



The Halifax Amateur Radio Club

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June 22-29, 2014 has been proclaimed "Amateur Radio Week" in the Halifax Regional Municipality



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Take-15 Net Controllers

This will be the rotation. We need at least 3 more.

If you want to join, let Bill Elliott, VE1MR, know.



June 15	Doug	VE1LDL	August 10	Peter	VE1PJW
June 22	Bruce	VE1MLW	August 17	Win	VE1WIN
June 29	Emil	VE1ESP	August 24	Doug	VE1LDL
July 6	Peter	VE1PJW	August 31	Bruce	VE1MLW
July 13	Win	VE1WIN	Sept. 7	Emil	VE1ESP
July 20	Doug	VE1LDL	Sept. 14	Peter	VE1PJW
July 27	Bruce	VE1MLW	Sept. 21	Win	VE1WIN
August 3	Emil	VE1ESP			

The May 21, 2014 General Meeting of the Halifax Amateur Radio Club will be held Wednesday, May 21 in the Senior's Room on the 1st floor of the St. Andrew's Centre, 3380 Barnstead Lane, Halifax.

6:30-7:30pm Social Hour with refreshments

7:30-8:30pm - Speaker -

Speaker - Brian Allen -

VE1AZV (Field Day Chair)

Topic: Field Day 2014 Planning

8:30-9:30pm Regular Monthly Business Meeting. The meeting agenda is on the HARC web site

Guests are welcome

Deadline for submissions to the September Reflector is Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014

To make the most of our web page please send photos, notices of events, and ham radio news items, etc. to Howard Dickson, VE1DHD by e-mail at dhickson@eastlink.ca

GENERAL INFORMATION



Sunday evenings:
TAKE-15 NET at 8:30 PM

CLUB REPEATERS:

VE1PSR - 147.270 MHz + TX=82.5
VE1PSR/UHF - 444.350 MHz +
VE1PSR/6M - 53.550 MHz -
access tone 151.4 Hz
VE1HNS - 146.940 MHz - TX=82.5
PACKET: VE1NSD 145.050 MHz
LAN NODE

Definition: TOMORROW: One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.

Events for Your Calendar

June 28 & 29 – **Field Day** – Setup begins June 27 at 3pm at York Redoubt. To help contact Brian at basailor@eastlink.ca

July 26 & 27 – **MS Bike Tour** 

July 26 & 27 – **IOTA** (Islands On The Air)

Aug 2&3 - **International Lighthouse & Lightship weekend** 

August 23rd and 24th is the weekend for the **Ledwedge Lookoff Rally**. Details are still being worked on, as to when support is needed etc. (last year just on Sunday)

Contact: Ian Pearce, VE1IGP

Beginning on Thursday, September 25, 2014, the **Basic Amateur Radio Certification Course** sponsored by the H. A.R.C., is being taught by senior Club members. Coordinator is Scott Verge, VE1SRV See the HARC website for more information.

October 4 – Telecommunications Exercise - “**Exercise Kingfisher**” will be held Saturday, October 4, 2014. From 0900 to 1400 with a lunch break at 1100 to 1200; this will also allow for operator changes.

Refresher training will be held in **September** for all those taking part. If you plan to take part please notify David Musgrave at david.musgrave@ns.sympatico Or 902 435-4333.

Give David your NAME, CALLSIGN, PHONE NUMBER and Email address.

Exercise Kingfisher is open to both seasoned and new communicators.

On Sunday evenings at 8:30, after you check in to the Take-15 Net, look for the new 2M, SSB NET at 8:30 PM Sundays on 144.230, SSB (horizontal - although some try vertical!)

Net control - BOB, VE1CZ, IS from Tatamagouche - so beam NORTH from metro; also others Pictou, Colchester, Cumberland & Westmorland Counties.

