



## Current Club Executive

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**John Garry VE3XBF - Education**  
**Mike Krebs VA3WXS - Director**

## Your 2025 Board



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**Rick  
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VA3COF**



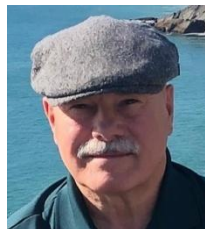
**John  
VE3XBF**



**John  
VE3JHD**



**Mike  
VA3WXS**



**Jim  
VA3HFD**



## President's Message

**Happy Fall HARC Members!**

I would like to start by thanking all the volunteers who helped out with our Hamfest. These events would not happen without your help and support.

The Hamfest was a huge success with every table sold and more than 200 visitors attending. Looking forward, our clubs annual meeting is taking place at the end of the month where a new slate of directors will be voted upon.

If you are unable to attend, please fill out a proxy form. This helps us to ensure a quorum for the meeting so club business can occur.

Looking further, we will be organizing a Fox Hunt (stay tuned for exact dates and times) so dust off your hunting rigs.

We hope you enjoyed a wonderful with family and friends.

Regards

73

**VE3XLQ Peter Hammerl,  
President and Chair**

The club celebrated another successful Hamfest 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at the Ancaster Fairgrounds.

- Over 250 attended
- 70 Vendor paid tables
- Five super prize bundles
- Great fall weather



Click above to see them all



Click above for event pix

**Thank you to our setup crew!**



**Our club member team made quick work of the setup Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

## Some of our prize winners!



**Bill Strong - VA3YBS:**  
Radioworld Gift Certificate Package



**Ron Burkart VA3RLB:**  
Retevis Radio Package



**Rose from ICOM Canada:**  
Transceiver Radio Package



## Club “make it” winner Paul Casey VE3JXQ



**A crystal radio on steroids!  
Awesome!**

## **Simulated Emergency Test**

### ***EMERGENCY EXERCISE SCENARIO***

#### ***(GOLDEN HORSESHOE)***

*On Saturday, September 20th, 2025, some members of the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club (HARC) participated in a pre-planned emergency radio exercise in cooperation with the Auxiliary Communications Services - Golden Horseshoe and its collective Ham Operators. The scenario of the exercise was that a severe storm had affected the wide spread Golden Horseshoe area. High winds of 90 to 100 KPH were pushing the waters of Lake Ontario towards the Hamilton beach strip, causing severe flooding along the beach front area. This situation was exasperated as Lake Ontario water levels were already at a high level. Due to high winds, power failures had occurred across the area. As a result of the power failures and high winds, cellular service and Internet had been compromised. Environment Canada had issued a storm warning for the next 24 hours.*

### ***PREPARATION***

*To prepare for the exercise, Gary VE3TTO took the lead to organize HARC members to confirm who was available to assist. Ultimately, eight (8) operators were confirmed and assigned various rolls (simulated operations, typically from their own QTH), as follows;*

- Hamilton Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Operations - Jim VA3HFD
- Beach Area Pumping Operations - Garnet VE3GNP
- Westmount Recreation Centre (Evacuation Centre) - Damien VA3COF
- Stoney Creek Recreation Centre (Evacuation Centre) - Gary VE3TTO
- Ancaster Recreation Centre (Evacuation Centre) - Rick VE3BK
- Beach Front Sandbagging Operations - Dave VE3DV
- Salvation Army Support Group - Jeff VE3BJL
- HF Radio Operator - Barry VE3ISX

*Each operator was provided with pre-scripted messages in advance to transmit to the Hamilton EOC at specific times relating to situation updates and resource requests, such as additional pumps, hoses, fuel, food and manpower support, as well as numbers of evacuees at each recreation centre. All of this information was actioned at the local level, with responses back to each individual site operator. In addition, relevant information was further passed up the line via radio to the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC). A total of 3 Radiograms were transmitted to the Provincial EOC, as well as 2 reports via WINLINK. A Radiogram relating to a family member compassionate request (fictional scenario) was also passed via 2 meters to the Provincial EOC.*

## ACTION

Throughout the exercise, an announcement was transmitted every 30 minutes over our operation repeater VE3WIK stating that the exercise was being conducted. Similar "Exercise Only" messages were also passed over repeater VE3URU by the Provincial EOC operators every 30 minutes.

