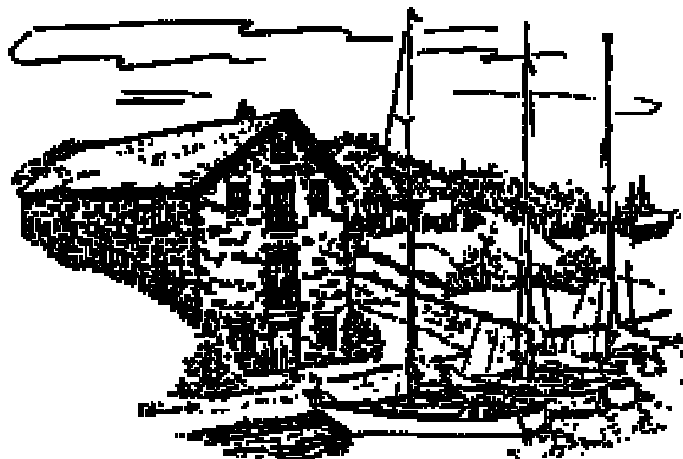


Hot Bananas

Oakville Amateur Radio Club VE3HB

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ITU Adopts Recommendation on Amateur Qualifications

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The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has adopted new Recommendation ITU-R M.1544, minimum qualifications of radio amateurs.

In consideration that certain minimum operational and technical qualifications are necessary for the proper operation of an amateur or amateur-satellite station, the document recommends that at minimum, any person seeking an amateur license should demonstrate theoretical knowledge of specific topics in the areas of radio regulations, methods of radiocommunication, radio system theory, radio emission safety, electromagnetic compatibility, and avoidance and resolution of radio frequency interference.

"The international Radio Regulations have long required that administrations take such measures as they judge necessary to verify the operational and technical qualifications of any person wishing to operate an amateur station," observed International Amateur Radio Union Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ. "In anticipation of changes that are likely to be made in the amateur and amateur-satellite service regulations at the next World Radiocommunication Conference, the new Recommendation provides additional definition to these qualifications without reducing the prerogative of an administration to set its own standards."

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CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS

CLUB MEETING

Oakville Red Cross Building
September 14, 2001, 7:30pm
Regular Club Meeting

CLUB MEETING

Oakville Red Cross Building
October 8, 2001, 7:30pm
Regular Club Meeting

CLUB MEETING

Oakville Red Cross Building
November 12, 2001, 7:30pm
Regular Club Meeting

CLUB MEETING

Oakville Red Cross Building
December 10, 2001, 7:30pm
Regular Club Meeting

CLUB MEETING

Oakville Red Cross Building
January 14, 2001, 7:30pm
Regular Club Meeting

CLUB MEETING

Oakville Red Cross Building
February 11, 2002, 7:30pm
Regular Club Meeting

Just the Facts

About the OARC...

Meetings

Meetings are held on the Second Monday of each month from September to June at the Red Cross Building, 167 Navy Street, Oakville. Meetings begin at 7:30pm and all are welcome. An informal Saturday breakfast is held at 7:00am, at Nickels Restaurant, 2324 Trafalgar Road, Oakville.

The OARC is a RAC affiliated club.

Repeater

VE3OAK 147.015 +.600 (131.8Hz CTCSS)

VE3OAK 444.325 +5.00

Digipeater

VE3OAK 145.750 (Packet)

VE3OAK 144.390 (APRS)

Net

Mondays at 7:30pm (except meeting nights/holidays)

Phone Patch Access

Code & Tel No (do not pause while dialing)

Web Site

<http://www.oakvilleamateurs.net>

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Submit story ideas, feedback, comments, articles or artwork to va3afa@rac.ca or mail to Hot Bananas, PO Box 69615 109 Thomas St, Oakville ON L6J 7R4. Fax is available, address to John Clarke at (416) 982-8471. Electronic format is preferred, however we can accommodate any media, including handwritten stories, audio recordings or in-person interviews! Ω

WHO'S WHO

YOUR ACCESS POINT TO THE MOVERS AND SHAKERS OF OARC

EXECUTIVE

President	Hubert Heath, VE3HLD
Vice President	Jack Livingstone, VE3ITM
Director-Membership	Russ Schwandt, VE3JUJ
Special Projects	Doug Smith, VE3RG
Director-Secretary	John Clarke, VA3AFA
Finance	Carvell Pelkey, VE3CPQ
Director-Activity	Mike Brown, VA3GRL

COORDINATORS

Emergency Coordinator	Rick Harrison, VE3YRH
Regional Emergency Liaison	Phil Thompson, VE3RD
Help Committee	Harry Kosterman, VE3HKC
VHF Net Activities	Greg Foster, VA3GGF
Repeater Programming	Graham Chatfield, VA3GPC
Repeater Maintenance	Gary Hetherington, VE3TGH Harry Kosterman, VE3HKC
Packet BBS	Michael Willems, VA3MVW
Special Event Catering	Vacant
Training-Basic & Advanced	Jack Livingstone, VE3ITM
Examiner	Jack Livingstone, VE3ITM
Internet Web Site	Michael Willems, VA3MVW
Public Relations	Doug Smith, VE3RG
Equipment/Shack	Jack Livingstone, VE3ITM
QSL Manager	Ron O'Reilly, VE3FII
DX Interest Group	Ron O'Reilly, VE3FII
Library	TBD

CLUB BULLETIN

Editor	John Clarke, VA3AFA
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Distribution	Duncan Smith, VE3HFG

M.1544 represents part of a multi-year effort by the International Amateur Radio Union to prepare for the 2003 World Radio communication Conference (WRC-03) agenda item to consider possible revision of Article S25 of the international Radio Regulations. The final version of the Recommendation was approved by the ITU administrations without objection.

