



The Hamilton Amateur

The Hamilton Amateur Radio Club Newsletter - 81 Years of Amateur Radio
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H.A.R.C. Essentials

The Hamilton Amateur Radio Club operates the **VE3NCF** repeater, **146.760-** and **444.075+MHz, tone 131.8. VE3NCF** is now part of the Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP). Special features are a privilege of membership in H.A.R.C..

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Tuesday 2m H.A.R.C. Check-in Net

Join in the H.A.R.C. Check-In net Tuesdays at 19:30 on 2m, 146.760 (-), 131.8Hz tone. Bring a topic to the net, maybe your latest DX contact details, that special deal you picked up at the flea market and let the Net controller: Allan Gammon VA3ALZ talk it up!

Monday 75m Net

We have the 75m net on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. local time, on 3.693 MHz This is an informal chat net where SSB & C.W. are welcome.

Club Meetings

The H.A.R.C. meets the third Wednesday of every month (except July and August) at 7:30 pm. Our meeting location is at 284 Concession St., Hamilton, Ontario.

With coffee and treats we serve smiling faces and great guest speakers.

H.A.R.C. web site is located at: <http://www.hamiltonarc.ca>

H.A.R.C Executive:

Roger Pimm, VE3UFZ - President

Mike Krebs, VA3WXS - Past President

John Boswell, VA3BOZ - 1st Vice President

Mardy Eedson, VE3QEE - 2nd Vice President

Jim Sawadski, VE3EEZ- Secretary

Dave Bruton, VE3DWJ - Treasurer

Paul Fleck, VE3HTF - Director

The executive team can be contacted @ exec@hamiltonarc.ca



FROM THE PRESIDENTS SHACK

Greetings to all on frequency; all those tuned in (and all ships at sea).

So, today I am struggling with what message to send out to you all this month. I suppose I should mention again our annual Christmas party on Sunday December 8. Cocktails at the cash bar from 5pm to 6pm with a delicious turkey dinner at 6pm. We are again going to have this year's party at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. I am confident that all who attend will have a great meal and will enjoy the fellowship. Please reserve your tickets by emailing me at rogerpimm70@gmail.com or rpimm@cogeco.ca. Payment won't be required till either our November General Meeting or at the door. However, we do need a count for the caterer, so don't hesitate to mail me.

Again this year, under the auspices of Paul (VE3HTF), we will be collecting food contributions for distribution to our local food banks. Last year we gave almost no lead time for members to get their contributions together, but we were almost overwhelmed with donations. Indeed another feather in the club cap.

Speaking of feathers in the cap, overheard at our October General Meeting was the comment "I see a real change in the club, like it's coming to life." I hope this means that we are steering the club in the right direction – by the compass and not the wake. There are a number of changes in the wind and your executive hope they will breathe new life into HARC.

Our November General Meeting (November 13) will feature an amateur who has worked the HAM bands in flight. Fergus Kyle VE3LVO will share his flying and HAM operating experiences with us. I am really looking forward to that presentation.

Last but certainly not least, Rick Danby VE3BK has been very industrious in the past few weeks and has arranged for some really neat club regalia to be available at great prices. He has available club magnetic name/call sign badges, 'T' shirts, and mouse pads. Give Rick a call. I think we should all wear the call sign badges so we can better identify each other, not only at meetings, but in the field.

I know I announced last month that I would be going into hospital for some repair work, but my time slot was deferred (after being prepped and doped). I have been rescheduled for October 24 so I should be in good enough shape to attend both our Executive meeting and General Meeting.

I hope to see all of you in November.

Roger VE3UFZ



Vice Presidents Message

Time is going by fast maybe it is my age but it was hard to believe how fast the flea market came and when talking about the Flea Market (Hamfest) I think it was very successful.

We had a good turn out of dealers. The number of guests topped at 330 people.

Our Toonie draw was a favorite of everyone and the gourmet cooking available at the Snack Shack was a big hit! The Toonie draw was won by Mary Urbanski. Mary was all smiles after winning the Kenwood, 2 meter 65 watt mobile supported by the folks at Radioworld. Congratulations Mary...remember to play nice and let Joe have some fun with the new rig. (-:

Other door prizes awarded were the Deluxe G5RV supported by the team at Maple Leaf Communications, and an Alinco, 2 meter handheld supported by the Durham Radio team.

