

2016-2017 Contesting and Events at H.A.R.C.

by Rick Danby VE3BK

Field Day 2016 at Valley Park on Mud Street using VE3DC. This is the 20 and 80 meter Stations. Ahmet taking a break.



Canada Day 2016 contest and BBQ at the Contest Site

Operators and loggers: VE3BK VE3DCU VE3JS VE3QEE VE3QU

Visitors: Georgette Welling, VA3DJ Dan & Dad Joe Martinak, VA3ERE Al, and VE3DWJ David.

Soapbox: Canada Day Contest is one of our favourites at VE3DC. We combined it again with a barbecue for Scott and Dan for their birthdays. Thanks to Georgette Welling, Pat Danby and Joe Martinak for their support with the barbecue, especially to Georgette for supplying the condiments and the meat but also to the "Birthday Boy" Scott for doing the cooking. A great Contest and the day went very well, even though some of the time the bands were not very good. Great fun.

73 Rick VE3BK

Canada's and Scott's Birthday.



Club BBQ at Binbrook Conservation Park August 7th, 2016, Jim VE3EEZ and Ahmet VA3TUR cooking.



Lighthouse Event using VE3DC near the Burlington Main Lighthouse, 3rd weekend in August 2016.

Getting another antenna ready for tryout, Scott VE3QU and Rick VE3BK in background and Mark VE3RYI with wire.



CQWWDX Sideband Contest using VE3DC at the Contest Site, end of October 2016

Parker VA3WPS getting right into working all that DX



Radio Amateurs of Canada Winter Contest using VE3DC , December 2016

Operators: VA3WPS VE3BK VE3DCU VE3JS VE3QEE VE3RYI

Visitors: VE3BEC VE3UFC & Joe Martinak VA3DJ's Dad

Soapbox: Another great Canadian Contest we enjoy at VE3DC. We had a slow start

on the Friday night with a bitter cold and then about 10 cm of snow. Friday night was

slow for Canadian contacts. I could work South Africa on 40m but was having trouble

hearing some of the VE3s. We didn't know if we were going to get snowed in but it

turned out to be milder on the Saturday with rain. This made it a slippery on the way

home when the temperatures dropped again. We made most of our contacts in the

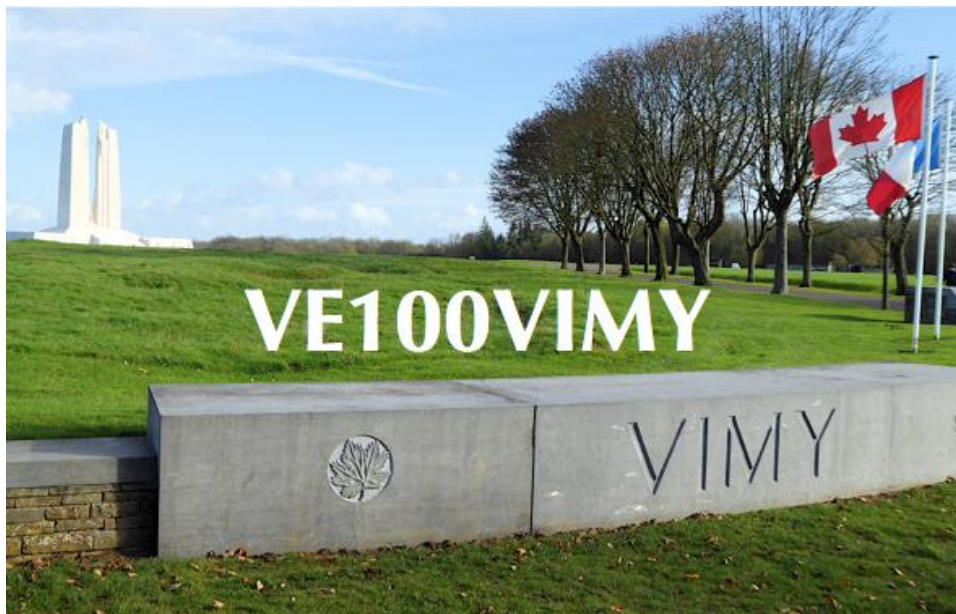
daytime up until the 7pm 23:59 UTC closing. A great contest with many of our friends

from the States getting in there to help us with our Canadian contest. Thanks to all that worked us and the great job our operators did. 73 Rick VE3BK Mardy brings the Flex with Maestro to try out this contest.



The Club runs the VE100VIMY/VE3 event in January 2017, first Club on the air in Ontario for this event.

The QSL card for the event.



Samantha VE3LZY had fun with this one.



CQWW 160 Contest on SSB end of February 2017

Station Description: ICOM 756PROIII

Antenna(s): WINDOM, 80m dipole, loop

Operators: VE3BK VE3DCU VA3ERE VE3QEE VE3RIA VA3WNO

Rick, Sherry, Albert, Mardy, Andrew, Shohan.

VISITORS: VA3DJ (Dan) & HIS DAD JOE MARTINAK

Remarks: The contest started slow for us as our antennas seemed to be hearing well but we could not be heard. Our large loop standby antenna probably requires work in nicer weather. We experienced very foggy, wet and very windy conditions, making us wonder if our antennas were going to stay up. The next day was cold and gave us some snow flurries. This did not keep us from enjoying the contest, unfortunately it turned out that we had the wrong coax hooked up for our full size Windom. We corrected the problem on Saturday and started making many more contacts. A fun contest for us as usual. Thanks to our new contester as well as all the operators that made this a fun and educational event. Thanks to the many Operators that

worked us.

73 Rick VE3BK

Ontario QSO Party using VC3C2C for 2017, 3rd weekend in April.

Call Used: VC3C2C

Last County Ran: HAL

Operators: VA3ERE VA3WNO VA3WPS VE3BK VE3DCU VE3QEE

Visitors: VA3DJ & Dad Joe

Entry Class: Multi-op Multi-stn

Soapbox: This year we ran the Special Callsign for Canada's 150th Birthday and the 85th Anniversary of the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club. Many were interested in the unique call so we spent more time explaining the call to those that worked us. Many of the USA Hams were especially interested in working their neighbour

to commemerate Canada's 150th Birthday. Thanks to the many that worked us and to all our Operators and visitors. 73 Rick VE3BK

Some of our antennas in the field.



CQWW WPX on CW end of May 2017 running VC3C2C in CW only.

Andrew doing many CW contacts.



Station Description: IC-7410, Alpha 76A below 1000w

Antenna(s): V Dipole array

Operators: VE3RIA

Remarks: Some people had great difficulty copying the call sign VC3C2C probably because of band conditions.

The Europeans did better with it but perhaps because the skip was longer. 20M was the best band to be on and

15M opened briefly on Saturday afternoon. I had fun with the times I operated.

73 Drew