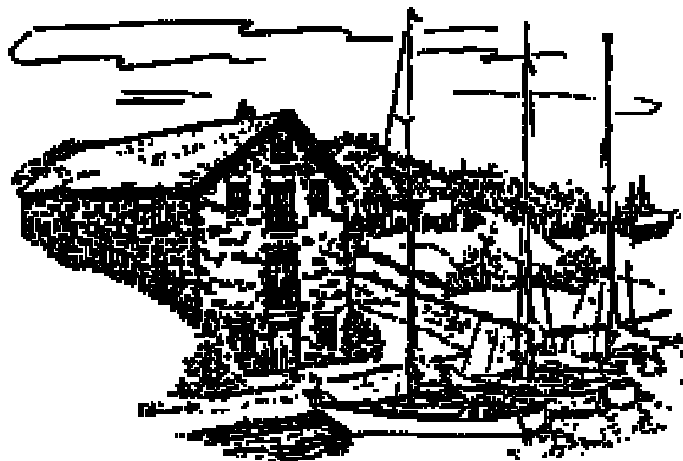


Hot Bananas

Oakville Amateur Radio Club VE3HB

October 2001



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are now into the 2001 –2002 session in our Club and although I missed the first meeting, I have been busy.

Looking at the results of the Activity Committee I can see a busy year ahead but it will only be successful if you participate. Recently I was at a meeting and ran across one of the founders of the Club, Bert Croll. I invited him to come to a meeting and he stated that he could not drive at night and would need transport. If you know of any member who does not come out because of transport, call one of the directors and we will try to arrange a ride.

The Directors cannot do everything for the club. It takes all of the members to have a successful club.

I urge you to come to the meetings and bring an absent brother or sister.

During the year there will be many demonstrations that I am sure you will enjoy.

I closing I would like to request the coordinators of the various groups to write out your duties because through the ages these have been mislaid and we would like to bring them up to date.

Regards, and have a good year.

Hubert Heath

VE3HLD. Ω

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 15, 2001, 7:30pm

Presentation: Internet Update & IRLP

CLUB MEETING

Oakville Red Cross Building

November 12, 2001, 7:30pm

Presentation: QRP Operation

CLUB MEETING

Location TBD

December TBD

Christmas Dinner

CLUB MEETING

Oakville Red Cross Building

December 10, 2001, 7:30pm

Presentation: Radioworld

CLUB MEETING

Oakville Red Cross Building

January 14, 2001, 7:30pm

Bring and Buy Sale

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. Also, a Friday morning coffee session is held at Tim Hortons on Cross Avenue, Oakville at 10:30am.

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)

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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	Denny Zidek, VE3OKD
Repeater Programming	Graham Chatfield, VA3GPC
Repeater Maintenance	Gary Hetherington, VE3TGH
	Harry Kosterman, VE3HKC
Packet BBS	Michael Willems, VA3MWW
Special Event Catering	Vacant
Training-Basic & Advanced	Jack Livingstone, VE3ITM
Examiner	Jack Livingstone, VE3ITM
Internet Web Site	Michael Willems, VA3MWW
Public Relations	Doug Smith, VE3RG
Equipment/Shack	Jack Livingstone, VE3ITM
QSL Manager	Ron O'Reilly, VE3FII
DX Interest Group	Ron O'Reilly, VE3FII

CLUB BULLETIN

Editor	John Clarke, VA3AFA
Production	Richard Davis Jr
Distribution	Duncan Smith, VE3HFG

Ten year old KC2IKT Net Control in New York

The ARRL reports Ten-year-old Beverly Holtz of Huntington, Long Island, New York, was distraught after hearing of the tragedy at the World Trade Center on the Tuesday, then on the Friday... Beverly's Ham ticket arrived and she was officially KC2IKT. What did this 10 year old do? VOLUNTEERED! Yes She joined in with the dozens, hundreds of Hams helping in the rescue communications fields. Using her dad's hand-held transceiver, ten year old KC2IKT answered questions from net control, relayed health-and-welfare traffic and was the only radio operator for the entire eight-hour shift. "I was very impressed that [net control] treated her as an equal and that she was able to do it," her dad said. "She really had a trial by fire!" Beverly said that the eight hours seemed like one hour. "I can't wait to do more," she said. "It made me feel good to help." Ω