The H.A.R.C. club table(s) had a great collection of Heath gear for sale along with repeater gear. Dave VE3DV, Rick VE3BK and John VE3DVV made a fine showing at the club table.

I would like to recognize those members who helped make this year a success and a special thanks to Mardy , Tracy , Sherry and Paul as these people held key positions and were top notch.

I would also like to thank Barry VE3ISX for running the ONTARS net from our flea market. Barry knows how to run a NET!!! Thanks, Barry!

Special thanks to C.W.H.M. for the CD video's, C.W.H.M. hat and museum passes for door prizes that they donated.

Oh I almost forgot two people the two young ladies, Serena and Stephanie that helped Paul (VE3HTF) in the snack bar. What a lucky guy! He says they did all the work, while Paul ran after Mike Krebs getting him coffee! Pictures from the H.A.R.C. Hamfest and the October general meeting are also on the club web site.

And now it is time to move on to the next event that I am looking forward to, *The CLUB Christmas Dinner*. I really enjoyed it last year and it is only one meeting away and with tickets limited be sure to get them from Roger Pimm A.S.A.P.. Start the holiday season on the right foot by enjoying a wonderful festive Christmas Dinner with friends and spouses at the H.A.R.C. Christmas Dinner, hope to see you there.

That's my little bit for now.

73's
John Boswell

VA3BOZ / VA3XM

"I had some words with my wife, and she had some paragraphs with me."

Sigmund Freud



The Hamilton Amateur Radio Club

Annual Christmas Party

December 8th 2013

Royal Hamilton Yacht Club

555 Bay Street North

Located at the foot of McNab Street

Doors open @ 5pm

Dinner @ 6pm

\$30.00 per person

Contact rpimm@cogeco.ca to reserve your tickets



FOOD BANK



Don't forget your donation
to the local food bank



Secretary's Report

HARC (Hamilton Amateur Radio Club) General Meeting Minutes

10/16/2013

- I. Call to order
Roger Pimm VE3UFZ called to order the regular meeting of the HARC at 19:30 on October 16, 2013 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.
24 members /guests were present. Visiting Denis Cahill VA3ONO our guest speaker, Ron Pereira VE3RTJ, and Gus Mitropoulus VA3GKM. Welcome!
- III. Speakers
John Boswell VA3BOZ introduced our guest speaker, Denis Cahill VA3ONO. A photographer from the St. Catharines Standard. Denis began the night by sorting the members based on their license and call sign, in order to award the "last one standing" with a Photo Book Collection to Mark Gibson VE3MWH. Denis spoke of his career at the Standard and the history of photography as he was exposed to it, through various media and equipment of the hobby. Many sample photos of subjects and articles, collected over his career, were passed around for members to view. Stunning photos brought many of the membership back to the periods and times of their capture. Thank you Denis for sharing your hobby / job and talents.
- IV. Health and Welfare
Roger VE3U FZ reported the passing of Doug Last VE3NBL in his 88th year. Doug was an engineer and radio operator on the Lancaster bomber during the 2nd WW. He was a past member of the Hamilton ARC, member of the Hamilton Canadian Warplane Museum, and office manager of the radio room at the CWM. Doug was an operator for the VE3DC contest group when he was in his 80th year. An active ham that will be missed by many.
If there is anyone who can pick up this important chair on Health and Welfare acknowledgements in the club fraternity, to replace the wonderful job that Mary had done over the past couple decades, please see or contact Roger ve3ufz@hamiltonarc.ca



I. Repeater
Status quo.

II. Membership

Sherry VE3DCU reported 45 Primary members had renewed their memberships for the 2013-2014 season. Thank you to all those members for getting your dues in early. The R.A.C. Insurance program will need the final numbers soon in order to calculate the insurance fees due, so that we can continue to enjoy the benefits of the hobby in public places requiring insurance coverage. The "Early Bird" draw took place and John Hudak VE3CXB was the winner of a free membership. The executive had considered and approved the fee for a family membership of \$6.00. Get your application forms in. You can find them at <http://www.hamiltonarc.ca/ourclub/membership/>

