

The Dummy Load

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

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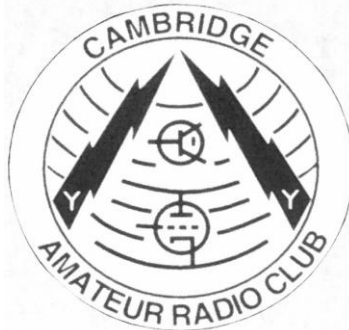
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Club Net

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

7:30pm

September 12, 2016

October 17, 2016

November 14, 2016

December 12, 2016

Visitors are always welcome

Editor's Column

As a reminder, club meetings for the remainder of 2016 will begin at **07:30** local time. Backing up by 30 minutes is intended to give us more time for some social time after the actual business portion of the meeting. As well, coffee is back. Since we did not discuss the cost per cup, coffee for the September meeting will be paid for by your editor.



Reporting from an iconic communications site and current home of VO1AA, your editor, dressed for the climate is attempting to raise VE3SWR – but no luck – if only the earth were flat the 2200 kilometre path would be possible.

As some of you are aware, Vivian and I made an unplanned road trip east and are living on 'the rock' for the next few months. Needless to say, I will not make the next few meetings. Our backup treasurer Hugh VE3IHM will make sure the club's accounts are kept up to date. – thanks Hugh –

A timbit of information for whoever decides to supply goodies for the September meeting; 12 members at the June meeting devoured 20 – 25 timbits and 12 cookies.

Welcome to new member Normano (Norman) VE3HYE. I'm sure he will stir things up a little and get us thinking about some activities members may want to get involved in. I hope everyone will enjoy the September gathering

For now -- ve3mah@bell.net

Cambridge Amateur Radio Club Meeting 13 June 2016

Meeting opened at 7:30 pm on a motion by VE3PSV 2nd VA3CF

Attendees: VE3MAH, VE3ANT, VE3IHM, VA3WIF, VE3JWK, VE3HYE, VE3NXV, VA3CF, VE3NQM, VA3GGT, VE3PSV, VE3ESW

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted on a motion by VE3PSV 2nd VE3ANT

1 minute of silence was held for VA3MP, Mike Pap, who became a silent key on Wednesday May 26th 2016. We cherish his memory and he will be sadly missed.

A donation of \$50 will be given to the Heart and Stroke Foundation moved VE3MAH 2nd VE3NXV

Accounts:

In

VE3BGG paid 2 years dues

VE3EAX paid club dues

Donation

Out

RAC

Total in bank

Accounts accepted moved by VA3CF 2nd VE3IHM

Field Day Questions from VE3NXV:

We will not be having a Field Day at Valens this year. VE3USP reclaimed the deposit and put a deposit on the field for next year.

New Business:

We have a new member VE3HYE (Normano) This ham is well known to a number of the club members as we all talk on the morning net at 8:30am. Introductions were given for those who did not know Normano.

Canada Day Contest; it was decided to use each hams own call sign for this contest.

A discussion ensued as to how we could run a club outing for one day. A number of places were mentioned including someone's back yard. This was left for future discussion as were

Generator (rental?)

Tent

List of club contents

Champlain Blvd (usage)

Donations for coffee

Walter asked who contests from home and who logs with what software?

A number of people contest from home on various contests and a number of software are used. The one for Field Day, RAC Winter contest, Ontario QSO Party and RAC Canada Day contest seems to be N3FJP software.

A donation to the repeater was received for \$15:50

Meeting ended at 8:20pm on a motion from VE3NXV 2nd VE3PSV

As received from the secretary

ARES and the Cambridge Amateur Radio Club --- a continuation

Please see the June Dummy Load for the introduction to the continuing discussions regarding the clubs participation/involvement with ARES.

Update #2 from Scott VA3GGT:

June Meeting 2016

Points of Clarity:

References to "Scott" in this document refer to Scott VA3 GGT.

