

BARC in BRIEF

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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Burlington Amateur Radio Club - Since 1972

President's Message

Here we are at the end of another great club year! When we look at the many great things that have been accomplished, we can all be pleased.

To think of a few:

Hamfest 2017 - great turnout, great weather, and most importantly great participation from our members.

HackSpace - projects ongoing, real time building and participation and fellowship.

VE3CJ Memorial Spring Flea Market - again membership involvement made it a real success.

Education - This program is well underway by

VE3AYR and Mark VE3OBO and has great potential.

Planning for Hamfest - 2018 is moving forward, please volunteer to help as this is THE major source of funding for BARC!

A big thanks to your Executive for their dedication and continued hard work in guiding our club! Your new Executive, led by Rod VE3ISO will be elected at the May Annual Meeting, please continue to support them.

I have been privileged to serve as your President these last three years. It has been a real pleasure to see BARC continue to grow in so many ways!

"Turn your radio on"

Many thanks
Tom Montgomery VA3TM



Ontario QSO ARC, you did yourself proud in the Ontario QSO Party! I doubt that there is a club in Ontario that had as many members participating as BARC did! On Saturday at the Kerns Road site, nine members were there (and at least 2 more who planned to be there), some to visit, some to operate. At Kerns Road, more than a third of the contacts on VHF were with BARC members: VE3ISO, VE3TGH, VE3KVE, VA3TM, VA3DGA, VA3LDE, VA3RHH, VE3HRB, and VE3NDQ!

Four BARC members made up the roving crew: VE3AYR, VE3SMA, VE3XYY and Scouter Chris. Together they traveled more than 400 km to locations in 8 counties: Halton, Hamilton, Oxford, Waterloo, Brant, Wellington, Dufferin and Grey. All of this produced QSOs on 231 log lines using all contest bands from 80 through 2 metres. The BARC effort's final score was 65,275 points! Come to the May Club meeting and hear more of the adventures!

...Hugh VE3AYR



Rod VE3ISO working on his uBitx transceiver case he made with a 3D printer. Nice work Rod.



Brian installing a 723 regulator. And it worked! Good going Brian.

Hackspace

Things are still very active at Hackspace on Tuesday nights. "Scouter" Chris reports that with the addition of a couple of diodes a Tuner has once more been put back into active service. Jeff, ve3coj has uploaded PC board layouts for the Duino-Vox in the files directory of groups.io for BARC.

Brian (VA3BHH) is in the last stages of restoring a power supply. All that remains is to fine-tune the output voltages. Modifications to several uBitx transceivers continue to keep people busy. Rod (VE3ISO) is in the final fitting stages to his rig with the addition of a larger screen and a custom 3-d printed faceplate he made.

I think we will also have a discussion as to what items we will be bringing to the May meeting for show and tell. Make sure to come out to that night and look at all of the projects that have kept us busy.

Education Training Sessions

Hugh, VE3AYR and Mark VE3OBO, have been busy recruiting new people into the Amateur Radio hobby. Several recruits found the information on barc.ca

Membership

Renewal time is approaching. You will be receiving a Membership Renewal form shortly and would appreciate your completion and return with Payment by Cheque ASAP to help process your renewal. Use the link to print and download the form.

[Member Application Form](#)

Don't Forget... The June Year-End Dinner

Thursday, June 14th. Tyandaga Golf Course

E-mail Mary McCully for reservations

mimccully@gmail.com

Ham Related Podcasts

A conversation after Hackspace one night focused on the various Ham related podcasts that are available. Podcasts are either audio or video articles that generally release weekly on various topics. This is a great way to stay informed about the latest happenings while you are driving or doing other chores. I regularly listen to several podcasts; "Amateur Radio Newline", "The Doctor is In" by ARRL, "Ham Radio Workbench", and "Ham Nation" (a video format). There are more than can be listed here. If you have a favourite, consider posting it on Groups.io discussion page. A new ham may not be aware of it yet.

73, Mike (VE3KAH)

BARC Web Pages

The web site has had some house cleaning. The home page now contains a mission statement. The intent is to keep the Home page uncluttered with the Menus providing the link to the information you are looking for. The "Activity Calendar" page replaces the "Events" page. This page will be better organized soon. The "Photo Gallery" also, is work in progress.

ARRL / RAC Field Day Announcement

ARRL / RAC Will be hosting field day, June 23 and June 24. BARC will be participating again this year from the Hackspace room at East Plains United Church. 375 Plains Rd E, Burlington ON. Event setup begins at 10 AM, June 23rd. We go on the air at 2PM. All Amateurs and SWL's are very welcome to participate. If you would like to join us please contact Mike ve3atx@cogeco.ca [As more information becomes available the BARC web site will be updated.](#)