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The Hamilton Amateur

The Hamilton Amateur Radio Club Newsletter ~ 82 Years of Amateur Radio 1932-2014

The Next Meeting

The next meeting takes place on Wednesday October 15th at 7:00 P.M. in the LIBRARY of Westdale Secondary School (Main West at Longwood). Visitors are welcome.

Please note that there will be a Parent Teacher interview night at the school that same evening so the parking lot will fill up fast. There are some parking spaces on the main streets to the east and west of the campus, on Longwood Road South and Paradise Road South.

The guest speaker will be Mardy VE3QEE who will be revisiting the building aspect of the hobby leading off with a power point overview first given 5 years ago then updating the information with some ideas and projects for the beginner to try.

A Hamfest success report will be delivered as well as reports by other committee chairs.

Refreshment break will feature the second half of the "bake off" between Ginette (September's contributor) and Paul (the October challenger). Bring your taste buds. Join us this Wednesday. Hope to see you then.

President's Message

By Roger Pimm, VE3UFZ

Greetings to all. The period from September to early October has been a very busy period for many members of the club.

Firstly the Annual Hamfest on October 4th required great team effort by more than 20 current and former members who pulled off a very successful Hamfest in a building new to us. Special thanks to Paul VE3HTF who stepped in as Hamfest Coordinator back in January and since that time has successfully organized the large group of volunteers that set up the venue and ran the Hamfest with such dynamic results. It was great. Paul has told the executive that we will be having a debriefing meeting shortly to build on our success, and then immediately begin planning for the 2015 hamfest later this month.

Thanks to all those who volunteered, and supported us by attending.

Secondly, the Basic Qualification class is going into its fourth week with 12 candidates. We experienced a gigantic hiccup when the Board of Education was unable to complete approval for us to occupy the room at Westdale on week 3. Twelve students and eight instructors were turned back in the parking lot. The class had to be postponed for a week and the group has met the past two sessions in a room at the Rymal Road Police Station. Thanks to Ron VE3ZX for arranging the emergency accommodation. We will let students and instructors know by e-mail when the Westdale reservations are officially approved.

Planning for the Christmas party is well underway. Details appear later in the newsletter. Please circle your calendar and plan to attend.

Club meetings – 3rd Wednesday each month – 7:00 pm (except July and August) in the cafeteria of Westdale Secondary School, 700 Main Street West, Hamilton. Wheelchair accessible. Parking in the back. Use the rear entrance closest to Longwood Road. Visitors welcome. Complimentary refreshments.

Hope to see everyone Wednesday at the monthly meeting. Until then, enjoy the Fall colours and above all, stay safe.

Minutes of the September 17, 2014 Meeting

Recorded by
Secretary Jim
VE3JS



I. Call to order

Roger Pimm VE3UFZ called to order the General meeting at 19:03 on 09/17/2014 at The Westdale Secondary School, 700 Main Street West, Hamilton, ON

II. Sign In

Attendance was conducted by the circulation of the members sign in sheet. There were 25 members / visitors present. Welcome visitors, Erin & Tobias Hartley, Brian Hartwick. Welcome new members Sue Webster VE3TLK and Rodney Bedford VE3UFC.

III. Speakers

There was no guest speaker this evening. Instead, members devoted some energy in preparation for the upcoming HAMFEST Oct. 4.

Roger VE3UFZ & Mardy spoke about the education classes that are currently being held at Westdale for "Basic Certification".

Ron VE3ZX (a.k.a. VE3RTJ) queried the membership for Guest Speaker requests and informed the membership about some ideas that have been suggested and are under investigation.

IV. Contesting

Rick VE3BK announced the CQWW contest Oct 25, 2014 and RAC

Canada Winter contest that will round out the 2014 season of contesting at the contest site. Rick invited anyone interested in visiting or assisting the operators at the site to contact him at ve3bk@hamiltonarc.ca if they would like to participate. Rick also mentioned acknowledgements of accomplishments for the operators of the contest site promoting VE3DC.

V. Health and Welfare

Please remember Mary Urbanski VE3OGQ, Dan Martinak VA3DJ, Leif Thomsen VE3KFE and Richard Appleyard VE3YAG as they continue to combat a variety of health issues.