ARC – Amateur Radio Club

ONS – Ontario South Region (RAC ARES term)

Since our last update, there have been a few points and ideas presented:

- We heard from Walter about what his club is doing regarding ARES, and how they assist in town. This was the result of a discussion about ARES in general, from the May Meeting.
- Scott prepared an overview of the ARES program and how it could work in Cambridge, using three different scenarios and a SWOT.
- This led to a discussion between Bob and Scott about how we need to look at the 'big picture' little further, and do more of a deep dive.
- RAC is not responding to Scott's requests for further information about the ARES Co-ordinator position for Cambridge. Scott will not be following up with RAC until we make a decision as a club about whether or not we will proceed with an ARES setup. We need to see what other ARC's are doing and how they are supporting, before we can move forward with an idea to provide support. The end goal would be to see what other ARC's are doing, to take a look at the bigger picture, and if it's worth investing time into preparing an ARES product. Scott had a call with Bob about ARES and a discussion about the involvement, or level of involvement, that ARES may play in Cambridge. Through discussion, we decided it would be a good idea to reach out to the various ARC's around us and ask them what they are doing in terms of ARES. The purpose of reaching out to these other ARC's is to find out the answers to the following questions, to help provide a larger picture of how things may play out with ARES in Cambridge.

There are three main questions we are hoping to find answers to:

1. What do they do in terms of ARES? Do they have a plan? Has it ever been used?
2. Where does their ARES plan fit in with their community? What groups do they support?
3. Do they have a copy of their ARES plan they would be willing to share with us?

Scott and Bob also had a discussion about REACT and where they fit in within the bigger, overall picture, and how they really have nothing to do with an ARES mandate. Scott will contact other ARES groups within the ONS region (Ontario South) radius and inquire about their ARES planning, and prepare an overview to send out to the executives over the summer break from meetings.

To do this, Scott will:

- Pull details off of the RAC website for EC's in the ONS (Ontario South) region.
- Once all the information is gathered, a further overview will be provided to the club executives for review and further action.

The following email is what Scott proposes to send to the different ARC's with email addresses. Please feel free to suggest changes or additions.

Good afternoon,

I am writing you today on behalf of the Cambridge Amateur Radio Club as we are looking at re-establishing our involvement in the ARES program for the City of Cambridge.

As part of our planning, we are reaching out to Amateur Radio Clubs in Ontario, inquiring about different club's involvements with ARES.

We would be interested in knowing the following:

1. What does your club do in terms of ARES? Does your club have a plan? Has it ever been used?
2. Where does your club's ARES plan fit in with your community? What groups do you support?
3. Would you have a copy of your ARES plan you would be willing to share with us?
4. In the case where your club does not have an ARES plan in place, or has dismantled, would you be willing to share with us why your club decided to not participate?

Ideally what we are trying to gain from the above three questions, is to find out what other clubs are doing, and gain a better understanding of ARES and how it plays a part in different communities across Ontario.

Thank you for your time in helping our club to answer a few questions.

Best Regards,
Scott Mitchell
VA3GGT

Update #3 from Scott VA3GGT:

July 2016

Points of Clarity:

References to "Scott" in this document refer to Scott VA3 GGT.

ARC – Amateur Radio Club

Just a few items for this month:

- Waiting to hear back if the wording on the email that I was looking to send out, was okay to send out to the groups that do have ARES chapters that exist within Southern Ontario.
- Still have not heard anything back from the ARES coordinator. I think given the lack of interest coming from RAC on this, if we do decide to do something, it will be on our own. It has been well over six weeks now since I was told I would get a reply about the ARES co-ordinator from them.

ARES Interest

The level of Interest is starting to pick up within our amateur radio club (and outside of it). This is encouraging. I think in the fall, when we start up again, we may find more interest coming from the club members.

- Shawn (VE3 PSV) from our group has expressed interest in the ARES program with the perspective of the National Traffic Control, which he made a presentation on in the past (I believe that's what it was called). He would be able to co-ordinate traffic coming in through this method if we ever had to use it.
- Daniel Murphy (VA3VU) has also offered to assist where needed with some of the technical needs that we may encounter.
- We have a member that will be joining us soon, after he writes his exam, Kyle Krulicki, who would like to focus on helping with the ARES program, and learning more about amateur radio in general.
 - o As a background, Kyle works alongside myself and Dan, and is currently studying the materials to get his license, which he'll be writing soon through our group.