"The establishment of uniform minimum qualifications for amateur radio operators should help mutual recognition of amateur licenses for international roaming and particularly for cross-border movement of amateur operators for disaster communications."

As an IARU Member society, Radio Amateurs of Canada has contributed to the development of the Future of the Amateur Service Committee report, and has participated on the Canadian delegation to Working Party 8A meetings in Geneva. RAC as well as the Canadian delegation to the ITU meetings fully support the new Recommendation. Ω

Coordinator Reports

All club coordinators are requested to submit a periodic report of your planned activities or accomplishments.

It's a great way to inform all members of the great work you are doing on behalf of all club members and it may also generate more interest in your activity!

Please submit your reports to John Clarke for inclusion in Hot Bananas! Ω

Call To Order

Minutes of the Oakville Amateur Radio Club Meeting of April 9, 2001

John Clarke, Secretary
VA3AFA



Opening Remarks

- President Hubert Heath called the meeting to order at 19352hrs. He welcomed all in attendance to the annual General Meeting.

Motions

- MOTION to accept the May minutes of the Regular meeting was MOVED by Bernie Antil and SECONDED by Fred Dim. Motion was PASSED.
- MOTION to retain the repeater auto patch was MOVED by Carvell Pelkey and SECONDED by Ed Samborski. Motion was PASSED.
- MOTION to retain Dave Fekyt as Auditor for the 2000-01 club year was MOVED by Jim Fitzpatrick and SECONDED by Jack Livingstone. Motion was PASSED.

Discussion

- The Red Cross requested volunteers to help sort coins collected through a fundraiser at a local school. Thanks were extended to those who assisted.
- A Job Posting from the CNIB was made available for anyone interested in the position
- Jim Fitzpatrick provided an interim treasurers report indicating the current balance was approximately \$2525, with an anticipated closing position of \$2000 once the final expenses for the current year were paid.
- The Red Cross requested the club remove the sections of tower that are stored on the south side of the Red Cross building and identify whether or not a broken table in the Shack belongs to the club
- Jack Livingstone provided the most recent status of the ham radio class, reporting 3 new hams graduated from the program. One additional student was planning to write the exam
- John Clarke reported the revision to the club Bylaws will be undertaken during the 2001-02 club year and requested any interested persons who wished to participate in a Steering Committee should contact him or any member of the executive.
- Rick Harrison reported the club has been requested to provide communications for the "Cycling for Children" initiative. It will be an east to west event, originating in Toronto and proceeding through Oakville by mid morning. Requirements are to provide a base station, a mobile to be equipped in a support van and a second mobile in a chase vehicle
- Doug Smith submitted a note to discuss the usage on the club auto patch. General discussion suggested the role of the auto patch in an emergency capacity is unknown. Ideas to increase usage by informing members of the use of Speed Dial keys and training on the use of the auto patch were discussed. An instruction sheet to be included an issue of Hot Bananas and a membership card with the access codes were discussed as

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[Barrie Amateur Radio Club Hamfest 2001](#)

Barrie Amateur Radio Club
Saturday, September 8, 2001.
Barrie ON

[Great Napanee Hamfest 2001](#)

Kingston and Quinte Amateur Radio Clubs
Saturday, September 15, 2001.
Napanee ON

[Joint London & Toronto Annual Giant Radio Swap Meet and Fleamarket](#)

London Vintage Radio Club
September 15, 2001 Guelph ON

[Eldorado Hamfest and Tailgate Party](#)

Tri-County ARC
September 16, 2001 Eldorado ON

[Halton Radial Railway Museum](#)

Mississauga Amateur Radio Club
September 22, 2001 Milton ON

[London Amateur Radio Club 24th annual 2001 Fleamarket](#)

London Amateur Radio Club Inc.
September 23, 2001 LONDON ON

[RadioFest 2001](#)

Ontario DX Association
September 28, Oakville ON

[Hamilton Amateur Radio Club Annual Fleamarket](#)

Hamilton Amateur Radio Club
October 13, Hamilton ON

possible tools to communicate effective use of the auto patch.

- Vice President Jack Livingstone presented the 2000-01 Dizzy Izy award for the most DX contacts in one year to Mike Brown.
- President Hubert Heath announced the winner of the OARC Ham of the Year award is Doug Smith. Doug will be presented with his award at a future club meeting.
- President Hubert Heath presented a plaque for special achievement to Jim Fitzpatrick, who will be stepping down as club treasurer after 10 years of service.
- President Hubert Heath presented Certificates of Appreciation to members who contributed to the success of the OARC for the 2000-01 year
- Jim Fitzpatrick, representing a nomination committee, presented a list of candidates for the 2001-02 executive. As there were no further nominations from the floor the following were declared elected: Hubert Heath, Jack Livingstone, Russ Schwandt, John Clarke and Mike Brown.

