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Presidents' Message

by Ron Pereira, VE3ZX



Spring Forward

Well, this newsletter is going out much later than I would like. Trying to change the format resulted in some technical glitches that set me back a week or two editorially. Look for a change in format in April.

-73 de VE3ZX

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VC3C2C Operations

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Special Event Station VC3C2C

Celebrating Canada's 150th Birthday and the 85th
Anniversary of the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club

Times that VC3C2C will be on the air:

1. From Temiskaming County in Northern Ontario, the evening of April 7, daytime April 8 and April 9, 2017.
2. From Haldimand County, South of Hamilton for the Ontario QSO Party April 16 and 17, 2017 instead of using VE3DC
3. In the CQWWPX CW contest (cw only) May 27 and 28, 2016.
4. Field Day from Valley Park in Hamilton June 24 and 25, 2017 (look for us on many bands) instead of the Club call of VE3DC.
5. Canada Day July 1st, 2017 for the RAC Canada Day Contest instead of using the club call VE3DC.
6. International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend from the Hamilton Beachstrip August 19 & 20, 2017, approximate times from 9am to 4pm EST.

Submitted by Rick Danby VE3BK for the Hamilton
Amateur Radio Club

Additional times may be announced later.

Contact Rick at ve3bk@hamiltonarc.ca to book an operating time.



This is a reminder to all Hams that they can use

**License Trustee / QSL
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Friday 2m Check-in Net

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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

the special Canada 150 prefix version of their call sign for the rest of this year 2017. I hardly ever hear anyone using them.

If you are a VA3XXX you can use the special call sign CF3XXX.

If you are a VE3XXX you can use the special call sign CG3XXX.

You will hear CG3YGG on our weekly Friday night net.

However, you may have to make a duplicate entry on QRZ.com and on other databases. Although QRZ.com knows CG3 is a Canadian call sign, I could not find a way to make CG3YGG an alias of VE3YGG. Even the ISED - Innovation, Science and Economic Development (formerly known as Industry Canada) website cannot look up the special call signs.

73 - Gregg, CG3YGG

Announcing The 20th Annual Ontario QSO Party 2017

The Ontario QSO Party is always held on the third full weekend of April. The first part is 1800Z April 15 to 0500Z April 16, this means 2pm Saturday April 15 to 1am Sunday April 16 and second part is 1200Z to 1800Z April 16 which means 8am to 2pm on Sunday April 16, 2017. The Ontario QSO Party is coming up next month in April. Please clear your calendars for the weekend of April 15/16. This year it falls on Easter weekend as it has in some of the past years. We will be running VC3C2C this year, the special event call for Canada's 150th Birthday as well as our 85th Anniversary of the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club.

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.

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.

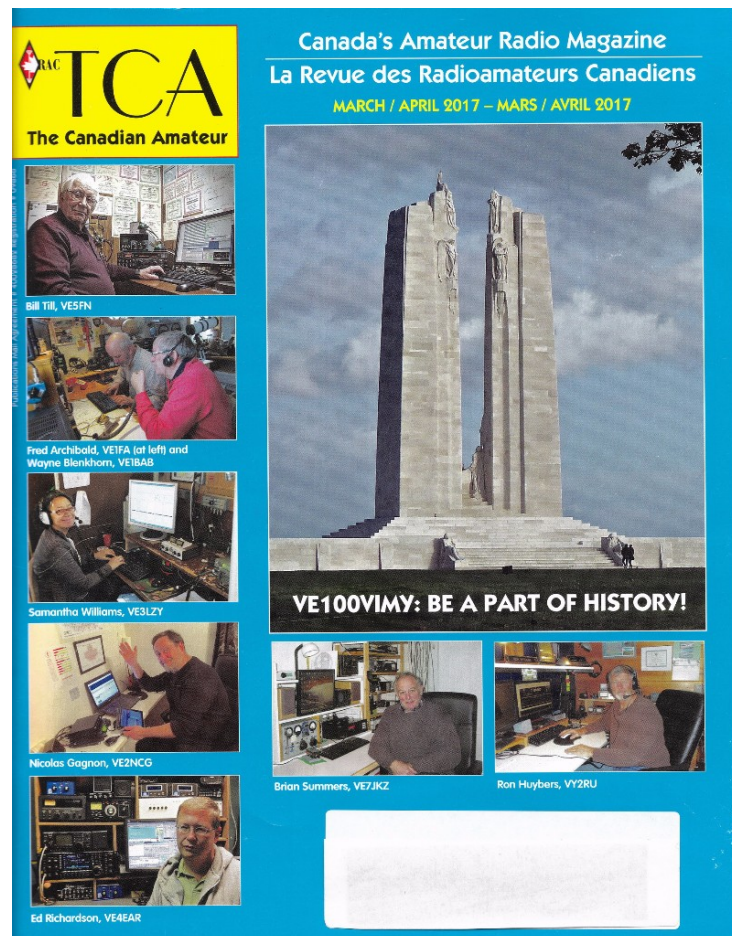
The snow should be all gone and the mobiles and rovers will be in full operation, enjoying the Springtime conditions we usually have this time of year. We all like working the mobiles and rovers especially from our Multi-op Multi-radio setup. Also on the air will be the three bonus-point stations VE3ODX, VA3RAC and VA3CCO which make this an interesting contest. Let me know if you are interested in running a station or plan on coming out to operate VE3DC. We plan on having as many stations on the air as possible. The new to ham radio people are more than welcome to come and see how we do it. The fellows who usually go up North to TIM county, will not be going for the OQP weekend, but instead will be running the VC3C2C special event call on the previous weekend, so look for them on HF from home and give them a contact.