III. Contesting

Rick has been busy with a vendor taking orders of "T" Shirts, Club Badges, Coasters, and Mouse Pads. Anyone wishing to order some of this merchandise supporting club events, contact Rick ve3bk@hamiltonarc.ca. Rick VE3BK brought in certificates of club contests that VE3DC had participated in. The 2013 CQWW 160 Meter DX contest, Operators present: Rick VE3BK, Sherry VE3CDU, and Jim VE3EEZ. Paul Fleck accepted a copy for the Awards certificate binder. Roger accepted a certificate for the Lighthouse event that took place in August. Rick announced 2 more contests on the horizon. The CQWW contest beginning Oct 25 @ 8pm a 48 hr. contest working zones worldwide. The RAC winter contest beginning Dec 28 @ 7pm Dec 28, a 24 hr. contest where VE3DC has been given the privilege of using the VA3RAC call-sign. Anyone wishing to assist in any contest please contact Rick as above and check the Club Web site "Events Calendar" for the schedule of contests VE3DC is participating in.

VIII. Hamilton ARC Flea market

A review of the Flea Market was given by John VE3BOZ. A positive mark for the club as in past years. An estimated 360 visitors at the door this year, slightly up from last year. John asked for feedback from members who were present to comment on what we could improve on for next year. Suggestions were as follows:

- Better advertisement on web sites, news articles, hand-outs at flea markets and nets. - Sandwiches at the food booth, possibly Tuna and Egg Salad.
- Pre-sell tickets at the door before entry...perhaps more sellers.
- Planning meetings to be held earlier in the year.

Barry VE3ISX thanked the club on behalf of ONTARS, for allowing ONTARS to operate from the flea market. He thanked members for the set-up of the antenna, mast and radio use.

IX. Awards

Paul Fleck VE3HTF awarded Rick VE3BK with the 1st ever "Worked all Hamilton Award" Rick had handed in his certified log with the required 25 direct "City Contacts" as per the rules found on the website at <http://www.hamiltonarc.ca/activities/harc-awards/worked-all-hamilton-award-rules/> congratulations Rick!

X. Treasurers Report

Dave VE3DWJ reported a flea Market take-in of \$4,008. A balance sheet will be forthcoming.



New Business

1) Newsletter

Paul VE3HTF is looking for Old Hamilton Amateur News articles. It appears that the Hamilton Public Library has misplaced all articles prior to 1971. The intention is to copy and replace them. If you can help replenish the collection contact Paul ve3htf@hamiltonarc.ca. Any copies on loan for copy will be returned to the owner on request. Contact Paul for a list of articles missing after 1971 also, as there are some missing issues from 1971 to current year as well.

2) Events

The "2013-14 Christmas Party" will be held Sunday December 8th 5pm-6pm social hr. 6pm dinner. A turkey dinner is the meal plan. Bring your donation to the local food bank to the party. Roger VE3HTF has been working diligently with Murray VE3ZPV to make this year's party another success. Wine will be served on the tables @ \$10.00 corkage per table, cost is included with your ticket purchase. Two cases of wine will be purchased with excess being raffled off. Tickets for the Party are \$30.00. Please contact Roger to reserve your tickets at ve3ufz@hamiltonarc.ca

3) Education

Roger announced a possible venue is being sought by the Hamilton ARC club to host Basic Amateur Education Classes at the Hamilton Wentworth Board of Education. The site being "Westdale High School". If you could assist in donating some of your time to Educate / Elmer a prospective HAM please contact exec@hamiltonarc.ca. The course material is one that has been used in the past. The intention of your directors is to solicit as many educators as possible to share the responsibility and have fun doing it through prepared materials aimed at passing the new Hams. Anyone....yes you, could do this.

4) Constitution Changes

It was talked about last season to make some needed constitution changes. Paul VE3HTF took a few minutes to review a mailing that was sent out to all members on record to inform them of the intention to remove all references to male gender in our constitution. Along with those gender neutral changes were a couple of spelling errors on the original transcription. The executive have also requested a change to the constitution for a change in the director's term, from one year to two years. This change is to allow the directors time settle into their duties as well as learn from each other as they work throughout the year. Membership elects the directors but the directors agree on their function in the group once elected. A motion was put forward to accept the requested changes as described by Paul VE3HTF and was seconded by Sherry VE3DCU, carried by all. Thank you Paul for your efforts.

