



Celebrates

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The Burlington Amateur Radio Club

The Burlington Amateur Radio Club was formed in the fall of 1972 on an initiative by Roy Higgins, VE3GBZ (SK). Over the years it has become the centre of organized Amateur Radio activity in Burlington. The Club operates four repeaters, regular classes for new hams, the CJ Flea Market in February and the Ontario Hamfest in July.

One of the Club's Charter Members was Noel Eaton, VE3CJ. In 1974 Noel was elected as ARRL Vice President and was also nominated to serve as the first President of the International Amateur Radio Union from outside of the United States. He was IARU President Emeritus when he became a silent key September 28, 1996.

Pins and Name Badges

To get your commemorative, complimentary pin and name badge your 2022-2023 membership must be paid for by July 31, 2022. For all those who have done this, get your pin and badge at the BBQ on September 10. Those signing up or renewing after July 31 will get a pin and a blank name badge. The pin was designed by Jeff, VE3COJ and the badges by Norm, VE3CZI. It is hoped our club members will display their FREE Badges and spread the good word of our active Club, and encourage others to join. The Name Badges, when worn at Ham Events, will advertise BARC's celebration of being around for 50 Years.



Join In the 50th Celebration Activities

The HUB (August 25-28, 2022)

The HUB is an event to be held at the Burlington Centre intended to portray what this hobby has evolved into. It will include a number of exhibits that will give visitors a sense of the scope of Amateur Radio. This is organized by Yves, VE3YVE.

BBQ (September 10, 2022)

Welcome to our Anniversary BBQ event!!!

In celebration of our 50 years, you and your immediate family (members to include Husband/Wife, Children at home) are invited to be guests of the Burlington Amateur Radio Club, at a BBQ to be held on Saturday, September 10, 2022. Starting at 5:30, we will have hamburgers, hotdogs, potato chips, soft drinks and water for your enjoyment.

The BBQ will be held at Hidden Valley Park, 1137 Hidden Valley Road, Burlington, Area 4. This is organized by Chris, VE3EAY. There is no charge to attend!

Watch for an 'RVSP' E-mail that will be sent out through GroupsIO in the near future. All that we require from you is for you to respond with name and how many will be attending. (Members Only)

Regular Club Meetings (Every second Tuesday, Sept-June)

Throughout the year, some regular meetings will have short segments highlighting decades of Club history

Special Event Station (Friday, Saturday November 11-12, 2022)

A Special Event station will celebrate our Club's 50th Anniversary. The dates are Friday November 11 and Saturday November 12. A special call sign has been received - VC3CJ50. Notices will be posted in TCA and QST magazines and word will also be put out to nets between now and then.

Leo VE3ZLG, the organizer, will be posting a schedule looking for operators to volunteer a 1 or 2 hour shift to call CQ and seek fellow amateur radio operators (or SWLs) for establishing contacts and to inform those listeners of our club's history. Operators will be working from their own home QTH or those who may volunteer to open their doors for fellow club members who don't own an HF rig.

A commemorative certificate will be distributed to those who make contact with VC3CJ50, our Special Event Station.

Special Net Sessions (November 14 & 16, 2022)

Check in on Monday and Wednesday to be one of fifty check-ins to celebrate our Anniversary!

Christmas Banquet

A Christmas Banquet will be held during the first part of December. This is a Club social event to which many wives also attend. Sign up for this will be in November. (Members Only)

CJ Flea Market (February 18, 2023)

This will be our 22nd annual flea market of Amateur Radio equipment, returning after COVID-19 hiatus, includes a large number amateur radio vendors, a canteen serving coffee/tea and for this year we are trying an equipment testing table.

This event, and amenities will depend on the Personal Health Measures in Place at the time. Attendees and Vendors will be required to follow all measures.

Check BARC's web page which will be updated as measures or circumstances change.

As always, members' assistance will be needed in setting up, running and closing this event

Beer and Wings Night (April 29, 2023)

Beer and Wings Night will be a Boys Night Out Social at the Black Bull April 29th, 2023 at 5:30 pm. Be prepared to tell lies and have a good time! This is organized by Jeff, VE3COJ.

Dayton Hamvention (May 19-21, 2023)

People are already making plans to attend in 2023! Maybe we can get a group together and all go to Dayton!

Fox Hunt (May 28-29, 2023)

There will be Fox Hunt meetings during 2022 and into 2023. Jeff, VE3COJ will discuss antennas and methods to prepare members new to the sport how to make antennas and fox hunting techniques. Hopefully this can be done at the Church.

Year End Banquet (June 8, 2023)

A year end banquet will be held as the final Anniversary event. Plans are underway to make this a memorable occasion. (Members Only)

Field Day (June 24-25, 2023)

The Club's Field Day operation continues to evolve. New leadership brings new ideas from which we all benefit. We all anticipate what next year will be!

Ontario Hamfest (July 8, 2023)

The final Anniversary year event. Don't miss it! Plan to be there to help make this happen.

50th Anniversary Planning Committee Members

Tom, VA3TM and Hugh VE3AYR co-chairs

Norm, VE3CZI

Jeff, VE3COJ

Yves, VA3YVE

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