## AFTER ACTION REVIEW

As with any exercise, hick-ups were experienced at all levels for various reasons; Afterall, that is why we do these exercises to ensure that we as licensed Amateur Radio Operators are able to effectively provide communications assistance should the need arise. Many lessons were learned at all levels, which we will endeavour to improve on in future planned exercises.

Bravo Zulu (BZ) to all Operators to who assisted. Hopefully we will have additional members involved in future exercises.

Note for those who may not be aware; BZ means "Well Done" in military jargon.

73 to all.

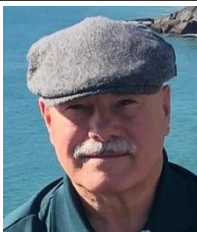





Thanks.

Jim VA3HFD



## VA3HFD Jim's Grab/Go Setup

## HARC member participants:

-  **VA3HFD Jim (EOC)**
-  **VA3COF Damien**
-  **VE3BK Rick**
-  **VE3DV Dave**
-  **VE3TTO Gary**
-  **VE3GNP Garnet**

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## **HARC member participants:**



**VE3ISX**

**Barry (HF operations)**



**VE3BJL Jeff**

**(Salvation Army Support Group)**

**The event was a huge success.**

## **Club HF net summary**

### **MONDAY HF:**

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

7.100 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:**

**New Link: 146.715 MHz (131.8)**

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. Check into our net from anywhere in the world.

**Use our new 146.715 MHz link for out of town.**



## 2025 Events update:

- General Meeting: 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2025
  - Fox Hunt TBA
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### Member Update

19th June 2025

New membership form and Etrans

**Benefits of a club membership  
..now pay with E Trans!**

**Welcome all new members!**

**Take a minute to renew your  
membership!**

**We are currently at 61!**

## October Meeting Information:

Our annual monthly membership meeting will take place 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 at the St. Paul's United Church, 42 Tragina Ave. North at 7:30pm sharp.

**St.Pauls  
Church  
Meeting  
Location**

Click above for map.

This is a hybrid meeting with a new Microsoft Teams format...similar to ZOOM. Works on MAC or Windows machines.



### Events Calendar

**2025 Hamfests/Fleamarkets**

Direct links to club events

[Click Here](#)

## General Meeting:

## TEAMS info:

Here is the new teams link for the next 13 months.

If you are unable to attend in person..click below.

## [Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 285 453 140 309 9

Passcode: dT26qe6D

## Dial in by phone

[+1 647-497-6074,,413310215#](#) Canada,

Toronto

[Find a local number](#)

Phone conference ID: 413 310 215#

## Membership Update:



**Current Membership  
2025**

# 61 Active members

## New 2025-2026 membership form!



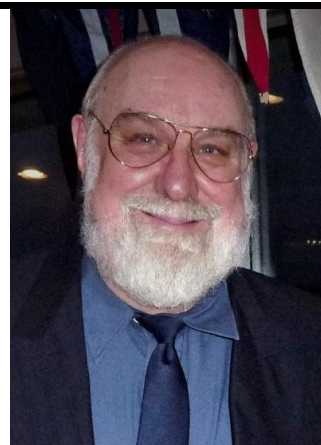
**Membership form !**

- \* Fill it in "online"
- \* Save it
- \* Email it back



Do you wish to renew or join the club...

## VE3BK Contest Corner



## Contact Rick VE3BK

[ve3bk@hamiltonarc.com](mailto:ve3bk@hamiltonarc.com)

## DX News

**NETHERLANDS, PA.** PA80VERON is a special callsign currently on "Vereniging voor Experimenteel Radio Onderzoek," VERON, celebrating the country's IARU society's 80 years. QSL to PA1AW.

**CHATHAM ISLANDS, ZL7.** Holger, ZL3IO, will be QRV as ZI7IO, IOTA OC-038, until October 16. Activity is on 80m. QSL via LoTW.

**Niue, E6.** The Rebel DX Group will be QRV from Niue, IOTA OC-040, as E6AD, from October 7. Primary modes will be FT4 and MSHV SuperFox. The entire operation will emphasize digital and CW, with some SSB. QSL via Clublog, LOTW on request.