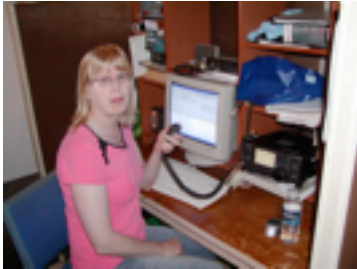
Next meeting November 20, 2013

The Hamilton Mountain Seventh - Day Adventist Church, 284 Concession St., Hamilton, Ontario

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 21:24 Moved by Mardy VE3QEE
Motion seconded by AI VA3SAG Thanks to all in attendance

Minutes submitted by: Jim Sawadski VE3EEZ



Membership Chair Report

Greetings from your Membership Chairperson!

At the October general meeting we had a draw for the free H.A.R.C. membership. Members that renewed their membership before the end of the September meeting had their name in the draw for the winning ticket. Our winner was John Hudack, VE3CXB. So congratulations John on winning the draw for the club membership.

As a note, the membership rate for new members is prorated to one tenth the annual dues per month remaining in the fiscal year. So if a new member joins in March, the membership for the remaining year is 3/10th's of the annual rate. This is because the remaining months of the club year is April, May and June.

Also from the October meeting, we have a final price for the family membership rate. Essentially it is 6\$. The regular rate of 5\$ plus 1\$. So if there are any primary members that wish to add a family member, the rate is not much different than the past rate of 5\$.

Thanks to all the members for being a member of the club.

73's

Sherry

VE3DCU

An excerpt from the March 1978 H.A.R.C. newsletter. The Membership Chairperson report.

The Club has received to date 130 new and renewal memberships, leaving 93 from the 1977 roster to be heard from. Please check your bulletin cover for a red sticker. This red sticker indicates our records show your dues for 1978 have not been received. Bring any errors to my attention. I am pleased to see how well the membership renewals are progressing. I hope to report all memberships renewed by the April General Membership Meeting.

H.A.R.C. welcomes the following new members:

Orville Reid, VE3JTM

Gary Titley, VE3DBL

Allan Solomon, VE3JUN

Carl Okimi, S.W.L.

73' s CUL

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The H.A.R.C. has STYLE!!!!

You can now join the elite of elite! The H.A.R.C. has really cool **Club-ware** for sale. Imagine the crowds at the next Hamfest, admiring you strutting around in club regalia!

We have "T" shirts, and badges to dress you up...

For that shack of yours, dress that up with a fancy mouse pad, and club coasters.

You'll be the talk of the neighbourhood, the shining example of a **'Ham in Action'**

Our very own VE3BK, Rick is the man behind this initiative and can take your orders at the general meetings or via his e-mail: ve3bk@hamiltonarc.ca
Rick will be charging shipping and tax on top of these products, but the shipping charge is only to have it shipped to Rick and made available at a Club meeting. Other shipping arrangements can be made with Rick, but the shipping costs would be higher as the order would not be in a bulk order.

So, open that dusty wallet, start pleading with the better half, you have a mission to dress **"Club Style"!!**

There are two prices, one if you only buy 1 or 2 items but if you buy aT-shirt with 2 or more items, you end up with 3 or 4\$ off. One off the T-shirt, one off the Badge, one off the Coaster and \$1 off the Mousepad.

T-shirts \$18.00

XXL add \$1.50

XXXL add \$3

Add \$3 shipping & tax, if you are ordering more than 2 items the T-shirt is \$17.

Badge is \$7 plus 1 shipping if that is all you order plus tax or about \$9 by itself. If you order the package then the badge is \$6 plus tax, shipping is on the T-shirt. Coasters are \$3 each and \$2 each if you order the package. Mouse pads are \$5 alone plus but \$4 of you order a package.

So an example of a package XL \$17+3= 20 badge 20+6=26 2 coasters 26+4=30 mousepad 30+4=34+tax 4.42= \$39 rounded up (the club gets the extra few cents)

T-Shirt are in white only. Of course you will have your name and call sign on them, not mine hi hi.