Another Option to Consider

This past week, I had an opportunity to speak with Daniel Murphy (VA3VU). He was asking how the planning was going, and he made a suggestion that perhaps if we don't have a sufficient level of interest, we could reach out to Larry of the KWARC ARES Group, and see if we could be an "add-on" to their ARES plan.

We discussed that they already cover the Kitchener and Waterloo areas, so if interest is still on the soft side in the fall, why not ask the KWARC group if we could just be part of their ARES group, as they are so close, and add on a "made in Cambridge addendum" to their ARES documentation. The analogy that we were discussing would be that our ARES group could possibly be "a branch" to their group so that there is representation within Cambridge as well. It would be beneficial to both groups if we were to explore this route, as we could assist with mutual aid if/when needed.

This could be something to consider.

Column – Looking inside the stations of our club members.

I received the following from Scott VA3GGT – one of our newest members. Exactly what the column needs.



It's been just over a year now since I have received my license, and I have to say that it's been a good time to date. I've learned a lot in the past year, and even though I was "mic shy" thing for the first six months, I really do have to thank the members of this club for welcoming me in to their group and encouraging me to hit that PTT button.

I think it kind of went like this on a Net, on Wednesday evening, after mentioning I listen, but don't say anything, at the previous meeting:

- **Gerry:** Scott... VA3 GGT... Are you there and listening? Don't be shy, just push the button, say your call

sign and say hello. We know you listen. We don't bite...

I pushed that PTT button and managed to get the call sign and a hello after being "called out to". Once I got over it though, it wasn't that bad. So thank you all, for being patient, and thanks to Gerry for calling out to me that one night and encouraging me to speak up.

As most of you know, I've been working towards my advanced license, enjoying the challenges that it provides – one of which being that I really am terrible at math. (Yet give me your Telco bill and I can decipher it in under a minute, charges and all!).

As part of learning for the advanced license, I have copied over the reference materials to learn from and turned them into audio files, so that I can listen to them while on the bus on the way to work, or at lunch, or at the gym. Wherever I may be. This seems to be working – I have the first two modules down and working on module #3 now, out of the 7 modules that exist. I'm aiming towards mid-September to write the advanced exam, and pass that with flying colours.

Currently, I am working with the club to help make a decision if we are going to look at putting together an ARES group. I'm hoping to bring this to a review phase to a close with recommendations for the October meeting, with a motion to either move forward or put it on the shelf for a little while. We have had lots of good discussion around this and I think we're getting to the point where we can make an informed decision about moving forward or not.

I'm looking to take a more active role within the amateur radio world over the next year. When I say more active, I'm referring to being on the air a little more often, and taking on a couple new analysis' of upcoming processes or discussions affecting the club in the future.

In closing off this little article, I'll leave you with a few "Did You Knows" about myself.

- **Favourite food:** Chinese
- **Favourite Drink:** Tea (Orange Pekoe)
- **Favourite show:** The Doc Zone on CBC
- **Type of Work:** Customer Service Analyst with a major Telco.
- **Pets:** 1 orange tabby cat, from an animal shelter in Brampton. He's been with me for seven years. Previously had two dogs, one Irish Setter, and the other a Black Lab.

Thanks Scott – Who wants to be in the next Dummy Load?

Field Day 2016:

by Tom VE3MAH

June 25th and 26th this year was the 83rd such event sponsored by the ARRL as a simulated emergency communications readiness setup.

Steve VE3USP, on behalf of our club put VE3SWA on the air. His 'One Delta' station ran CW on 80, 40, 20 and 15 meters. With 329 QSO's totalling 658 points for a total score of 1316 VE3SWA once again shows in the listings.

Steve's contacts; 80 meters = 57; 40 meters = 174; 20 meters = 73; 15 meters = 25

Start your planning now for the 2017 Field Day on the weekend of June 24th and 25th 2017.



Sent in by Brian, VE3ESW, this picture shows the Field Day site of the Halifax Amateur Radio Club.

Brian tells me he was invited to participate in all of the clubs weekend activities.

"The Halifax Amateur Radio Club (H.A.R.C.), **VE1FQ**, has a long history dating back to its inception in 1933 and is one of the oldest amateur radio clubs in Canada."
(from their website – editor)
<http://www.halifax-arc.org/>

A Filler:

by Tom VE3MAH

I call these RF ticklers *(an idea stolen from an automotive publication I read regularly)*

The best new friend is an amateur with a DX capable remote station.

