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From the Gavel - President's Message



Last month, I wrote, (in my somewhat roundabout way), about people getting involved, and as always I assumed that people would read the words and just file it away. To my surprise, however, I received an email from someone who had joined the club at HAMEX, but as he indicated, had not participated in the club or hobby activities since then. To add to my overall surprise at this email, the author also offered something that he was going to do about it. Being involved with the Scouts, he wanted to use our repeater and the IRLP to offer something different to their JOTA. He wanted to do this after observing that young potential HAM's in the Scouts got quickly bored with listening to the fine quality static that HF sometimes offered. Also in an age of the Internet and cell phones instantaneous access made IRLP use a more appealing hook in which to capture the younger audience. By the time you read this, I will have replied to this email encouraging this activity and use of the system.

After reading the email, it caused me to reflect for a moment, and (in a somewhat timely manner) having just heard someone on a UHF net that proceeded to complain about one of the current RAC proposals about the dropping of the Morse requirement. It got me thinking, why is it that people are quick to complain and desperately hang on to the way things always have been when it is plainly obvious that in not "keeping up with the times" and the current way technology has progressed that the future of the hobby is doomed. Now I know that I have probably mentioned this before and this is a very tired and worn subject, but this doesn't seem to stop some, (a small number admittedly), from trying to be incredibly vocal about something so small and relatively unimportant.

When I read things like the aforementioned email which documents the feeling of today's youth and their interaction with communications, in particular this hobby, and then listen to someone gripe about maintaining artificial barriers that serves no purpose other than to reduce the overall numbers in the hobby, it simply astounds me.

This hobby, is about individuals doing what they are most interested in. Each one of us has one or more areas of "expertise" that brings something to the hobby, no matter if this is building a better antenna for HF DX'ing or coming up with a better way to interface a computer to make a better mode of operation. They all add to the overall technology and benefit all. And by people hanging on to the required testing of people in a single mode of operation (i.e. CW) does nothing but lessen the importance of all the other modes and forms of technology.

I think instead of wasting energies on arguing how to keep things the same, people should use that same energy in trying to improve push things ahead. Let things evolve how they will, stopping something now only slows its pace, for when the time has come for change to happen it will happen, it always does. That's how we have gotten where we are today, often in spite of ourselves...

So this somewhat shorter column, as with most of my little monthly rants is offered to hopefully make people stop and think, and not blindly forge ahead in the same old way. Just as last month's rant prompted one HAM to get involved, maybe this month's word will make someone use their energy in a positive and constructive way, instead of simply arguing and debating an old way.

Robin (VE3VVS)

For those of you reading this in black and white, the newsletter is available to you on the yahoogroups for club members only in living Technicolor, or some sort of impressive colour anyhow.

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Sunday Brunch

Sunday brunches are held on the first Sunday of each month. Time is 9:30AM at **The Pickle Barrel** located at Erin Mills Town Centre located at Eglinton and Erin Mills Parkway. All are welcome to come out and have an opportunity to chat in an informal setting..

Sunday Brunch November 7, 2004

Club Nets

2 Metre Tuesday Night Phone Net

Join in on the chatter starting at 8:30PM every Tuesday on the club repeater. Hosted by various net controllers. Contact our VHF Net Manager, **Reg (VA3JQA)** if interested in becoming a net controller. 145.430MHz Tone 103.5 Minus (-) offset

75 Metre Sunday Night Net
Starts at 8:30PM every Sunday. Hosted by various net controllers. Contact our HF Net Manager, Michael (**VE3TKI**), if interested in becoming a net controller.



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Commentary...



As I said last month I said that I would keep you abreast on my/our quest for a new vehicle. Here is the latest on what we did.

After much haranguing, we decided (well really I did) on buying a new Dodge Magnum. No I didn't get the Hemi, a little too rich for me, but we did get the SXT which comes with a 3.5L 250HP engine. Yes it runs very nicely.

One of the first orders of business was to install the rig, which for those of you who don't know is an Icom IC-706, the original model. As an aside, when I was looking at the vehicle, I lifted up the panel at the rear of the car where the spare tire is stored and lo and behold, guess what....the battery is located at the rear of the car in with the spare tire.



My reaction was one of surprise and amazement much to the surprise of the sales rep. He wasn't sure whether I was pleased or unhappy that the battery was in the rear. I assured him that I was not only pleased, but elated as I didn't have to worry about getting power from the engine compartment, through the firewall and into the interior of the vehicle somehow.

I also quickly realized that there was enough room in the spare tire compartment to install the body of the radio. I already owned the extension cable for the head so it was really easy to run that cable up to the front of the car where, very conveniently, there was a spot to install the head.

Mississauga Amateur Radio Club Directors and Managers
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Emerg Asst 2	Michael Brickell	VE3TKI	Emerg Asst 3	Lorne Jackson	VE3CXT
Emerg Asst 4	Bob Boyer	VE3XBB	Emerg Asst 5	Robin Stubbs	VE3VVS
Emerg Asst 6	John Duffy	VE3DRZ			

Audit Committee

Auditor 1	OPEN		Auditor 2	Bill Dmytrasz	VE3DNY
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That left me to figure out how to install my VHF antenna as well as my AH-2b tuner and 8' whip for HF. The VHF was easy enough. I had used on my old vehicle a diamond trunk lid lip mount, so I re-installed that on the upper edge of the rear lift tailgate. That left me with the HF.



