



# HI-Q

## THE LAKEHEAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB JOURNAL

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**!!! Field Day is at Hazelwood Conservation Area !!!**

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### Field Day 1999

Field day is at Hazelwood Conservation Area again this year. Come on out and have some, bring your antenna projects or experiments and **MAKE SOME SMOKE!!!** A barbeque will be going too I imagine. If you have never been to Hazelwood Conservation Area all you have to do is drive out hwy 102 past County Fair Park Plaza about 2 kilometres and hang a right on Hazelwood Drive. From there just go to the end of the road to the parking lot at the conservation area and walk down to the beach. I am sure you find the group. 73 es 88 de "Old One Boot"

### New Member

Welcome new member Ernest Black, VA3EHB

### We have Code Wars !

Jan, VA3JRS says that Ian, VA3RIM is going to look like doggy doo when she gets her code, just in time maybe to work on ten meters with the new code endorsement if she only gets the five WPM morse code. Jan did say she was going for the gusto and trying the 12 wpm morse test, all the power to her. De Old One Boot.

### Membership Dues are due in September Please don't forget

Jan, VA3JRS is our new treasurer so please get in touch with her regarding your membership dues this coming September.

Hi All,

Industry Canada has been making more changes to their Web pages. I just learned of this one today. Until now I was concerned because the old URL did not list any new notices since 17 February, 1999. RAC gave us the URL for the proposed change in the 28.0 MHz to 29.7 MHz Band but I could not access any current list or index directing me to that page. The new "index" site seems to be right up to date and includes the recent proposal for changes in the 28.0 MHz to 29.7 MHz Band among others not directly related to amateur radio. Hopefully this new page will function for a little longer than the old one. See: GAZETTE NOTICES PERTAINING TO BROADCASTING, RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS 1999 The new URL is: <http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/SSG/sf01752e.html>  
73 Jim, VE3UA

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**1998/1999 LARC****Founding President**

P. J. (Pat) O'Shea VE3FW

LARC maintains the Club call VE3FW  
to honour the memory of our first  
President Mr. Pat O'Shea.

**Senate**

Bill Roberts VE3ARN  
Keith Fiske VE3JQ  
Ray Greer VE3CH  
Bill Klemacki VE3AJ  
Dave Kimpton, VE3AVS

**Executive Board**

President: Ian Mellis ..... VA3RIM ..... 577-1628  
Vice Pres: Ed Baumann ..... VE3SNW ..... 622-1216  
Secretary: Norm Bell ..... VE3XRC ..... 577-9316  
Treasurer: John Watson ..... VE3GTX ..... 683-3199  
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Bob Hanson ..... VE3RVA ..... 767-6924  
Jan Sokoloski ..... VA3JRS ..... 344-3222  
Past Pres: Terry Stewardson .... VE3TKA ..... 577-9439

**Appointments**

Mem. Sec.: John Watson ..... VE3GTX ..... 683-3199  
Hi-Q Editor: Wayne Letang ..... VA3WRL ..... 344-9759  
Emergency Coordinator: Randy Gottfred, VA3GOT.....939-2310

**Club Repeaters**

VE3YQT 147.060 - OFFSET  
VE3TBR 146.820 - OFFSET

## Next Meeting

### June 10, 1999

Meetings are held at 7:30 pm every second Thursday of each  
month at Confederation College in room 207B in the  
McIntyre Building.

### Minutes of a Meeting of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club held in Room 207B at Confederation College, Thunder Bay, Ontario on May 13, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by the President  
VA3RIM, Ian Mellis with 20 members and guests in  
attendance.

**Guest Speakers:** VA3RIM, Ian Mellis introduced the  
evening's guest speakers, Constable Andy Clark and Constable  
John Komar from the Thunder Bay Police Service. Both  
officers are community policing officers and they gave an  
overview of community policing in Thunder Bay. There are  
presently 16 neighbourhood offices in Thunder Bay with plans

to add two more in the future to cover the rural areas. Each  
officer has "ownership" of his or her area and spend a lot of  
time getting to know the people in their areas. They also  
spend a lot of time in the school systems allowing them to get  
a feel for what is going on in their respective areas.  
Volunteers are utilized to staff the neighbourhood offices  
allowing the officers to spend time out in the field. After their  
initial presentation, both John and Andy held a question and  
answer session.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:**

The minutes of the previous meeting held April 8, 1999 were  
published in detail in the May edition of "HI-Q" and  
distributed to all members.

**Motion:** moved by VE3AJ, Bill Klemacki and seconded by  
VE3SNW, Ed Baumann that the minutes be accepted as  
distributed. **Carried.**

**Correspondence:** -letter from the VE3WRM Amateur Radio  
Club at the W. Ross MacDonald School for the blind stating  
that donations will be used for the purchase of equipment for  
the blind students.