Amateur Radio Helps Save Four Lives

Just four weeks after exercising their emergency communications skills during ARRL Field Day, members of the Northern Southeast Amateur Radio Emergency Services and Juneau Amateur Radio Club in Alaska put those skills to use to help to save a fellow ham operator and several companions. Mark Griffith, KL0MO, was rafting down the Herbert Glacier River with three friends when their raft was severely damaged. The group was stranded on a small island in the middle of the raging river, swollen by heavy rainfall. Early that evening, Griffith used the KL7PF repeater phone patch to call 911, and search-and-rescue personnel were alerted. "Ham radio really saved their lives," said incident commander Bruce Bowler. Ω

Call To Order

Minutes of the Oakville Amateur Radio Club Meeting of September 10, 2001

John Clarke, Secretary
VA3AFA



Opening Remarks

- Vice President Jack Livingstone opened the regular meeting at 7:33pm and welcomed 23 members and visitors in attendance. A moment of silence was observed for all those who became Silent keys during the past year.

Discussion

- Vice President Jack Livingstone introduced the 2001-02 executive and club coordinators.
- John Clarke indicated all past coordinators will be contacted to request their status for 2001-02.
- Ron O'Reilly reminded all users of VE3HB must ensure all contacts are logged to ensure QSL card requests can be validated
- An effort will be made to encourage more use of the club station. Off –hours access to the building was identified an issue to resolve.
- John Clarke indicated Hot Bananas would be published monthly with a target of 8 pages of content. Additional pages can be added if anyone would like to become a regular contributor.
- Carvell Pekley advised club crests, suitable for caps or jackets, are available at \$3.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 while supplies last
- Russ Schwandt advised 34 membership renewals were received. Of the 220 membership packages mailed, 6 were returned due to incorrect information contained in the RAC callsign database. Additionally, it was requested that all members ensure their email address changes are communicated to Russ to facilitate the electronic distribution of Hot Bananas.
- Mike Brown/Doug Smith provided a detailed overview of the tentative activities planned for this year (see page 2 for details). It was suggested to provide a presentation on IRLP.
- Greg Foster provided an update that a group is considering the feasibility of adding an IRLP link to the repeaters. Greg also reminded all members that in addition to the Saturday morning breakfast at Nichols, a number of members also meet at Tim Hortons on Cross every Friday at 10:30am. Greg also invited anyone who is interested in Contesting to join him, Peter West, and Harry Kosterman throughout the year.
- Club expenses were forecasted to exceed revenue by \$400 for this year. The auto patch was raised an item which, if eliminated, would cover the forecasted shortfall in revenue. Discussions from the members in attendance identified that the phone line used for the auto patch was also used for remote support and maintenance on the repeater. It was requested that the deficit situation be monitored for the next 3 months before making any decisions.
- Rick Harrison is currently organizing for participation in ARES. Any club members who want to be a member of

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[Hamilton Amateur Radio Club Annual Fleamarket](#)

Hamilton Amateur Radio Club
October 13, Hamilton ON

[NNYARA Hamfest and Computer Show](#)

Northern New York Amateur
Radio Assoc.
Saturday, October 13, 2001
Lake Placid NY

[York Region Hamfest 2001 \(formerly called Newmarket Hamfest\)](#)

York Region Amateur Radio Club
Saturday, October 27, 2001

Markham ON

[Burlington Spring Fleamarket](#)

Burlington Amateur Radio Club
February 16, 2002

Burlington ON

[Great Napanee Hamfest 2002](#)

Kingston ARC & Quinte ARC
September 14, 2002 Napanee
(half way between Belleville &
Kingston) ON

Amateur Radio Call Sign Data Base

Industry Canada has informed RAC that they have amended the Morse Qualification listings in their Canadian Amateur Radio Call Sign Database now that the Morse requirement for access to all amateur bands is 5 WPM. Because the sole requirement now is 5 WPM, they no longer show the 12 WPM qualification.

Industry Canada advises that the modifications to their Canadian Amateur Radio Call Sign Database were completed sooner than expected and that they (IC) were unable to give RAC sufficient warning to allow timely modification to the RAC Canadian Amateur Radio Call Sign Database Web page.

Industry Canada have told RAC that they realize the significance to amateurs of showing only the lower code speed and regret any inconvenience this may have caused to the amateur fraternity.

RAC is working to have the offending references removed from the published version of the database as soon as possible.

