



The Hamilton Amateur

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Upcoming Events

Have a look at what is coming up this month.

HARC Hamfest and Flea Market 2010, Sat. Oct. 16th.

The flea market will be here in a few days. We hope to see as many able bodied helpers as possible at 6:00 A.M. for setting up 100 tables and chairs. Working in pairs the job does not take long. After setup, tables have to be numbered according to the plan and have name tags placed so vendors can find their table(s). Then we'll be ready to go.

This is a list of jobs. If you are not covering one or two jobs already just ask on the day and we can find a way for you to assist.

- door security,
- selling tickets at the entrance,
- admitting vendors
- tending the parking lot,
- table setup at 6:00 A.M.
- room cleanup after the flea market
- 2 meter talk-in
- master of ceremonies
- prize program
- vendor assist
- treasurer
- 80 meter demonstration station

October Meeting, Wednesday October 20th, 7:30 P.M.

The new executive is off and running. Already the Christmas party has been planned, the room booked the tickets printed and the web page created to provide details if you need

to get information. The executive has many innovative ideas to explore and they will be discussing these with the membership at the October meeting. Among the plans are investigating a more central meeting location and making changes to the format of meetings. Bring your ideas. These directors are open to suggestion and they have demonstrated a will to make things happen. Hope to see you all at the pivotal October meeting.

CQ World Wide DX Sideband Contest Halloween Weekend October 30th and 31st.

See the Contest Corner or the web page for details. In the meantime keep this date open if you would like to join the group and exercise your HF equipment by getting on the air.

Simulated Emergency Preparedness Exercise.

See the minutes of the September meeting to learn details of this event scheduled for early November.

HARC Minutes for September 15 2010

recorded by Mardy Eedson, VE3QEE

ELECTIONS. The election for HARC Board of Directors was postponed at the General Meeting in June and rescheduled for the September meeting. Notice of rescheduling was reported in the Minutes that appeared in the September issue of

Club meetings – 3rd Wednesday each month – 7:30 pm (except July and August) at Hamilton District Christian High School, 92 Glanaster Road, Ancaster, L9G 3K9, corner of Rymal Road (Hwy. #53) and Glanaster Road. Parking on location. Complimentary refreshments.

The Hamilton Amateur. Joe Urbanski, VE3OCD presided over the election which ended in the acclamation of 6 directors, the seventh being the Past President Mike Krebs. During the break the directors met and decided on the following slate of officers for the 2010-2011 term.

David Bruton, VE3DWJ, President
 Tom VanWort, VA3TVW, 1st Vice-President
 Mike Christmas, VE3XMS, 2nd Vice-President
 Jim Sawadski, VE3EEZ, Secretary
 Mark Proctor, VE3RYI, Treasurer
 Mardy Eedson, VE3QEE, Director
 Mike Krebs, VA3WXS, Past President

HAMFEST. Mardy VE3QEE outlined preparations for the Flea Market taking place on Saturday October 16th in the Concession Building at the Ancaster Fair Grounds. As the day approaches, all members of the club are asked to pitch in and help with a job. Thanks was given to Barry Lisoweski who arranged to have our flea market announced by all ONTARS net controllers daily on 3.755 MHz, and Rick Danby who had us listed on the Ontario Swap Shop. Also Dan Martinak who announced our event on the Simcoe net. Thanks to volunteers, among them David Bruton, who have committed to attending the parking lot. Among those manning the front general

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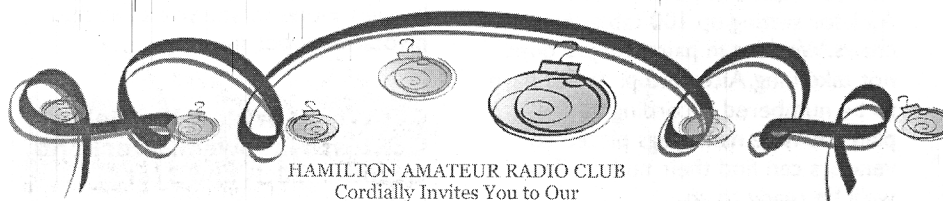
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admissions table are Ron Ouwehand and Mike Christmas, and the back vendor admissions table, Don Roop, Frank Love, and Andrew Hobson, Security on all of the doors is an job requiring a pair of eyes and a willingness to ask patrons to show proof of admission. Thanks to Mark Proctor who puts up roadway signs early on the morning of the flea market and collects them again at the end, and also to David Bruton who puts up the large round logos at the Fair Grounds. Mike Krebs has consented to man the VE3NCF talk-in again this year. We will have



HAMILTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
 Cordially Invites You to Our

NEW HOLIDAY DINNER & DANCE

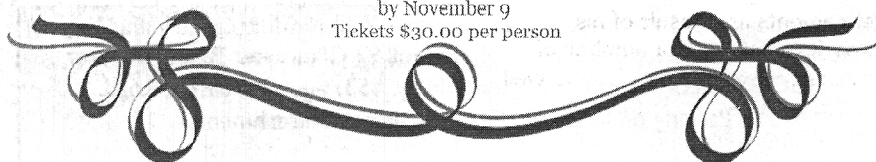
NOVEMBER 20 2010

6 p.m. Social Hour
 7 p.m. Dinner
 8:30 Dancing with Disc Jockey until 1 a.m.

R.H.L.I. Veterans Association, Unit 57 Canadian Corps
 1353 Barton Street East
 HAMILTON ONTARIO
 L8H-2W2

Wheelchair Accessible & Free parking is available

Please contact Tom or Mark at H.A.R.C.
 Email: exec@hamiltonarc.ca
 by November 9
 Tickets \$30.00 per person



an 80 meter station operating the ONTARS Net under the auspices of Barry Lisoweski while the flea market is on. Fred Robinson has once again has been working with Vendors to establish a prize program and Sherry Goeller and Adam Mitchell are assisting with prize ticket sales. Rick Danby, Renzo Conz, Jack Gauthier and Mark Proctor are assisting volunteers who show up at 6:00 A.M. to set up 100 tables for the event and take them down again at noon following the flea market. Walter Bayliss has consented to be flea market treasurer for this year. If you haven't a job already we can put you to work on the day. There are spots open to assist vendors finding their tables and providing security at the doors for a shift. From time to time other jobs pop up and it will be good to have people there to assist.

NEW EXECUTIVE. President David Bruton VE3DWJ thanked the outgoing executive and formally welcomed the new executive (listed previously).

OLD BUSINESS. Bob Zimerman VE3RKZ, informed members that the Ministry of Government Services requires that a "Notice of Change - Form #1 of the Corporations Information Act" be filed indicating the new officers of the club.. Documents relating to this matter were received by Mardy Eedson for completion and mailing.

NEW BUSINESS. Mary Urbanski, VE3OGQ, showed members a pamphlet from the Barrie ARC which outlined their club activities and which contained a membership application form. Our members felt a pamphlet like this would be a good idea for our club to produce for distribution at appropriate events like our flea market. Vital information such as our mailing address and web address could be included in the pamphlet. Sherry volunteered to produce and duplicate a similar document for the use by the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club.

Emergency Preparedness Exercise. Lorraine MacPherson, VA3NZ informed members that the City of

Hamilton is conducting a simulated emergency exercise in November. The amateur radio community is officially recognized in the City emergency plan and a lively response will build confidence in our ability to provide assistance if called upon. Friday, Nov 5 at 9:15am is the actual exercise start. VE3RFI will be the primary repeater 443.250/850 tone 151.4. Jerry VE3JSO and Lorraine VA3NZ will be setting up and getting instructions about the scenario. The exercise will end at 12:00 noon.

Contest Program. Rick VE3BK announced the next contest for members is on October 30th and 31st, Halloween. It is the CQ World Wide DX Phone contest. Rick read the citations in QST and TCA where the contest group and where individual club members have been recorded. Rick presented individual and club awards for last year's contest to the participants.

Repeater Report. John VE3DVB showed the 440 radio picked up at Dayton this year. The radio is now mounted on a metal platform designed to fit the 19" rack at the repeater site thanks to the skills of Brian Bowie VA3BMB who designed and built the platform. It will be installed shortly.

Amateur Frequency Allowance. Lorraine VA3NZ raised the issue of the reported allowance granted to a commercial cycling group to use several 2 meter frequencies in the amateur band. Fred responded that this was an example of a bureaucratic blunder in which Industry Canada was in non-compliance with its own regulations. He anticipates this blunder will be corrected.

