaf      |
| April        | 9           | VE3CAK John       |
| April        | 16          | VE3KC Steve       |
| April        | 23          | VE3KGC Larissa    |
| April        | 30          | VE3NXE Pieter     |
| May          | 14          | VE3POA Peter      |
| May          | 21          | VA3BAH Brian      |
| May          | 28          | VA3PCI Assaf      |
| June         | 11          | VE3CAK John       |
| June         | 18          | VE3KC Steve       |
| June         | 25          | VE3KGC Larissa    |
| July         | 2           | VE3NXE Pieter     |
| July         | 9           | VE3POA Peter      |
| July         | 16          | VA3BAH Brian      |
| July         | 23          | VA3PCI Assaf      |
| July         | 30          | VE3CAK John       |
| August       | 6           | VE3KC Steve       |
| August       | 13          | VE3KGC Larissa    |
| August       | 20          | VE3NXE Pieter     |
| August       | 27          | VE3POA Peter      |
| September    | 10          | VA3BAH Brian      |
| September    | 17          | VA3PCI Assaf      |
| September    | 24          | VE3CAK John       |
| October      | 8           | VE3KC Steve       |
| October      | 15          | VE3KGC Larissa    |
| October      | 22          | VE3NXE Pieter     |
| October      | 29          | VE3POA Peter      |
| November     | 12          | VA3BAH Brian      |
| November     | 19          | VA3PCI Assaf      |
| November     | 26          | VE3CAK John       |
| December     | 10          | VE3KC Steve       |
| December     | 17          | VE3KGC Larissa    |
| December     | 24          | VE3NXE Pieter     |
| December     | 31          | 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](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 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.