Updated Schedule for this Fall's Basic Amateur Radio Course

09/04/14	Chapter 1	Registration – Introduction to Amateur Radio
09/11/14	Chapter 2	Fundamentals
09/13/14	Chapter 3	Practical application of Ohm's Law
09/18/14	Chapter 4	Inductors and Capacitors
09/25/14	Chapter 5	Waves, Wavelengths, Frequency and Bands
10/02/14	Chapter 6	Propagation
10/09/14	Chapter 7	Transmission Lines
10/16/14	Chapter 8	Antennas
10/18/14		Radio components – What goes where
10/23/14	Chapter 9	Active Devices: Diodes, Transistors, Tubes
10/30/14	Chapter 10	Power Supplies
11/06/14	Chapter 11	Establishing & Equipping A Basic Station
11/13/14	Chapter 12	Establishing & Equipping A Basic Station
11/15/14		Repeaters up close – linking theory and field trip
11/20/14	Chapter 13	Modulation and Transmitters
11/27/14	Chapter 14	Receivers
12/04/14	Chapter 15	Radio Frequency Interference
12/11/14	Chapter 16	Safety
12/13/14		Review & sample exam
12/18/14	Chapter 17	Regulations and Rules
12/20/14	EXAM	

Scott VE1SRV



Do you have a copy of the current Basic Amateur Radio Course Guide that you no longer need or want?



The HARC will pay \$20.00 for the current (used) study guide from any one who has taken the course before and no longer needs their guide. However the guide must be in “like new” condition.

Keep our Club Station Shipshape PLEASE!

We have a grand Club Station and I'm sure that everyone knows to clean up after yourself but also, PLEASE, any time you are the last person leaving the Club Station make sure that

- 1/ all windows are closed
- 2/ the air conditioners are off
- 3/ all radio equipment is turned off
- 4/ the lights are off
- 5/ the door is locked



Borrowing HARC Materials?

One of the many benefits of HARC membership is the privilege of borrowing club assets. These can be any of the Amateur Radio related monthly publications, technical library literature or club equipment Contact Station Manager Jim Flowers, VE1JIM, for equipment loans.

For the information of those who borrow, a “LOAN RECORD” binder is available in the club Library

Before you borrow please read the instruction sheet at the front of the binder. Following that, entry of the requested information is made simple by filling in the anoted fields.

Take advantage of this valued feature of HARC membership!

Fascinating Error in Judgement

This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us"

Western Union internal memo, 1876

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: June 2014

Last month I was able to report in this column that on Saturday afternoon, 11 May we completed the move of Club field equipment and some other gear from Bloomfield School to our storage container at Cowie Hill. The final chapter in this project was written on Monday, 26 May when I supervised the removal of the remaining junk at Bloomfield School, and turned out the lights and locked the doors on empty rooms. Thus, "Bloomfield" no longer needs to figure in our discussions! I expect that our Cowie Hill storage facility will serve us well for the foreseeable future.

You will see elsewhere in the *Reflector*, a short report about the very successful MS Walk Event on 25 May. However, I would like to also share with you the comments from the MS Walk organizer, Whitney Machin, to Terry Bigelow, VE1TRB, who organized HARC's involvement:

I hope you all had a great time, as we loved having you! I've heard nothing but good things from Tim, Courtney and the rest of the staff here, and to be honest, I would expect nothing less. You always provide great support at our events, and we are all so very thankful for that!

Thanks for a job well done, Terry and crew!

Hot on the heels of the MS Walk event, Jeremy Fowler, VE1JHF and a large number of Club members, successfully produced our annual Down East Ham Fest on Saturday, 31 May. The gymnasium at St. Andrew's Centre was comfortably full of sellers serving about 250 buyers. The BBQ food prepared by Amanda Schreiber and Jayne Jackson seemed to be very popular. Winn Hartlin, VE1WIN, handled the "grab bag" of small, donated items to which buyers were invited to help themselves in exchange for a small donation to the Britt Fader Scholarship Fund. A bit over \$200 was raised for the Fund! We owe many thanks to Jeremy for leading this effort as well as to all who helped. I attended the dinner and social event on Friday at the Comfort Inn and enjoyed chatting with a number of visitors who attend our ham fest annually.

Field Day on 28-29 June is the next event on our Club calendar. There is lots of opportunity for everyone to contribute to this premier North American test of emergency communication readiness and to take part in the operating. We will be discussing our plans at this month's Club meeting. Please attend and let FD Chairman Brian Allen, VA1CC, know that you are going to be part of the team. In order to plan properly, he needs to assign various jobs and fill the operating positions.

