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### President's Remarks



Hello to all Members



It's time again for Elections. Maybe you have someone you'd like to be part of the executive. Then you need to come to June's meeting to elect them or maybe you, yourself, would like to part of the executive.

This year's Field Day is just weeks away, and by now your preparations should be well under way. Whether your focus for the event is an Emergency Preparedness Display, a Public Service Demonstration or just an excuse to get on the air, the main thing is to have fun.

This is also a great time to recruit new Hams, or encourage "just licensed" Hams to join you to get their "feet wet" with pile ups--experiencing for the first time the thrill of having the world at their fingertips.

Don't forget the general meeting for the month of June 20/2012

Our weekly two-meter net on Sunday evenings at 7:30 P.M. on VE3NCF (vhf) 146.760 (-) tone 131.8.VE3NCF (uhf) 444.075 (-) tone 131.8 Join us and check-in and say hello to Tracy VA3CDU

**Executive Meetings**

HARC Executive committee meets each month, except July and August, on a Tuesday or Wednesday preceding the club General Meeting. See the web page for details.

**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.

**HARC Nets**

A HARC "check-in net" is held every Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. on the VE3NCF repeater, (see above). There is also an informal get-together every Monday night from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. on 3.693 MHz in the 75 meter band. All contacts to both nets are welcome.

**Examinations**

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

**Membership Information**

Club membership, including all privileges, is \$30 per person, per year, Sept 1 to Aug 31. Additional membership, for immediate family living in the same home, is \$5 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, for the following month's issue, is the last Saturday of the current month. Preferred format is .txt file. Articles will be checked for spelling and grammar, but the author is responsible for factual content. E-mail your submissions to Editor, Mike Christmas, VE3XMS, <[ve3xms@hamiltonarc.ca](mailto:ve3xms@hamiltonarc.ca)>

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## I. Call to order

Tom VanWort VA3TVW called to order the regular meeting of the HARC at 19:38 on May 16, 2012 at The Hamilton Mountain Seventh - day Adventist Church, 284 Concession St., Hamilton, ON.

## II. Sign In

Attendance was conducted by the circulation of the members sign in sheet.

23 members were present & 3 visitors, (Richard VE3YAG, Hamilton, Richard VE3MFN, Fenwick, Scherrie KD2AXN, Hamilton) and our guest Speaker Tony VE3RZ

## CORRECTION to April meeting minutes.

Sherry VE3DCU was notified by Paul Hazen VE3NYC in regards to Rolland Norton VE3MWG and VE3RN – Paul noted that Roland was not listed on the Hamilton arc web site as a silent key. (error was on Rolland's call sign) and the sight has been updated.

## III. Speakers

Tony Osman VE3RZ was in attendance this evening and gave all in attendance an excellent presentation on Near Field Communications. His topic covered many aspects from the access cards, debt and credit cards, identification devices, tags, and asset tagging. A very interesting topic that was entertaining and interesting from a very experienced and knowledgeable Ham.

## IV. Contesting

Rick VE3BK announced the clubs participation in the emergency preparedness day held the previous Saturday, thanking Tom VA3TVW, Dave VE3DV, Dan VA3DJ, Kevin VE3HNG and Mark VE3RYI for their involvement by providing them with an acknowledgement certificate. Rick drew attention to the TCA magazine, pg 23 where VE3DC is listed as an affiliated member of RAC also an article on pg 25 where our members (Tom VA3TVW, Tracy VA3CDU and Mar VE3RYI) are hamming it up with the GIRL Guides on the Air, article by Sherry VE3DCU. Up-coming contests-- Canada Day June 30 / July 1st, and of course our Field Day June 23, 24 2012. Also of note

was Picnic in the park held in July and The war of 1812 bicentennial July 13,14,15.

## New Business

Fox Hunts –Keep an eye out for scheduled events on the Hamilton arc web page. The next Hidden Transmitter hunt will be held June 10 2012 @ 1pm meeting at Gage Park and again July 29 2012 meeting at Kay Drage Park. Check the web site for more information. You do not have to be a licensed ham to participate. Bring your spouse, grandchild, child or other and have some fun. Some equipment is available upon notice.

Distracted Drivers – Ontario Regulation 366/09 of The Highway Traffic Act Rick VE3BK made the members aware of a proposal brought forth by the Ministry of Transportation to Extend the period of exemption by 5 years. Up until now Hams are exempt until Jan 2013. More to come on this topic in future issues.

Club Website updates – Anita VA3ANI is near completion on the new web site in which John VE3DVV and Jack VE3WBT, will assist her with updates. A sneak peak was provided and the response from all was encouraging.

Elections – June is elections night for the 2012-13 season. Please consider running in the next election.

Homebrew – May 16 was Homebrew night. Two contestants (Mardy VE3QEE and John VE3DVV) brought a few items in to be judged. A difficult task when considering more than one project each. Casey VE3CVP did not have the time to calculate the scores this evening and was forwarded the winner to Tom VA3TVW for reporting.