Field Day Report. Dan VA3DJ thanked everyone who participated in Field Day. It went off better than he expected and everyone had a great time. Dan said he looks forward to coordinating the event again next year and may implement some refinements as a result of his experience. We had a number of visitors to the site and also did well on the point count. Fred, as outgoing treasurer, commended Dan on his

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thorough accounting of Field Day expenses.

Health and Welfare chair, Mary VE3OGQ reported the passing of George Olenic VE3VLG and VA3GO on June 19th, and the passing of William Leslie VE3OIZ on July 2nd. Sympathy cards have been sent to the families on behalf of the club.

Following the business meeting, adjournment was called at 9:17 P.M.

Jamboree On The Air, JOTA

JOTA where scouting groups are invited to contact other scouting groups on HF is an event that takes place on the day of our flea market and also the day following.

Tom VA3TVW wanted everyone to know that on Sunday October 17th between 1pm and 4pm at the Opsteen Family Chicken Farm at 972 4th Concession W, RR #2 Tom and Tracy Van Wort VA3TVW and VA3CDU will be sponsoring a group from the 4th Dundas Girl Guides during the Scouts' Jamboree On The Air. The guides will be trying to contact any Scouting groups across the world who are participating in the JOTA event. You are invited to listen on the bands, and give the girls a contact if you hear them. We did this event last year and the girls thought it was great. If you can give us a call I am sure the gals would be very excited to talk to you.

Upcoming Special Event Stations

For those of you who like to collect special event certificates and QSL cards here are a couple of events announced in the RAC e-bulletin recently.

Special Event Station CG3MUG.
"Thunder Bay MCTS Centre
(Canadian Coast Guard Radio

Station) proudly celebrates 100 years of radio service. Built by the Canadian Marconi Company, in the fall of 1910, the new "wireless" station, MUG Port Arthur, was the first and only Canadian Great Lakes Marconi station ever built. In 1912, following the success of MUG, the Canadian government built a chain of marine radio stations from Port Arthur down to Kingston, Ontario. In 1913, the Marconi station was rebuilt, and assigned its current government callsign of "VBA". The "V" denotes a Canadian station, "B" is for the Great Lakes, and the "A" was given for its historic position as the first. During the month of November 2010, the Centre's Hams will be operating special event station CG3MUG, to celebrate our 100th birthday. The regular Amateur Radio callsign is VE3VBA. There will be several options for Amateur Radio Stations and SWL'ers to obtain a special 100th anniversary CG3MUG QSL card (a certificate may also be designed). As we get closer to the event, and make the final preparations, we will update the CG3MUG listing on the QRZ.com website. VHF and HF operation via CW, PSK, RTTY, SSB, FM, VoIP (CQ100) and perhaps other digital data modes, on the Amateur Radio bands. The email address for this special event station is:
<mailto:cg3mug@yahoo.ca>
cg3mug@yahoo.ca.

For more information, please visit:
<<http://my.tbaytel.net/va3rom>>

The Westcumb ARC here in Amherst NS has been granted the callsign VCIJ for the special event station of 65th Anniversary of the United Nations and UNESCO. We will be working the special event station from the Joggins Fossil Cliffs which became a UNESCO site last year. We will be on the air Sunday October 24th on different modes. A special event QSL card will be available.

For Maritime news see the web page at: <www.maritimeamateur.ca>

Important Points

Executive Meetings

HARC Executive committee meets each month, except July and August. Members are invited to attend. The meetings are on the Wednesday following the club General Meeting each month. Ask an executive member for the location.

VE3NCF 146.760 - & 444.075 + using tone 131.8

HARC operates VE3NCF repeater, located atop the Niagara Escarpment. It's open for use by all Amateurs. Special features are a privilege of membership.

Nets

HARC "check-in net" is held every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. HARC "swap net" follows at 8 p.m. All contacts are welcome.

