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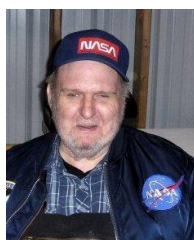
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President's Message

February is shaping up to be an exciting month for the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club!

First, I hope everyone who participated in Winter Field Day had a successful and enjoyable experience. Whether you were operating in the cold, logging contacts, experimenting with antennas, or just operating at your regular station, Winter Field Day is always a great opportunity to test our skills, build resilience, and demonstrate the strength of amateur radio in less-than-ideal conditions. Well done to all who took part!

Looking ahead, I'm pleased to remind everyone that our Members Only Hamfest will take place on February 26th at 7:30 PM at St. Paul's Church on Tragina. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow members, browse some great equipment, and maybe even find that hidden gem you didn't know you needed. Whether you're buying, selling, trading, or just coming out to socialize, it promises to be a fun evening. As a reminder, there will be no Teams meeting that night.



Events like these make HARC special, sharing knowledge, gear, stories, and plenty of good conversation. If you have items to bring along, now is the time to start sorting through your shack. And even if you don't, come out and enjoy the camaraderie and maybe find a new treasure.

I look forward to seeing a great turnout on February 26th at 7:30 PM. Let's make it another successful and enjoyable club event!

Regards and 73
VE3XLQ Peter Hammerl,
President and Chair

Club nets

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:

VE3NCF VHF and UHF



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.

2026 Events update:

- **General Meeting:**
 - **26th February 2026**
 - **Club Breakfast 14th Feb 2026**
- A great time was had by all.**



Member Update

19th June 2025

New membership form and Etrans

February 2026 Meeting:

Make plans to attend our 26th



- **Featuring a Members only Swap Meet.**
- **This is a fun and informal chance to bring along any surplus or unused radio gear to sell or trade with fellow members.**
- **It's a great way to clear out your shack and make room for that next piece of equipment you've had your eye on!**

Note:

There will be no TEAMS video

Our annual monthly membership meeting will take place 26th February 2026 at the St. Paul's United Church, 42 Tragina Ave. North at 7:30pm sharp.

**St.Pauls
Church
Meeting
Location**

Click above for map.

New Website coming:

HARC is in the process of transitioning to a new website and newsletter platform. This will allow us to better service our members with visual impairments as well as provide a more streamlined browsing experience to members and the interested public.

In order to help transition to the new website, I am making a call out looking for help on migrating content. I am looking for members with basic web development experience or experience in managing wordpress or other online CMS systems. I will provide training on managing basic content management systems and an overview of the front end editing systems.

Let me know if you are interested and we will gather on a call one evening. Thanks!

Peter VE3XLQ

Membership Update:



**Current membership
2026**

67 Active members

**Welcome David Stavin!
(call sign to be assigned)**

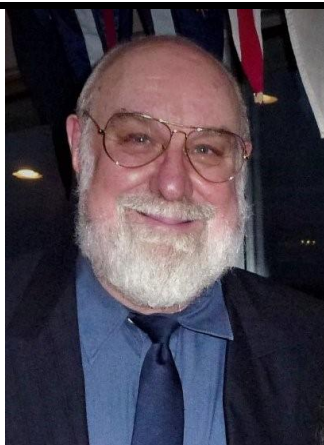


NEW! Membership form !
 * Fill it in "online"
 * Save it
 * Email it back



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

VE3BK Contest Corner



Contact Rick VE3BK

ve3bk@hamiltonarc.com

Announcing the Ontario QSO Party:

Contest Club of Ontario

contest club  **Annual QSO Party**  contest club

April 18th - April 19th 2026

Click for details and location

The 29th Annual Ontario QSO Party 2026

To be held on the third full weekend of April
1800Z April 18 to 0500Z April 19, 2026
and 1200Z to 1800Z April 19, 2026