CLUB T SHIRT, BADGE, COASTERS & MOUSEPAD



FOR THE CONTEST GROUP, T SHIRT & MOUSEPAD, COASTER ARE AVAILABLE TOO.



Old Farts...

I never really liked the terminology "Old Farts" but this makes me feel better about it.

I got this from an "Old Fart" friend of mine!

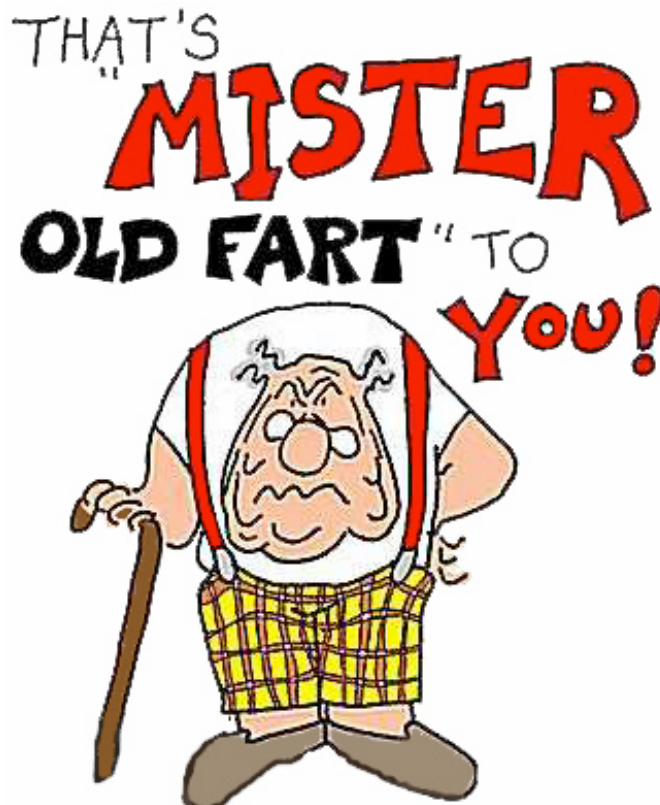
I'm passing this on as I did not want to be the only old fart receiving it. Actually, it's not a bad thing to be called, as you will see.

- "Old Farts" are easy to spot at sporting events; during the playing of the National Anthem. "Old Farts" remove their caps and stand at attention and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them.
- "Old Farts" remember World War II, Pearl Harbour, Normandy and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, The Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing. They remember the 50 plus Peacekeeping Missions from 1945 to 2013.
- If you bump into an "Old Fart" on the sidewalk he will apologize. If you pass an "Old Fart" on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. "Old Farts" trust strangers and are courtly to women.
- "Old Farts" hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.
- "Old Farts" get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth or dirty language on TV or in movies.
- "Old Farts" have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag unless it's about their children or grandchildren.

This country needs "Old Farts" with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country and decent values.

We need them now more than ever.

Thank God for Old Farts!





Awards Chair Report

I have my “fan” dipole finally in the air after an entire morning spent trying to snag two limbs on the tallest trees I have in my backyard. You would think I had some nincompoop out there with me, as I was yelling at someone to “Get that freaking line over the right branch!!!” Sadly to say, I was the only one there at the time, LOL... I am sure the neighbours were ready to call my wife and ask if my medications had run out!

Needless to say, I really hope to be able to reach Mardy and Rick and Mark on the 80 meter net on Monday nights. Why don't you join us? We babble about “stuff” Rick (VE3BK) tries to give a 59 to everyone and Mark (VE3MWH) holds everything together as the only station that can hear everyone!!

From the “Awards” table we have the “**Art Ferguson Trophy**” with nominations due in November.

The Art Ferguson Certificate of Recognition is awarded by the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club in recognition of meritorious service to the public through amateur radio communication.

You still have time to send in your nominations. The nomination form is available on the H.A.R.C. web site.

The “Worked all Hamilton” certificate of achievement was awarded to Rick Danby (VE3BK) at the October general meeting. This is the clubs newest award. Checkout the criteria you need to obtain for this award, on the club website. Remember, you require 25 contacts with amateur radio operators in Hamilton.