Remember on our regular July and August Club meeting dates, there will be a social gathering featuring pizza and a beverage. These are a chance to catch-up with one another over the summer.

See you at the June Club meeting, Field Day and our summer pizza evenings.

K. Scott Wood, VE1QD

1st Vice President's Report

I am going to start publishing a list of jobs to be done. I will be asking for volunteers to come forward for each job or an aspect of each job. Some projects require several parts to be done and some parts can be done independently of others.

Contact me at:

bowser.elliott@ns.sympatico.ca

Thank you - Bill Elliott, VE1MR

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The club wants to replace the vertical antenna currently on the roof with a new one that is currently at the club station. At least 3 people are needed. One as a safety person on the roof and at least 2 to erect and test the antenna. It may require making and laying out radials but if those are not immediately available they can be added later. This is a fairly simple job and the only really technical part is testing the SWR of the antenna using the club antenna analyzer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The satellite antenna array needs to be refurbished. One small part of this project is that there may be a need to replace the guy wires and turnbuckles. These will need to be inspected to determine what if anything needs replacement. This job will require a safety person on the roof.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The satellite antenna array needs to be refurbished. Another part of this project will be to determine if the crossboom will be long enough to handle the current antennas as well as one or a pair of 1296 MHz antennas.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Some more preparation for refurbishing the satellite antenna array is to determine the length of cable needed for the 1296 antenna(s) along with the types of connectors required. Once the preparation work is completed then a work party can be scheduled to replace the rotators.

MS WALK HALIFAX 2014

Once again, HARC members provided support to MS Atlantic for the Halifax MS Walk, Sunday 25 May. Our day started off at 0930 putting out route signs and helping set up tables and chairs at the Canada Games Center. At about 1200, our members went out and helped set up rest stops and installed 2 meter rigs in the first aid vehicle as required. The walk was well under way by 1300 and was completed by about 1500. Operating through the VE1PSR repeater, we maintained an Open Net using tactical call signs until completion.

Along with providing support to our client, this also provided an excellent opportunity for some to test their new rigs, and practice standard voice procedures in a slow pace operation.

Jeremy, VE1JHF, Graham VE1GFA, and Brandon VE1BHF took the trail system in three separate section to provide communications where no vehicles are permitted.

Win, VE1WIN, and Scott, VE1SRV, provided communications from Rest Stop 1, while Dave, VE1DDC, provided communications from Rest Stop 1. Dave also assisted me in setting up and taking down the route signs.

Doug VE1LDL was assigned the First Aid vehicle, and Tom VE1GTC provided transportation to the volunteer photographer Crystal.

Along with those mentioned above, Peter VE1PJW and Amanda assisted as flaggers, and at the end of the walk Peter helped in removing the route signs.

All in all, the day was a complete success, with no rain, no injuries, and we all had a great time interacting with other volunteers, participants and promoting the Halifax Amateur Radio Club.

Terry, VE1TRB

MS Walk 2014 Communications Coordinator.

From: Whitney Machin

Sent: May 28, 2014

Subject: Thank you!

Hi HARC crew,

Happy Wednesday! Thank you so much for all of your help at the Halifax MS Walk again in 2014, and please extend a thank you to the rest of your team (whose emails I can't find just yet) from all of us here at the MS Society, Atlantic Division. J

I hope you all had a great time, as we loved having you! I've heard nothing but good things from Tim, Courtney and the rest of the staff here, and to be honest, I would expect nothing less. You always provide great support at our events, and we are all so very thankful for that!

If anyone should require a reference letter with volunteer hours, please send me a note at any time, and I would be happy to provide some!

Thanks again for everything, and I hope to see you at the walk again next year, if not all at the bike tour in July!

Cheers, Whitney

Hi Whitney;

Firstly, on behalf of the Club, I'd like to thank you for the kind words.

It's always a pleasure working with the MS Team. The trust and respect has steadily grown over the years between our two organizations and I'm sure it will continue to grow.

The Club members have always walked away at the end of an event with a sense of pride knowing they all did a great job in providing support you MS Atlantic.

I have included all the teams emails in the cc'd part of this email, along with the club president Mr Scott Wood, also our news letter editor Lynn Bowser so they can all see your comments.

Will see you at the Bike Tour.

