



# HI - Q

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## NEXT MEETING

**THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 11**

Room 207B  
McIntyre Building  
Confederation College  
7:30 p.m.

### Election of Officers

If you are interested in a position on the executive of this fine club please let your name be known to the Nominating committee of Pat VA3GD or John VE3GTX.

## EDITOR WANTED

Yes your talents are needed. Or should I say your willingness to learn. If you have a computer at home and just haven't found the right justification for it we can help (pun intended).

As you know, the last two editors have put together a great newsletter and don't just take my word for it, we have won awards. We have help for anyone who would take on this task. But we need you to come forward now. Contact Ian Mellis

## RENEWAL TIME AGAIN

**Yes fellow hams, it's time to  
Buck up!**

But not only do we want your money we also need some information about you and where you now reside.

### **WE NEED THIS FROM EVERYONE!**

"Nothings changed"

Just does not cut it. If nothing has changed then we don't know who or where you are. Oh and do not bother calling us if your Hi-Q is lost in cyberspace somewhere.

"It's on the check"

So is your wife's/husband's name. For that matter so is the address of your Bank. Maybe you can read Hi-Q there.

Believe me I've heard every excuse in the book and then some. So if you think you have a new one try me and you will win a prize. One crisp renewal form to fill out.

### **DEADLINE FOR RENEWAL IS 30 SEPT.**

On that date the computer deletes your name if we have not received and processed your renewal. Are not computers wonderful?

\*\*\*97/98 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL\*\*\*



**LAKEHEAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC**

1100C MEMORIAL AVENUE, SUITE 184, THUNDER BAY ONTARIO P7B 4A3



**CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP**

**FULL MEMBERSHIP \$35** - open only to licensed amateurs

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (807) \_\_\_\_\_ May we publish the phone number YES / NO

Call(s) \_\_\_\_\_

May we deliver HiQ by Email? YES / NO

Are you a member of Radio Amateurs of Canada? YES / NO

If so what is your RAC membership # \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP** - immediate family residing at the same address holding licenses. **\$35 plus \$10** for each additional amateur.

Names and Calls: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**STUDENT MEMBERSHIP - \$15** - open to persons enrolled full time in a education facility

List School and program: \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP - \$20** - upon approval of the Board and open to:

- 1) non holders of an amateur radio license
- 2) licensed amateurs living outside the immediate Thunder Bay area or are unable to attend regular meetings of the club.

If you feel you qualify for associate membership, please indicate why, on a separate sheet, to be used by the Board to consider your application.

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THIS IS "BE KIND TO YOUR TREASURER YEAR". PLEASE MAIL OR BRING THIS FORM TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WITH YOUR CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER TO COVER YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES. MADE PAYABLE TO THE LAKEHEAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. DROP YOUR FORM AT THE POST BOX AT MAILBOXES ETC AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS. **PAYMENT IS DUE NOW!** PAYMENT PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE WILL ENSURE THAT YOUR SPEED DIALS, MAIL BOX, ETC WILL REMAIN THE SAME.

**DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS 30 SEPTEMBER 1997.**

SUPPORT RADIO AMATEURS OF CANADA. BECOME A MEMBER

**\*\*\*INVOICE\*\*\***

## Meeting Minutes

### Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

Room 207B at Confederation College,  
Thunder Bay, Ontario on June 12, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by the President VA3RIM, Ian Mellis with 28 members in attendance.

#### Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held May 8, 1997 were published in detail in the June edition of "HI-Q" and mailed to all members.

**Motion:** moved by VA3JRS, Jan Sokoloski and seconded by VA3PEP, Carl Storry that the minutes be accepted as published. **Carried.**

#### Correspondence:

- invitation to UP Hamfest sponsored by the Copper Country Radio Amateur Association to be held Saturday, August 2, 1997 in Houghton, Michigan.