Board of Directors, Radio Amateurs of Canada. Ω

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ARES should identify themselves to Rick. The call-out tree is an important part of supporting ARES and to date only 4 members have expressed their interest. Results of a regional emergency meeting will be provided at the next meeting. Rick also committed to providing a regular EC update at every meeting (or as required) to ensure all members were well informed of all issues relating to emergency communications.

- Greg Foster updated that the 440 repeater sustained water damage which required the reactivation of the backup repeater

Closing

- Motion to close the meeting at 8:16pm was MOVED by Ken Hillier and SECONDED by Mike Brown. Motion was PASSED. Ω



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UPCOMING OPERATING EVENTS

CONTESTS

October

- 6 TARA PSK31 Rumble
- 6 EU Autumn Sprint, SSB
- 6-7 Oceania DX Contest, Phone
- 6-7 California QSO Party
- 6-7 QCWA QSO Party
- 7 RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest, SSB

- 10 10-10 Day Sprint
- 10-12 YLRL Anniversary Party, CW

- 13 EU Autumn Sprint, CW
- 13 FISTS Fall Sprint
- 13-14 Pennsylvania QSO Party
- 13-14 Iberoamericano Contest
- 13-14 ARRL International EME Competition
- 13-14 Oceania DX Contest, CW
- 14 North American Sprint, RTTY

SPECIAL EVENTS

October 21 and 22, 2001

Special event callsigns CG7SAR and CF7SAR have been issued to Bill Tracey (VE7QQ) for on October 21 and 22, 2001 on behalf of the North Shore Radio Amateur Club, in Association with the Canadian Coast Guard Association Search and Rescue Competition to be held in Vancouver.

October 21 to November 3

Special event callsign VB2V has been issued to Mr Bob Chandler of Toronto for use between October 21 and November 3, 2001 to commemorate the United Nations "International Year of the Volunteer".

US Amateur Radio operators are among the missing

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At least four Amateur Radio operators are among the many still missing in the aftermath of Tuesday weeks attack on the World Trade Centre in New York City. The attack also destroyed the major TV and radio transmitting site atop one of the twin towers.

The hams reported missing include: Steven A. "Steve" Jacobson, N2SJ, 53, of New York City, transmitter engineer for WPIX TV, and an ARRL member. William V. "Bill" Steckman, WA2ACW, of W Hempstead, New York, transmitter engineer for WNBC TV. Robert D. "Bob" Cirri Sr, KA2OTD, 39, an ARRL member from New Jersey. A Port Authority police officer, KA2OTD was helping evacuate workers from the building when it collapsed. Michael G. Jacobs, AA1GO, 54, an ARRL member from Connecticut. Michael worked at Fiduciary Trust Company International, which had offices in the World Trade Centre.

In the UK, RSGB news says Steve Nichols, G0KYA was monitoring the KQ2H repeater in Manhattan on 29.620MHz at the time of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Centre. He said "The whole drama unfolded on the repeater as the first eye-witness reports were relayed. A few minutes later one of the hams was live on air as the second aircraft hit and the repeater relayed his somewhat traumatic account of events as it hit WTC2." The collapse of the World Trade Centre brought down the master TV transmitting antenna that served all but one television station in New York City, as well as several radio stations and amateur repeaters.

"The broadcast community is in absolute shock," said Hudson Division Vice Director Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, who works for ABC News. "We all knew transmitter engineers, we all knew people who worked up in those towers near those big television transmitters, and they're gone." Mendelsohn said many viewers in the Greater New York City Area who are not on cable can only see WCBS, channel 2, which has maintained its transmitter site on the Empire State Building. Ω

IARU Region 2 Conference in Guatemala Concludes

The International Amateur Radio Union, Region 2, held its 14th General Assembly in Guatemala City, October 1-5. Twenty-one IARU member-societies from throughout the Americas were represented in person or by proxy. Heading the RAC delegation was President Ken Oelke VE6AFO. He was assisted by , Board member Daniel Lamoureux, VE2KA and Jacqueline Lamoureux VE2XA

On the evening before the opening of the conference an Extraordinary General Assembly was held for the purpose of approving a new *Constitution, Bylaws, and Standard Operating Procedures* for IARU Region 2. The proceedings of the week-long conference were governed by the new documents. Elected as president of Region 2 for a three-year term was past president Pedro Seidemann, YV5BPG. Outgoing president Tom Atkins, VE3CDM, declined to seek re-election after two terms as president and a total of 18 years as an officer of Region 2.

