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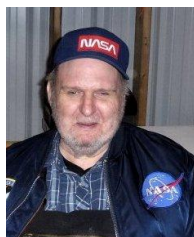
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President's Message

Hello HARC members!

It's hard to believe we're already rolling into the holiday season, but that means one very important thing: our annual Christmas Dinner is almost here! This is always one of the highlights of our year with great food, great friends, and plenty of laughs. If you haven't already, mark your calendar, get your tickets from myself or Barry and get ready for a fantastic evening together. **Deadline for purchasing tickets is November 28th.** Don't miss out!

I also want to put out a cheerful nudge to everyone: don't forget to nominate and vote for our Member of the Year! Every year we have so many volunteers and contributors who keep the club running strong, and this is your chance to shine a spotlight on the folks who go the extra mile. Think about who inspired you, helped you out, or made club activities more enjoyable this year. Send in those nominations and keep an eye out for the email with how you cast your final vote.

Thanks for being such an enthusiastic and supportive group. Let's finish the year with good food, good company, and good radio spirit!

Regards

73

**VE3XLQ Peter Hammerl,
President and Chair**



Member of the year award

Click for application
to nominate your choice.

Deadline for nominations:

Friday November 21st. vote will take place after that.



Annual Christmas Dinner



We are taking bookings for the annual Hamilton ARC Christmas dinner to be held at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, 7th December 2025...Cocktails at 5pm, Buffet Dinner at 6 pm. Desert and ice cream will finish of the evening. Included in your \$45 admission is a free bar beverage, and red/white table wine. Door prizes will finish off the evening. This is a great event for the ladies...so please consider booking a seat.

We have 44 folks booked at this writing. Contact Peter VE3XLQ or rBarry VE3ISX to book your space. .



Christmas Dinner

Information Memo

RHYC Hamilton

Sunday 7th December 2025

Click for all details

Our Prize table is growing!!

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: 27th Nov 2025
 - Christmas Dinner..7th Dec 2025
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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 63!

November Meeting Information:

Our annual monthly membership meeting will take place 27th November 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.

General Meeting:

TEAMS info:

Unable to meet in person??

Join us at 7:30 pm via on line TEAMS.

Microsoft Teams

[Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 285 453 140 309 9

Passcode: dT26qe6D

Dial in by phone +1647-497-6074,,413310215#

Canada, Toronto Find a local number

Phone conference ID: 413 310 215#

Membership Update:



**Current Membership
2025**

63 Active members

New 2025-2026 membership form!



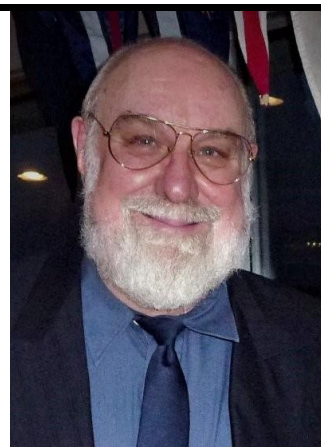
Membership form !

- * 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

November Highlights:

QSL'ing and the use of the Club
Callsigns for any event.

When we use VE3DC or any of the Club Calls
on the air for any event, we must keep a log so
that we can verify any QSL that we receive.

We use eQSL as they were the first online
QSL.

Go to:

<https://www.eqsl.cc/Member.cfm?VE3DC>

<https://www.eqsl.cc/Member.cfm?VE3H>

<https://www.eqsl.cc/Member.cfm?VC3C2C>

<https://www.eqsl.cc/Member.cfm?VE3RCB>

<https://www.eqsl.cc/Member.cfm?XM31812>

<https://www.eqsl.cc/Member.cfm?VE80LAN>

also

<https://www.eqsl.cc/Member.cfm?VA3CWM>

<https://www.eqsl.cc/Member.cfm?CF3BUFH>

received QSLs on all of these, even recently
and we also QSL via direct mail or via the
Bureau.