I paid a friendly visit to my favourite mechanics where we put the car on the hoist and lo and behold, installed are 3 studs that are welded in place which is where a trailer hitch would go. These accept 1" bolts. Hey this is getting easy!! Scott used a piece of brake line and he shaped out a pattern that would bring out a bracket under the bumper on the left side of the car. I then trotted off to the Metal Supermarket and bought a hunk of 2" wide x 1/4" thick metal and returned to my friendly mechanics, who proceeded to bend the metal and drill the appropriate holes and weld a stud in place to mount my "mast" in said bracket.

I then took the bracket home drilled one 1/4" hole so that I could install a stud to use as a ground point, painted the whole kit and caboodle (ensuring that I didn't paint the ground lug) a very pleasing black and then mounted the new bracket to the automobile. This is really working out well so far isn't it?

So now we have the bracket for the HF antenna, which is essentially an 8' whip mounted on a

3' x 3/4" cast iron pipe. Next on the list is the AH-2b.

My initial thought was to place it in the spare tire well along with the 706 body, which I did only to discover that I was creating RF in the car which led to my dashboard lighting up, especially my airbag warning light. I didn't think that this was a good idea, so I decided to move the Ah-2b to a storage area at the back of the car behind the left taillight. Well this too didn't resolve my problem, so I said to myself "Self, I think I need some more shielding here."



I originally had the AH-2b mounted on the outside of my Lumina with about a 3" unshielded lead from the output to the base of the antenna. In the new vehicle, the lead from the tuner to the base of the antenna was about 24", so I decided that what was needed was a piece of shielded coax, which is ground at both ends. I proceeded to install this and then tried the little baby out, and lo and behold, no more lit up dashboard and the tuner was able to tune in the hf bands with no problem, so the problem was solved. I'm a happy camper and can't wait to hit the road once again to do some mobile work.

Once again, the importance of grounding is demonstrated. I included a few pix of the new installation.

Tony (VA3QC)



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Minutes of General Meeting #01

Date: September 9, 2004

Location: 3535 South Common Court, Mississauga

Time: 7:30PM

Officers Present:

Robin Stubbs	VE3VVS	President
John Duffy	VE3DRZ	1 st Vice President
Lorne Jackson	VE3CXT	Secretary
William Bressette	VE3WPJ	Treasurer

Absent:

Bob Giddy	VE3IAB	2nd Vice President
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Attendance:

- o 38 including visitors

Opening Business – Robin (VE3VVS)

- o Opened the meeting by introducing the executive and welcoming visitors.
- o Talked about what the clubs objectives are for the coming club season, namely:
 - To take on projects that can be completed by members within their time limitations.
 - Not to waste time attending meetings in the hopes of acquiring “free handouts”.
 - To cooperate with other clubs as we have in the past, but not to undertake doing the lions share of the work in these co-ventures.
 - To undertake goals that will benefit the majority of the club membership.
 - To encourage all members to come out on the various activities that the club undertakes, not just the same old gang as usual.
 - To have a relaxing, fun year in amateur radio. It is after-all, our hobby.

Monthly Sunday Breakfast

- o For the October gathering, we will be having our Sunday breakfast at the Pickle Barrel Restaurant in the Erin Mills Town Centre. This is in the same location as JJ Muggs used to be. Remember to use the lower level entrance, as there is no access from the upper level.

Repeaters

- o Within the next few days, work will be done to complete the installation of the UHF antenna, along with the installation of the link antennas up at the repeater site. The link radios are scheduled for installation soon. This will pretty much finish up the work that has been ongoing at the repeater site.
- o A large fan blowing on the repeater has apparently solved the problem of overheating that has been experienced on some of our 2 Metre nets where they have gone on for a couple of hours.

MARCFWARE

- o John (VE3DRZ) asked the membership present how many would be interested in obtaining coffee mugs with the club logo etched on. John also stated that the price is \$10.00 each.
- o As the minimum order to purchase mugs is \$650 for 72 and as that is more than the executive is allowed to

authorize membership approval, a motion was made to approve the purchase of said mugs by Michael (VE3TKI). This was seconded by Art (VE3SQG) and a show of hands carried the motion.

FSV

- o Work was done on the FSV over the summer, namely:
 - A shelf was installed.
 - New antennas were installed.
 - A DC bus will be installed in the near future.
- o The unit is stored for the moment at Sean’s (VA3MED) home QTH.
- o A presentation to the membership on the subject of the FSV will be planned sometime down the road.

Digital Communications Group

- o The whole topic of the emergency packet network thing is still in the early stages of development and discussion. William (VE3WPJ) and Dave (VA3BHF) are heading up this group.

Halton Radial Railroad Special Event (VC3HCR)

- o Sign up to operate, log at the HRR special event stations. Operators and loggers are needed to cover 40M and 20M. This is a wonderful venue. September 25 and 26 1000-1600 ET both days
- o People are also needed to help setup and take down.

