

The Hamilton Amateur

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Presidents' Message

by Ron Pereira, VE3ZX

Happy belated thanksgiving...



Thanksgiving has come and gone, and those of us who enjoy a little turkey once in a while are settling into the week-long diet of turkey sandwiches, turkey soup, turkey on a stick, etc. Frost will soon be on the pumpkins, and halloween decorations will be going up. Happy October.

Fall is a good time to get antennas tuned and radios tweaked. Get your backpacks packed and try some portable QRP from the forests as the leaves turn. I've always loved fall.

You'll notice that this month's newsletter is largely cut and pasted from other sources. As amateur radio operators, we need to keep our horizons broad and look for news and information from all sources. Of course, if you have an article or two you'd like to see distributed to the membership, I'm always open to submissions.

There are a few events planned for October, details follow.

Our next general meeting is this Wednesday,

Executive

October 12, at the Westdale High School cafeteria.

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Dues Reminder

Please remember to catch up on your dues. We'll be ready to take your money at the next meeting, or you can mail it to the address in the sidebar. Please be sure to fill out the new membership application. We need your consent for personal information use as detailed on the back of the form. You can download it from the club website (search 'membership') or we'll have some with us on Wednesday. Thank you.



Following are selected headlines from the RAC webpage. Click the RAC logo at left to visit the RAC home page.

Amateur Radio Response Continues as Hurricane Matthew Moves Up East Coast

The American Radio Relay League reports:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/amateur-radio-response-continues-as-hurricane-matthew-moves-up-east-coast>

[UPDATED 2016-10-08 @ 1430 UTC] Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) volunteers in Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas continue to support communication during the response to Hurricane Matthew, which has been downgraded to a Category 1 storm. Governors have declared states of emergency for some or all counties, and multiple shelters have opened in all four states. The National Hurricane Center

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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

(NHC) reports that as of mid-morning on Saturday, October 8, strong winds and dangerous storm surge were affecting the coast of South Carolina, with heavy rains and gusty winds spreading inland. A hurricane warning extends from north of Altamaha Sound in Georgia to Surf City, North Carolina.

Note: All Radio Amateurs are asked to avoid transmitting on or near any [emergency net frequencies](#). In addition, stations should not check into any emergency or weather information net unless they have something to contribute.

[Click here for full article](#)



**Hurricane Watch Net
Stands Down
Following Record
Activation for
Hurricane Matthew**

10/09/2016

After the longest activation in its history, the Hurricane Watch Net ([HWN](#)) secured operations for Hurricane Matthew on October 9 at 0400 UTC. HWN Manager Bobby Graves, KB5HAV, reports the net was in continuous operation for 6 days, 7 hours, gathering real-time ground-truth weather data and passing it along to the National Hurricane Center ([NHC](#)) via the Center's [WX4NHC](#). Various Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) nets also activated along the Eastern Seaboard over the past week. The first major hurricane of the 2016 Atlantic hurricane season and, at one point, a Category 5 storm, Matthew has been downgraded

are a
privilege of membership.

Nets

HARC "check-in net" is held every Friday 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 \$42 per person, per year, (\$31 for RAC members) 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.

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to a post-tropical cyclone, as it's poised to head out into the Atlantic.

[Read the full article](#)

**** Amazing the difference a day makes. -ed ****

Jamboree on the Air / Jamboree on the Internet

Source: [Scouts Canada](#)



The Jamboree on the Air, or JOTA, is an annual Scouting event that uses Amateur Radio to link Scouts around the world, around Canada, and in your own community. Held on the third full weekend of October each year, this worldwide jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby Amateur Radio shack, Scout meeting place, camp or community centre.

[Read the full RAC article here](#)

****Read Rick Danby's report on how VE3DC will be supporting the JOTA, below in 'Contest Reports'****

Upcoming Events



Fox Hunt

Last hunt of the season will be held in Carlisle area, on Sunday, October 16.

Hello all

Just a reminder of the next hidden transmitter hunt.

month's issue. Preferred format is .txt file. Articles will be checked for spelling and grammar, but the author is responsible for factual content.

Hosted by members of the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club.

The area is in the Carlisle area, north of Hwy 5 between Guelph line and Hwy 6 and south of Campbellville road.

Meet in the parking lot of "Courtcliffe Park" just east of Hwy 6 along Carlisle road. [Click for map](#)
Spread the news. See if we can get some fresh faces out there and really have some fun. You do not need to be a member of the club to join in the hunt.

--Jim VE3JS

Contest Reports

by Rick Danby, VE3BK



Contest Club Ontario Barbecue

Scott VE3QU and I went to the Contest Club Ontario Barbecue on Saturday 27th of August, 2016. VE3DC is a member of the CCO as well as many of us in the Contest Group. We were also able to meet with the Club Plaque winner, 1st Place Single Operator Mixed Mode - Low Power (Hamilton Amateur Radio Club VE3DC) **VA3DF, Doug Ferris of Waterford.**



Here is Doug getting his HARC Plaque from one of the CCO Executives, Stan VE3TW.



We had a good time and many prizes supplied by Vendors and private individuals were given away.

Announcing J.O.T.A. (Jamboree on the Air)

We will be showing the Scouts "Ham Radio" in their Scout hut on October 15, for the 1st North Grimsby. This will require setting up an antenna and station. Our member Peter VE3DOU is there with his Granddaughter who is involved in the Scouting movement. This is also Apple Day for them, so they will be doing that in the morning. We usually have a hot dog over an open fire with the leaders as well and this makes for a great day. The hut is not that big for the radio station and the Scouts, so we don't want to overwhelm them with radio operators, but lots of room outside near the fire. If you want to be involved, email me at ve3bk@hamiltonarc.ca.



The JOTA Station in 2015

Announcing the CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB our next Contest

We will be running CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB from the Contest Site 0000Z, Oct. 29 to 2359Z Oct. 30, 2016, which translates to 8pm on the Friday October 28 to the Sunday at 8pm or actually 7:59 EST. If you want to help or just come to have a look, contact me at ve3bk@hamiltonarc.ca for more information.



The 150th Birthday of Canada as well as the 85th Anniversary of the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club in 2017

Yes, it will be Canada's 150th Birthday and our 85th Anniversary in the year 2017. To celebrate both events, we have permission to use the Special Event Call of VC3C2C. C2C is in Canada's Coat of Arms and was suggested to us by Mardy VE3QEE. So we will be running this call as many times as we can in 2017. What we need from you is ideas on when we will run it, who is going to help run it, any ideas you might have. We were thinking that maybe some club members would like to have this call themselves, to celebrate from their home station. All contacts would have to be logged so that we could send out QSLs or maybe even a Certificate for the event. This brings up another idea, how about a contest to see who could design a great QSL card for us to send out, and maybe even a certificate like we did in the past on Club Anniversary's. Especially since this is Canada's Birthday, we really need something unique to send out from our Club. Bring up your ideas at the next club meeting or email me at ve3bk@hamiltonarc.ca. We need your ideas and suggestions.



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