Examinations

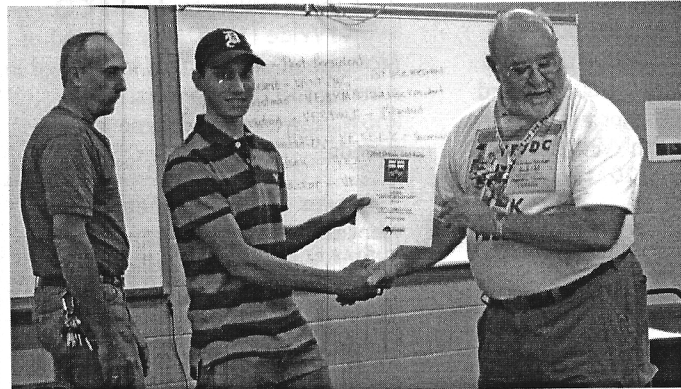
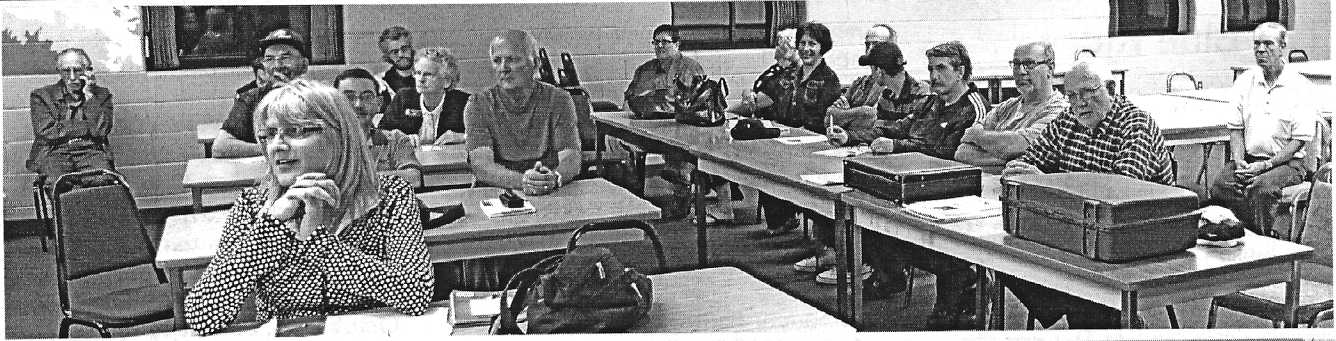
Amateur radio license examinations are conducted the second Wednesday of each month, except July and August. Contact the voluntary examiners to make an appointment. There will be a fee for each examination.

Membership Information

Club membership, including all privileges, is \$25 per person, per year, Sept 1 to Aug 31. Additional membership, for immediate family living in the same home, is \$1 per person. One newsletter sent to each address.

The Hamilton Amateur

The Hamilton Amateur is published ten times each year (not in July or August). Deadline for article submission is the last Saturday of the month for the next month's issue. Preferred format is .txt file. Articles will be checked for spelling and grammar, but the author is responsible for factual content. E-mail submissions to Editor, Mardy Eedson, VE3QEE, <ve3qee@hamiltonarc.ca>



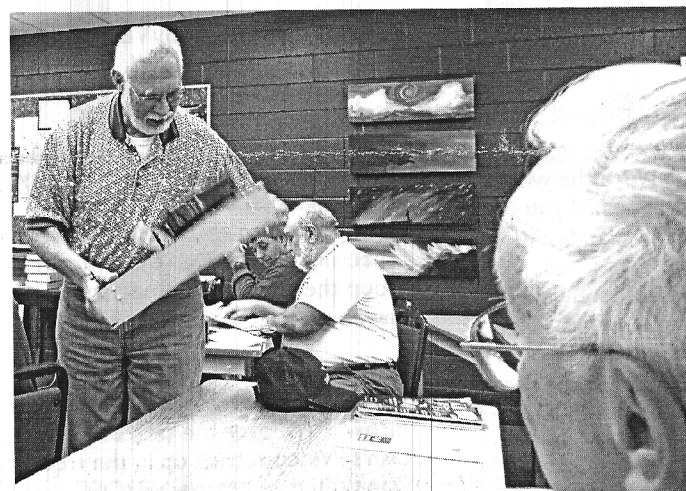
Jesse VA3JEZ accepting a contest award from Rick VE3BK

September Meeting

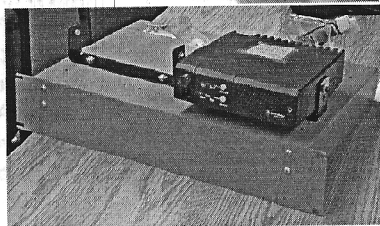
Photos and commentary by Mardy, VE3QEE

We had a really well attended first meeting in September with a few new faces and some long standing members we haven't seen for a while. Because some of our members head south in the winter we don't get to see them all that often so it was really nice to catch up on news during the refreshment break.