Closing

- Motion to close the Annual General Meeting at 8:08pm was MOVED by Hubert Heath and SECONDED by Ed Samborski. Motion was PASSED.

2001-02 Directors and Executive Appointments

The elected Directors for the 2001-02 club year met to determine the make-up of the executive and the following directors and appointments have been resolved for the upcoming year. The executive and directors look forward to working with all club members to their activities throughout 2001-02.

President	Hubert Heath
Vice President	Jack Livingstone
Director -Membership	Russ Schwandt
Director- Secretary	John Clarke
Director – Activities	Mike Brown
Treasurer	Carvell Pelkey
Special Projects	Doug Smith



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UPCOMING OPERATING EVENTS

CONTESTS

September

- 8-9 WAE DX Contest, SSB
- 8-9 SLP Competition (SWL)
- 9 North American Sprint, CW
- 9 ARCI End of Summer PSK31 Sprint
- 8-10 ARRL September VHF QSO Party
- 14 YLRL Howdy Days
- 14 AGB NEMIGA Contest
- 15-16 Air Force Anniversary QSO Party
- 15-16 ARRL 10 GHz Cumulative Contest
- 15-16 Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW
- 15-16 Washington State Salmon Run
- 16 North American Sprint, SSB
- 16-17 Tennessee QSO Party

RAC delegation preparing for IARU Region 2 Conference in Guatemala City

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In October, delegates from national Amateur Radio societies from all over the Americas will be meeting at the IARU Region 2 Conference in Guatemala City. These conferences are held once every three years in each of the three IARU Regions.

As a member society of the International Amateur Radio Union, Radio Amateurs of Canada has allocated funding for RAC President Oelke to attend the October 2001 IARU Region II Triennial Conference. To strengthen the Canadian presence, the following

volunteers have agreed to join President Oelke in Guatemala City at their own expense; RAC Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Tim Ellam, VE6SH, RAC Quebec Director Daniel Lamoureux, VE2KA and Jacqueline Lamoureux, VE2AX. President Oelke will act as head of the Canadian Delegation.

On the conference agenda will be some very important issues including the WRC 2003 items on the proposed realignment of the 40-metre band and possible changes to the ITU regulations governing Amateur Radio. RAC has submitted papers seeking support for the Canadian position on both of these questions.

RAC has also submitted a paper seeking regional support for its application for a new amateur band at 135 kHz.

There will also be some important administrative matters on the conference agenda. There is a proposal to revise and update the by-laws and constitution of IARU Region 2. There is also a proposal to increase the size of the Region 2 Executive Committee.

These items have been discussed at length by members of the RAC Board, in order to provide guidance and direction to the delegation. RAC supports the proposed by-law changes, but is opposed to any increase in size of the IARU-Region 2 Executive Committee at this time.

More information about the Conference can be found on the IARU Region 2 Web site at:

<http://www.iaru-r2.org/> Ω

**Monte Carlo Inn,
374 South Service Rd. E.
Oakville, Ontario**

www.montecarloinns.com/mc_04.htm

Friday starts off with a wine and cheese reception in the evening.

Saturday we will feature items for sale, displays and exhibits, guest speakers and panel discussions and the draw for [Raffle 2001](#) featuring prizes from Sony of Canada, Sangean, Durham Radio, Radioworld and RCI.

Sunday we will conclude with a tour of the studios and transmitter site of CHWO, AM 740 in Oakville.

Speakers

Michael Caine is the President and General Manager of CHWO, AM 740 Prime Time Radio. He also performs the same duties for CJYE - JOY 1250 "Catch the Spirit" and CJMR - 1320 "Voice Of The City". Michael is part of a rich radio history in the region and will have much to say about the past and future of radio.

Neil Carleton is an elementary school teacher in Almonte, Ontario who has been running a shortwave listening class for his Grade 4 to 6 students for many years. He will talk about his many experiences in helping children discover the world of shortwave radio. This years the class did two radio interviews (CBO Ottawa & HCJB Quito) and are planning to participate in the International Space Station amateur radio program.

Saul Chernos, ODXA member and DX chaser, will speak on the phenomena behind mobile AM, FM and TV DXing from a vehicle (using portables, mini-TVs, small portable antennae, car radios, batteries, cigarette-lighter adapters, high hills (for tropo), low valleys (for Es), longwires, ways to null FM and TV signals by moving your vehicle, etc...

Prices

Weekend registration: \$10.00 (US\$ 7.00) includes everything except Saturday and Sunday meals.

For more information, please contact Harold Sellers at [905] 853-3518 / fax [905] 853 3169

or email at: listeningin@home.com

or mail to: Box 161, Willowdale Stn A, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M2N 5S8

Check our web site at www.odxa.on.ca and our magazine "Listening In" for the full schedule in September.

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