Submit Activation Plan for "Who's On" Page

2024 Rules Change: Self Spotting is now permitted, and addition of Distributed Multi-Multi Class.



 **SOLAR CONDITIONS**

HF propagation tools

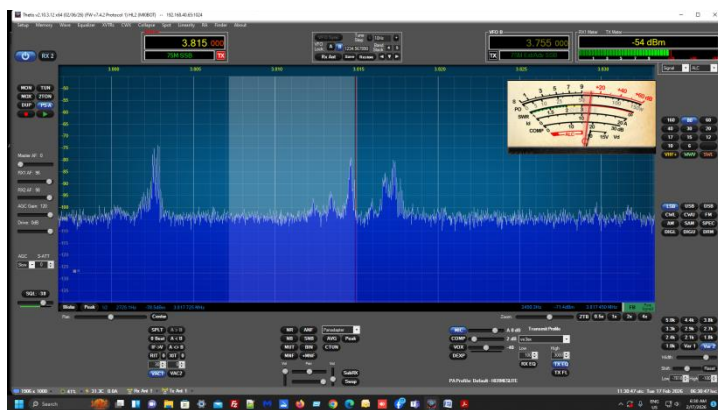


Latest club event pix

Tech Topics 2026

By Barry VE3ISX

Hermes-Lite 2+ amateur SDR transceiver revolution.



- **Low price ...typical \$500 CDN**
- **160 meter - 10 meter operation**
- **5 watt QRP all mode**
- **Exceptional Noise blanker!**
- **Looks and feels like a FLEX!**
- **FREE software**
- **Lots of local amateur support**
- **EASY TO SET UP!!**
- **No soldering...all plug in boards.**

 **New!**

Hermes Light SDR Transceiver

YouTube real life testimonies

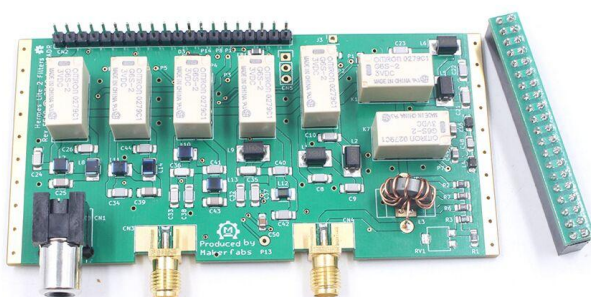


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Where to buy the product.
www.makerfabs.com

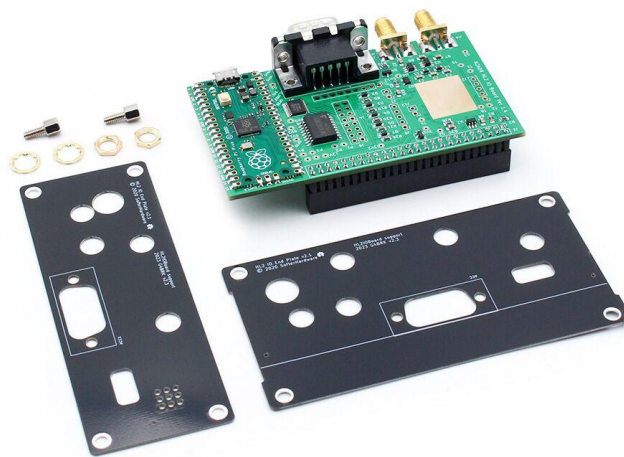
Boards used in this project.



Main board.....\$269.00 US



Filter board.....\$52.80 US



Accessory board....\$52.80 US



Mounting case.....\$16.90 US



Barry VE3ISX has just installed this unit in his shack. The unit directly drives an ICOM PW-1 linear to 125 watts.



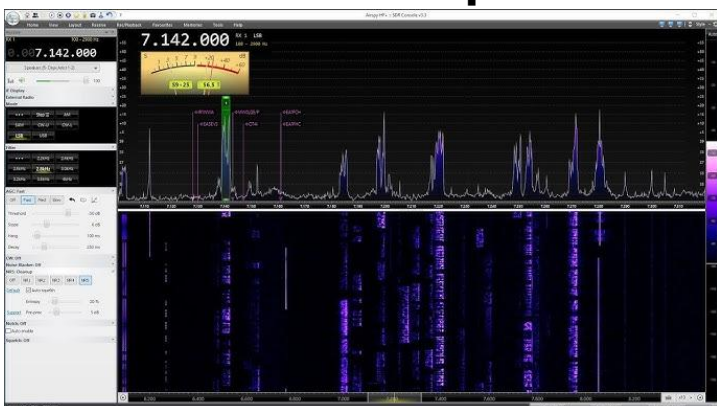
Click above for all details

- **Hermes support groups**
- **Additional add ons**
- **Software links**



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MAC/Windows Free options



SDR-CONSOLE



Thetis Software

Be mindful that this is a QRP 5 watt transceiver. A lot of hams are opting for an 50 or 100 watt external amplifier.