I have a “NEW” award category. Would you like to know what it is? It is the “**SPOUSE’S AWARD**” and as you may have already guessed, this award is for “*The spouse of an amateur radio operator who has contributed to amateur radio by making any contribution of merit to amateur radio.*”

At this juncture I must state, that just because the better half let you come to the general meeting or Field Day, does not qualify for the award. Your spouse called and said, “**I was HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY to get him out of the house!**”

A merit for this award could be your spouses demonstration of skills in assisting or running a “Field Day” kitchen, or the “Hamfest confectionary” or organizing a community event like a club food drive. Your spouse may be a licensed XYL who has chaired a yearly club function or organized a community event and secured club members to participate in giving back to the community. Wether your spouse is a ham or not is not a criteria for nomination for this prestigious award.

Each nominee will be vetted by the executive upon receipt of a nomination letter. Further details to follow with this award category being formalized and posted on the HARC web site Awards section in the near future.

The clubs Christmas dinner is coming upon us quickly, so if you have a knackering for some good food and fun times, support your club and bring your spouse to the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club Christmas Bash.

73's

Paul - VE3HTF

A man inserted an 'ad' in the classifieds: 'Wife wanted'.

***Next day he received a hundred letters.
They all said the same thing: 'You can have mine.'***
Anonymous

The Canadian Band Plan

I for one have not been on the air for many years until I had the opportunity to re-establish my station last September on our return to Canada. Well, I bought my radio (ICOM 7600), ran some coax to my radiating wire outside and then sat there wondering, ok, I know I have several bands to choose from, but were to start? So I visited our R.A.C. site to check on how the bands for Canadian operators has been laid out.

This link will take you to the R.A.C. crib sheet. <https://www.rac.ca/en/rac/services/bandplans/hf/cribsheet.php>

There are of course many, many modes with which to operate in these bands. The "Digital" mode is one that opens up many opportunities for experimentation. H.A.R.C. now has a "Digital Award" for that express reason! If you have not taken the opportunity to take "Digital" for a test drive, you should. You may find this mode challenging and rewarding, and you could be the next recipient of the "Digital Operator Award."

Give us your feedback, or a talk at one of the clubs general meetings on your experience with "Digital".

The WSPR net is an amazing tool in propagation observation, look at what several milliwatts can do and we realize that bigger may not be better, contrary to popular belief!

Have you been to the WSPR site? Take a look and be amazed: <http://wsprnet.org/drupal/>

So as we make our way across the bands in search of another DX contact, or the local net, remember we have a vast spectrum with which to experiment, learn and teach others about communications using so much more than a microphone.

With the winter season making its way to our front door, I for one am looking forward to experimenting with my new SDR 1 watt transceiver. This kit is from SoftRock and is an amazing kit for \$89.

If you would like more information about this kit, visit fivedash.com/RXTXEnsemble

SoftRock RXTX Ensemble Transceiver Kit

\$89.00

The SoftRock RXTX Ensemble Transceiver Kit provides a 1 watt SDR transceiver that can be built for one of the following five band groups:

- 160m
- 80m/40m
- 40m/30m/20m
- 30m/20m/17m
- 15m/12m/10m

So there you have everything in the nutshell to keep you busy for several months, I know I will be!

I have my station on the air (with a lot of help from Mark Gibson VE3MWH), I have my road map (the band plan), my SDR kit sitting on the table looking ominous and the winter weather around the corner.....now where is that soldering iron and my cup of java???

Cheers,

Paul

VE3HTF



CQWDX SSB Contest: A Great Success

by Rick VE3BK

We did excellent this weekend with the CQWDX SSB 2013 Contest.

Ahmet VA3TUR and Scott VE3QU (with the help of his girl friend Georgette) finished the contest right to the end at 8pm.

We were down to only 2 radios after Andrew went home but we cashed in on active bands, doing 10m, 15m, 20m (these were really hopping) and then onto 40m again when 10m died.

What a thrill working all that DX. I did my usual thing working all night to 6am and going to bed till 9am. Early morning is when all the DX is really there, especially on this contest and on 40m.

Scott stayed up all night working stuff he wasn't even sure of where it was hi hi.

Consequently, we were short only 5 contacts but we far surpassed our score from last year. We had many more Zones and Countries because our Internet was working perfect and search and pounce allowed us to get all that DX.

