



## Current Club Executive

President	Murray Thompson	VE3ZPV
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	John David	VA3JHD
Secretary	Damien Coffey	VA3COF
Treasurer	Rick Danby	VE3BK
Admin Director	Barry Lisoweski	VE3ISX
Membership Director	Barry Lisoweski	VE3ISX
	Mike Krebs	VA3WXS



## President's Message

Amazing how the year has gone by for the club and all the achievements we have accomplished.

The club has steadily increased membership thanks to consistently engaging in events such as the 80<sup>th</sup> Heida Anniversary, Grimsby Tailgate swap, our popular summer BBQ, and the successful Ancaster Hamfest just to name a few. Thanks to John David (VA3JHD) our 1<sup>st</sup> VP and Barry VE3ISX for all their hard work in organizing these events.

Of course, to end the year, we hosted another sold out Christmas Gala at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club 3<sup>rd</sup> December with over 44 members attending. Plenty of door prizes for all members and of course the ladies all went home with red/wine. Thanks to John VA3JHD, he had a special Santa Claus to entertain us all. Check the pictures.

Our VHF/UHF repeaters are constantly being upgraded to newer and more reliable equipment. Thanks to Peter VE3XLQ for his time and efforts.

We are looking for FIELD Day at the Winona Rifle Range in June 2024.

I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas!

73 and 88

Murray Thompson, VE3ZPV  
President Hamilton ARC



Murray VE3ZPV



Rick VE3BK



Damien VA3COF



Barry VE3ISX



John VA3JHD



Mike VA3WXS

## 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:



Welcome new member  
Jacques VE3JFS



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

## December Meetings

### Executive Meeting ZOOM:

14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 7:00 PM

There will not be a general meeting for  
December.

## How to use AllStar!



**Click for info**

## Proposed CW course



**John VE3XBF proposes:**

**Here in a brief rundown.**

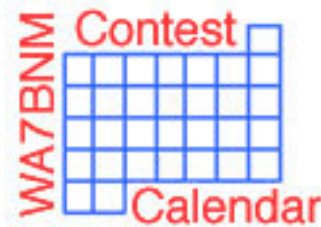
\* John hopes to kick off the first session on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at the our church meeting location.

- \* 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.**

## Contest News



**Click above for all details.**

**Announcing the R.A.C. Winter 2023**

**Attention: Contesters and would be Contesters.**

**Don't forget the RAC Winter Contest. It is a 24 hour contest that starts at 0:00 UTC to 23:59 UTC December 30, 2023. That means that because of the time difference with the 5 hour difference now for the Winter months, this actually means that we start at 7 pm local time on Friday, December 29 and go till 6:59 local time on Saturday, December 30, 2023.**

**This is another one of those fun contests where you get to see what the weather is like in British Columbia and Newfoundland as well as wish your fellow Canadians "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" (or Happy Holidays if you prefer), a great contest. So let me know if you can operate. We will be using Club Call of VE3DC. You are more than welcome to give "Contesting" a try. If you can't operate a your station from home, to give us more points for our log**

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or stay tuned to find out what we are doing as a Club.

We will be using the Club Callsign VE3DC. Also for this contest, all Canadians are worth 10 points, RAC stations 20 points, so lets see if we can finish 2023 off with a bang and make this another good one for VE3DC.

Hope to see you all contesting.

My email is [ve3bk@hamiltonarc.com](mailto:ve3bk@hamiltonarc.com)

**CU all in the contest**

**Rick VE3BK**

P.S. Check out this address for the rules on the RAC

website: [https://www.rac.ca/mivahih/2023/11/CanadaWinterContest2023\\_Rules\\_eng.pdf](https://www.rac.ca/mivahih/2023/11/CanadaWinterContest2023_Rules_eng.pdf)

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## Christmas Gala



**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2023**

**Forty four club members and family attended The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club.**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023**

