

### Hamilton Amateur Radio Club



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#### **2021-2022 EXECUTIVE**

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Membership Murray Thompson

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Rick VE3BK



Mike VA3WXS

### **2021-2022** Chairs

Newsletter Awards Barry Lisoweski Al Esser VE3ISX VA3ERE



**Barry VE3ISX** 



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#### **President's message**

Our Christmas Party at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club was a huge success. A record number of 30 members enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Barry VE3ISX collected over twenty door prizes from local and provincial sponsors.

A surprise Charcuterie Board gift ensemble for each lady was the talk of the evening.

Our membership numbers continue to grow with 36 paid members .as of this writing.

The club VHF/UHF repeaters are fully operational.

Rick VE3BK has implemented on-line dues payment via E-Transfer...check our new <a href="https://www.hamiltonarc.com">www.hamiltonarc.com</a> Website!

Lastly, on behalf of all our executive, we wish you and your family a very happy and joyous Christmas and holiday season. Happy and healthy NEW YEAR to you and yours!

Click the banner below for a photo story of our Christmas Dinner at the RHYC 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021.



### Christmas Dinner

5th December 2021
RHYC Hamilton
Event Photos





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Murray VE3ZPV President





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### **Zoom Guest Speaker**

Our guest speaker for the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ZOOM meeting will be Vince D'Eon VE6LK. His topic will be about the core imperatives that all Radio Operators should be ready to do at any event, not just a disaster.



### **Club Dues summary:**

- 2021-2022 Dues Pricing.
   Membership Dues: \$31.00/Year
   (\$11.00 R.A.C Insurance will apply to all non R.A.C. memberships.)
- Family Membership remains unchanged at \$6.00 but only one newsletter is mailed or emailed to the family.
- Distance Membership remains unchanged at \$16.00 (\$11.00 R.A.C insurance surcharge will apply to all non R.A.C. memberships.

Membership C/O Hamilton Amateur Radio Club 117-350 King St. East P.O. Box 75073 Hamilton, ON, L8N 4G6



# Club News Update



Our club was recently spotlighted in the Radio Amateurs of Canada monthly magazine.

Click the banner below to read the full story in the TCA November December Edition.





### **Talk to Santa Claus**



Mark your calendar and gather up the children to talk with Santa Claus. A tradition continues this year on the **ONTARS HF NET 3.755MHz net**. The Santa Net net will take place 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Click the banner for full details.





#### **Club General ZOOM meeting:**

Hamilton ARC General Meeting
December 15th, 2021 07:00 PM EST
(US and Canada)
Every month on the Third Wed,

until Jun 15, 2022, 8 occurrence(s) Dec 15, 2021 07:00 PM

Jan 19, 2022 07:00 PM Feb 16, 2022 07:00 PM Mar 16, 2022 07:00 PM Apr 20, 2022 07:00 PM May 18, 2022 07:00 PM Jun 15, 2022 07:00 PM





#### **Click for ZOOM invite**



#### **Club Executive ZOOM meeting:**

**Dec 9, 2021 07:00 PM** Eastern Time (US and Canada) Every month on the Second Thu, until Jun 9, 2022, 7 occurrence(s)

#### Join our members group:

As a member of the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club, you can be in our members only discussion group at harc@io.groups. Send a message to join the group, and if you are a member, we will put you in the group to receive messages to everyone or select groups of hash tags,

ie: #Contesting on the subject line goes to anyone interested in Contesting.

It works good, hope to see you on there, send a request if you are interested in getting subjects of discussion by HARC members.



### **Current Club Chairs**

HARC 2022 Executive Chairs



## Contesting 2021

Contesting under the Pandemic is done in two different methods (for Group contesting), and only for those Contests that have changed the rules for the present conditions. We did this in 2020 and now 2021 has been the same. Our Contesting Group has still won some certificates and the Plaques featured in this newsletter.

1. Aggregate Club Station, when we Contest from at home, using our own calls. So this means we operate from home with our own calls, then sending your logs to myself, so that I can make sure they are turned in correctly and the Club gets the credit. By doing it this way, the Club gets listed with our total scores in the usually all the Ham Magazines 2. Distributed Club Station, when we operate our own stations from at home but use the Club call (VE3DC) and it is a coordinated effort to make sure we do not

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break any laws or rules of having more than one station on the same band and mode at the same time. This is when we assign bands and modes to the Operators involved with us in the Contest. I put the logs all together, to form one log Multimulti, as per the rules of that Contest and then send them in, so our Club Station gets the credit. Usually all the members who have participated in the Contest are named as operators. If we win a certificate or plaque, usually the participants get a copy to frame or use as "wallpaper", bragging rights.

Contesters who use Writelog (the one our Contest Group uses) are the preferred log but any file you can email me that I can read (say Text) will be OK, just that I will have to put the log into Writelog for conformaty to one type of log, especially for the Distributed stations. Aggregate stations, the log type is less important.

Some contests are when we work people all over the World, others, like the Canada Winter Contest coming up, we work mainly Canadians and North



America, but we can also make contacts with any Hams worldwide.

The whole idea is to have fun on the air. We are not out to win anything, just have fun on the radio and keep the bands busy. So have fun, and send me your logs at ve3bk@hamiltonarc.com/

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### **Membership News:**

Membership is at pre-2020 levels with many of the past members coming back, plus some totally new ones too.

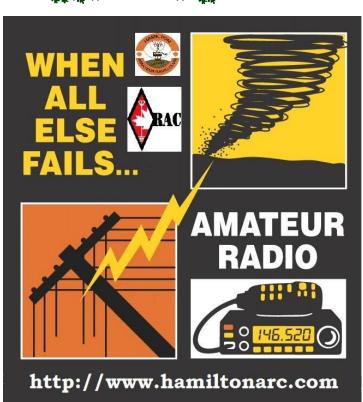
Club finances are just about where we started and we have had 2 events so far this year, the **EndZone member appreciation FREE lunch** and now the Christmas Party, not even counting some of the Contests we have done from our own homes. Kudos to all involved.





Our HARC Silent Key report is up to date on the new website. If you know of anyone else kindly contact Barry VE3ISX.











Click above for our AWARDS page



Don't forget to bookmark our new and improved <a href="HARC website">HARC website</a>!!



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7<sup>th</sup> December 2021