We won a certificate from last year, which I recently gave out to everyone from last year. We haven't done for about 3 years and are probably going to win another one(here's hoping).

Thanks to all that operated. A great job, especially with the work we had to do in the rain and mud, to get on the air in full swing. Thanks Sherry for all your technical work, greatly appreciated. Another great Contest for VE3DC. The group pulled together and did a great job, thanks to Andrew, Mardy, Jim and myself as well.

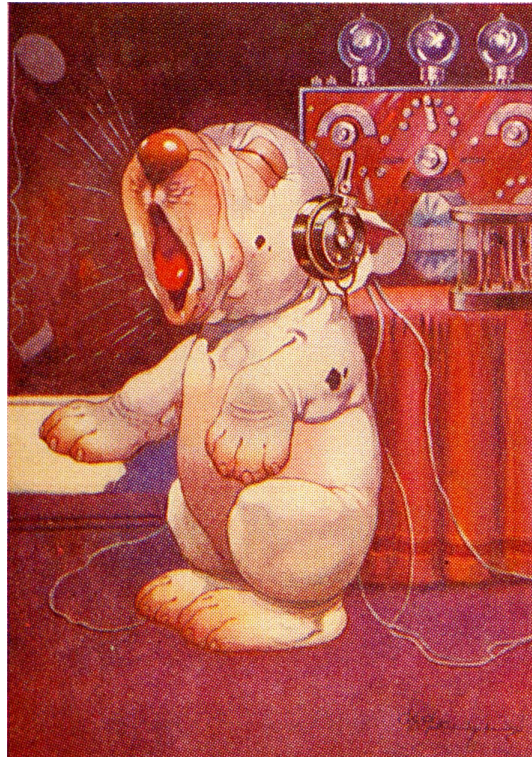
The final score is better than last year, even with fewer radios etc. We really could have used a full compliment of 6 radios again and maybe some more of you dedicated operators. Do not hesitate to ask me if you can help out.

Thanks again to all that operated and those that visited too, especially great to see Tom Feeney VE3KTP who came out to watch us Contest and we were able to meet Georgette as well.

I know Mardy was able to show him how we contest. Someone once said we had poor operators at the site, not true, we all go through that learning process on the way to being even better, so that doesn't count. We definitely have some great operators at the site, especially when Andrew is on the CW hi hi. Ahmet operates like a real pro and is our newest member.

Scott is like the Bunny commercial (keep going and going)and so is Jim and Sherry.

Hope I didn't forget anyone.....oh ya, I operate pretty good usually in the wee hours.





**2013
CQ World-Wide DX Contest**

CALL: VE3DC MODE: PHONE LOCATION: ONTARIO
CLASS: Multi-Multi Multi-operator

X High Power **X** Assisted

	QSOs	QSO points	Zones	Countries	Multipliers	Score
160m:	47	94	2	1		
80m:	326	619	12	21		
40m:	430	949	27	82		
20m:	431	965	22	62		
15m:	296	776	25	91		
10m:	95	234	22	52		
Totals:	1625	3637	110	309	419	1523903

Operators: VA3TUR, VE3BK, VE3DCU, VE3DVV, VE3EEZ, VE3QEE, VE3QU, VE3RIA

Visitors: VE3KTP VE3RYI & Georgette, Scott's friend

Remarks:

Another great DX contest that the group had fun on again this year. We had some problems with coax, rain and mud this year, but the group came shining through. We surpassed our score from last year with more Zones and Countries worked. A fun contest. One of the guys kept working rare ones and kept asking where he had worked. Lot's of fun.

73's 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

Hamilton Amateur Radio Club Contest Group, VE3DC

160m Summary

Zones

4 5

Countries

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80m Summary

Zones

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 14 31 33

Countries

CM CU DL EA EA8 GM HI HK K KH6 KP2 KP4 OZ PJ2 PJ5 SM TI VE
VP2M XE YV



40m Summary

Zones

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 19 20 21 25 30 31 32 33 35 36 40