- Turkey with all the trimmings.
- Special prize draws
- Complimentary beverage

**A thank you to our prize donors:**

**Springer's Meats Hamilton**

**Degen Designs**

**Boston Pizza Centre Mall**

**End Zone sports bar Hamilton**

**Radioworld Toronto**

**Lococos Hamilton**

**Nutech Electronics**

**Ronnie VE3NLS Radio service**

**War Plane Museum**

**EastGate Square merchants**

**Every lady received a special wine present from Santa Claus courtesy of the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club.**



**Click the banner above to view the event.**

**Merry Christmas from the executive of the club.**

**73 and 88**

**Barry VE3ISX**

**Minutes of General Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Attendance 17 (as recorded from attendance sign in sheet and Zoom call)\*\*

Members recorded: VA3COF, VE3BK, VE3XLQ, VE3ISX, VE3ZPV, VE3SXQ, VE3JS, VE3HNG, VA3WWV, CE3XBF, VE3ZFZ, VA3SPN, VA3HFD

Non Members :VA3PDE, VE3MQ, VE3TWG

Zoom attendance: VA3RKL, VE3JGK

**Location:**

General meeting held 7:30pm St Pauls church 42 Tragina Ave N, Hamilton ON  
Meeting started at 1930

**Introduction:**

VE3ZPV Murray started meeting and made introductions.

Special guest speaker: VE3XLQ our repeater chairman, presented the Allstar update and fielded many questions from the members.

All members given VE3NCF nodes # and will be provided instructions via email / website.

**Business:**

Financial update from Rick

- \$7826.94 BI \$1029.20 as at 31st Oct, 2023
- Xmas gala has lots of incoming funds into accounts,
- Tait UHF repeater charges put through.
- Currently \$8470.08
- Duplexer has been paid off (5th and final payment has been made.

**Membership**

Barry VE3ISX reports

- 68 members currently.
- John David VA3JHD has a couple of new prospective members lined up.
- Membership lists to be reviewed to ensure all non members are removed.

A reminder that club members are invited to John's 90 Birthday (past president)

- Details have been emailed and posted.
- John Gary Jan 16th is favorable for CW course. Marty will be teaching thecourse.
- website is going well.
- Christmas Gala tickets 41 have been sold.'

**Club Breakfast:**

December breakfast to be held at Two Cougars Restaurant, Burlington Street, Sat 9th Dec.

**Field Day 2024**

Suggestion from Gary NottVE3TTO that field day be held at Winona rifle range, John David is in communication (22nd and 23rd June).

**Bylaw update:**

John D updated members on the process for review and introduction of new bylaws (as required by provincial legislation).

Passed over to Rick B VA3WWV (lawyer and member).

Rick updated membership and provided a comprehensive presentation.

Any changes have to be voted by executive and then presented for a vote to a members meeting for approval,

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of minutes from October GM (as attached to Nov Newsletter)

Moved by VE3ISX Barry, Seconded John David VA3JHD.

**New Business:**

John VA3JHD provided information that signals regiment will be inviting the club to participate in the upcoming exercise to be held in May 2024.

A reminder to bring a donation of non perishable goods to Gala for charity,

**Next executive meeting**

14 December 2023

Next GM January 25th 2024 (no December meeting due to Christmass and Gala).

Motion to close meeting at 2044 by Barry VE3ISX seconded John David VA3JHD

**Recorded by:**

VA3COF Damien Coffey.  
Secretary HARC

\*\*Reminder for all members to ensure they sign in at each meeting to record their attendance.

**2023 CQ World-Wide DX SSB  
Contest Results by Rick VE3BK**

Three of us ran this contest and had some fun doing it, VE3BK myself, VE3QU Scott Hamilton, a Contest Group & Club Member and VE3RIA a Contest Group & former Club Member.

We don't have a Contest site with big antennas as we once had, so this was more of a modest have fun exercise. We are still looking for someone to join our group that has a modest station we could operate from. Think about it, all Club members are especially welcome, but as I always say "You do not have to be a Club member to have some Ham fun."

CALL: VE3DC MODE: PHONE LOCATION: GH .

CLASS: Multioperator

High Power Multi-Transmitter Assisted

Check one: All bands: X Single Band: .

