

The Hamilton Amateur

The Hamilton Amateur Radio Club's Newsletter

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IT'S XMAS PARTY TIME

Club meetings are held the third Wednesday each month except July and August. **The December 1997 and January 1998 meetings will be held at the Spectator Auditorium, 44 Frid Street (free parking).** Complimentary refreshments.

Date	Speaker	Topic
Dec. 10		Xmas Party
Jan 21	tba	tba
Feb. 18	tba	tba
Mar 18	Gary Notto VE3TTO	GPS
Apr. 5	tba	tba
May 20		Homebrew night
June 17		Elections

The club's executive committee meets the first Wednesday each month, except July and August, at Mohawk College, room E031A. All members are invited to attend and to participate.

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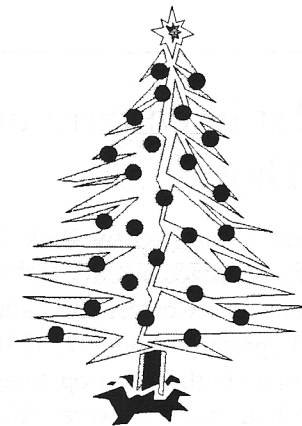
Annual Xmas Party Scheduled

HO, HO, HO, HO, our annual Xmas Party is about to begin. Get ready for a delicious Pot Luck supper.

December 10, 1997, 6:30 P.M.

The Spectator auditorium, 44 Frid Street.

Bring a big pot of your favourite food, main courses, salads, desserts, appetizers. Wives, husbands, friends are all welcome, as long as they bring food (the more food you bring, the more welcome you are). The club will provide refreshments. For coordinating the food requirements call Linda Hardwick, 389-4091.



Seasons Greetings

To all our members, their families and friends, we wish you all a very happy holiday season. May we all be blessed with good cheer and happiness that lasts all year long. As Dicken's Tiny Tim said, "God bless us everyone."



Pumpkinfest 1997

Ghoulies and ghosties and things that go bump in the daytime. Hamilton's annual Pumpkinfest celebration at Pier 4 Park, Saturday, October 25, saw thousands of kids and their parent's dressed in Hallowe'en costumes. The costumes were barely enough to ward off the chilly east wind coming in from the bay. But, that didn't deter the little ones or the intrepid Hams who were available for communications.

Ignoring the cold, unafraid of the little people in their scary costumes, with dripping noses, Francis, SWL, Fred, VE3GCP, Gary, VE3TTO, Jim, VE3TEJ, John, VE3JSU, Linda, VE3LJU and Neil, VE3VNG did their rounds of the park.

With music, magicians and animal shows to amuse them the kids had a great time. And so did the Hams. The City's Recreation Department, sponsors of the event insisted that next year Jim should bring his own pumpkin pie. Over a thousand pumpkins were sold, the proceeds to aid Hamilton's food share projects.

Gary, VE3TTO, has led Hams at this event for several years. He looks forward to it every year. The next affair Gary will help with is the annual Winterfest coming soon.

HARC 1st in Ontario on Canada Day

Our contest group, led by Rick Danby VE3OCY, gained fourth place overall, and first in Ontario, in the 1997 Canada Day Contest. Operating from the rural contest site, 13 operators made 972 QSOs gaining a total of 690,924 points in the multi-op category. Holding the fort for the 24-hour duration were: Mike VE3AHQ, Dan VE3FBO, Emsley VE3JAI, Jeff VE3NVY, Renzo VE3NYX, Don VE3OCY, Steve VE3OZO, Rick VE3OZY, Ted VE3SS, Dave VE3STT, Norm VE3VFR, Vic VE3VMO and Mary VE3YOC.

HARC Number One

That's right folks. Our contest group hit first place in the 1997 Ontario QSO Party. Bob Chandler, VE3SRE, of the ODXA organized the event. Dan VE3FBO, Emsley VE3JAI, Don VE3OCY, Steve VE3OZO, Rick VE3OZY, Ted VE3SS and Vic VE3VMO operating on several HF bands, 6m, 2m and 70cm handled 407 QSOs for a total of 38,665 points.

This was the first time this contest has been held. How can we top it? To join the fun, check with Rick, VE3OZY, before the next contest.

