

# The Dummy Load

Official Bulletin of The Cambridge Amateur Radio Club (SWARC Inc)  
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### Club Net

An information net is held every  
Wednesday on VE3SWR at 9 pm.

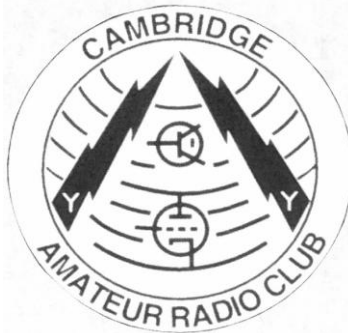
Local time.

All comers are welcome.

VE3SWR is an open repeater

146.790 MHz

-600 KHz offset



**VE3SWA**  
**DXCC HONOR ROLL**  
**(335/335)**  
**WAZ, WAC, WAS.**

## Next Meetings

Second Monday of the month  
Preston Arena Boardroom at  
8:00pm

**February 8, 2016**

\*March 7, 2016\*

April 11, 2016

May 9, 2016

June 13, 2016

**Visitors are always welcome**

## Editor's Column

Predictions – predictions; HF propagation vs the forthcoming spring antenna weather. If you live anywhere in the Georgian Bay area, Wiarton Willie says no antenna work for at least 6 weeks. To the south, Punxsutawney Phil is ready anytime to help us out as is Shubenacadie Sam. Unfortunately Winnipeg Willow died last Friday so our friends in Manitoba will have to keep a vigil eye focused out the

window.

Too bad there is not another member of the rodent family who is sensitive to ultraviolet and X-Ray radiation, ionizing agents of solar energy and sunspots and is fully conversant in the mathematics of K index, A index and magic. Ah, but then again what fun would it be to know months in advance when HF propagation will be at its best.

A reminder to members planning to apply for the club awards -- submissions for the DX and Operator awards are due to the president on or before the February meeting (February 8<sup>th</sup>). See the January Dummy load for the award criteria.

Some stations to look for over the next few weeks:

Sporadically since early January a station signing **5A6M** (Mohamed from Misurata, Libya) has been worked on 17 & 20m SSB.

Nobuaki, JA0JHQ will again be active from Ogasawara as **JD1BOW** between February 13-22, 2016.

Ken JP1RIW and Hagen DL2KUH will be active from Koror, Palau as **T88KH** and **T88KU** between March 17-21, 2016. Look for them on 160 – 6m CW & Digital.

*Tom ve3mah@bell.net*

## Minutes of Cambridge Amateur Radio Club 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016

Meeting opened at 8:01pm on a motion by VE3PSV 2<sup>nd</sup> VE3USP

Attendees:

VA3CBE, VE3ANT, VA3WIF, VE3MAH, VE3MF, VE3OAV, VA3MP, VE3USP, VE3JWK, VE3NXV, VE3PSV, VE3ESW

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted on a motion by VE3ANT 2<sup>nd</sup> VE3USP

Reports:

Year end Statement was accepted on a motion by VE3OAV 2<sup>nd</sup> VE3NXV

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer's report accepted. Moved by VE3OAV 2<sup>nd</sup> VA3MP

Old Business:

The winter contest had over 650 contacts and all participants had a good time

New Business:

The cutoff date for DX and Operator Club Awards will be end off meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> 2016

Fraser Cooper award; 3 members of the committee, reviewing eligibility, will be VE3USP (chairman) VE3ESW, VA3MP

The slow speed CW, Digital and Slow Scan TV discussion as per the bulletin received a mixed review. A communication session on 10 meters at weekends was discussed and VA3CBE is to send an email to members looking for interest.

VE3MF will give a talk on IRLP at a future date

VE3PSV spoke about Ontario Phone Net. Volunteer operators are required for Monday – Thursday and Saturday time slots. A training session of about 45minutes will be required. Frequency is 3.745mhz.

Repeater donation of \$12.50 by VE3USP

Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm moved VE3ESW

*Your submission could go here!*

### **Upcoming Events:**

Mark your new calendar in advance:

Saturday, February 6, 2016. St. Catharines, Ontario. Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Talk-in frequency VE3NRS 147.240 MHZ + offset Tone 107.2Hz.; Merriton Lions Community Centre, 7 Park Avenue in St. Catharines, Ontario.

Doors open at 7:00 AM for vendors to load-in. General public entry into the hamfest at 9 AM.

Prices are:

- \$7.00 for each Admission, and
- \$13.00 each for Tables (admission cost is extra)

Saturday, March 19, 2016. Brampton, Ontario. Peel and Mississauga Amateur Radio Clubs

Saturday, May 7, 2016. South / West end of Barrie, Ontario. Barrie Amateur Radio Club

Saturday, May 14, 2016. Smiths Falls, Ontario. Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club

**The 19th Annual Ontario QSO Party 2016;** Held on the third full weekend of April (1800Z April 16 to 0500Z April 17 and 1200Z to 1800Z April 17)

### **DX News:**

Rather than list some of the events coming, here are some sources that I find quite complete.

For DXpedition news: <http://www.dx-world.net/>

For special events: <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

Islands on the air: <http://www.rsgbiota.org/>

## For Sale / Swap / Free

The intention of this section of the bulletin is to provide a space where **members** can advertise items of a ham related nature to other members of the club. It is not intended as competition to the many on air and internet based swap shops.

Free: (to club members) 440 ohm Ladder line. About 66 feet available – enough for 2 G5RV's. Tom VE3MAH

Free: (to club members) Cushcraft A3S TriBand beam. Needs new hardware. Tom VE3MAH

Free: (to club members) CDE AR-44 rotor unit only. Working when removed from VE3FC's tower.  
Tom VE3MAH

Free: (to club members) Tripp-Lite Internet 750u UPS. Battery is about 60% capacity. Tom VE3MAH

For Sale: (from the estate of Bill VE3BM) most any reasonable offer accepted Tom VE3MAH

Astatic D104 Microphone

B&K 1403 Oscilloscope

Comet CSP-80 Speaker

Heathkit HM-102 HF SWR/Power Meter

Heathkit HW-101 HF Transceiver

Heil Microphone and Luxo Boom

Icom u2AT VHF Handheld

Icom IC-41A UHF Australian UHF CB Hand Held

MFJ-941B 200 Watt Antenna Tuner

MFJ- 982B 3 Kilo-Watt Antenna Tuner

National NC-188 Receiver

Nye MB-V-A 3 KiloWatt Antenna Tuner

Realistic Pro44 Scanner

Realistic/Turner +2 Desk Microphone

Shure 444 Desk Microphone

Yaesu 5 channel 2 meter Handheld

Yaesu FT-11R 2 meter Handheld

## Real Swap Sites:

KWARC Swap Shop -- one of the best around. <http://www.kwarc.org/swapshop/index.htm>

Maritime Swap Shop -- <http://www.ve1pjs.com/swap.html>

ONTARS Marketplace -- [http://www.ontars.com/cgi-bin/classifieds/classifieds.cgi?session\\_key=&search\\_and\\_display\\_db\\_button=on&results\\_format=headlines&query=browse](http://www.ontars.com/cgi-bin/classifieds/classifieds.cgi?session_key=&search_and_display_db_button=on&results_format=headlines&query=browse)

**Membership / Information update form:** Membership in the Cambridge Amateur Radio Club is \$20 per calendar year. Please help the Treasurer by printing this page, filling in your information and giving it to him. If mailing, please use the address listed.

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**Full membership \$20     Renewal     New Member**  
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