

On November 11, 1972, the Burlington Amateur Radio Club held its charter meeting. The terms of that charter remain in effect to this day.

*The Mission of the Burlington Amateur Radio Club (BARC) is to use our network of technical resources for recruiting, training and assisting Amateur Radio Operators as well as supporting the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) by providing equipment and skilled operators for emergency communications services when called upon.*

The Club currently has 180 members. One of our founding members was Noel Beattie Eaton (1910–1996), VE3CJ, a grandson of Timothy Eaton. As a member of the Burlington Amateur Radio Club, Noel distinguished himself by becoming President Emeritus of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), and its President from 1974-1982. He served as American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Canadian Division Director from 1960-1974. Our club continues to use his call sign VE3CJ for special events.

The club supports advancement of the amateur radio hobby by providing encouragement, training and testing for individuals who are looking for basic entry level class instruction for the Amateur Radio License as well as acquisition of their Advanced License, through class and individual instruction and mentoring. During the pandemic, the club's instructors have taught classes via Zoom to individuals from all over Ontario and from as far away as Alberta, New Brunswick and Dubai.

Starting in August of 2022 and continuing into 2023, the Burlington Amateur Radio Club will be celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Call sign VC3CJ50 will be used for a SPECIAL EVENT station that will operate from 14:00Z Friday November 11 to 23:00Z Saturday November 12, 2022. A commemorative Certificate will be sent electronically to those stations contacting our Special Event station.

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