CQ World Wide DX CW Contest

For 48 hours our contest group sent CW. The top world score was 6,740,000. Our group's score was an outstanding 108,000. This was the first time our contest group used a computer to send CW. The computer interface was made by Ted VE3SS. Rick VE3OZY is looking forward to the next contest to improve our results.

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Swap Net

Free money! Do you believe it? Would you believe you can turn trash into treasures?

Tune in VE3NCF 146.760MHZ (-600Hz) every Tuesday at 8:00. Check in at 7:30

New Newsletter Format

You may have noticed a change in the format of our Newsletter. And there's more changes to come. If you like what we've done, let us know (we like to hear good things). Also, if you have constructive criticisms, let us know. All reasonable suggestions will be considered. Written comments will be given the highest priority. Send them to any member of the executive committee.

Membership Dues are Due

1997-1998 membership fees are now past due. The club relies on your dues for a major portion of our financing. Without your timely support we may get into deep financial difficulties. Glen Gibson, VE3FHQ has been phoning everyone who is in arrears. Make his job easier. Pay up now.

General Meeting of Hamilton Amateur Radio Club

Wednesday, November 19, 1997

-The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m.

-Gary VE3TTO informed the group that the fox hunt was about to begin. The fox was hidden somewhere within a 5-mile radius of Nash Auditorium.

-At 9:00 p.m. Gary called for all fox hunters to return to Nash Auditorium. The fox had been found by most of the group by that time. The first person to locate the fox was Phil VE3OII. He was awarded a Kenwood T-shirt which had been donated by the examiners, Bernie VE3EKY and Lorraine VA3NZ, and a fox trophy donated by Bob VE3OCQ. There was some question who was in second place but the fox crest for second place (donated by Gary VE3TTO) went to the team of Brad VA3EBP and Dennis VE3ETO. Also, around the second place finish was the team of Ray VA3YAR and Bernie VE3EKY. The third place fox crest was presented to Mardy VE3QEE and his team of Jim VE3OWL and Peter SWL. This event was enjoyed by everyone who participated and Gary's efforts to arrange the fox hunt for us is greatly appreciated.

*****Coffee Break 9:20 p.m.*****

1. Dave VE3DWJ called business meeting to order at 9:35 p.m.

-Peter Hasek SWL showed the video of the Fessenden plot at St. John's Anglican Church cemetery, Ancaster which he took after last month's meeting about Reginald Fessenden.

2. Linda VA3LJU asked that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as printed in the bulletin. Lorraine

made one correction to the minutes: Elizabeth VE3YL is not the 80-year-old woman who could send 50 words/min. That person's name is not known to us. Linda VA3LJU moved that the corrected minutes be accepted. Second Lorraine VA3NZ Carried

Correspondence to the club was highlighted by Linda VA3LJU. The Burlington Club sends an invitation to interested members to attend a banquet in honour of Noel Eaton VE3CJ. The banquet will be held February 21, 1998 and the cost is \$25.00.

The VE3CNE Committee sends a note of thanks to members who managed the VE3CNE station during the summer.

3. Treasurer Bob VA3MFM was not present, but Mardy VE3QEE notes that, at the executive meeting, Bob informed the executive that the expenses of the club must be reduced to avoid a projected shortfall in the bank balance. The bank balance at the end of October was \$3,520.89. Motion Dave VE3DWJ Second Rick VE3OZY. Carried.

4. Membership Report was given by Mardy VE3QEE who reports that we now have 77 paid members. Thanks go to Glen Gibson VE3FHQ for all the phone calls he has made for the club. Motion Mardy VE3QEE. Second Jim VE3OWL. Carried.

5. Education Report was given by Bernie VE3EKY. He has four people in the basic class who will be writing the exam in December. Motion Bernie VE3EKY. Second Mardy VE3QEE. Carried.

6. Emergency Co-Ordinator's report was given by Paul VE3PFT. Paul has applied to Jack Bennes for the position of E.C. for the Region of Hamilton which is now vacant with the resignation of Pat Brennan VE3EIK. Motion Lorraine VA3NZ. Second Bernie VE3EKY. Carried.