#### Treasurer's Report: VE3GTX, John Watson

Balance as of April 30, 1997	
\$ 907.49	
Income: Donation	100.00
50/50 Draw	12.50
Donation	100.00
Call Book Sales	40.00
Membership Fee	30.00
	<u>282.50</u>
Expenses: Mail Boxes Etc (HI-Q)	118.57
Thunder Bay Telephone	63.26
Administration supplies	44.71
	<u>226.54</u>
Balance as of May 31, 1997	
\$ 963.45	

**Motion:** moved by VE3GTX, John Watson and seconded by VE3AJ, Bill Klemacki that the Treasurer's report be accepted. **Carried.**

#### Old Business:

- **Field Day:** VA3DPB, Don Bel reported that we have access to a trailer thanks to VE3SNW, Ed Baumann and all we require is someone with a "pinto" hitch to haul it to the field day site. The outhouse has been ordered and the generator has been arranged for.

-**CJ'97:** VE3FLB, Rob Van Wyck reported that everything is fine. We have a site, people, program and equipment. Rob is looking for volunteers to help set up the station. VE3XRC, Norm Bell gave a short report on the internal radio communications system.

-**Antenna at Balmoral Street Police Station:** VE3XRC, Norm Bell reported that we now have a 2m antenna mounted on the side of the Balmoral Street Police Station. This antenna will be used in the event the Police Station is designated as the Emergency Operations Centre if an emergency is declared.

-**Insurance:** at the April meeting, an insurance committee was struck to look into the costs of the club obtaining liability and property insurance. A quotation was requested through Radio Amateurs of Canada and it came to a total of \$679.00 for 1 million dollars liability and \$25,000.00 property insurance. Due to the price of the RAC quote, enquiries were made with local insurance brokers. Jones and Associates quoted \$725.00 for the same coverage. A general discussion followed including the aspect of a need to raise membership fees to cover the projected cost of insurance. This item was referred back to the committee for a recommendation to be presented at the September meeting.

**Motion:** moved by VA3GD, Pat Doherty and seconded by VA3TFS, Terry Saunders that the individual membership fee for the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club be increased by \$ 5.00 from 30.00 per year to 35.00 per year.

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**Carried.**

-**Public Service:** VE3ZG, Mike Nawrocki reported that he is still working on the idea of providing guidance to visitors coming to CJ'97 via 2m and has also enlisted the help of the local citizen band radio club to do the same.

#### New Business:

"**HI-Q**" Editor: as was reported in the June edition of "HI-Q", VA3ROM, Bob Mazur has resigned as editor of "HI-Q". The President VA3RIM, Ian Mellis pointed out that Bob had made some major accomplishments with "HI-Q" over the last two years such as putting it on "e-mail" and the winning of an award. As a new editor is required, Ian wants members to think seriously about this job. If you are interested, let Ian know.

**Nominating Committee:** as our constitution requires a nominating committee to be named at the June meeting, it was announced that VE3GTX, John Watson and VA3GD, Pat Doherty have volunteered to be the nominating committee and prepare a slate of officers for the September meeting.

**Senate vacancy:** due to VE3EDW, Hugh Elliott becoming a silent key, there is now one vacancy on the Senate of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club. VE3FLB, Rob Van Wyck and VE3SNW, Ed Baumann will be looking for a suitable replacement to be recommended to the Executive for approval.

**55+ Centre Radio Station:** as VA3RIM, Ian Mellis was the new kid on the block, he recently became the president of VE3SAO and the computer club at the 55+ Centre located on River Street. VE3NPS, Nestor Procup wants amateurs to get involved at VE3SAO and carry on what VE3JAB, Bob Bishop started in the teaching of computer courses at the centre.

**50/50 Draw:** winner of the 50/50 draw was VE3EMI, John Kaleta.

**Adjournment:** moved by VE3FLB, Rob Van Wyck and seconded by VA3MOB, Moe Bell that the meeting be adjourned. **Carried.**

Following a short break, VE3XT, Bill Unger introduced our guest speaker who was obtained at great expense to the club. VE3AJ, Bill Klemacki gave a brief history on tuning antennas in the old days. During the 1940s, coax cable was developed by the military and after the war became available to amateurs and a SWR device was invented by an American ham. In the past, hams had to transmit on the air to test their antennas. The club has had a MFJ antenna analyzer donated to it for use by club members and VE3AJ is the custodian. As well as SWR, this analyzer can be used for measuring frequencies. Bill explained some of the pitfalls to watch out for when using this gadget.



**Are You a member Yet?**

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