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ABOUT US
 The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 212 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:00 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to hiqnewsletter@gmail.com

Amethyst District ARES
 Providing emergency communications for Northwestern Ontario

Emergency Coordinators
 Atikokan: Warren Paulson, VE3FYN (ARES DEC, Amethyst District)
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 Dryden: Bob Ernewein,, VE3YDN
 Thunder Bay: Brad Harris, VE3MXJ (ARES EC, Thunder Bay & area)

Nets and Exercises
 We conduct an open weekly HF net on 80 and 40 metres. The purpose of this net is to monitor regional propagation conditions, share information, and practice net procedures.

Time: Wednesdays at 21:30 UTC (4:30 pm EST, 3:30 pm CST)
 Frequency: Primary 3.675 MHz LSB, Secondary 7.135 MHz LSB
<http://www.ve3rib.ca/nwoares>

LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch
 VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 146.820 pl 107.2
 442.075 (+5 MHz)pl 100
 144.390 APRS
 VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)

Minutes for the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

Date: January 10, 2019

President, Randy Gottfred VA3OJ Presiding.

Guest Speaker:

Tonight: Bill Unger VE3XT on Antenna Modeling.

Next meeting: TBA or member presentations

Coffee Break, Socializing 15-30 minutes approx.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Unger VE3XT

Bill Unger VE3XT moves to accept the report as printed in Hi-Q. Seconded by Bob Hansen VE3RVA. Passed Unanimously.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP moves to accept the previous meeting's minutes as printed in Hi-Q. Seconded by Brad Harris VE3MXJ. Passed.

Old Business:

Public Service Chris Chadwick VA3TBA public events coordinator

Past Events:

None since last meeting

Upcoming Events

Sled for Eternity, Adult and Teen challenge. Coming up February 2.

Some questions arose from discussion. Chris VA3TBA and Randy VA3OJ will talk with organizers.

Sleeping Giant Loppet Randy Gottfred VA3OJ: Saturday March 2

CANWARN John Sacek VA3JMS

No news

ARES Brad Harris VE3MXJ

No news

Repeater News

Randy Gottfred VA3OJ,
Terry Stewardson VA3LU

No news

Club Trailer:

Bob Hansen VE3RVA

No news

LARC Revitalization: 20/20 (Randy Gottfred, VA3OJ)

Executive is working on securing a dedicated meeting space, a spring swap meet, brochure handout, following up on suggestions for speakers, getting involved in the Alexander Henry, and digital net.

New Business

April Dinner Meeting is booked for Thursday April 11th 6 pm.

New LARC Meeting Room is 212

50/50 Draw: Bob Hansen VE3RVA

Adjournment moved by: Bill Unger VE3XT

Next Executive Meeting: February 7, 2019, 7 PM, RM 213

Next LARC Meeting: February 14, 2019, 7 PM, RM 212



**Ham Radio
ROCKS!**

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

January 2019 Treasurers Report

Opening Balance January 1, 2019 \$1,649.75

Income

Total Income \$0.00

Expenses

Total Expenses \$0.00

Closing Balance January 31, 2019 \$1,649.75

<u>Trailer Account</u>		
	Previous Balance	\$927.82
<u>Income</u>		
Interest		\$0.04
Total		<u>\$927.86</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Total Expenses:		<u>\$0.00</u>
	Balance in Trailer Account	<u>\$927.86</u>

Term Account

Opening Balance January 01, 2019 \$2,064.01

Interest \$0.42

Closing Balance January 31, 2019 \$2,064.43

Bill Unger VE3XT
Treasurer



Prez Sez

Hello Fellow Amateurs

Here we are in February already and an early spring has been predicted by the ground hog. Never had much faith in that and if the temp outside and the snow that keeps falling is any indication, we should see summer by 2025. I'm a four season person but I agree with many others, WE NEED A BREAK!

I was working in the backyard and was reminded that my 80 m loop is still partially down due to the heavy snow but still is pulling in signals which still allows me to communicate. It made me think that I am fortunate to have my health and be able to do things for myself.

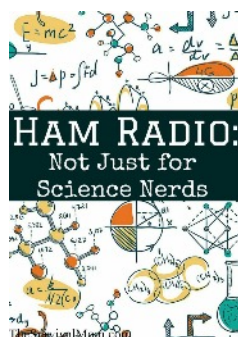
I have lived in the same neighborhood for many years as a child growing up and as an adult with a family of my own. Many of the people from the community were here when I was leading a carefree life as a child but now have grown elderly and just can't cope with cold and snow. I often walk my dog down the side streets and meet and greet these people during the warm days but don't see them too often when winter sets in. This year, I have seen many of them out in the bad weather trying to clear a path to the garage or to the house. I have stopped and offered a hand to help clear the snow and they get to play with the dog which is a win/win situation.

This seems to be happening more and more often these days and I wonder if anyone else has had the same situation. Maybe, I am noticing it more as I get older but offering the help seems to be the right thing to do. So, please take the time to look around your neighborhood or even in your own family and offer to give a hand if needed. If nothing else comes from it, you might just renew an old acquaintance or get a big warm smile that will just make this winter season just a little bit shorter in your mind and soul.

