



Current Club Executive

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Director	Mike Krebs	VA3WXS



President's Message

The club has been busy with many special events during the month.

Our 26th October 2023 IN PERSON/ZOOM meeting was a huge success with VA3WWV Rick presenting HMCS Haida operator awards during the 80th Anniversary on board, to our various club members. Check the newsletter for pictures of the event.

John David VA3JHD spear headed the Noble Skywave military/amateur event at both the Ojibwa submarine and Winona Rifle Range. Again, check the attached pictures in this newsletter.

Lastly, our members short of 20 people attended the Denny's Hamilton breakfast get together 21st October 2023.

Barry VE3ISX is happy to report our Christmas Gala tickets (10th December 2023) at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club are going fast. \$40 each with door prizes, complimentary beverage, and a special turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Click the banner in this newsletter to book your space with payment by cash, cheque or E Trans..

Our repeaters are upgraded to Allstar and thanks to Peter VE3XLQ for all the hard work.

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Murray Thompson, VE3ZPV
President Hamilton ARC



Murray VE3ZPV



Rick VE3BK



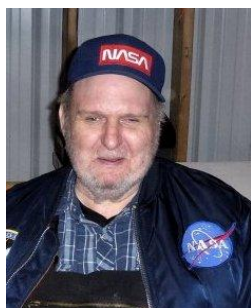
Damien VA3COF



Barry VE3ISX



John VA3JHD



Mike VA3WXS

 **Club Breakfast-Denny's**
Saturday 9:30am 21st October 2023
Event Pictures 

 **Noble Skywave event**
Sub Ojibwa Pictures
24th-26th Oct 2023 
[Click for details](#)

 **Christmas Gala**
10th December 2023
RHYC Hamilton
[Book your tickets here!](#) 

 **Noble Skywave event**
Pictures
24th-26th Oct 2023 
[Click for details](#)

 **HMCS Haida**
Operator Award Pictures
80th Anniversary Celebration
26th October 2023 

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 functional.

Membership Update:

 **Current Membership**
2023 

Welcome new member
Rick VA3RKL!



Our Club repeater site!

Repeater Site Update:

Our VHF and UHF repeaters are now connected to Raspberry Pi operating computers. The integration to Allstar is going well, with nodes VHF 597980 and UHF 597981 operational. The linking of the two repeaters is functional....thanks to Peter VE3XLQ...he is still preparing more enhancements.

 **Newsletters**
Vintage 1975 to present 

Click above link to newsletters from the club history...good reading.

Welcome VA3COF



Damien has now joined our Executive Team as Secretary.

November Meetings

 **Club Exec Meeting**
Zoom Invite ..all welcome
7:00 PM Thursday
9th Nov 2023 

[Click for invite](#)

 **Club ZOOM**
Join our in person meeting

[Click for invite](#)

St. Paul's United Church

23rd November 2023 7:30pm

Proposed CW course



John VE3XBF proposes:

Here in a brief rundown.

- * Hopefully starting in January
- * weekly evening at the St. Pauls church - date to be determined.
- * Course cost \$\$ to be determined
- * currently looking for people who
- * would be interested in such a thing
- * as it would be a trial run 10-12 weeks

Currently we would like at least 6 people.

Thanks John.

October Meeting Minutes:

**St. Paul's Church 42 Tragina Ave North
Hamilton...Meeting Start: 7:30 pm**

**Attendance (recorded): 16 present, 2
Zoom, 1 guest speaker.**

In person:

**VE3ZPV VE3BK VA3COF VE3CXB
VA3SPN VE3ZFZ VA3WWV VA3HFD
VE3HNG VE3TWG VE3ISX VE3QU
VE3XLQ VA3JHD Marc (SWL)
VE3XBF**

Guest speaker: VA3DPZ

On Zoom Edward Stavin Chris Chovaz

Meeting opened at 7:30 pm

**John VA3JHD updated meeting on
Exercise Noble skywave that finished
today. Well done to all who supported
this.**

**1. Introduced Guest speaker John
Vallencourt VA3DPZ from Timmins ON
"POTA - Parks on the Air" Spoke until
8:10. Many questions from members.**

**2. Break 8:10 Barry VE3ISX sold tickets
for the Christmas gala.**

3. Murray started formal meeting:

**VE3BK Rick presented a financial
report as of Oct 24, 2023.**

**Memberships paid in previous months
have increased funds.**

General Acc't \$7576.59

Business Acc't \$1027.04

Total \$8583.00

Christmas Gala

- **\$40/person Gala dinner pricing is being subsidized by the club.**

VE3ISX admin director

- **Club has sold more than 34 tickets so far. Cash and E Transfers going well.**

Barry also reported:

Membership:

- **Club has grown from 40 members last year to 63.**

Repeater Chairman VE3XLQ:

- **Hearty vote of thanks from the club.**
- **Peter updated on Allstar linking.**
 - **Installed and working.**
 - **Briefed members on access**
 - **Written Instructions will be published when links are finalized.**
 - **Node numbers are VHF 597980**
 - **UHF 597981 now operational**
 - **DMR bridge is being created.**
 - **Watch for further details**

John David VA3JHD HARC VP:

John notified the club that 2-3 future members may come from the army who expressed an interest during recent exercise.