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Minutes submitted by:  
Secretary Jim Sawadski  
VE3EEZ



# General Meeting Minutes (Cont)

Contact Dan for more information about the Field Day event to be held at "The Devils Punchbowl" June 23-24.

**Picnic in the park**-VE3DC was asked via Tom VA3TVW if we would once again be in attendance at the "Picnic in The Park" gathering to display Amateur Radio. That event takes place July 7th. See Tom for details.

**Next meeting**

June 20, 2012 The Hamilton Mountain Seventh - day Adventist Church, 284 Concession St., Hamilton, ON.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 21:43  
Moved by Mardy VE3QEE)  
Motion seconded by Casey VE3CVP  
Thanks to all in attendance

*Minutes submitted by: Jim Sawadski VE3EEZ*

# Treasure Report

## HARC Monthly Report

Opening Balance  
\$1,539.38

Bank Charges	4.95				
Bell Canada	27.36				
Field Day	600.00				
Internet Webpage	260.00				
Memberships			380.00		
Newsletter	30.78				
Supplies Stamps	35.69				
Sub	TOTAL	\$ 958.78	-	\$380.00	= \$ (578.78)

Account Balance \$ 951.60

G I C \$ 3,000.00

Total in Account \$ 3,951.60

## Treasurer Report

By David Bruton  
VE3DWJ



### Picnic In The Park

The city of Hamilton has asked again that we be involved with Picnic In The Park. The Date is July 7/2012--11 am to 3:30 pm. We should be there 1hr before to set up Location is Bay Front Park.

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### International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend

This year's event - 18-19 August 2012 -  
Duration 48 hours from 0001 UTC 18.8.2012

## HAMVENTION 2012

The numbers are in and this years Dayton Hamvention was once again a mind blowing event with some 25,000 hams attending to see new product launches from most of the major amateur radio suppliers.

When Hara Arena opened its doors at 9 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Friday, May 18th thousands of hams swarmed in. All were eager to see the latest and greatest gear that manufacturers and vendors had to offer. And they were not disappointed.

For a visual highlight tour of Hamvention 2012 we suggest that you visit [www.twit.tv/hn](http://www.twit.tv/hn) and watch Episode 49 of Bob Heil's show Ham Nation called the Dayton Experience. Also there are two new Hamvention 2012 music videos on YouTube produced by kit building expert Joe Eisenberg, K0NEB. One is called Hamvention 2012 "Band On The Run" and the other is titled Hamvention 2012 "Gimme Dat Ding." just put the word joehusker into the YouTube search line. We think you will enjoy them both.

## TOO MANY CB SETS CAUSES HOUSE FIRE

Tampa Bay Online reports that having too many CB radios connected to one power source likely sparked a fire. One that caused tens of thousands of dollars of damage at a St. Petersburg, Florida home.

Fire investigators think the blaze was started by too many citizens band radios connected to an overloaded extension cord. Damage is estimated at \$35,000 to \$50,000.

The owner of the home told the newspaper that he and his family were watching television when the fire started. They evacuated and no one was injured. The Red Cross helped the family find temporary lodging.

## K6VVA IOTA NORTHERN LATITUDE OPERATION POSTPONED

Rick Hilding, K6VVA, has announced that his Northern Latitudes Islands on the Air DXpedition has been rescheduled for July of 2013. This in the hope of gaining better propagation during that time period.

As explained in his announcement, the far Northern Latitude has additional propagation factor complications. So in evaluating the total picture, a pause was deemed necessary to maximize possibilities for all Islands on the Air chasers to make contacts. You can follow planning progress on-line at [www.k6vva.com/iota/na172](http://www.k6vva.com/iota/na172)

### Flea Market Update

The HARC Flea Market is fast approaching and there are just two club meetings before it happens. We are still looking for about 6 more people to help out. I would like to get the people that helped last year first. If we get enough help, it will ensure that all will get their breaks so they can shop for their needs. I am not sure how it was in the past, but I would expect when you sign up, you will be helping for the whole event as this makes it better for all. There may be a small incentive for the first 20 people on the list. This is one of top flea markets in Ontario and we should keep it that way as it is the bread and butter for the club. If any one has a suggestion or idea for the show, let's hear it--maybe we can give it a try. We could still use a few more door prizes if you can find them. Also, the club table will be taking your items that you want to sell (maximum of two (2) per person) You set the price, high and low. There will be a small fee of ten percent maximum of Ten dollars and if it is not sold please take it home with you. I will have the sign up sheets at the June meeting. Send me an e-mail if you want to sign up (name, call, phone, if you worked last year & where).

