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Presidents' Message

by Ron Pereira, VE3ZX



Business as Usual

Just a few updates this month.

At last week's executive meeting, we were talking about what to do for this upcoming general meeting. Somehow I got volunteered to do a presentation on JT-65. The bands have been pretty quiet lately, except for JT-65 activity. I think what got me into trouble was the comment that I had made over 11,000 spots to PSKReporter over a period of about 10 days. That was an absurd number for me, and really just the result of forgetting to turn the radio off. Come on out this Wednesday and find out more about this easy, relaxed digital mode.

-73 de VE3ZX

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The VE100VIMY event wrapped up in Ontario and is just about done out west. It carries on up north and back east until March. See VE100VIMY.CA for schedules.

Hugh, VE3AYR put out a news release about the Ontario operations. You can download and view it by clicking [here](#).



VC3C2C Operations

Remember to book your time on air with our club special event call sign. E-Mail Rick at ve3bk@hamiltonarc.ca with the dates and times you'd like to operate.

Speaking of Special Events...

We need a certificate design for club members operating as VC3C2C. I don't know what sort of prize we can offer, maybe just bragging rights, but

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Important Points

Executive Meetings

HARC Executive committee meets each month, except July and August. Members are invited to attend. Time and location of the meetings vary but they are posted on the web site at <hamiltonarc.ca>

HARC operates VE3NCF

repeater, located atop the Niagara Escarpment. It's open for use by all Amateurs. Special features are a privilege of membership.

VE3NCF 146.760 - & 444.075 +
using tone 131.8

Nets

HARC "check-in net" is held every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. on VE3NCF (see above) September through June. An informal HF net

if you have an artistic bent here's your opportunity to show off.

Contesting Corner

2016 RAC Canada Winter Contest VE3DC

2864 points X 37 Multipliers = 105968 score

Operators: VA3WPS VE3BK VE3DCU VE3JS
VE3QEE VE3RYI

Visitors: VE3BEC VE3UFC & Joe Martinak
VA3DJ's Dad

Another great Canadian Contest we enjoy at VE3DC. We had a slow start on the Friday night with a bitter cold and then about 10 cm of snow. Friday night was slow for Canadian contacts. I could work South Africa on 40m but was having trouble hearing some of the VE3s. We didn't know if we were going to get snowed in but it turned out to be milder on the Saturday with rain. This made it a slippery drive on the way home when the temperatures dropped again. We made most of our contacts in the daytime up until the 7pm 23:59 UTC closing. A great contest with many of our friends from the States getting in there to help us with our Canadian contest. Thanks to all that worked us and the great job done by our operators.

73 Rick VE3BK

Announcing the CQWW160SSB 2017 Contest

VE3DC has won many Certificates for this contest in our Class in Canada and in Ontario. So let's do it again this year in 2017. You can check the official results for us on the official webpage at:

takes place Mondays at 7:30 PM
on
3.693 MHz. All contacts are
welcome.

Examinations

Amateur radio license examinations
are conducted by arrangement with
our three
designated examiners. Refer to the
web site at <hamiltonarc.ca> for
details.

Membership Information

Club membership, including all
privileges, is \$42 per person, per
year, (\$31 for RAC members)
Sept 1 to Aug 31.
Additional membership, for
immediate family living in the same
home, is offered. Refer to the web
site at <hamiltonarc.ca> for details.

The Hamilton Amateur

The Hamilton Amateur is published
ten times each year (not in July or
August). Deadline for article
submission is the last Saturday of
the month for the next month's
issue. Preferred format is .txt file.
Articles will be checked for spelling
and grammar, but the author is
responsible for factual content.

<https://www.cq160.com>

This is our next contest. Feb 25 – Feb 26 / 2017 .
This actually starts at 5pm on Friday Feb. 24th
(22.00 UTC Feb.24 to 22:00 UTC Feb.26, a 48
hour contest) to 5 pm on Sunday Feb. 25th, 2017.
Rules are here: <https://www.cq160.com/rules.htm>

We will be doing the SSB once again from our
Contest site. Let me know if you want to be
scheduled as an operator. This is the Gentleman's
Band which is best at night time in the Winter
months. I guess the snow or cold weather makes it
better. It looks like good weather, not flooding and
ice like we have had before, especially now that
the water run off problem has been fixed and no
one will get stuck with the new gravel. Lets hope
we do have good weather this year.

Let me know if you want to be an operator for this
fun contest. I want to hear if you can or cannot
attend, so that a schedule can be made up. We will
be only on the 160 band, so that means only one
radio. We can set up another radio to listen for
multipliers but not transmit.

New hams are always welcome to see how we
operate (we will have a few from our previous
classes).

This is a great one to observe and/or get your feet
wet as Contesters. This is a 48 hour contest, so
everybody should be able to put in some time. Let
me know. My email is: ve3bk@hamiltonarc.ca
73 Rick VE3BK



Techie nights aren't quite back yet

Due to the overwhelming sound of silence, we've cancelled techie nights for the time being. If you have something you'd like to show off or demonstrate, please let the executive know. We still have access to the room on a couple days notice.

Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, February 15 is our next general meeting. 7 to 9 pm in the cafeteria at Westdale High School, Longwood rd. and Main West. No guest speaker is scheduled. VE3ZX - Ron will be showing off some JT-65 information and if all works as planned, a remote demo.

In Closing

Remember to come out to the General Meeting this week. We need to see your faces. This month we also need to ask for volunteers for various activities planned for the year, Hope to see you at the meeting.

- 73 de VE3ZX - Ron Pereira



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