Terry

HELP NEEDED

We need some help for **Field Day**. Most things are progressing fairly well but a few more people are needed.

1 - need a SSB captain to help schedule operators for the SSB side of things.

2 - need a dedicated photographer - we do have several to help out.

3 - equipment manager to make sure all the needed equipment gets to the site.

4 - someone to oversee the pick up and return of the two trailers.

5 - someone to organize getting borrowed equipment to the site and returned.

6 - submission trainee - Bill, VE1MR will train whoever takes this on.

There are many other small tasks that can be done and some of the above will need helpers as well. Anyone who would like to take on these jobs or help with these or any other aspect of Field Day please contact.

Brian Allen -

Thank you, Brian,
VE1AZV

Caddie Comment:

*If your driver is hot,
your putter will be
ice cold; if you can
hit your irons, you
will top your woods;
if you are keeping
your right elbow
tucked in,
your head
will come
up.*



The 2014 DownEast Fleamarket was held on Saturday, May 31 in the St. Andrew's Centre gymnasium



Folks came from the east, west & middle of Nova Scotia and at least one van full from PEI to shop, sell & rag-chew.



One gentleman was pleased to be able to sell radio gear from his father's estate at our fleamarket



Halifax Amateur Radio Club
General Meeting minutes
May 21, 2014

Meeting convened 2035

Meeting agenda approved

Minutes from April meeting did not make the Reflector, so the meeting minutes were read to those assembled by the Club Secretary, Jeremy VEJHF.

Motion to accept by Bill Elliot (MR), seconded by Tom Caithness (GTC)
Minutes approved.

No correspondence to report.

Scott made mention of Industry Canada's approval of the new 600 m band, 472 – 479 kHz, as well as the new 60m band.

Scott advised of the World Radio Team Championship on the 12th of July in New England, and of a couple of Canadian entries in the same.

The MS Walk-a-thon is coming up, as is the Flea Market.

He mentioned the upcoming emergency communications exercise, Operation Kingfisher, and Field Day coming up in June.

Treasurer's report: Jim (JG) gave the Treasurers report to those assembled. Motion to accept by Jim (JG), seconded by Doug (LDL)
Treasurers report approved.

Membership report by Howard (DHD): 3 Life, 101 Full, and 17 Associate for a total of 121 members. Howard reported some response from members who have not renewed, and that some of the Take 15 net controllers are not members of the Club.

Nominations: Dick (AI) - nothing to report.

Flea Market: Jeremy (JHF) gave a report on the current state of the Flea Market preparations.

Scott mentioned that RAC representatives will be present at the Flea Market.

Scott had the idea of creating grab bags of items for the flea market, and that the money be donated to the Brit Fader Scholarship Fund.

Scott mentioned that Brian didn't have much to report with regards to Field Day, but that Scott had to go and sign the papers with Parks Canada for our use of York Redoubt.

Scott Verge (SRV) gave a brief report on the Basic Radio Course including the length and times.

Brit Fader Scholarship: Howard (DHD) gave a brief report about the current state of the Scholarship, including that we have a wider coverage with the Scholarship website, and how prospective applicants requests will be scored.

EMO / SAR: Dave (AJP) reported that there have been some modifications to the command vehicle that will aid in wiring to the radios for Field Day, and a reminder that the vehicles may disappear in the event of a search.

There have been no searches of late, and he reminded those present about how the SAR group is funded. He mentioned the Eco Endurance Challenge that had taken place, and the details thereof, and the fact that it brought approx. \$22,000 to the search team funds.

He also mentioned that the hospitals have been equipped with amateur radio kits for use in the event of an emergency, and that some of those kits have to be located.

Tom Caithness (GTC) reported on the upcoming emergency communications exercise called Operation Kingfisher on October 4th, including times and details, and asked for any interested operators to get in touch with Dave (EDA) and let him know that they are available for a training / refresher course in September.

He also mentioned that the Club site will be activated as well for the exercise to use the 900 MHz link to EMO HQ

Bill (MR) mentioned that the radio and antenna for this will be installed next month.

Tom also noted that this will validate our use of the CBC tower mounted repeater (HNS).