Also elected was vice president Dario Jurado, HP1DJ, who previously served as a member of the Executive Committee;, ARRL International Affairs Vice President Rod Stafford, W6ROD, was elected secretary; Noel Donawa, 9Y4NED, was re-elected treasurer and Ron Szama, LU2AH, was re-elected to the Executive Committee. Newly elected to the Executive Committee were Tim Ellam, VE6SH, Pedro Rodriguez, CO2RP, Marco Tulio Gudiel, TG9AGD, and Gustavo de Faria Franco, PT2ADM.

In other actions, the conference:

- Approved a three-year budget that provides for additional contact by members of the Executive Committee with the member-societies of Region 2, preparation within the Region for the 2003 World Radiocommunication Conference, and representation of Amateur Radio at Americas Telecom 2003 in Buenos Aires.
- Endorsed the objective of a worldwide allocation of at least 300 kHz for the amateur service at 7 MHz, while maintaining a 300-kHz allocation for Region 2 amateurs as "an essential and non-negotiable requirement." The conference emphasized that other objectives being sought by international broadcasters "should not be permitted to detract from reaching" these goals.
- Asked the IARU Administrative Council to study other ways to reduce interference from the users of CB radio equipment, particularly in the 10 and 12 meter bands.
- Urged Region 2 member-societies to support a coordinated approach to secondary allocations to the amateur service in the low-frequency bands 135.7-137.8 kHz and 160-190 kHz.
- Requested the Region 2 Executive Committee to study the possibility of an amateur allocation near 5 MHz, similar to the domestic allocation recently requested by the ARRL in the United States.
- Expressed appreciation for actions by the administration of Guatemala to preserve and improve the amateur allocation at 430-440 MHz.
- Expressed concern about unauthorized operation in the amateur VHF and UHF bands and encouraged member-societies to take appropriate action, particularly against continuing commercial interference to amateur satellite uplinks in the two-meter band.
- Supported the revision of Article S25 of the international *Radio Regulations*, as proposed by the IARU Administrative Council, including the incorporation by reference of Recommendation ITU-R M.1544. This would permit the *Recommendation* concerning operator qualifications in the Amateur Service to be updated in the appropriate ITU-R Study Group rather than being drafted in a World Radiocommunication Conference. A proposal to amend Article S19 to permit greater flexibility in the formation of Amateur Radio call signs also was endorsed.
- Instructed the Region 2 Executive Committee to develop and implement a program to promote greater collaboration between member-societies of Region 2, and to develop a long range or strategic plan for the Region.
- Encouraged member-societies to urge individual radio amateurs to intensify their efforts to bring more persons to join Amateur Radio, with special attention to young people. A number of activities that have proven to be successful were offered for consideration.
- Encouraged the publicizing of international frequency allocations with the objective of educating the users of CB equipment about the need for the responsible use of the radio spectrum.
- Noted with pride the many recent developments in Amateur Radio digital communications and urged member-societies to acquaint their members and their national administrations with these developments and to stimulate further development in their countries.

The conference voted to hold its 15th General Assembly in 2004 in Trinidad & Tobago. Ω

RAC Membership / The Canadian Amateur Subscription Application



Name _____ Call sign _____

Address _____

City / town _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

• 1-year single at \$39.95 (GST incl.) *\$41.43 in NB, NS, NF (HST incl.) \$

• Additional family member at \$20 (one magazine / family membership)\$

(Name / call sign of family members – must reside at same address) _____

• Blind membership (no magazine) at \$20 \$

(CNIB Registration # required)

• Foreign 1-year single at \$53 (US funds only) \$

• I am making a donation to the RAC Foundation in the amount of \$

• I would like to order video # \$

Total enclosed \$

VISA / MasterCard No.

Card Expiry Date

Signature

**Have your credit card ready and call toll free
1-877-273-8304 or mail or fax form to:**

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Website: www.rac.ca

Cheque / money order should be made payable to Radio Amateurs of Canada Inc. in
Canadian funds. Payment must accompany the application form. You may join with
VISA/MC. Multi-year purchases are accepted to a maximum of three years.

Don't forget, a RAC membership / TCA subscription also makes a great gift idea!