New Business

Mardy VE3QEE & Paul VE3HTF reviewed the upcoming HAMFEST needs and secured volunteers for the 2014 HAMFEST. A special meeting was organized and notices are to be sent out to the volunteers to further coordinate efforts. If you are free Friday October 3rd. Please meet Paul VE3HTF at the Ancaster Fairgrounds, School Fair Building. For some pre-assembly in preparation for our annual HAMFEST Oct 4, 2104

Rick VE3BK mentioned that the volunteer radio operators were approached by staff at The Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum to say that the radio room in use is under-utilized. Rick conveyed the need for more volunteers to man the radio room to work the station, speak with visitors

when appropriate and promote amateur radio to those interested. Anyone interested can speak with those volunteers already committed to the facility.

Roger gathered a consensus on the next Morning Breakfast, since the first Saturday of the month is on the day of our annual Hamfest. The next Breakfast Meeting will be October 18, and will be held at the West End Diner, 1811 Main St W Hamilton, ON L8S1HI

Rick VE3BK again announced the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club promotional articles are on sale. If you're looking for a new "T" Shirt, Name TAG, Cap, Coaster, or Mouse pad Rick will take your order.

Gary VE3TTO spoke briefly on getting involved with the Procom Net Sundays & Thursdays to announce events scheduled for the HARC, as well as the need for more of the club members to pick up the microphones on the Friday Night (club) Check-in net.

Some events on the horizon in which Gary will be looking for assistance are: Hanukah Hustle November 16rd and the Santa Run November 30th. Make a plan to assist where you can and show support in your community.

Mardy commented that there were 11 students on the list to participate in the classes and 9 of them showed up for the first night of instruction. (as of Sept 24, 14 students have attended class) Mardy suggested the classes will end approx. December 16 with exams to be held on or before Jan 6 2014. A small discussion took place on how to promote student success:

- 1) Engage them –after school café invitation and invitations to club meetings and events.
- 2) Provide them with all of the instructors contact information
- 3) Provide them with Elmer's willing to assist. If you are willing to assist a student in any capacity, please see / contact Mardy Eedson.

Next meeting

October 17, 2014 @ the Westdale Secondary School LIBRARY, 700 Main Street West, Hamilton, ON.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 20:51 Moved by Roger VE3UFZ Motion seconded by Ron VE3ZX

Thanks to all in attendance

submitted by: Jim Sawadski VE3EEZ

Announcing the HARC Annual Christmas Party

A message from your executive committee

Current members, former members, and guests, please join us for this gala holiday celebration, our annual Christmas Party.

Date and location:
Sunday December 7th at the
Royal Hamilton Yacht Club.

Cost is \$35.00 per person.

Dinner will be a Traditional
Christmas Turkey Dinner and
dessert.

Social Hour runs from 5:00
p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00
p.m.

Organizers are asking guests to
bring a canned good to fill a

Christmas hamper for a needy
family.

For tickets call Roger Pimm
VE3UFZ, or Murray Thompson
VE3ZVP or relay through any
member of the executive.

Please circle the date in your
calendar and invite a friend or
friends to make up a
table. Everyone is welcome.

The Christmas Party replaces
the December meeting, so
after November, the next
monthly meeting will be in
January.

THE YORK REGION AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

is proud to present

THE ANNUAL YORK REGION HAMFEST

Saturday, November 1st, 2014. Coffee and snacks at 0730;
Doors open at 0900.
Vendors admitted at 0630

THE PREMIER INDOOR AMATEUR RADIO & ELECTRONICS EVENT IN CANADA

We're baaaaack! The YRARC Hamfest is returning to:

Markham Fairgrounds
10801 McCowan Roud
Markham, Ontario

Latitude: 43.925340 Longitude: -79.296125

Admission: \$7:00 per person, with an "express lane" for those
with exact change. Vendors are admitted at 06:30.
Commencing at 07:30 a covered indoor area opens for the
general public, with free coffee and tea. Muffins, donuts are
available for purchase! Doors open to the sales area for the
general public at 09:00.