Scott mentioned that anyone wishing

to use the station for any event needs to notify Jim (JIM) so that he may make sure there are no overlaps.

No personal stories to impart.

Scott reported that the move from Bloomfield to the storage container has taken place and that we need to do some continuing organization in the container.

He also reported that there will be a junk removal company coming to remove the remaining items from Bloomfield and dispose of them.

Remote operation of Club Station: Scott reported that the remote setup is working fine, and Win attested to the same, but that we still need someone to oversee the continuing operation of it.

The electronic workstation is finished its install, including a new coat of varnish by Wayne (WPH), and we are looking for some donations of tools for it.

Jim mentioned there are surplus items including old QST magazines that we are looking to dispose of in case anyone is interested.

Scott mentioned that he had found some items of club memorabilia from the 30's that would be appropriate for donation to the Archiving Project.

Old business:

Craig (JMA) gave a brief report on the working group for the communications strategy that is being developed and where we stand with the preparations for Field Day in that respect, as well as our longer term plan.

HARC Strategic Policy on education, to be discussed further at a later date. Scott has been unable to get in touch with Allan with regards to the CP Allen radio club and his liaison activities.

New Business:

Not much to report on this front, except that we need to start to think

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*Staying in bed shouting "Oh God!"
is not equivalent to going to church*

VE1QH, Norm's Antenna Removal

On May 17th Dave, VE1DDC, Scott VE1SRV and myself (Terry, VE1TRB) successfully removed Norm's (VE1QH) antenna and rotor. After being cancelled 3 times because of weather or unavailability, it was a job we were all glad to have completed.

On a job like this, it's good to have at least 5 people, so Dave and Scott went up the tower; Norm, his son and myself were ground crew.

What made this job a bit difficult was the obstacles on the ground and tight space. The antenna was lowered down with the boom vertical instead of being horizontal.

It should be noted, this was Scott's first climb and it went without a single problem. (And he was smiling when his feet touched the ground)

Norm tells me the antenna and rotor will be ready to be reinstalled 15th June.

VE1TRB HARC Safety Officer
Terry R. Bigelow CD CPO2 Ret'd
email: trbigelow@eastlink.ca



Two men handle such a large, awkward antenna more easily & safely than a lone climber can.



Scott's first ham radio tower work



Dave, VE1DDC, & Scott, VE1SRV, check that their climbing & safety equipment are in order before beginning their ascent

NOT THE SHARPEST TOOL IN THE SHED!

In Modesto, CA, Steven Richard King was arrested for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch without a weapon. King used a thumb and a finger to simulate a gun. Unfortunately, he failed to keep his hand in his pocket. (hellooooooo)!?

Minutes (Continued from page 6)
about some more revenue generation options for the club, and that maybe we should look at doing another Call Book in the near future as there has been some interest in it according to Bill (MR).

Ian (IGP) gave a quick report on the upcoming Car Rally and asked for any volunteers on August 24th.

No other business at this time:

Door Prize: won by Scott (QD) and was donated back to the Club.

50/50 Draw: won by
?? (\$30.50)



Motion for Adjournment: Doug (LDL), seconded by John.
Meeting adjourned 2130

Respectfully submitted
Jeremy Fowler, VE1JHF
HARC Secretary



If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?

From the Mail Bag

Radio Amateurs to be Excluded from Distracted Driving Legislation in New Brunswick....

*from Ken, VY2RU
and from Brad, VE1ZX*

Bill 41 Receives Royal Assent -

New Brunswick Bill 41, an Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act, received Royal Assent this morning (Wednesday, May 21, 2014), allowing use of a hand-held electronic device by a person "who uses a two-way radio while operating a motor vehicle on a highway if that person is the holder of a radio operator certificate issued under the Radiocommunication Act (Canada)."

Bill 41 was among a long list of legislation that was passed by the Legislature during the recent sitting, and Lt. Gov. Graydon Nicholas gave Her Majesty's approval at the adjournment of the Legislature the morning of Wednesday, May 21, 2014.

For more on this, see the International Repeater Group web site:
<http://irg73.net>

Hi:

I'm looking for a code practice buddy at or around my level who is eager to spend some quality rag chew time for the purpose of furthering on-air skills. I'll work with anyone right down to 4 or 5 words per minute.