-thankyou letter from the Sibley Ski Tour organizers along  
with a cheque for \$ 100.00.

-letter from the organizers of the Shoppers Drug Mart 10 Mile  
Road Race requesting our assistance.

**Treasurer's Report:** VA3JRS, Jan Sokoloski

Balance as of March 31, 1999 \$ 2,924.17

Income:

Bank Interest	0.12
Donation	100.00
Voyageur Award	2.00
50/50 Draw	<u>7.50</u>
	09.62

Expenses:

Class Material	96.60
Telephone	69.01
Repeater Maintenance	31.91
Field Day	50.00
Bank Service Charge	2.40
P.O. Box Rental	101.69
Donation	100.00
Mail Boxes Etc(HI-Q)	<u>39.71</u>
	491.32

Balance as of April 30, 1999 \$2,542.47

**Motion:** moved by VA3JRS, Jan Sokoloski and seconded by  
VE3AVS, Dave Kimpton that the Treasurer's report be

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accepted. **Carried.**

### Old Business:

**-Club Banner:** as previously discussed and voted on, a new club banner will be purchased.

### Reports:

**-RAC:** VE3UA, Jim O'Brien stated that VE3PD, Pat Doherty had resigned as President of RAC and that VE3GTX, John Watson had resigned as Treasurer.

**-ARES:** VA3GOT, Randy Gottfred mentioned that we had been asked to help out as a link between Southern Ontario and the forest fire that caused the evacuation of Beardmore in the event that telephone service was cut off due to the fire. Still working on photo identification cards with the Fire Chief. We have not yet received a request from the City regarding potential Y2K problems. Many municipalities in Southern Ontario have already requested the assistance of amateurs.

**-Community Service:** VE3XRC, Norm Bell stated that 4 operators helped with the Salvation Army Red Shield Campaign on May 3/99. Volunteers were recruited at the meeting for the 10 Mile Road Race Monday May 24/99 and Norm has Volunteer Application Forms for the Airshow, August 28 & 29/99.

**-Equipment:** VE3TKA, Terry Stewardson said that the new controller for the Upsala repeater has arrived. They are investigating a possible path from Upsala to Atikokan.

**-Classes:** VE3SNW, Ed Baumann said that the classes are coming to a conclusion with another 3 or 4 more classes left. all the students have built J-Poles and they all worked.

### New Business:

**-Field Day:** will be held June 26th and 27th at Hazelwood Lake. VA3RIM, Ian Mellis has not yet contacted our resident chef (VE3XT) to see if Bill can do his cooking magic.

**-Canwarn Training:** Environment Canada is putting on a one day training session for us to be held on June 5, 1999. A location has not yet been set, it will be dependent on how many amateurs sign up to take this training. It should be remembered that as our commitment to Canwarn was stated previously, we were able to utilize the weather radar tower at Upsala for a repeater. Ten club members indicated at the

meeting they would attend. If you are able to attend, please contact VE3XRC, Norm Bell at 577-9316.

**-2m Mini Net:** VE3AVS, Dave Kimpton, in an article in the May edition of "HI-Q" pointed out that the interest in the Monday night 2m Mini Net has declined in both the number of check-ins and the number of net controllers, and with the repeater announcing that a net would take place at 7:00 pm, he suggested that maybe we should consider dropping the net at this time and removing the announcement on VE3YQT.

**Motion:** moved by VE3AVS, Dave Kimpton and seconded by VA3PP, Pat Pugh that the Monday night 2m Mini Met be discontinued and the announcement be removed from VE3YQT. **Carried.**

**-Antenna Season:** VE3AJ, Bill Klemacki has been in distress and grief of late that no one has called, sent an e-mail or an old style Les Harris radiogram enquiring about the state of antenna season. To rectify this situation, Bill put on his antenna hat, blew the dust off his antenna horn, and with a resounding blast, officially declared antenna season closed.

**-Adjournment:** moved by VE3BHN, Bob Gillespie that the meeting be adjourned.

**50/50 Draw:** winner of the 50/50 draw was VE3INI, Andy Malcolm.

## Public Service by Mike Nawrocki

My apologies for missing an article for the last two newsletters, however we have been away doing a bit of PR work, and holidaying in ZL1, ZL2, ZL3 and ZL4 land, as well as VE4 and VE5 territory. No computer handy to e-mail articles from those locations. Visited briefly the start of a VHF conference that was being held in Auckland the first weekend we were there, have some video footage of a few of the people involved. Understand things have gone off smoothly here, the 10 mile road race is going on May 24, and all seems to be in order for it. A Can-warn training session is scheduled for June 5, and at least count, approximately 20 local amateurs are planning on participating. Good idea, we left Saskatoon last Wednesday, just a few hours before the tornado hit. I read Regina paper that a tornado warning was not issued by the Winnipeg weather office until an hour after the twister had

first touched down. Maybe we can be of help, but hopefully will not have to report that kind of event in this area, but one never knows. All going well will see you at the next meeting. Haere hai.