Take care and stay warm and hope the palm trees will soon start to grow

73's

Randy OJ



RAC Amateur of the Year Award 2018



Presented to Gabor Horvath, VE7JH

Through the Amateur of the Year Award, Radio Amateurs of Canada recognizes the outstanding contributions made by Canadian Amateurs.

The RAC Board of Directors takes great pleasure in selecting Gabor Horvath, VE7JH, as the recipient of the RAC Amateur of the Year Award for 2018.

In his President's Message in the January-February 2019 issue of The Canadian Amateur magazine, RAC President Glenn MacDonell, VE3XRA, writes:

"Gabor has demonstrated an intense commitment to diverse aspects of Amateur Radio and in 2010 he was recognized as the Pacific Northwest VHF'er of the Year for consistently promoting and encouraging VHF/UHF/microwave activity in the Pacific Northwest.



February

FYBO 2019

Well you know it's been a tough January when minus 16 C seems balmy. That's what we faced when we set up for the 2019 of Freeze Your Buns Off at



Bill VE3XT

VE3SAO in the backyard. Mind you, compared to the minus "lots" of a few weeks ago we were glad for little mercies. We started arriving between 9:30 and 10 AM and claimed our respective spots to operate from.

Mike, VE3EDX set up his Buddy Stick and KX 2 in the parking lot and started CQ'ing. Doug, VE3EFC set up

his Two Can vertical adjacent to the building and fired up his FT 817. Bill, VE3XT chose the comfort of a deck chair and was using a KX 1 and N2CX 3 band vertical.

The most important job of the day was handled admirably by Bob, VE3RVA who was inside warming up the chili. While we may have all operated QRP, the chili was definitely QRO when it came to tasty. A special thanks to Bob's daughter Trisha for a wonderful meal.

As you can see the lunch was the most popular part of the FYBO day.

While we didn't make a whack of Q's we all certainly had a wonderful time and already talk of "wait until next year".

Bill 'XT



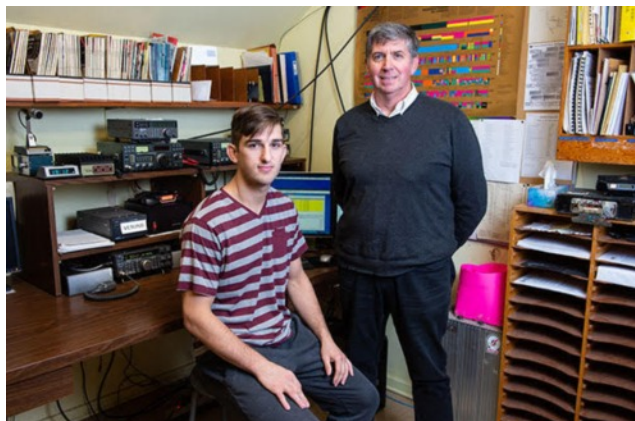
Bob,
VE3RVA



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Mike,
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RAC Scholarship Awarded**Jan and Al's links!**

Alex Colpitts, VE9LEX (left) and RAC Atlantic Director Dave Goodwin, VE9CB.

Photo courtesy of UNB and Cameron Fitch.

It is with great pleasure that RAC Atlantic Director Dave Goodwin, VE9CB and Scholarship Chair Bill Unger, VE3XT, announce the awarding of a \$500 scholarship to Alex Colpitts, VE9LEX, on behalf of all Radio Amateurs of Canada members.

Mark your calendar for**WARC's Centennial Hamfest and Conference****Sunday, June 2, 2019****Dakota Community Centre****1188 Dakota Street, Winnipeg, MB**

Save \$ 5.00 off Admission price by preregistering On-Line at

http://winnipegarc.org/flea_market.html

Internet links of interest to amateur radio operators to try out when the boss isn't around.

<https://nineplanets.org/news/the-current-solar-cycle/>

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/sci-tech/check-your-compass-the-magnetic-north-pole-is-on-the-move-1.4282235>

<https://advocator.ca/science/nasa-warned-that-a-devastating-solar-storm-might-hit-earth-in-2020/8317>

<http://www.astronomy.com/news/2019/01/an-animated-look-at-the-life-cycle-of-solar-flares>

<https://www.heraldnet.com/news/longtime-friends-will-be-vital-to-marysville-in-an-emergency/>

<https://www.mcall.com/news/breaking/mc-pol-monroe-county-girl-uses-morse-code-to-help-pregnant-teen-20190109-story.html>

February 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 CQ WPX RT- TY Contest
11 4 States QRP Sprint	12	13	14 LARC Meeting RM 212 McIntyre Bldg Con College	15	16 ARRL Inter- national DX, CW	17
18	19	20 Phone Fray	21	22	23	24 CQ 160 Me- tre Contest, SSB
25	26	27 CW OPS Mini CWT Test	28			