John VE3XBF Educational:

- **Early planning for a morse code course. Possibly Jan 2024 for 8-12 weeks. Will pilot course before opening up for general entry.**

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Meeting recognized hospitality by Peter VE3ZFF for catering tonight. Club to reimburse his cost.

HMCS Haida medal presentation:

**Rick VA3WWV On behalf of:
"friends of the HMCS Haida"**



Thanked club members who recently gave up their time to activate the Haida. Over 180k hits to the Parks website. They have submitted a budget to get a permanent radio for the Haida. Presented a challenge coin to those who activated:

**Peter VE3XLQ John VA3DPZ,
Barry VE3ISX, Paul VE3JXQ and
Tom VE3TWG.**

**No other business.
Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.**

**Damien VA3COF
Secretary HARC**

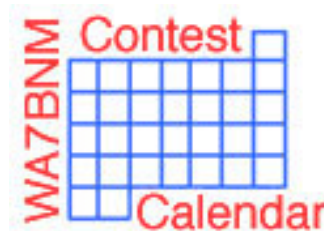
November Meetings

Exec ZOOM.....9th November 23

General In Person....23rd Nov 23

ZOOM details to be published.

Contest News



Click above for all details.

Rick VE3BK was busy during the weekend on the World Wide contests.....read all about it...

This was a 48 hour Contest with many Hams all over the world involved. This is actually more of a World Wide get together of all the Contesters of the world.

In this Contest, the idea is to work as many Zones (CQ Zones) and as many different prefixes as you can. Same continent different Country (USA) is worth only 2 points but a multiplier for every different Zone or prefix. Same country (Canada) is worth 0 points, but you get multipliers for different Zone and prefixes again. DX stations are 3 points (anyone off our Continent) plus multipliers for Zones and prefixes, so the

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points can add up if you only work multipliers only, pretty fast. The DX Cluster in my program tell me that.

Those of you who only work 40m, daytime, are missing out on all the DX fun in the wee morning hours. I was on 40m about 2:30am to 5:30am, working all DX multipliers only and having a ball doing it. People that think 40m is only an old man's daytime band, are sadly mistaken as 40m gets very long and quieter in the wee hours. Needless to say I was pooped at 5:30am and went back to bed for a few hours. My sleep always gets screwed up in this Contest, but I was having fun, name of the game. Back at it and did 15m daytime and had a lot of fun doing that. Signals were very good for this Contest.

You have to keep in mind that all Contests are different, the rules and the way you operate too. Also it depends entirely on the Band Propagation. If it is there and enough people in the Contest (like there is in this contest) you can have a lot of fun working strange Islands, Countries and DX you didn't know you could work. 10 meters was open and you can work the World on that band with 3 or 4 watts, so QRP will cut it on this band.

Some of the Contesters that are on a remote Island (a lot of them) will be running power (QRO) so if you go back to them with low power or QRP, they will not hear you and you won't break that pileup with all the Big Guns calling them. This is unfortunate for some bands and Contests. That is the problem with SSB.

This is a great contest to have some fun in. You do not have to enter a log or even work a lot of contacts. Just pick and choose the Countries or Islands you would like to work. Have fun on your Radio, I certainly did.

The results are not in yet but 3 of us used the Club call of VE3DC (we have become well known on the bands, with people asking us to go to another band because they know us

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from other contest as a multi-multi) . Aren't I lucky, I am the one that gets to deal with all the direct and Bureau QSL cards. It is not over till it is over but we sure have fun doing it hi hi.

73 Rick VE3BK

Christmas Gala



You are invited!

The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club

555 Bay Street North, Hamilton, ON

Sunday 10th December 2023

- **Turkey with all the trimmings.**
- **1 free beverage. Cash bar after that.**
- **Complimentary red/wine at dinner.**
- **Special prize draws with admission**
- **This is a membership benefit.**

Cocktails: 5:00 pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm

\$40.00 per person

Contact Barry VE3ISX to book your seat.

Email: ve3isx@gmail.com