I have a copy speed of about 7 - 9 wpm with a Farnsworth character speed of about 20 wpm. I'm running a 5 watt MFJ 9200 with three folded dipoles (40, 30 and 20 meters) that are 90 degree beamed directly towards NS and the Maritimes from Easton, PA, with 5 by 9 reports from PEI.

Thanks, Ron DiGiovanni, KC3BKJ, Easton, PA

My phone number is 516-902-5541.
E-mail is aeroron@ptd.net

Kevin Kehoe, VE, noted and passed along URL

<http://www.coastalradio.org.uk/worldcoastal/halifax/halifax.htm>
Which has links to many photos.

Halifax Coast Guard Radio (Callsign "VCS") was fully operational on MF/HF until 19th November 1996. Today the station operates on VHF and on 2MHz SSB. The 2 MHz transmitters are located at Pennant.

The last message from VCS on 500 kHz CW:

"CQ DE VCS = FINAL BROADCAST ON 500 KHZ. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE OVER THE YEARS. THE RADIO OPERATORS OF VCS WISH YOU A SAFE VOYAGE. = 73 DE VCS AR SK"

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"Sprack" Spracklin, Stefanie Corp., Norway, Walt Wooding VE3WW.

My thanks to Spurgeon G. "Spud" Roscoe VE1BC for sending the photographs to me. My thanks also to others connected with the station who have contacted me.

- ♦ The links are to:
- ♦ Photographs taken before 1969
- ♦ The Operators
- ♦ Photographs taken 1970 onwards
- ♦ A list of the stations that have made up Halifax Coast Guard Radio
- ♦ A photograph of the operators and guests taken on Nov 19th 1996
- ♦ The current Halifax Coast Guard Radio "VCS" & Halifax Traffic "VBJ20"
- ♦ The Building of Shannon Hill
- ♦ When Hurricane "Juan" Hit Halifax
- ♦ Radio Stations Common? Not this kind by Spurgeon G. "Spud" Roscoe, VE1BC
- ♦ A reunion of the Halifax Coast Guard Radio VCS staff May 20th, 2005

The vast majority of the information on the Halifax pages has been supplied by Spud VE1BC if you have any queries or questions on the history of Halifax Coast Guard Radio then you can email Spud direct from the web page

Interesting video from the UK. -ed

Get your "aerials" ready to go up ... up ... and away!!

<http://www.txfilms.co.uk/txfactor/txf003.shtml>

From Ken, VY2RU

The Maritime Amateur

Ham Radio
for Maritimers by Maritimers
www.maritimeamateur.ca

The CW for "@" is
di-dah-dah-di-dah-dit

Darwin Awards Nomination – After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayohad had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies.. The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days.



*For those who missed hearing them read
at the HARC's May General Meeting
here are the*

**Halifax Amateur Radio Club General
Meeting Minutes
16 April 2014**

Meeting convened 2040

Silent Keys: Mel Lever, VE1VX (life member), Peter Haines, VE9PV, Edgar Turner, VE1EDT, Wilfred MacDonald, VE1FM, Steven Price, VE3SKD (ex VE1RDX), Ben Romain, VE1AMD

Call for changes or additions to agenda – Acceptance moved by Doug VE1LDL, seconded by Jim VE1JIM.

Accepted

Motion to accept minutes from March meeting as published. Moved by Win VE1WIN, seconded by Fraser VE1WO.

Accepted.

No correspondence to present.

Executive reports:

Scott reported that the 18th of April is World Amateur Radio Day, and event that recognizes the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) in 1925. Scott suggested we used that date also to recognize the achievements of Club members and their contributions to the Club.

He also mentioned that Industry Canada has reported that there are 65000 active amateurs in Canada, which ranks us among the most active countries in the world.

Scott mentioned the RAC bulletin and that anyone can subscribe to it. 8% of hams in Canada are RAC members; 46% of HARC members are RAC members.

Scott informed those present of the attempt to be made this summer by Fred Archibald, Al Penney, Roger Sturtevant, and Helen Archibald, to win the Brandon Trophy for a Trans-Atlantic 2m contact from Newfoundland, using a 96 foot beam running maximum power.