**Montserrat, VP2M.** The VP2MPN Team will be QRV from Montserrat Island for the CQ WW SSB

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contest between October 25 and 26. They will also be active as VP2MRL, VP2MYL, VP2MAA, and VP2MPM outside the contest. QSL for VP2MPN via KB4VPN, LOTW

**UGANDA, 5X.** Pista, HA5AO, is QRV as 5X2I until October 10. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**NAURU, C2.** Phill, C21TS, is QRV until November 30. QSL via LoTW.

**SOLOMON ISLANDS, H4.** Bernhard, DL2GAC, is QRV as H44MS from Malaita Island, IOTA OC-047, until November 25. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL to home call.

**SVALBARD, JW.** Operators JW7XK, JW9DL, and JW6VM will be QRV from Longyearbyen, IOTA EU-026, from October 8 to 13. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB, FT8, and FT4, and on Satellite RS-44. This includes being an entry in the upcoming Scandinavian Activity SSB contest as JW5X. QSL via LA7XK, LA9DL, LA6VM, and LA5X, respectively.

**MINAMI TORISHIMA, JD1.** Take, JG8NQJ is QRV as JG8NQJ/JD1 until December while working at the weather station here. Activity is in his spare time on the HF bands using CW and some FT8. QSL direct to JA8CJY.

**THE GAMBIA, C5.** Lue, YT3PL, and Luc, F5RAV will be QRV from the Gambia, C5R, from October 18 to November 7, planned modes CW, SSB, FT8, FT4, and satellite. QSL via YU5R.

**MARIANA ISLANDS, KH0.** Harry, JG7PSJ, is QRV as WH0RU from Saipan, IOTA OC-086, until October 12. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. QSL direct to home call.

**SEYCHELLES, S7.** Kasimir, DL2SBY, is QRV as S79/DL2SBY until October 12. Activity is on the HF bands and 6 meters. QSL via LoTW.

**GUATEMALA, TG.** Dwight, VE7BV, will be QRV as TG9BBV from October 5 to 25. Activity will be on 40 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and possibly FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**BURKINA FASO, XT.** Harald, DF2WO, will be QRV as XT2AW from October 4 to 27. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, and other digital modes. QSL to home call.

**VANUATU, YJ.** Bob, ZL1RS, is QRV as YJ0RS from Efate Island, IOTA OC-035, until October 10. Activity is mostly on 6 meters using FT8 and on EME. QSL via LoTW.



## Contests Coming up in October

go to <https://contestcalendar.com/index.php>

AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening	1900Z-2030Z, Oct 15
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NTC QSO Party	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 16
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JARTS WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Oct 18 to 2359Z, Oct 19
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10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW	0001Z, Oct 18 to 2359Z, Oct 19
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New York QSO Party	1400Z, Oct 18 to 0200Z, Oct 19
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Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Oct 18 to 1500Z, Oct 19
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Worked All Germany Contest	1500Z, Oct 18 to 1459Z, Oct 19
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Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 19
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Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 19 to 0100Z, Oct 20
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Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	2300Z, Oct 19 to 0100Z, Oct 20
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ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Oct 20 to 2359Z, Oct 24
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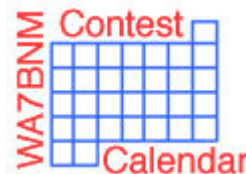
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 22
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**** CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 25 to 2359Z, Oct 26
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Note: rule changes

Repeater List WNYSO

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## ONTARIO QSO PARTY:



**The Hamilton Amateur Radio Club won a plaque from Radio World**

***Congratulations on winning a plaque for the 2025 Ontario QSO party.***

***Thanks for participating and hope to see you again next year.***

**73, Jack Summers, VA3XR of Radioworld**

## **Contest news items**

### **Canada Day Contest**



Call Score CDN RAC DX QSOs Mult

VE3DC 22,400 98 6 10 114 20

VE3DC: A great Canadian Contest we enjoy. I had fun for the amount of time I could spend.

Thanks to all that worked me and especially thanks to the Operators that ran the RAC station.

73, Rick VE3BK

*The OQP Team and Contest Club  
Ontario*

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**Trust that everyone enjoyed a very Happy Thanksgiving weekend. A small number of club members enjoyed breakfast again at Denny's on 11<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Lastly...**

**Do you have pictures or newsworthy items for the newsletter? Tech/project articles are always welcome.**

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