7. Station Manager's Report given by Paul VE3PFT. The club does not have a station operating at this time. The club radio equipment is being stored at Paul's house until the club finds a suitable place for its radio station. Motion Mardy VE3QEE. Second Peter SWL. Carried.

Old Business: Bernie VE3EKY announced Field Day results. Our area in 4A Ontario was 39th out of approximately 100 stations.

New Business: Contesting Chair, Rick VE3OZY, announced a World Wide CQ Contest November 28 to 30. Contact Rick for more information. Awards Chair, Lorraine VA3NZ, reports that there were no nominations submitted for the Art Ferguson Award. She has not received any applications for the Student Bursary.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:30 P.M. Mardy VE3QEE. Second Lorraine VA3NZ. Carried.

Linda VA3LJU
Secretary, HARC

President's Message

This month's meeting has been changed to the second Wednesday, December 10, 1997. Christmas time is coming quickly. This year we are having the meeting at the Spectator Building, 44 Frid Street. There is ample parking. Pot luck supper served at 6:30 P.M. sharp.

There will be no business meeting just a social do. So come on out and socialize.

The 1997-98 executive is working hard to get more members involved in the club activities. As the season goes along you will be called to help contribute to the success of the club. Many small jobs need to be looked after, such as: greeting members and guests, volunteering to pick up members who have trouble arranging transportation to club activities; writing short letters about amateur radio to put into our news letter. I know you can think of other ideas. Talk or write to the executive or even better come to the executive meetings.

The executive of The Hamilton Amateur Radio Club extends to members and families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you all get that something extra to be added to your radio hobby. See you all next year,

73's

VE3DWJ, David

Swap Shop

FOR SALE

VE3OQG: Fiore (905) 578-1789

Yaesu DM 902 HF Transciever 10-160, CW filter, AC & DC Adapter.

KW Electronics KW107 Supermatch 1000W tuner.

Icom ICO2AT 2m hand held wide receive, leather case, manual, AC and DC Adapter.

Complete package deal \$1900

VE3LJY: Vic (905) 765-4510 (Caledonia)

30 ft Delhi tower \$125

VE3KFI: Oli (905) 689-4140 (Carlisle)

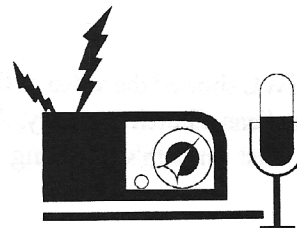
XT Computer 640k RAM, 4Meg hard drive,

5.25" floppy drive, 12" mono monitor \$150

MFJ 1270 TNC, manual \$100

Postal Strike

Due to the current industrial dispute involving Canada Post workers, this issue of The Hamilton Amateur has not been mailed. All members have been telephoned to pick up their copy at Limeridge Mall. For those who are unable to pick up their copy personally, volunteers have been requested to deliver their copy to them. Hopefully, this arrangement will be satisfactory. Consideration is being given to posting the Newsletter on the club's Internet home page. Other methods for distributing the Newsletter are also being considered.



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The club operates VE3NCF, a repeater station, 146.760MHz (-600Hz) and 444.075MHz (+5.000MHz). The station is located atop the Niagara escarpment. It is open for use by all Hams. Special features are a privilege of membership. VE3NCF is part of the VE3RPT link system.

The club's swap net is held every Tuesday evening, except July and August, at 8:00 P.M.. Check in at 7:30 P.M..

Amateur radio license examinations are conducted the second Wednesday each month except July and August. Contact the examiners to make an appointment. Each test costs \$3.00.

The club operates a multi-operator Field Day exercise the last **full** weekend in June.

The HARC Fleamarket is held at a local site in the early Fall. Contact the Fleamarket Chairperson for information regarding table rentals.

Club membership, including all privileges, is \$25.00 per person, per year, September 1 to August 31. Additional memberships, for immediate family members living in the same home, are \$1.00 per person. One newsletter is sent to each address.

The Hamilton Amateur is published ten times each year. It is not published in July or August.

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Article submission deadline is the day of the general meeting for the next month's issue. The preferred format is on computer disk in ASCII code (.txt files). Articles will be checked for spelling and grammar. The author of the article is responsible for factual content.

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