Upcoming events:

Gary Bartlett in May speaking about Sable Island

MS Walk on the 25th of May

Flea Market on 31st of May

Field Day 27, 28, 29th of June.

Bill VE1MR reported that there will be some work done at Cowie Hill on the repeater on Good Friday, and some work to be done on the roof at the Club in the near future.

Membership: Howard VE1DHD re-

ported that we have 3 Life Members, 100 Full time and 17 Associate members. There are 16 full time members that haven't renewed from last year.

Committee Reports:

Dick VE1AI – nothing to report.

Jeremy VE1JHF reported on the current status of the Flea Market preparations and there was some discussion on it.

Field day: Scott reported that Brian Allen wasn't able to attend the meeting, but that he had mentioned that he hasn't heard from anyone regarding the sideband station management, among other things.

Howard reported that the Brit Fader scholarship will be \$1000 again this year, RAC will be advertising it in the TCA this year, and we are now listed on Canadian Scholarship website in hopes of further promoting the fund.

EMO/SAR: Dave George VE1AJP reported on the upcoming emergency communications exercise in October, and that Tom Caithness will be offering a number of training courses in September to prepare for the exercise.

Dave also reported that they had lost a team member while on a cruise vacation to Cuba to an aneurysm.

He also reported on a search in Windsor that they had assisted on, that included a humorous story about an ATV being swept away in a river.

There was a request from Rob VE1???, for anyone with a harbour view, to have located on their property a small receiving antenna for a study on ships at sea and their transponders.

Win said he may be able to offer his balcony.

Personal news:

Fraser imparted a story about his visit to the Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club in Florida while he was down there, and how he became the evening's entertainment talking about HARC, and our field day standings compared to theirs.

Scott reported that there have been a huge number of public events that the Club has been involved in lately, including Geequinox, the Shearwater Hobby show, the Guides, the Rovers etc., and thanked all those that have been involved in those events.

We have been given a firm date for the closure of Bloomfield as June 30th, and it has now become urgent to remove our belongings from there, and Ian VE1IGP

discussed that May 10th has been set as a date to move the equipment to Cowie Hill, so we will be looking for hands to complete the move.

There was some discussion about how to effectively accomplish the move in as few trips as possible, and it was decided that we should rent a large enough van to accomplish it in as few trips as possible.

Archiving Project: Fraser asked for anyone with personal awards relating to amateur radio that would like to have them included in the archive project to get in touch with him.

Dick gave a brief update on the 900 MHz linking project, including the fact that EMO will be footing the bill for the radios.

The MS Walk is upcoming on the 25th of May at the Canada Games Centre.

Old business:

Scott is still trying to arrange a meeting between Allan McRae and Paul Geddes to discuss the future of the CP Allen High School Radio Club.

New Business:

There was a discussion on the idea of developing a communications strategy, and the formation of a working committee consisting of Craig, Ian, Amanda and Jayne Jackson.

Scott has asked Craig to have the committee flesh out a more detailed outline for the next executive meeting. This also relates to our ideas for furthering an education policy.

RCI Commemorative station: Nothing further at this point in time.

Ian reported that August 24th will be the date for the Car Rally, and that there may be an increased need for amateur radio operators to assist with the event.

Jim asked that if anyone has any spare tools they could donate to the club for use with our new workbench, could they get in touch with him.

Door Prize: \$25 GC from Canadian Tire: won by Craig VE1JMA

50/50 Draw: \$27 : won by Win, VE1WIN

Bill moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 2140

Respectfully submitted
Jeremy Fowler, VE1JHF
HARC Secretary

Look at what Murray, VE1MD, promoted for Amateur Radio !!! ed



Proclamation

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Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
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Darwin Awards Nominee -

A man walked into a Louisiana Circle-K, put a \$20 bill on the counter, and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided. The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer... \$15. [If someone points a gun at you and gives you money, is a crime committed?]

REMINDER

Have renewed your membership for 2014? Have you changed your mailing address? Your E-mail address? Got a new call sign?

We need to know your correct address to get the newsletter to you.

Please inform Membership chairman Howard Dickson, VE1DHD at
dhedickson@eastlink.ca

of any address changes

Is your address correct in Industry Canada's database? It's important that you inform Industry Canada of any change to your address.