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Here is an example of one I just sent out. Designed by myself.



We use [HAMLOG.EU](https://www.hamlog.eu) as they were a free online LOG.

Go to: <https://www.hamlog.eu/VE3DC>

<https://www.hamlog.eu/VE80LAN>

or <https://www.hamlog.eu/VA3CWM>

This is all part of "HAM RADIO", making contacts for ragchewing, dx contact or Contesting, they all need to keep logs to verify QSLs.

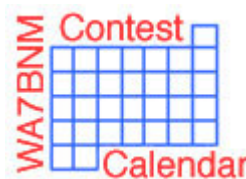
Please go read the article on the Website about QSLing. Go to:

<https://hamiltonarc.com/inserts/VE3BK%20QSL.pdf>

So we do all QSLing at the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club, because we think the Hams that work us are entitled to a QSL, especially since we are a Club they expect it.

73 Rick VE3BK

November Contests Coming up:



Click for full details!

New digital HF voice



New Digital mode for HF
Click YouTube video

The NAQP contest is fun.

SSB Sprint is a fun short SSB contest. Nov. 22, 2025

Hello Fellow Contesters,

It looks like you have discovered the fun of shorter domestic contests such as the NA QSO Party SSB Contest!

How about trying a fun 4 hour SSB contest? It is the North American SSB Sprint Contest.

It is Saturday evening November 22 here in North America starting at 7 PM EST, 6 PM CST, 5 PM MST, 4 PM PST.

Which technically is November 23, 2025 0000 - 0359 UTC.

It has some very interesting rules that make it a bit unique and exciting.

Certificates to the top scores in each state/province and/or anyone scoring over 1,200 points.

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And there are **Door Prizes** available for recipients who score at least 1,500 points (just takes 50 QSOs and 30 mults) !!!

As well as a **SSB Sprint Worked All States T-Shirt** for those that manage to work all 50 states in the 4 hours. Which actually has been done by multiple participants in the past!

And now we have just added a **SSB Sprint Worked Canada T-Shirt** for those that manage to work all 13 Canadian multipliers in the 4 hours.

Check it all out at <http://ssbsprint.com>

We want to be sure to have **every state** and **every Canadian** multiplier on the air.

So, if you have a chance, please enter your planned activity at <https://ssbsprint.com/planned-activity/my-planned-activity/>

We were able to have all states on the air in the past eight events, but a few states could use more participation support.

And be sure to send in your score for a chance to win a door prize! ("Score prize!")

<https://ssbsprint.com/awards-prizes/>

73 Bob KW8N & NA SSB Sprint Contest Committee

More contest news!

VE3DC Logbook is eligible for 3 more awards

(presently have 2 on QRZ)

Logbook: VE3DC Logbook (VE3DC)

Award:

**United States Counties Award Mixed
World Radio Friendship Award Mixed
30 Years of QRZ Mixed**

To apply for the new award(s), open your QRZ Logbook by selecting "My Logbook" from the blue callsign drop-down menu on the top right.

Once in your QRZ Logbook, click 'Awards' and select the logbook(s) eligible for the given award, and select the award. Use the "Award Type" menu to select the mode endorsement listed above if it's different from 'Mixed.'

Verify the data shown on screen, and click the button to apply for the award.

**Congratulations again, and 73,
QRZ Logbook Team**



SOLAR CONDITIONS

HF propagation tools

Click above for info

73 from Rick VE3BK

We want to welcome two new club executive members:



VE3NPH Nikki

She will assume the membership duties.



VA3SPN Spencer

He will assume the vice chair duties.

Thank you John David VA3JHD and John Garry VE3XBF for your service to the club on the exec.



A good number of members enjoyed breakfast and fellowship at Denny's Restaurant 15th Nov 2025. This is a monthly event and we enjoy a special section.

Do you have pictures or newsworthy items for the newsletter?

Tech/project articles are always welcome.



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