Congratulations to Jesse Sawadski (left) on earning his Basic license. Jesse's call is VA3JEZ.



John VE3DVV repeater chairman showing members the new 440 repeater radio mounted on a metal shelf fabricated by Brian VA3BMB



The Blue Ridge Bonanza

On September 18th and 19th a group of hams in Virginia and North Carolina set up 12 stations along the Blue Ridge Parkway from Mile Post 0 through Mile Post 408 calling on 20 meters and 40 meters and all of them using a single call sign. This was the second year of operation for the Blue Ridge group. If you succeeded in contacting 7 of the 12 stations you could apply for a commemorative QSL card and if you contacted all 12 stations you could get a "clean sweep" endorsement on the card. What a blast! Let me tell you it was no easy chore getting some of those stations. All of them are operating "portable" like our Field Day stations. Some of the stations have only the slightest of antennas and are using low power. One station that I contacted consisted of a mobile with a screwdriver antenna.

I chased those stations over a 2 day period and was up to number 11 when I heard a Virginia operator talking to a ham from Hamilton Ontario. Who was that I wondered? Soon the call came back VE3FDK. I put out a quick "contact" and the operator came back with an acknowledgement and an invitation to talk to the other party. I said hi to John Kassay. He was also at number 11 and looking for a station I had already talked to. I learned later that we both finished the day with a "clean sweep".

Operating the Blue Ridge Bonanza from home was a lot of fun and the adventure was even more enjoyable when I learned another local ham buddy was doing the same thing. Congratulations on the clean sweep John!

New QSL Card Design Competition

from the HARC Executive

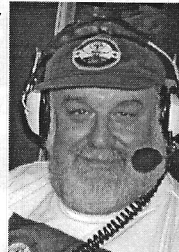
This announcement was sent in by Tom VanWort acting on behalf of the

new Executive. It seems we are nearing the end of the Anniversary Edition VE3DC QSL cards and it will soon be time to reorder. So, the executive felt it would be a good time to conduct a design competition and accept entries from the membership for an updated QSL card design.

Attention: Photographers and Artists: HARC will produce a new QSL card to be used for VE3DC. Keep in mind we are looking for pics or symbols representing Hamilton. Members are invited to participate in the QSL card design contest. It can be done on computer, or just in pencil on a piece of paper. The winning entry will be picked by a committee and the chosen card will be printed for distribution. Designs will be accepted from individuals or groups. Join in the fun and put your ideas forward. So put your thoughts together and help us produce a card of which we can all be proud. Contest closes on the Wednesday following the January 2011 meeting.

Contest Corner

Chairman Rick Danby
VE3BK Announcing:
the 2010 CQWW
DX Contest



Our Next Contest is the CQ World Wide DX contest the end of October. This is the one we work as many Zones as we can to work the world. This contest is a lot of fun, if you like working exotic places, Islands and unheard of countries and areas. During this contest, someone always asks where that weird prefix is located. Many stations will be on the air for this one, which makes it such an enjoyable contest. Even if band conditions are not the best, we usually hear plenty of stations. It is almost as if the number of stations on the air, make their own propagation. This is opposite of "Band is open, but no-body is home." Most contest stations run amplifiers for this contest so a lot of stations can be heard on the bands, but you

don't need an amplifier to get on and have some fun from home yourself.

The 2010 CQ World Wide DX contest runs from 0000 GMT Saturday October 30 to 2400 GMT Sunday October 31, 2010....Halloween this year. In local time, this translates from Friday October 29, 2010 at 8pm to Sunday October 31, 2010 at 8pm, a 48 hour contest. Let me know if you can participate. My email is ve3bk@hamiltonarc.ca. We usually run this one as a Multi-Two, meaning 2 transmitters on the go at once, but we can also go Multi-multi if the bands are good and enough of us want to run a station. Fun is the name of the game. Some of you are interested in CW. This year we have Andrew VE3RIA helping out with the CW and is willing to do the CQ World Wide DX CW at the end of November. If anyone is interested in running the CW contest, let me know.....we will see some fast speeds.

