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Presidents' Message

by Ron Pereira, VE3ZX



Briefly

This will be a short newsletter, just a few things to talk about this month.

-73 de VE3ZX



A bunch of us earned a nice certificate from the VIMY event organizers for operations on Jan 15 - 16. The event is still going on, and you can still earn one of several QSL cards/certificates for working the VE100 stations. See VIMY100.ca for

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details. This week the call is in Manitoba, so look for operators using the VE100VIMY/VE4 call sign.



Speaking of special events, don't forget our own club event celebrating Canada's Sesquicentennial. Or 150th birthday.

Operation using the special event call sign

VC3C2C is open to all club members, with the following considerations:

*Only one transmitter per band per mode can be on-air with the call sign at any time. co-ordination is being handled by Rick, VE3BK, so email him at ve3bk@hamiltonarc.ca to work out what band and mode you want to use. The calendar is pretty empty, I hear, so don't be shy.

*Logs of your contacts should be sent to Rick in .ADIF format. If you're not familiar with computer logging techniques, good old pencil and paper is still valid. Rick will manage QSL's and Certificates. We're working on a certificate for operating as VC3C2C for members, and the image of our QSL card front is shown above. Watch for further announcements as these details are developed.

Susan, VE3TLK had a great suggestion; a club challenge! Awards will be given for the most contacts as VC3C2C, for contacts in each province or territory, or other criteria. We'll discuss this at the next executive meeting, and should have some announcements at the next General Meeting in

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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>

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.

February. So get on the air and bank some contacts!

Thanks, Sue.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Techie Nights are back

On the Thursday nights during weeks without any other club events like general or exec meetings. Check the calendar to be sure.

First up is tomorrow, Jan 26. (Sorry for the short notice) Room 124 at Westdale. Bring ideas, this first night will mostly be a rag-chew about possible uses for this time and space.

Upcoming Meetings

- Saturday February 4 is the monthly club breakfast, 9 am at the Symposium Cafe, Rymal rd. just west of Centennial Parkway.
- Wednesday, February 8 is our executive meeting. 7 to 9 pm at room 124 at Westdale.

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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- Wednesday, February 15 is our next general meeting. 7 to 9 pm in the cafeteria at Westdale High School, Longwood rd. and Main West. No guest speaker is scheduled.

In Closing

Well, this was a short newsletter. We had a rather small turnout at the last general meeting; I'd like to see more faces there in February. If there's something we can do that will make the meetings more appealing and interesting for you, please, let us know. This is your club.

- 73 de VE3ZX - Ron Pereira



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