

# The Dummy Load

Official Bulletin of The Cambridge A.R.C. (Swarc Inc)  
*-serving the community since 1964*

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## Meetings

Meetings held at 8:00 P.M. on the second Monday of the month, Board Room Preston Arena (Bishop St at Hamilton St.) No meetings in July and August. Visitors always welcome.

## Club Net

VE3SWR repeater 146.790 Mhz every Wednesday at 2100R (9PM local)

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

## Next Meetings

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

**Mon May 12, 2014**

**Mon June 09, 2014**

**Mon Sep 08, 2014**

**Mon Oct 13, 2014**

**Mon Nov 10, 2014**

## CLUB NEWS

The meeting began at 20:02 with 15 members and 4 visitors present.

- Minutes read by Bob VE3MF. Accepted by Shawn VE3PSV and Robin VE3OAV
- Treasurer's report presented by Hugh VE3IHM. The bank balance is \$1,693.47.

Report accepted by Brian VE3ESW and seconded by Jeff VA3WIF.

## Old Business:

- Special Event call sign decision made to go with the present VE3SWA call sign. This will be used for any activities of the Club celebrating the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This motion was passed by the club.
- Proclamation by Cambridge Mayor was sent to the Mayor for his review.
- SWARC Annual Banquet discussed with 17 dinners already paid.

## New Business:

- April 20 is the Ontario QSO Party. Notification to be sent for interested participants. Calvin sent email request for interested participants.
- KWARC is looking for volunteers for April 27<sup>th</sup> Marathon. Robin will forward email.
- May 15, 7 PM Bingamans Conference Center- CANWARN training, 2HR session. Calvin sent email looking for pre registration participants.
- Unanimous motion by the Club to donate in the honour of Laura Bailey VE3QIZ. S.K. April.
- Quorum present for Annual GM Election. The following four positions are up for election.
  1. President,
  2. Vice President,
  3. Bulletin Editor and
  4. Member At Large.

**New Business—continued...**

Nominations for:

President:	-Calvin VA3CBE,	nominated by Brian VE3ESW,	seconded by Gerry VE3NXV.
Vice President:	-Scott VE3ANT,	nominated by Gerry VE3NXV,	seconded by Shawn VE3PSV.
Bulletin Editor:	-Steve VE3USP,	nominated by Bob VE3MF,	seconded by Mike VA3MP.
Member At Large:	-Jeff VA3WIF,	nominated by Calvin VA3CBE,	seconded by Brian VE3ESW.

- Nomination officially closed. Motion by the club for each nominated member. All nominated members were voted in.
- Motion put forward for a 1 Year term for Bulletin Editor. Motion carried.

Club donation went to Calvin, VA3CBE, \$13.00

Meeting was closed at 20:50 by a motion from Gerry VE3NXV, seconded by Brian VE3ESW

**Present at Meeting-:** Members:

VACBE Calvin Benoit	VA3WIF Jeff Rombough
VE3NXV Gerry Allen	VE3MAH Tom Franks
VE3IHM Hugh Martin	VA3YK Ken Meihm
VE3MF Bob Kernohan	VE3ANT Scott Buell
VE3USP Steve Nyul	VE3PSV Shawn Gartley
VE3ESW Brian Lowery	VE3CF Clarence Fatt
VE3OAV Robin Varcoe	VE3HTF Paul Fleck

Guests:  
None



I received this interesting article from **Tom, VE3MAH**.

“In response to your “Transmission Tidbit” in the July/August 2013 issue of TCA ...

Why do some amateur plates have a space and others do not? Here is a simple explanation based on my knowledge of license plate production and ministry requirements.

Since each province and territory in Canada regulates the licensing of vehicles and therefore the license plates, there are differences as defined by the provincial or territorial ministry.

Where to start? – most complicated first?

**Ontario:**

The first ‘amateur plate’, around 1968, issued in Ontario was not actually a valid license plate. It was a small (8.5” X 5.75”) yellow on black pair of plates to be attached in addition to your regular license plates. These were special order from the ministry costing \$5. Full sized plates became available in 1976. These plated were considered a special series by the ministry and could be ordered by a licensed amateur. The layout of the plate was in the traditional style of 3 letters, a crown, 3 numbers; your call split in the middle by a crown. When the provincial plate design dropped the crown in the middle, amateur plates now had a space. If you needed a replacement for your old worn plates, new ones could be ordered, and if you knew how to fill in the form, you could have a space, a crown or no space. In the 1990’s, amateur plates became ‘personalised’ plates and depending upon how you ordered them, there could be a space or, by default, no space. Plates with the RAC logo have no space.

**British Columbia:**

First issued in 1963 with no space. Amateur plates in BC are issued under their own program but are considered personalized plates. A small dash was added in 1968 – probably because the supplier changed. Plates since 1969 have no space.

**Alberta:**

First issued in 1959, plates had a dot separating the prefix and suffix. The dot was dropped in 1960 and plates to today have no space. Amateur plates in AB are issued under their own program but are considered personalized plates.

**Saskatchewan:**

First issued in the 1960’s with no space. In 1973 a dot was added and continued through the 1980’s. Current plates have a wheat sheave separator. Amateur plates in SK are issued under their own program but are considered regular issue plates.

**Manitoba:**

Issues in the early 1970’s had a dash separator. The dash disappeared in the 1980’s but a space remains to current issue. Amateur plates in MB are issued under their own program but are considered regular issue plates.