The rules can be found at this website: <http://www.cqww.com/CQWW-Rules-2010.pdf>

Contest Group Barbeque 2010

a report by Rick Danby VE3BK

Contest Group Barbecue 2010 is another success for the VE3DC Group. This year our barbecue was held on the Sunday after Labour day (as it usually is) at the Martinak Farm. Thanks to the Martinak family, especially Joe and Dan for having the group there. We welcomed some newcomers to the Barbecue.

Before we even got the barbecue started, Rick VE3BK used his spud to throw a line over the tree to put Dan's Windom back up in the trees. Dan VA3DJ and Mardy VE3QEE helped. We removed the old broken bungee cord that had broken and put up the new rope that Dan had bought. A tree branch is now giving it some give instead of the bungee cord. Scott VE3QU (ex Pres.



Contest Club Barbeque at the Martinak Farm, September, 2010

Brantford ARC) came over to watch us when the guys from Brantford arrived. With him was Andrew VE3RIA and AIVE3MVX. They were the first ones there after my wife, daughter and I.

New to the barbeque, but not the Contest Group was Mardy VE3QEE and Mike Christmas VE3XMS. Also new to the barbeque was John VE3DVV's wife Joanne. New to our barbeque too were the guys from Brantford: Andrew had helped us out with CW at the Lighthouse event and he had brought Scott and Al with him. There was lots of food for all because everyone had bought a potluck dish for all to enjoy. Joe's (Dan's Dad) barbeque did a great job cooking up everyone's food. Mardy's veggie shiskabobs were especially good and so was the steak that my wife Pat had brought for me. She outdid herself again with making sure the food was set out properly and everyone got some of the potluck plates.

Mardy took pictures before the Brantford guys had

left and then I was able to take some later. Rocky (my daughter's dog) had a great time in the grass and I even had a chance to take him for a small walk around the property. Later on Maxine (Martinak's dog) came out and enjoyed some of Rocky's treats as well as some of my daughter's

Dan VA3DJ and Dave VE3DWJ.



great deserts. I know that Jim VE3EEZ enjoyed the deserts as well as everyone else. I think that everyone had some. Nobody could say they went home hungry. There was plenty of food and deserts for all.

Jim had his wife Dawna there as well as Renzo VE3NYX also had his wife Daniella with him. Our new Club President David VE3DWJ was also present.

It rained in the morning but had fantastic weather in the afternoon. After having all that cool weather, then rain, we were happy to have

such nice weather that day. A great day after all for the Barbecue.

Thanks to everyone who came and helped with setup. Thanks to Joe for the use of his facilities and barbeque. Another great barbeque by the Contest Group. If you didn't make it this year, you missed a good time, hopefully you can come next year. We can always use more testers hi hi.



Pat, Renzo, Dan, Scott (VE3QU) Joe Martinak and Dawna



Dawna, Renzo, and Jim. Who's the ham?

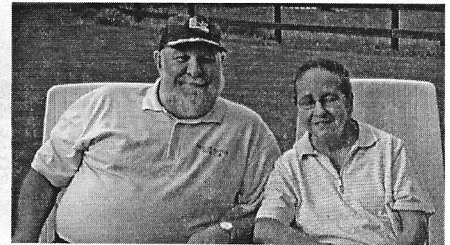
Mardy, VE3QEE (hat) talking to Joe Martinak, Dan's dad, our host.



Joanne (left) and John Vandenberg (right) with Jim and Dawna Sawadski (center) and Renzo's wife Daniella (looking away).



Rick and Pat Danby



Supporting Radio Club Hamfests is a two-way street. For those who made the trip up to the Barrie Hamfest (pictured below) it was nice weather for a drive. The Hamfest was held at the same place as last year with lots of space for vendors and tailgaters alike. The Barrie club has an active homebrew group and also a group that is into packet radio. While there, I bumped into Joe VE3OCD and Mary VE3OGQ who were on their way to visit friends in the area. We also distributed flyers for the HARC hamfest in the hopes that we can lure some of the Barrie crowd to attend our flea market this month.

