



## Current Club Executive

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| President                      | Murray Thompson | VE3ZPV |
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| Secretary                      | Damien Coffey   | VA3COF |
| Treasurer                      | Rick Danby      | VE3BK  |
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| Membership Director            | Barry Lisoweski | VE3ISX |
|                                | Mike Krebs      | VA3WXS |



Murray VE3ZPV



Rick VE3BK



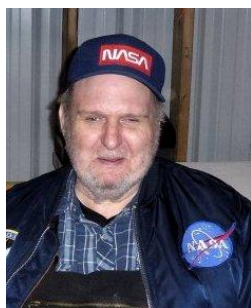
Damien VA3COF



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John VA3JHD



Mike VA3WXS



## President's Message

I take pleasure in starting the new year message with some of our achievements in 2023.

As you know, our old repeater equipment from the previous site has been totally replaced with state of the art, easy to maintain replacements. Thus, the club has spent considerable resources to do this as we move forward. New technology such as AllStar linking and advanced repeater controllers now put our club back into the current state of amateur clubs. As of this writing we have also installed brand new power supplies to operate the repeaters. A huge vote of thanks to our repeater chairman, Peter VE3XLQ for spearheading this incentive.

Happening this month, the club will initiate a CW TRAINING course starting on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at our church location. Mardy VE3QEE and John VE3XBF will head up the in person courses. Many events such as Field Day, our Grimsby tailgate, the summer BBQ, Ancaster Hamfest and Christmas Gala are all in the works as we go forward as a club.

A special modern new club bylaw change is coming in February...please review in the newsletter attachment.

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Murray Thompson, VE3ZPV  
President Hamilton ARC

## Our New 2024 Bylaws

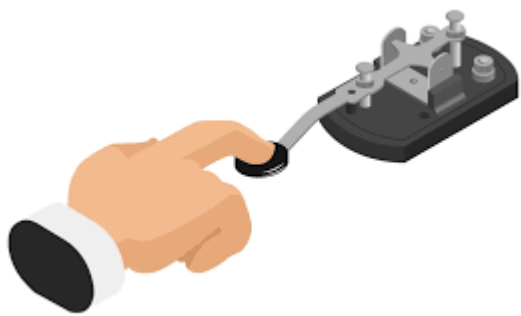


**NEW!** **CLUB BYLAW** 

- \* Required by our club
- \* Complies with Not For Profit
- \* Approved by club executive

Our executive and legal team have prepared this special document and approved it to comply with Ontario Not for Profit amateur radio club use. Please review at your leisure before presentation at our February general meeting. Click the above banner.

## HARC 2024 CW course



**CW training course** 

- \* Starts 16th January 2024
- \* 6 week duration
- \* Course instructor Mardy VE3QEE

Click above banner to book your time.

## Club HF net summary

### MONDAY HF:



**TIME: 8:00 PM till 9:00PM**

3.693 MHz LSB starts at 8pm till 9 pm

28.485 Mhz USB starts 9pm for a Rag Chew, but Not a formal net, just for fun...till 10pm. All are welcome.

### MONDAY VHF & UHF:

**TIME: 7:PM till 8PM**

#### **Club Repeaters:**

146.760MHz (-600) tone 131.8

444.075MHz (+5Mhz) tone 131.8

**Please note the repeaters are currently linked. Our New Allstar mode is fully functional.**

Don't forget to get the various mobile apps for your cell phones to call into our local repeaters while you are out of town. Just like being in town with a hand held, from anywhere in the world.

## Membership Update:



**Start time:**

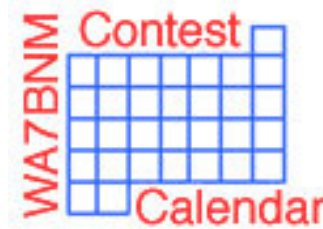
**25<sup>th</sup> January 2024....7:30 pm**

## How to use AllStar!



**Click for info**

## Contest News



## Winter Field Day 2024

Sponsored by the Winter Field Day Association, WFD is scheduled to run from 1900 UTC on Saturday, January 27, through 1859 UTC on Sunday, January 28. WFD is held on the last full weekend in January and is a communications exercise that can be worked from the comfort of your home or in a remote location. You can participate by yourself, with your friends and family, or with a local club. Operators may use frequencies on the HF, VHF, or UHF bands and are free to use any mode that can faithfully transmit the required exchange intact. Similar to ARRL's Field Day, bonus points are earned in several ways, including from using non-commercial power sources, operating from remote locations, making satellite contacts, and more. WFD is designed to help increase your level of preparedness for disasters and for you to

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improve and practice your operating skills in winter environments, as the potential for freezing temperatures, snow, ice, and other hazards present unique operating conditions. See the website for full details:

<https://winterfieldday.org/index.php>

## **RAC Canada Day Contest** **2023 certificates available.**

The results from the 2023 Canada Day Contest have been published and posted on the RAC Web site.

A reminder that certificate winners can download their certificate from the RAC site at this link:

<https://contest.rac.ca/certificates.php>

Please follow the directions on the page and enter the contest, year and your call. Click on the search button and the system will bring up a downloadable certificate if you were awarded one for the contest being searched for. Thanks for your participation in the 2023 Canada Day contest. Full contest results are at:

(<https://wp.rac.ca/contesting-results/>), -  
- Bert Richie,

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