Sign on a table at a flea market, "sticker price is firm!, owner not emotionally equipped to debate its sale.

Antique transceiver? or Junk? Always determined by XYL.

Nothing devalues the new rig you bought two years ago more than the one the new kid on the block just fired up.

The countdown is on! – How can Amateur Radio and specifically our club participate in Canada's 150th birthday?

by Tom VE3MAH

According to the government of Canada website, 2017 will be a year filled with all sorts of events both regional and national celebrating Canada and the 150 years we as a nation have stood out on the world stage.

Richard Ferch, VE3IAY/VE3KI RAC Regulatory Affairs Officer has paved the way for Canadian amateurs to use a special prefix for the entire year 2017. Amateurs whose call begins with VE may use CG; calls beginning with VA may use CF; Calls beginning with VY may use CI and calls beginning with VO may use CH.

So how could we become involved?

As an individual, we could announce ourselves to the DX world as a special events station – for 365 days! New QSL cards would be required but you could use the special Canada 150 logo. (permission required – see below)

You could start all over again on any of the awards you want or already have ...

As a club, we could (added to the above) set up a special events station with certificates available; Offer an award for working X number of club members – on all bands or on individual bands and the list could go on with your suggestions.



CANADA 150
1867 - 2017

To the left is the official Canada 150 logo. It may be used by any Canadian with permission. (*ie: on your 2017 QSL printing*) For more information, consult the [detailed instructions](#) on how to apply. You can also find out more about the [Canada 150 typeface](#) that has been adopted by the Government of Canada to use with the Canada 150 logo.

To support some of the activities that will take place, there may be some funding available to an organization such as ours.

National funds may be available from/through:
Department of Canadian Heritage
Canada 150 Fund
25 Eddy Street, 11th Floor Mailstop 25-11-R
Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0M5

Local funds may be available from/through:
Cambridge & North Dumfries Community Foundation
135 Thompson Drive, Unit 7
Cambridge, Ontario N1T 2E4
519-624-8972

Upcoming Events:

Mark your calendar in advance:

Saturday September 17th 2016; Victoria Haliburton swap meet; 8:00AM – 11:00AM; Masonic Temple
10 Ridout Street (Mill St. Entrance) Lindsay, Ontario.
Free Admission; Talk In Frequency: VE3LNZ Repeater 147.195 MHz +

Sunday September 18, 2016; London Amateur Radio Club; 9:00am -12 noon; Hellenic Community Centre
133 Southdale Rd. W. London, Ontario.
Admission \$8, Tables - \$15 first one and \$10 for each extra;
Tailgating- \$7 per car (limited spaces)
Lots of door prizes and gift certificate from Radioworld.

Saturday October 1st, 2016; Hamilton Amateur Radio Club; 9:00am – 12:00 noon; Ancaster Fairgrounds,
630 Trinity Rd S, Jerseyville. (Ancaster)
Admission: \$7.00 per person; Vendor Tables: \$12.00 per table
Talk-in 146.76 (-) with tone 131.8 VE3NCF

Saturday, November 5th, 2016; York Region Hamfest; Coffee and snacks and a pancake breakfast at 7:30;
Doors open at 9:00am
Markham Fairgrounds, 10801 McCowan Road, Markham, ON
Admission \$7.00; Vendor Tables are \$35
VE3YRA 145.350 MHz(-): T:103.5 Hz; VE3YRC(V) 147.225 MHz (+):
Tone 103.5Hz; VE3YRC(U)444.225 MHz(+): No tone

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: <https://www.rsqbiota.org/index.php>

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: I have several recent years of QST and RAC magazines for any one that wants them.
Ernie VE3OU 653-9743

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

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

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.

**Cambridge Amateur Radio Club
% Tom Franks Treasurer
264 Fearnwood Street
Cambridge, Ontario
N3C 3W9**

*First Name: _____ *Last Name: _____ * Call Sign: _____

*Address: _____

*Email Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

**Full membership \$20 Renewal New Member
Associate member \$5 Renewal New**

*required – your information will not be shared with third parties.