

# KEYED-UP

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## L.A.R.C. NEWSLETTER



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NEXT MEETING

TIME: 7:30 PM, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> 2002

PLACE: St. Jude's Anglican Church 1537 Adelaide Street North

EVENT: POT LUCK DINNER

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

It's almost December. With the passing of December we will be into a shiny new year. The year 2003 will feature the 2003 WRC. At this gathering, to be held in Zurich Switzerland, will deal with a variety of topics. Central on the agenda will be proposed reforms to the 75/80M band. It is expected that if successful, the next five years should witness improvements in the way amateurs and commercial broadcast interests utilize this part of the spectrum. It is to be hoped that there will be eventually less conflict among users of these frequencies.

Also on the agenda will be a resolution to alter the treaty obligation which insists that national administrations undertake cw tests for all those seeking HF privileges. At this time, the only real opposition to test reform is with the Russian administration. It is expected that the test requirement will be written out of the treaty and will, in time, be dropped by national administrations. It is my opinion, that the administrations wish to move amateurs onto HF to make way for more and more VHF/UHF spectra auctions. This is very lucrative real estate worth billions of dollars to the governments of the world. Should the cw requirement be removed here in Canada, we need to ensure that these frequencies continue to be used. Otherwise, they may disappear from amateur use forever.

We are running out of shopping days before the big day! This is the time to make up your shopping lists. There are some excellent rigs out there that will make ideal Christmas gifts! We voted to keep the 220 machine going, so now would be a great time to get a radio with 220 capabilities. The stores have their catalogues out now! Our Christmas gift to the amateur radio community is the return of the MGI machine. By the time you read this VA3MGI should be on the air!

Upcoming events: This December be sure to attend the Christmas potluck meeting held on the regular meeting night. Please bring a salad, hot dish, or desert. Rolls and soft drinks are also needed items. January meeting: LF Radio by Mitch Powell VE3OT. February, come one, come all to the Mini Swap. Bring out your surplus equipment. (We are also attempting to obtain a very interesting speaker for this meeting . . . more details later.)

73

Charles, VE3HBB

## ***L.A.R.C. GENERAL BUSINESS***

### **CLUB INVENTORY**

VE3RCL Club Station Red Cross Building  
VA3LON 2 Meter Repeater Arva Building  
VE3MGI 2 Meter Repeater Sprinkbank Reservoir  
VE3LON 220 Mhz Repeater Mornington Ave.

VA3MGI

Repeater should be on the air by mid December on 145.390- with 114.8 Hz Pl..

VE3LON

The repeater will still be functioning as our repeater thanks to our Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The results from the vote held at our last meeting was unanimously in favor of retaining the 220 repeater. Thanks for everyone who was present for the vote.

VA3LON

Our 2M repeater located at Arva had experienced some difficulty during Monday night net on Nov.25, Forest City Comm. Matsui VE3BKI was called in to access.

VE3RCL

On December 12 at our local meeting at 7:30 pm L.A.R.C. will be holding their annual POT LUCK SUPPER. For the several years that I have attended, we have had a great turn out, plenty of members and guests and food and drink for all. Members wishing to bring food to the supper can contact Brian Bouckley VA3ATB at va3atb@rac.ca or call him by his number in the Directory.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

As of the end of November 2002 the club has 71 registered members for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. There was a mix up last club meeting with issuing badges for the membership, mainly improper spelling, this will be resolved for December meeting. The codes to access our member's only spot on our web page will be included to all registered members in this bulletin.

## **HAMS IN THE NEWS**

According to Radio Amateurs of Canada, and mentioned at our last monthly meeting of Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> an honorable mention goes to Tom Domonkos VE3FCK, R.A.C. Ham of the Year. On behalf of L.A.R.C. we congratulate you. Tom is the president of Canadian Operators Regional Assistance Radio Inc. C.O.B.R.A. Also active in CANWARN and Niagara regional A.R.E.S., VA3NAG Niagara A.R.E.S. Group. He is also chairman of the Western New York and Southern Ontario Repeater Council.

Mention goes to Gerhard Burgel VA3HAM as a winner of the copy of the RAC operating manual in the RAC new member campaign results published in Nov.& Dec. issue TCA magazine.

Also according to the same issue of TCA, Glen Lee VA3ARC is recognized for his efforts for Dx'ing during the Persieds meteor shower on August 9<sup>th</sup> 2002. Many stations

between Windsor, London and the Niagara area worked into Iowa, Missouri and Oklahoma states on the 2 meter band. It is reported that Glen worked at least a dozen stations that night.

As of our last meeting on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, Jim McCormick VE3ZJM announced the new roster of co-ordinators for the Amateur Radio Emergency Service group for Middlesex area.