Thanks John Boswell va3boz / va3xm  
My e-mail is [va3xm@rac.ca](mailto:va3xm@rac.ca)

## ONTARIO QSL BUREAU SAD NEWS

It is with much sadness that I report that Ken Park VE3KPP passed away (SK). Ken was our 2 Letter call volunteer. He was a dedicated volunteer who just loved to sort the QSL cards and attend as many HAM swaps as he could to ensure the HAMs received there cards.

Ken will be greatly missed.

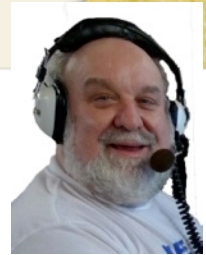
Announcement--International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (ILLW) will be on August 18th and 19th, 2012 this year and we will be at the same place on the Beach Strip, running VE3DC on whatever bands we put up antennas for.

This year is the 154th Anniversary of the Burlington Lighthouse. We have been operating near it on the Beach Strip for the last 6 years.

Again, it is on August 18 and 19th 2012 so we will be looking for participants again this year. Let Mike Krebs VA3WXS know if you can come and maybe bring some equipment or an antenna. We like to give everyone a chance to experiment with new antennas. Mike's number is [905-523-9005](tel:905-523-9005). I know that there is a lot of interest in this event. If you can't get Mike on the phone and you are interested in giving us a hand, you can email me at [ve3bk@hamiltonarc.ca](mailto:ve3bk@hamiltonarc.ca) Mike will probably be phoning you for confirmation.

Check out the information on these websites. August is the month of Lighthouse events. If you go to the ARLHS website, you will see there is also a contest on the 2nd weekend but we are not involved with this--just the ILLW event when many Lighthouses are on as Special Event stations, the same as VE3DC.

You can check out the ILLW : <http://illw.net/>



Rick Danby VE3BK

## International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend

AN ANNUAL AMATEUR RADIO WEEKEND EVENT.  
 CONDUCTED UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE AYR AMATEUR RADIO GROUP, (AARG), SCOTLAND.  
 HELD ON THE THIRD FULL WEEKEND IN AUGUST.

**This year's event - 18-19 August 2012 -  
 Duration 48 hours from 0001 UTC  
 18.8.2012**



## 40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANADIAN WARPLANE HERITAGE (using VA3CWM)

This is in regards to the 40th Anniversary of the CWHM. We will be running a Special Event Station from the one of our members stations, on June 9th and June 10th. We are not doing it for those 2 days at the actual station of VA3CWM because they close at 5pm and being a weekend, we would like to make as many contacts as we can, especially with those Hams that work during the week and can only work us on weekends.

Other dates are June 12 and 14th when members are usually at the Warplane Heritage anyway. Let me know when you are available. We have 4 dates to pick from. Contact me at [ve3bk@hamiltonarc.ca](mailto:ve3bk@hamiltonarc.ca) or [va3cwm@gmail.com](mailto:va3cwm@gmail.com) or call me on the phone. My number is in the bulletin. Anyone who is not a member of the Warplane will be able to come into the station, (the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club still runs VA3CWM) as long as they are volunteering to do the special event.

We will be calling Special Event Station VA3CWM for the 40th Anniversary of the CWHM. We will be asking for S.A.S.E.(or likely just 2 Greenstamps) for a Special Certificate and possibly a QSL card as well. Or instead of the certificate, a qsl card we have designed, if they do not supply postage for us to send them a certificate. We will also be promoting the Airshow on June 16th and 17th (which is Father's day). We do not want our Special Event Station to interfere with the Airshow as the theme for the Airshow is a "Salute to the Allied Veterans". The Museum will be closed during the airshow.

So let me know if you want to help out and at the very least, look for us on the air to get a great Certificate.

<http://www.eqsl.cc/Member.cfm?VE3BK>

<http://www.hamiltonarc.ca>

## CANADA DAY 2012 (our next contest for VE3DC)

The Canada Day Contest will be here before you know it--a whole week after Field Day this year. Field Day is on the Saturday and Sunday of June 23-24 this year with Canada Day starting at 00:00 UTC or 8pm locally on the Saturday June 30th, 2012, a whole week after Field Day and running until 23:59 UTC or 8pm locally on Sunday July 1st, 2012. This year it is on the weekend so everyone will likely have the Monday off for the holiday.....no reason not to come out, run a station, or have fun operating one we have set up.

We will be looking for stations to be run at the contest site. Call me if you can help out (my number is in the bulletin) or run a station or email me at [ve3bk@hamiltonarc.ca](mailto:ve3bk@hamiltonarc.ca). Rules and information can be found in the TCA magazine May/June 2012 issue page 49 or on the RAC website:

<http://www.rac.ca/en/rac/programmes/contests/files/2012%20RAC%20Canda%20Day%20Contest%20Rules%20-%20English%20and%20French.pdf>

Hope to see you there or at least on the air wishing your fellow hams in Canada a "Happy Canada Day". We can always use a contact too.

73 Rick VE3BK