QSOs QSO points Zones Countries Multipliers  
Score

160m: 0 0 0

80m: 0 0 0

40m: 21 49 8 17

20m: 26 64 8 12

15m: 81 201 16 40

10m: 74 192 12 38

Totals: 202 506 44 107 151

76406

Operators: VE3BK VE3QU VE3RIA

Remarks: Had fun working 40m in the wee hours and 15m in the daytime, Bands were good and Scott had fun on 10m. Thanks to all that worked us 73 Rick VE3BK

This is to certify that in this contest I have operated my transmitter within the limitations of my license and have observed fully the rules and regulations of the contest.

Signature: R. W. Danby Call: VE3BK .  
Contest Hamilton ARC. ON, VE3DC

**40m Summary**

Zones

4 5 7 8 9 14 15 33

**Countries**

6Y CN CT CT3 EA G HI I K

KP4

PJ4 V2 V3 V4 VE VP8 ZF

**20m Summary**

Zones

4 5 8 9 10 14 15 20

**Countries**

EI F HA HC I K KP4 LZ PJ2 S5

YU ZF

**15m Summary**

Zones

1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 33

36

**Countries**

6Y 8P 9A CE CM CT CT3 CU CX DL

EA EA8 F FY G HC HI HK HR I

IS K KL KP2 KP4 LU OA P4 PJ2

PJ4

PY PZ S5 TI V2 V4 VE VP5 ZD7 ZF

**10m Summary**

Zones

2 4 5 7 8 9 11 12 13 14 15 33

**Countries**

6Y 8P 9A CE CM CN CT CT3 CX DL

E7 EA EA8 EA9 F GM HA HI I IS

IT9 K KP4 LU OH ON PJ2 PJ4 PY PZ

S5 SP TI V3 V4 VE VP5 YU



**John Kassay VE3FDK TURNED 90 Years:  
25<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**by Rick Danby VE3BK**

There was a very nice birthday party for John at the Police Association building on Upper Wellington. Many hams and friends from the Force and others were there to wish John Happy Birthday. Click the banner above for pictures from the event.

It was a great get together and I know John really appreciated it. John is presently our oldest member and has been at the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club longer than any of the rest of us, I know he has been there ever since I became a member in 1985. He was quick to let me know who he was, not just another Ham, but one of the fellows that was mentioned around my home when I was small, such as Charlie Cline and George Hayden

These were all fellows my Dad had worked with over the years. John told me he had know me since I was a little fellow as he was one of the Pattern makers at Brown Bogg's who worked with my Dad.

John has done many vocations since then and his last was with the boys in blue, so he was well known at the Police Association. As a Ham, John once said to me that I was a lot like him, being involved in the Ham Radio Club.

I have a picture of him in a newspaper article, of him doing a Special Event at the old City Hall. He did many events and won the Order of Merit as well as Order of the Gavel in 1965, which means he was a past President of the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club.

He also gave me pictures of my Dad and him working together in the old shop, just down the street from where I live. He also gave me a picture of the old Police Station around the corner when I moved here, but it is now a parking lot. The picture he gave me was from the horse and buggy era, old when he got it.

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Most recently before the pandemic, he was the holder of the Canadian Warplane Heritage VA3CWM and Radio Operator in the Radio Room with some that are still with us and a couple of former members who are now Silent Keys.

John was there on Thursdays most of the time and some of us, like Mardy Eedson VE3QEE and Murray Thompson VE2ZPV were there on Tuesdays. I used to stop by his house on the way home, to fix his computer problems and I was most often met by his wife Danni at the door, telling me he was down in his shack/computer room. He had 2 shacks in one, his old radios setup and his modern radio setup, with switches on the wall that he could change over from one setup to the other. I still help him with his computers, but using remote software, now that he resides in St. Catherines.

I asked John at the birthday party if he ever thought he would see this day, he said no of course. John is still walking daily and sharp as a tack. We wish you many more Birthdays John and It has been a pleasure knowing you all these years.

73 and take care of yourself!

**Rick VE3BK**