**Quebec:**

Plates issued in the early 1960’s used a fleur-de-lis as spacer but was replaced by dash for the ’64, ’65 issue. The 1967 plate in honour of EXPO had the call sign placed at the bottom in very small type including 2 spaces. (VE 2 XX) Early 1970’s plates had no space, mid 70’s the dash is back and late 70’s no space. Current plates have no space. In QC, amateur plates are considered regular passenger issue plates.

**New Brunswick:**

Plates issued from the 1960’s through the mid 1980’s have 2 spaces. Current plates have no space. In NB, amateur plates are personal issue plates.

**Nova Scotia:**

Early 1960 issue had 2 spaces the first space filled with a dash. The dash disappeared in the mid 1960's but 2 spaces remained. 1985 saw one space containing a dash. Current plates have no space.

**Prince Edward Island:**

First issued in 1959, plates had 2 spaces each filled with a dash. 1960 saw the second space remain without the dash. Mid 1960's plates retain the 2 spaces without dashes. 1970's no space; with the exception of 1973/4. Most current plates have no space except for the occasional graphic of "ANNE" as a separator. Amateur plates issued in PE are a special series considered as regular passenger plates.

**Newfoundland:**

First issued in the 1960's, these plates had 2 blank spaces through to the 1980's. The next issue saw a space added with a dash separator. The dash disappeared along with the space in the early 2000's. Interesting to note is the issue of amateur plates in NL. SONRA manages the VO - Plate program. Under a special agreement with the provincial ministry, amateur plates may be issued to a licensed amateur to be used on his vehicle, but the vehicle must also be registered with the ministry in the normal fashion and the issued provincial plates kept with the vehicle.

**Northwest Territories:**

First issued in 1962 with 2 spaces, the first space contained a dash and the second space blank (VE-8 XX). The first space and dash disappeared in 1965 with a special arrangement in 1966. (VE placed vertically, 8 space XX). With the introduction of 'polar bear' plates both spaces returned. In the late 1980's the first space was removed and plates continue in this format.

**Yukon:**

First issued in 1973 with no spaces, 1974 saw 1 space appear between the VE and 8. 1976 and 1977 no space, but a new format with a dash between prefix and suffix added in 1978 through the early 1980's. No spaces are currently employed.

Our newest territory, **Nunavut**, uses polar bear plates with no spaces. And you thought there may be a simple answer – The simple answer is "It depends" – It depends on the standards of the provincial or territorial jurisdiction of the day; It depends on the facility of manufacture; It depends on the way you fill out the paper work. Since plates are manufactured at different facilities across the country, and many provinces use the same suppliers, the die set and format are similar.

Attached are a few pictures of some amateur plates from my son's plate collection.

For the best view of amateur plates see Bob VA3RX's web page. <http://www.emergencycommunicationsontario.ca/plates/index-2.html>

'73  
de Tom  
VE3MAH/VE3TCC"

In addition – if you want amateur plates – it will cost you:

BC \$18	AB \$75	SK \$75	MB ?	<b>ON \$251.65</b>
QC \$112	NB \$175	NS \$115	PE \$100	NL \$15 -- \$10 for a senior
Yukon \$15	NWT \$33	Nunavut \$33		











## Have you worked them? DX news for the month

5Z, Kenya:

Toru, JH0CJH, remains on the air as 5Z4/JH0CJH until May 3. QRV on 40-10m, mainly in CW. QSL via h/c.

<http://www.kawauchi.homeip.mydns.jp/jh0cjh/blog/>

Author's note: I heard him many times, mostly on 21Mhz, but he would work mainly Japanese stations. He replied to only a few North American stations. Was it his antenna direction or homesickness...©

A2, Botswana:

Geo, HB9CPS, is currently active as A25/HB9CPS on 12 and 10m in CW. The duration of his stay in Botswana is unknown. QSL via h/c.

ET, Ethiopia:

Ulli, DL9WVM, is active from time to time in CW from the club station ET3AA. His CW interface will remain at the station, hopefully encouraging students to take up CW operating.

FO, French Polynesia:

Stan, EI6DX, is going to pay Bora Bora (OC-067) a visit from the 7th to the 18th of May, operating as FO/EI6DX on 80-10m. He takes along a K3, an amplifier and a vertical antenna. QSL via RX3RC.

<http://www.ei6dx.com/>

HA, Hungary:

HG20JASZ celebrates the heritage of the Jasz people, originally a nomadic tribe which settled in Hungary in the 13th century. The call draws attention to the 20th Jazygian's World meeting and to the restoration of Jasz land and privileges in 1745 by the Austrian Empress Maria Theresia. QRV until July 31, QSLs automatically via the bureau, direct via HA7NK.

<http://jaszvilagtalalkozo.hu/index.php/fotogaleriak/jaszbereny-2013-06-21>

<http://hargita.awardspace.com/hunstoria/h6karpaten.html> (in English; very interesting insight to the origins of your Editor's origin ©)

KH0, Mariana Is.:

Miho, JJ2VLY, and Yutaka, JQ2GYU, return to the rental shack on Tinian (OC-086) for another operation as NH0J. QRV from May 6 to 11 on 80-10m in CW, SSB, and RTTY. QSL via JJ2VLY, LoTW.

LZ, Bulgaria:

The Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) continues to honour Bulgarian Orthodox Saints each months with the following calls (all QSOs count towards various of the club's awards):

LZ1555WNS	May	LZ1816PAS	June
LZ1810PPW	July	LZ1680MTS	August
LZ37MP	September	LZ1375IKA	October
LZ1164SIM	November	LZ1784SMH	December

QSLs via bureau, LoTW.