

# The Hamilton Amateur

The Hamilton Amateur Radio Club Newsletter ~ 84 Years of Amateur Radio 1932-2016



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## Presidents' Message

by Ron Pereira, VE3ZX

### Back to Work



My apologies for the late newsletter. Some technical setbacks delayed it's preparation. There's a lot to catch up on, so let's get to it, shall we?

-73 de VE3ZX

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Congratulations New Licensees!

Congratulations to the following radio enthusiasts that in December wrote and passed the Industry Canada Basic Examination and now are certified to operate amateur radio equipment. Stephen, Kyle and Shawn are graduates from the Basic course that Mardy VE3QEE conducted this past Fall.

Anthony studied on his own to get his honours qualification. I am not aware of their call signs as of yet, but I am sure you will hear them all on VE3NCF soon.

Anthony DeCrescenzo – Basic with honours

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HARC 2015-2016

Executive

**President**

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**HARC Chairs 2015 – 2016****Health / Welfare**

Greg Gignac VE3YGG

**Contesting / Property  
Manager**

Rick Danby VE3BK

**Education**

Mardy Eedson VE3QEE

**Newsletter**

Ron Pereira VE3ZX

**Examiner Volunteers**

Mike Christmas VE3XMS  
Paul Fleck VE3HTF  
Roger Pimm VE3UFZ

**License Trustee / QSL  
Manager**

Rick Danby VE3BK

**Repeater Technicians**

Greg Gignac and Mark  
Gibson

Stephen Piette – Basic

Kyle Bedford – Basic with honours

Shawn Knott – Basic

A fourth graduate, Jason Vaquerano, passed his test with honours on January 3.

Cheers & 73,

Roger VE3UFZ

Volunteer IC Examiner

Hamilton Amateur Radio Club



The club Christmas party held on December 4th at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club was a resounding success. We had about 30 attendees, and enough door prizes to ensure no one went home empty handed. Many thanks to Roger and Murray for arranging the festivities. A special thanks to our chief door prize wrangler, Barry. We had prizes from Radioworld, Durham Radio, Maple Leaf Communications, Ontars and U~Quilt~It, and I'm sure I've left out some names, for which I apologize. Pictures of the evening are available at our website and on the Ontars website. Follow the buttons below.

**EQSL Manager**  
(VE3DC & VA3CWM)  
Don Grisenthwaite VE3DDQ

**Field Day Coordinator**  
Brent Michaluk VA3XWZ

**Friday 2m Check-in Net**  
Controller  
Ahmet Ozguder, VA3TUR

**Flea market Coordinator**  
Al Ersser

**Public  
Relations/Communication**  
open

**Flea market Vendor Contact**  
Mardy Eedson VE3QEE

**Webmaster**  
Jim Sawadski VE3JS

## ***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>

### **HARC operates VE3NCF**

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

VE3NCF 146.760 - & 444.075 +  
using tone 131.8

### **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.

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Christmas Party Pictures on Hamiltonarc.ca

Christmas Party Pictures on ONTARS

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



We need operators!

The VIMY100 event is coming up on January 15 & 16. We hope to have some operators at the contest site, but there's lots of opportunity to operate from home.

## Visit the VE100VIMY web site

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### 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.

### 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.



We've been granted an operating window starting at 0000Z Jan 15, 2017 (7pm Sat Jan 14) and ending at 2359Z Jan 16 (6:59pm Mon Jan 16) All bands are available, with no more than one station on the air per band/mode combination. Modes are phone, CW, and RTTY/Digi. Click on the button below to send me a message indicating your interest. Rick and I will work on coordinating operators. If the button doesn't bring up your e-mail program, then please drop me a message at [ve3zx@hamiltonarc.ca](mailto:ve3zx@hamiltonarc.ca) with your call and availability.

**Yes! I want to operate during the VIMY event.**

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2017 is Canada's 150th birthday, and HARC's 85th birthday. All year long we'll be operating our own special event callsign. Watch for announcements on how you can participate in this important birthday celebration.



## Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, January 18 is our next general meeting. 7 to 9 pm in the cafeteria at Westdale High School, Longwood rd. and Main West. This month, we have a guest speaker: John Sluymmer, VE3EJ, will be joining us to talk about radio sport, or competitive contesting.



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