This event is held annually on the third full weekend of April, beginning in 1998 under the thoughtful guidance of Bob Chandler VE3SRE and it quickly became a popular event. Our group using VE3DC, has been involved since the beginning and have many plaques and certificates from this event. In 2006 the organization of the party was turned over to Contest Club Ontario (CCO) who now manages the event. Our own club sponsors a plaque for top Single Operator Low Power, yet to be won by someone in our Club.

In the contest, stations outside Ontario make as many contacts with Ontario amateur radio stations as possible. Ontario stations contact as many amateur radio stations as possible both in Ontario and world-wide. Please check the rules at <http://www.va3cco.com/oqp/rules.htm> for the contest exchange, frequencies, modes and categories.

The contest will be here soon so let me know if you want to be a part of this great Canadian event this year. You don't have to be a great Contester to come and help out. We have fun on this one and get to talk to many Canadians. We find out the weather in Eastern, Western and all parts of Canada and we even get some sleep on the Saturday night as per the times that are in effect now, making it safer for the Rovers and Mobiles. Many of our American friends come to give us a contact on our Ontario QSO Party.

Lots of fun. CU there. 73 Rick VE3BK



The March/April copy of The Canadian Amateur has a picture of some of the people doing the VIMY Special Event with VE100VIMY.

Samantha VE3LZY, one of our Members and our

Secretary, is on the front cover and in an article on the inside on page 34.

She was part of the group that did the VE100VIMY/VE3 at the Contest Site for the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club.

Kudos Sam de Rick VE3BK



Results: CQ 160M WW Contest 2017

MODE: PHONE

CALL: VE3DC STATE or PROVINCE or

COUNTRY: ON

CLASS: X Multioperator Single
Operator

115 QSOs 526 QSO points x 31 Multipliers =
16306 Claimed score

Station Description: ICOM 756PROIII,
AMERITRON 80A

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*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Techie Night, Thurs. Mar 30

We don't have any specific projects planned, but there should be some Elmers around to help with portable radio programming, Raspberry Pi projects, or whatever else you'd like to bring to the party. 7-9 PM at Westdale H.S. room 124.

Looking for an old black and white TV



The PC Museum in Brantford is looking for an old black and white tv.

(<http://pcmuseum.ca/>) The flyback transformer blew on the old set they were using and they cannot find a replacement.

There is nothing like playing an original pong game on an old black and white console TV. If you have an old tv laying around, even if it doesn't work, let me know and we'll see if it might be suitable (and/or repairable) for the museum.

And remember, you can donate all your old TVs, radios, computers, modems, printers (anything that has/had a power cord, or batteries.) Just let me know what you have. We even might be able to arrange for pickup.

- Greg VE3 YGG

If this is your idea of portable computing, drop off your old electronics for recycling to us!



PERSONAL COMPUTER MUSEUM

CANADA'S VIDEOGAME MUSEUM

OPEN MONDAY EVENINGS 6:30-9
13 Alma Street - pcmuseum.ca

3rd Annual Northern Dxpedition



For the third year in a row, Ahmet (VA3TUR), Paul

(VE4HTF), Roger (VE3UFZ), Jim (VE3JS) and Mark (VE3FLC) will be heading into the wilds of Northern Ontario to hang wires in trees for the purposes of communicating back to civilization. Be sure to give a listen while they're up there, and help them get some QSO's. This year they'll be on the air from Friday April 7 to Sunday April 9, and they'll be using the club's special event callsign, VC3C2C.

Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, April 19 is our next general meeting. 7 to 9 pm in the cafeteria at Westdale High School, Longwood rd. and Main West. Program TDB



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