District Emergency Co-ordinator, London and Surrounding Area

Jim McCormick VE3ZJM

Emergency Co-ordinator London Area

Scott D. Carter VE3CGN

Emergency Co-ordinator Middlesex Area

Rob Hockin VA3HO

Emergency Co-ordinator West Elgin/West Middlesex

Archie Van De Velde VE3PTV

## **MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Jeff Peacock VE3IOS reports for HF news, thanks to Jeff and VO1NA and DL8AAM. The Marconi Club of Newfoundland received experimental authorization to transmit CW (AIA) and USB, SSB (JBE) on 5260,5269,5280,5290,5329 and 5400 KHz with the call sign VO1MRC. This authorization is valid from November 20-23 rd, December 20-23 rd 2002 and June 20-23 2003. Essentially the experiment will look at differences in ground/sky propagation on 3.5, 5.3 and 7 MHz.

Robert Morden VE3EIM has attributed a fine description of an all band antenna assembly, which is to found in the latter pages of this bulletin.

## **L.A.R.C. WEB PAGE**

Have a look on the L.A.R.C. web page for a full listing of upcoming events, meeting schedules and topics. As reported in the last bulletin the web page would contain a more up to date agenda of club speakers. Thanks to Eric VA3EP for all his good work. [www.larc.on.ca](http://www.larc.on.ca)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DAYTON OHIO HAMVENTION

Below is a copy of the information form for Hamvention 2002 from [www.hamvention.org](http://www.hamvention.org)



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For more concise information on all activities see [www.hamvention.org](http://www.hamvention.org)  
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### **KEYED UP SALES BIN**

Darrell VE3DLY [ve3dly@rac.ca](mailto:ve3dly@rac.ca) is selling the following items;

UNIDEN BEARCAT BC8500XLT SCANNER \$350.00  
CUSHCRAFT A270-105 DUAL BAND BEAM 2m & 440-5 element each 6ft boom \$100.00  
Cushcraft 224WB Boomer- 4 element 220 beam- 3 ft. boom \$75.00  
MFJ-1116 MULTIPLE DC POWER BAR \$60.

**POT LUCK DINNER DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 2002**

**Ask any executive for details.**

## **LOCAL 2M REPEATERS**

### **LARC REPEATERS**

- \*VA3LON 147.060+ with 114.8 Hz. Pl.**
- \*VE3LON 224.220+ with 114.8 Hz. Pl.**
- \*VA3MGI 145.390- with 114.8 Hz. Pl.**

### **CANWARN**

- \*VE3OME 145.450+ with 114.8 Hz. Pl.**

### **SORT REPEATERS**

- \*VE3TTT 147.180+ with 114.8 Hz. Pl. usually open, ULR link repeater**
- \*VE3SUE 444.400+ with 114.8 Hz. Pl. usually open ULR link repeater, linked to VE3TCB 146.940- and VE3SRT 442.300+ Ipperwash Ont.**

### **AREA REPEATERS**

- \*VE3STR 147.330+ with 114.8 Hz. Pl. St. Thomas Ont.**
- \*VE3STR 443.825+ with 114.8 Hz. Pl. St. Thomas Ont.**
- \*VE3NDT 147.240+ with 114.8 Hz. Pl. Dorchester Ont.**
- \*VE3SME 146.925- with 114.8 Hz. Pl. Simcoe Ont.**
- \*VE3SML 444.550+ with 114.8 Hz. Pl. Waterford Ont.**
- \*VE3WIN 147.000+ with 131.8 Hz. Pl. Windsor Ont.**
- \*VE3DPL 146.655- with 114.8 Hz. Pl. Woodstock Ont.**
- \*VE3RBT 147.225+ with 131.8 Hz. Pl. Tillsonburg Ont.**
- \*VE3KCR 147.120+ with 100.0 Hz. Pl. Chatham Ont.**
- \*VE3GOD 147.030+ with 118.8 Hz. Pl. Goderich Ont.**
- \*VE3TCB 146.940- with 123.0 Hz. Pl. Ipperwash Ont.**

### **EDITORS' NOTE**

With Christmas approaching quickly, every ham's fancy turns to owning a new radio. Since we have a wide variety of repeaters available to us, I thought it would be nice to own a new tri-band, or dual band radio, handheld or base. Here are a few suggestions (I will not get any royalties for mentioning these radios)

IC-T90A 6M,2M, 70CM handheld; IC-TZH 2M & 70cm handheld, IC-746PRO HF,6M,2M transceiver; FT-7100M Dual band mobile; VX-7R 6M,2M,70cm; VX-150 2M handheld.

# **MERRY CHRISTMAS**