Countries

5B 5W 8P 9A A7 C6 CE CM CN CT CT3 CU D4 DL E7 EA EA6 EA8 EI
 ES F FM G GD GM GW HA HB HC HK I IG9 IT9 J3 J6 JA K KH6
 KL KP2 KP4 LA LU LY LZ OA OH OK OM ON OX OZ P4 PA PJ2 PJ4
 PJ5 PY PY0F S5 SM SP SV SV9 TF TI TU UA UA2 UA9
 UR V2 VE VK VP5 VP9 XE YL YN YU YV ZD8

20m Summary

Zones

2 3 4 5 6 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 18 20 21 25 33 35 36 40

Countries

4L 5B 9A 9Y C6 CE CN CT CT3 CU D4 DL E7 EA EA6 EA8 ES F G
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10m Summary

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Hi Everyone,

This is just a reminder to mark your calendars *NOW* for "[The RAC Canada Winter Contest 2013](#)" The significance of this contest is that we have been given the privilege of using VA3RAC for this contest.

This year the contest will start December 28th, 2013 0:00 UTC to 23:59 UTC, this translates to Friday night December 27th to Saturday at 7p.m.. This is a 24 hour contest. This year the contest doesn't interfere with any of the Holiday Festivities you may have planned for.

The official contest rules for 2013 will be on the RAC web site or check your November/December TCA magazine from R.A.C. The VA3RAC call sign will be in great demand, being worth more at 20 points in this contest, so that is why I am sending this early reminder to mark your calendars. We will need all the help we can get, so if you want to run a station or just be an operator, let me know. My email is ve3bk@hamiltonarc.ca. *Let's put on a good showing this year!* We have won this contest in the past and even have trophies to show for it. Let's see what we can do using the RAC official call sign of VA3RAC.

<https://www.rac.ca/en/rac/programmes/contests/>

73 Rick VE3BK

JIM VE3EEZ, SHERRY VE3DCU & ANDREW VE3RIA hard at contesting in the CQWWDX SSB Contest end of October 2013.



TOM VE3KTP AND SCOTT VE3QU taking a rest.

AHMET VA3TUR & RICK VE3BK taking "another" Pizza break.





Editor's Review

Thank-you for taking the time to read the entire newsletter and come to rest on my page. It's always great to have a visitor drop by.

The past couple of months have been very busy for club members. Everyone has enjoyed the Hamilton Hamfest, contesting by members has been robust and engaging with some very good conditions helping to make it "funner"!

These activities and more to come are a result of individuals giving of their time to make your club a better place to learn, meet new people and have some fun. The online service called Wikipedia has this definition of Volunteerism.

"Volunteering is generally considered an altruistic activity and is intended to promote good or improve human quality of life. In return, this activity can produce a feeling of self-worth and respect. There is no financial gain involved. Volunteering is also renowned for skill development, socialization, and fun. It is also intended to make contacts for possible employment. Many volunteers are specifically trained in the areas they work, such as medicine, education, or emergency rescue. Others serve on an as-needed basis, such as in response to a natural disaster."

Your club has had the privilege and honour of having had Mary Urbanski volunteer her time as the clubs Health and Welfare Ambassador. A resounding and very loud ***THANK-YOU*** Mary for your timeless commitment to our club members. During times of illness or the passing of an S.K., Mary has been there to ensure our club extends it's heartfelt support to those members and family in need of comfort and support.

Mary has asked that a member of the club please volunteer to continue her work. Mary has some big shoes to fill, so we are looking for someone that is personable, sincere, has no fear of being kind, and loves to talk. I know everyone one of our members fits that criteria!

It takes so little time away from watching the t.v., and no specialized technical skills other than what we all have, and Mary has blazed the path for you to follow. So are you up for the challenge? Would you like to make a difference? Will you step up, or wait for "someone else" to make a difference?

I am counting on you.... How do you help? It's easy, e-mail Mary or I, Mary @ ve3ogq@hamiltonarc.ca or Paul @ ve3htf@hamiltonarc.ca we can meet for a coffee and get you acquainted with the role of our new Health and Welfare Ambassador! You can do this, all of our members during illness love to hear from our Ambassador that best wishes and prayers are not dependent on dx conditions or solar flares, but just a call away.

73's

Paul - VE3HTF

'Some people ask the secret of our long marriage.

We take time to go to a restaurant two times a week. A little candlelight, dinner, soft music and dancing.

She goes Tuesdays, I go Fridays.'

Red Skelton