**From: RAC Headquarters**  
**Date: April 30, 1999**  
**Subject: RAC President Doherty Resigns**

Patrick Doherty, VE3PD has resigned his position as President of Radio Amateurs of Canada. He succeeded long-time President J. Farrell Hopwood, VE7RD on Jan 1 this year. Like all other RAC Executive Officers and Directors, the RAC President is an unpaid volunteer. Under the RAC Constitution, First Vice President Doug Leach, VE3XK is Acting President until a new President can be elected by the RAC Board of Directors. During his four months in office, Mr Doherty brought about major changes in the operation and management of the organization. RAC, like many other national organizations, was faced with decreasing membership and consequent falling revenues during 1998. Mr. Doherty drastically cut RAC expenses in order to balance the budget for 1999. Purchases of The Canadian Amateur magazine were reduced to six issues per year from the previous eleven. A downsizing and realignment of head office staff and rented office space along with other cost-cutting measures have significantly reduced operating expenses. Following a significant loss in 1998, the financial situation is turning around. RAC membership also is now growing again after a low at year end. President Doherty also reorganized the RAC management team to deal with other changes in the Amateur Radio environment. He brought on board Treasurer John Watson, VE3GTX and a new Vice President for Industrial Liaison Don Rowed, VE3KII. Vice President Tim Ellam, VE6SH moved to Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, and Tim Ray, VE3XV took on the task of RAC Honourary Counsel. Sincere thanks for his contributions to RAC and best wishes for the future are extended to Mr Doherty.

Doug Leach, VE3XK Acting President, Radio Amateurs of Canada

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**From: RAC Headquarters**  
**Date: April 30, 1999**  
**Subject: 10M proposed for Basic+5**

PROPOSAL TO GRANT 28.0 TO 29.7 MHZ PRIVILEGES TO BASIC AND 5 WPM QUALIFICATIONS

Industry Canada has announced a proposal to allow individuals holding an Amateur Radio Operator Certificate with Basic and Morse code (5 WPM) Qualifications to operate in the 28.0 MHZ to 29.7 MHZ (10 metre) amateur radio frequency band.

Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) submitted the proposal to Industry Canada at the Canadian Amateur Radio Advisory Board meeting held in May 1998, in response to requests from radio amateurs across Canada. Many radio amateurs believe that this would be an important step for the growth and stability of the amateur radio service. It would provide amateurs, who now meet basic international requirements, with the opportunity to operate world wide long distance (DX) communications and to increase their HF operating skills. It is also believed that this proposal would encourage operators with only Basic Qualification to learn Morse code(5 WPM) and increase the overall number of amateurs with HF knowledge and skills.

Details on the proposal and how to make comments before June 30, 1999 are posted on the Industry Canada web site at <http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/SSG/sf01772e.html>

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## 20 Top Engineering Terms

1. **A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT APPROACHES ARE BEING TRIED** - We are still pissing in the wind.
2. **EXTENSIVE REPORT IS BEING PREPARED ON A FRESH APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM** - We just hired three kids fresh out of college.
3. **CLOSE PROJECT COORDINATION** - We know who to blame.
4. **MAJOR TECHNOLOGICAL BREAKTHROUGH** - It works OK, but looks very hi-tech.
5. **CUSTOMER SATISFACTION IS DELIVERED ASSURED** - We are so far behind schedule the customer is happy to get it delivered.
6. **PRELIMINARY OPERATIONAL TESTS WERE INCONCLUSIVE** - The darn thing blew up when we threw the switch.
7. **TEST RESULTS WERE EXTREMELY GRATIFYING** - We are so surprised that the stupid thing works.
8. **THE ENTIRE CONCEPT WILL HAVE TO BE ABANDONED** - The only person who understood the thing quit.
9. **IT IS IN THE PROCESS** - It is so wrapped up in red tape that the situation is about hopeless.
10. **WE WILL LOOK INTO IT** - Forget it! We have enough problems for now.
11. **PLEASE NOTE AND INITIAL** - Let's spread the responsibility for the screw up.
12. **GIVE US THE BENEFIT OF YOUR THINKING** - We'll listen to what you have to say as long as it doesn't interfere with what we've already done.
13. **GIVE US YOUR INTERPRETATION** - I can't wait to hear this bull!
14. **SEE ME** or **LET'S DISCUSS** - Come into my office, I'm lonely.
15. **ALL NEW** - Parts not interchangeable with the previous design.
16. **RUGGED** - Too damn heavy to lift!
17. **LIGHTWEIGHT** - Lighter than RUGGED.
18. **YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT** - One finally worked.
19. **ENERGY SAVING** - Achieved when the power switch is off.
20. **LOW MAINTENANCE** - Impossible to fix if broke