Talk-in: VE3YRA 145.350 MHz(-) T: 103.5 Hz

<http://www.yrarc.org/index.php/our-hamfest>

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Announcing the 2014 CQ WW SSB Contest

Information about the CQ Magazine sponsored World Wide sideband contest is reported by Contest Chairman Rick Danby, VE3BK

You are invited to join us as part of the team using the club call VE3DC at the Contest Site. For this contest we will have a station on every band. This is the fun contest where we work everyone we can hear all over the world, including strange Islands and call signs. This is usually the contest where we are always checking to see what Country or Area we worked because of unfamiliar Call Signs.

Contest time is October 25–26, 2014 Starts 0000 UTC Saturday Ends 2359 UTC Sunday, which is October 24, 8pm local time to October 26, 7:59pm local time.

The objective of the Contest is for amateurs around the world to contact as many other amateurs in as

many CQ zones and countries as possible, using six contest bands only: 1.8, 3.5, 7, 14, 21, and 28 MHz.

The contest exchange is a signal report plus the CQ Zone number where we are located. For example our exchange is "59 04", meaning readability 5 strength 9, CQ zone 04.

Come on out and help us run a station or relieve one of the other operators. Let me know if you can make it at ve3bk@hamiltonarc.ca. Just come out for a few hours or stay for as long as you like!

73 de Rick VE3BK



Jim VE3JS, Sherry VE3DCU and Andrew VE3RIA working at the contest site. You can bring your own station or use one that's there and spell off one of the other operators. Volunteer for any amount of time you like. Contact Rick for details and times.



HARC Chairs 2014 – 2015

Health / Welfare
Tom Feeney VE3KTP

Contesting / Property Manager
Rick Danby VE3BK

Membership
Sherry Goeller VE3DCU

Education
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Don Grisenthwait VE3DDQ

Field Day Coordinator
Ginette Pereira VA3SEW

Tuesday 2m Check-in Net
Controller
Mike Krebs VA3WXS

Flea market Coordinator
Paul Fleck VE3HTF

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Ron Pereira VE3RTJ

Flea market Vendor Contact
Mardy Eedson VE3QEE

Webmaster
Jim Sawadski VE3EEZ

HARC Ancaster International Hamfest 2014.

By Vendor Liaison Mardy, VE3QEE

No need to describe the Hamfest in great detail, most of you were there. Thanks to all for the abundance of help from all quarters. Benefiting from to Paul's excellent organizational skills and persistence, most of you had a job and knew your job, and did your job with great enthusiasm. I felt like it was the most rewarding and satisfying hamfest in a long time. And because of all the camaraderie and spirit, it was fun. A hamfest of which to be truly proud.

Well done, Hamilton Amateur Radio Club. We made money too. More about that in the report at the Wednesday meeting.

Barry VE3ISX took pictures and posted them to the ONTARS web site where you can see them all at <http://www.ontars.com/Special%20Events/harc_2014/index.html> Thank you for sharing Barry.

I have assembled a few pictures for this newsletter. Some from the ONTARS web site and some from Paul VE3HTF, Ginette, VA3SEW, and others who had a camera. Enjoy.

Scott VE3QU and Georgette at the prize table. Norm VE3ZKO selling tickets, and Barry VE3ISX net control on the ONTARS net.



Important Points

Executive Meetings

HARC Executive committee meets each month, except July and August. Members are invited to attend. Time and location of the meetings vary but they are posted on the web site at <hamiltonarc.ca>

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. on VE3NCF (see above) September through June. An informal HF net takes place Mondays at 7:30 PM on 3.693 MHz. All contacts are welcome.

Examinations

Amateur radio license examinations are conducted by arrangement with our three designated examiners. Refer to the web site at <hamiltonarc.ca> for details.

Membership Information

Club membership, including all privileges, is \$31 per person, per year, Sept 1 to Aug 31. Additional membership, for immediate family living in the same home, is offered. Refer to the web site at <hamiltonarc.ca> for details.

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>.



Two of our vendors, Durham Radio and Maple Leaf Communication.
 Sherry VE3DCU on membership.
 The School Fair building afforded us lots of vending space and room to move around.
 John VE3RK and Peter VE3DOU,
 Ron VE3ZX and Ginette VA3SEW

