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Your 2024 Board



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President's Message

This newsletter is a correction to the last one posted on 18th March 2024. Upon checking our official bylaws, the club year end will remain on 31st August 2024.

Subsequently, and as in the past, membership renewals for 2024-2025 will be addressed. Due to increases in our club membership numbers, our participation in RAC and the yearly insurance and affiliation charges the club recently paid \$705.23 for 2024. To provide the events and benefits to club members, we will increase yearly membership fees for RAC members to \$40.00(from \$35.00) and an additional \$13.00 for non RAC. These rates are in line with most local clubs.

March started out with a new Board of Directors and a ratified approved Club Bylaw. John Garry VE3XBF appointed Education Director. John spearheaded the successful CW Course. John VE3XBF and Peter VE3XLQ will explore a HARC ham radio course starting in September. The club has some exciting events planned for 2024...check the newsletter for more details as we move forward.

We are looking forward to an entertaining meeting at our IN PERSON General Meeting 28th March 2024 with Senior Air Canada 787pilot VE3RMJ talking about HF radio in the cockpit. He will present this via our ZOOM connection.

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Murray Thompson, VE3ZPV
Chairman Hamilton ARC

Denny's Club breakfast 16th March 2024



A great turnout with 12 members



John VE3XBF



Mardy VE3QEE



Tom VE3TWG



Barry VE3ISX



Peter VE3XLQ

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:



Current membership at 62



**Click for full details. Attend
the Annual General Meeting either in
person or ZOOM.**

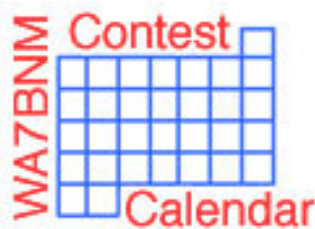
How to use AllStar!



New Repeater system



Contest News



HF Contesting is not for everyone. It takes skill and experience to be able to work the world on HF. These days, it is much easier for the average ham, to go to digital modes or any mode that takes them on the Internet to make contact with someone at a distance place. Contesting on HF makes you aware of Solar activity, f-layers around the Earth and the challenge of working a DX station with your HF Transceiver rather than using your Cell phone or other device that makes use of the Internet to talk to someone at a distance location.

That is one of the reasons I like HF Contesting. Some Hams think that HF Contesting is just a bunch of

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ham guys taking up all the bandwidth on their favorite frequencies. That is not the way I see it, I think it is a bunch of Hams keeping the frequencies on HF busy so that the Government does not assign the frequencies we have the privilege of using, to Business or Government agencies that may pay for them.

This is also true for the UHF, VHF and higher frequencies, that are used by contesters in digital, simplex, SSB and other modes. "Use them or lose them" as the saying goes.

This is why I recommend certain Contests or QSO Parties that I have found to be fun activities. I usually suggest HF SSB ones, but there are many digital, CW, RTTY, VHF, UHF and higher contest you can get into, depending on what you find to be fun. All of these can be found on contestcalendar.com or on our website at hamiltonarc.com under Links, 3 rd one down.

That bring us to the best contest I recommend for this month, the CQWW WPX. You can find all the information and rules for this one at: <https://www.cqwpvx.com/>

Rules at: <https://www.cqwpvx.com/rules.htm>

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The WPX Contest is based on an award offered by CQ Magazine for working all prefixes. Held on the last weekend of March (SSB) and May (CW), the contest draws thousands of entries from around the world.

2024 CQ World-Wide WPX Contest SSB: March 30-31,

2024 CW: May 25-26, 2024 Starts: 0000 UTC Saturday Ends: 2359 UTC Sunday

OBJECTIVE: For amateurs worldwide to contact as many amateurs and prefixes as possible during the contest period.

Another Contest that is worth looking into early, is the Ontario QSO Party, 3 rd weekend in April. Our Club has been involved in that contest since it's inception. We have won many plaques and certificates over the years. Some of them can be seen on our website at: <http://www.va3cco.com/oqp/>

The 27th Annual Ontario QSO Party 2024 To be held on the third full weekend of April 1800Z April 20 to 0500Z April 21, 2024 and 1200Z to 1800Z April 21, 2024

So turn on your Radios and have some fun working DX prefixes in the CQWW WPX and work

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your local hams and all of CANADA in the Ontario QSO Party, where we (the Hams of ON) are the ones in demand.

73 Rick VE3BK



Steelton Tailgate treasures
18th May 2024
St. Joseph R.C. Church
135 Livingston Ave. Grimsby, On 

The club has secured the parking lot for our annual Steelton Tailgate treasures event. Click the banner above for pricing, details and times.

Club Events

March General Meeting:

Date: 28th March 2024

Time: 7:30PM sharp

Location:

St. Pauls, United Church

42 Tragina Ave. North, Hamilton

GUEST SPEAKER:

Captain Rob VE3RMJ Air Canada



Rob flies transcontinental routes for Air Canada and is an active controller on the ONTARS net. Picture above is Rob in his “Office” on the way home from London, England.

Grimsby Tailgate:

Date: 18th May 2024

Time: 9:00 AM General Public

7:30 AM vendors

Location:

St. Joseph’s Catholic Church

135 Livingston Ave., Grimsby

HARC Field Day Winona:

Date: 22nd – 23rd June 2024

Time: 8:30 AM General Public

Location: Winona Rifle Range

Canadian Forces Training Centre

655 Winston Road, Grimsby.

More information will be supplied as the time arrives.

Annual Club BBQ

Date: 25th August 2024

Time: 1 pm

Details:

The club provides tasty hotdogs and hamburgs..free to members.. You are asked to bring a salad, or desert plus your own beverage. Regular gate admission to the Conservation Authority applies.

From John VA3JHD
Trillium Venture

Will take place May 3 - 5 th 2024. The Sig. Reg. has invited all R.A.C. and Ham Operators in Southern Ontario to participate on site and shelf contains at 8 -10 locations : IE (Blyth, Clinton, Port Elgin, Goderidge, Wingham, Wiarton, Midway, and Lions Head.) Comms will start at 5pm May 3rd. and end 5pm May 5th. Please contact: John David va3jhd@gmail.com if you can support this Military Com. Exercise with your Name and Call Sign with dates available.

Updates will be posted as soon as Available.

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Va3jhd 1st Vice Chair. H.A.R.C.



Events Calendar

2024 Hamfests/Fleamarkets

Updated club summary



**Click the above for the
ONTARS Events
Calendar hamfest
summary.**

Welcome New Member:

18th March 2024
SWL Mike Nekitic

Speaking of membership..

**Renew your membership for 2024
-2025 1st September 2024...\$40.00
(RAC) or \$53.00 (Non RAC)**

**Thank you for the
privilege of your time!**
Barry VE3ISX