## Hi Everyone from Aylmer, QC.

I'm the president of the "Strange Brew Amateur Radio Group" It's a place for former residents of Thunder Bay who are also radio amateurs, to meet. See us on the net at <http://www.qsl.net/sbrag/>

Vive Jolly Wally, Don Percy and Rick Smith!....73..Gary VE2GK/VE3KG  
ex VE3HJS, VE3CK, VE3URS, VE3TBA, VE3ZOO  
VA2CK, VA3QC and KA0PLO

## *I've Got Your Number \*S\**

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1. A friend stops to see you since your phone has been busy -- for a year!!!!!"
2. You forgot how to work the TV remote control.
3. You see something funny and scream, "LOL, LOL."
4. You tell everyone, that after surgery, your mom went to ICQ.....instead of ICU!
5. You sign off and your screen says you were on for 3 days and 45 minutes.
6. You placed the refrigerator beside your computer.
7. You buy a laptop and a cell phone so you can have ICQ in your car.
8. Tech support calls YOU for help.
9. You beg your friends to get an account so you can "hang out."
10. You get a second phone line just to call out for pizza.
11. You purchase a vanity car license plate with your screen name on it.
12. You say "he he he he" or "heh heh heh" instead of laughing.
13. You say "SCROLL UP" when someone asks what it was you said.
14. You find out divorce papers had been served on you 6 months ago.
15. You talk on the phone with the same person you are sending an instant message to.
16. You look at an annoying person off line and wish that you had your ignore button handy.
17. You start to experience "withdrawal" after not being online for awhile.

18. You say....."Where did the time go??"
19. You sit on ICQ for 6 hours for that certain special person to sign on.
20. You get up in the morning and go online before getting your coffee.
21. ....You end your sentences with.....three or more periods.....
22. Your shoes are suddenly 2 sizes too small.
23. You think faster than the computer. <----Not difficult for me
24. You enter a room and get greeted by 25 people with {{{hugs}}} and \*\* kisses\*\*.
25. Being called a newbie is a major insult to you.
26. You're on the phone and say BRB.
27. Your teacher or boss recommends a drug test for the blood shot eyes.
28. Your answering machine/voice mail sounds a little like this...."BRB. Leave your S/N and I'll TTYL ASAP".
29. You get up at 2:00 AM to go to the bathroom and turn the computer on instead.
30. You need to be pried from your computer by the Jaws-of-life.

This poem written 4-21-99 by Dr. Gene Howard

### ***God Not Allowed In School***

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All over the grounds of the school the bodies of students lay, and parents and students everywhere were starting to pray.

Now our God is allowed back on the campus of the school, But not any other time for you see it is against the Federal rule.

The Supreme court said we must not allow prayer by students, or allow on the walls of our schools the Ten Commandments. They said "If they read them they may think, and become reflective and could possibly obey them, and this is not a permissible objective."

We replaced God with Humanism and the Religion of Evolution, and placed in the mind of our students the elements of confusion.

We tell them not to kill others, yet teach the toughest will

survive.

Get what you want in life, it's justified as long as you can stay alive.

We have tried to make our schools safe by putting in metal detectors, but guns and knives are not the problem it is simply the social reflectors.

For if all weapons were kept out, it would not give students purpose or love, a change in the heart is needed, and that's best done with help from above.

Remember when we had prayer, and God's commandments were read, and chewing gum and being tardy were the worst problems that we had.

Now murder, drugs, assault, teen pregnancy, and survival of the fittest rule, but guns and knives were never a problem, till we kicked God out of school.

*PA3BWK's Ultimate "CW" Web Site !*

*[www.dutch.nl/wilbwk/index1.htm](http://www.dutch.nl/wilbwk/index1.htm)*

Tnx for all the input into HI-Q, it is greatly appreciated. This may be my last issue as HI-Q Editor. Time for me to move onto other interests that will take up more time than I have for HI-Q. It has been a great learning experience publishing the HI-Q and I do thank all involved in assisting me in this endeavour. I will give any assistance to whom ever may be the new Editor. Thanks again for a great 2 years. 73 de Wayne, VA3WRL

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