RAC Membership

- o John (VE3DRZ) stressed the importance of joining and supporting RAC. After Lorne (VE3CXT) gave a short demonstration on the effects of BPL, it is vitally urgent that we all realize that the only way to challenge this is through our national association, The Radio Amateurs of Canada. If you are not a member, please give it serious thought. It’s the best \$40.00 you can invest in your hobby.

50/50 Draw

- o Rick (VE3IMG) won \$29.50 which he donated to the club.

New Business

- o At the executive meeting held recently, Art (VE3SQG) expressed his desire to step down as the club webmeister. Alex (VA3UA) has offered to be the webmeister, which the membership graciously accepted and approved and showed their appreciation with a rousing round of applause and catcalls etc.
- o On behalf of all, thank you Art (VE3SQG) for being such an able, conscientious and competent webmaster for the past 10 years or so. Your efforts have helped put our club on the map and are responsible for attracting so many of our newer members.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned sometime between 9:00 & 9:30PM
A.J. Champion (VA3QC) – Documentation Manager
September 20, 2004



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Minutes of Executive Meeting #04

Date: October 7, 2004

Location: Michael's lovely estate

Time: 7:32PM

Attendees:

Robin Stubbs VE3VVS President

Lorne Jackson VE3CXT Secretary

John Duffy VE3DRZ 1st VP

Bob Giddy VE3IAB 2nd VP

Absent: William Bressette VE3WPJ Treasurer

Earle Laycock	VE3XEL	Education
Sean Conlin	VA3MED	ARES/PSG
Bob Boyer	VE3XBB	PSG
Brian Jay	VA3BLJ	Programmes
Rick Brown	VE3IMG	Contests/Station
Asim Zaidi	VE3XAP	FD Ant Coord
Tony Champion	VA3QC	Doc/News Mgr
Michael Brickell	VE3TKI	Repeater Mgr

Sunday Breakfast

- Sunday breakfast for October was held at the new **Pickle Barrel** restaurant in Erin Mills Town Centre. Comments were favourable although comments were made concerning the slow service. It was decided to try this venue a second time to see if the wrinkles have been ironed out.

Hospital Radios

- A meeting was held at the Credit Valley Hospital on September 16, 2004 to discuss the requirements for an amateur radio presence in the hospital to used for emergency communications should the need arise. Lorne (VE3CXT) and Sean (VA3MED) attended. Lorne (VE3CXT) will follow up.

Repeater(s)

- Antenna work was done namely the UHF antenna is installed and working. The link antennas are also installed, just needing the final connections which will be done within the next couple of weeks.
- A new lightning arrester will be installed at the same time as the link antenna connections are done.
- A coax needs to be replaced on the UHF repeater. This will be done shortly
- An equipment rack located at Tony's 9VA3QC) will be moved to the repeater site with the intention of mounting the UHF repeater in it.
- The power cable to the controller needs to be replaced.
- The link radio programming needs to be done.

Ham-Ex™

- The first meeting went well. The flyer looks good. The job allocation sheet was posted
- The event will be held on April 9, 2004

Facilities Manager Position

- Michael (VE3TKI) prepared a proposed job specification for the Facilities Managers position. After some discussion , it was decided to leave things as they were, but instead create an FSV Manager. Robin (VE3VVS) and Brian (VA3BLJ) offered to take on this role. Brian (VA3BLJ) also offered to help with the Station Manager function as well.

Club Mugs

- John (VE3DRZ) has in his possession, the new club mugs. Those who expressed an interest in buying these should speak with him. Cost is \$10.. each with a small portion of the sale going to the clubs coffers.

New Business

- Asim (VE3XAP) advised that there are various sections of tower available for the clubs use, if desired, from Carl Styan (VE3BY).
- Earle (VE3XEL) offered to store temporarily, the tower sections.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM
 Next meeting will be November 4, 2004 at John's (VE3DRZ) spacious hacienda.

Prepared by: Tony Champion (VA3QC)
 October 13, 2004



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Minutes of General Meeting #2

Date: September 30, 2004

Location: 3535 South Common Court, Mississauga

Time: 7:30PM

Officers Present:

Robin Stubbs	VE3VVS	President
John Duffy	VE3DRZ	1 st Vice President
Bob Giddy	VE3IAB	2nd Vice President
Lorne Jackson	VE3CXT	Secretary

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Special Presentation to Art (VE3SQG)

- Michael 9VE3TKI gave a short talk about Art's contribution to the club and amateur radio and presented him with a crystal radio as a token of our high esteem and to honour him on his well deserved retirement.

Repeaters – Michael (VE3TKI)

- All the masts and antennas have been installed.
- Remaining work to be done within the next while.
- For further details, please see the executive minutes of October 7.

Digital Communications Group – Dave (VA3BHF)

- Aiming to have a packet net up and running in November

Halton Radial Railroad 50th Anniversary Special Event (VC3HCR)

- John (VE3DRZ) gave a brief report on this event. He noted that it was one of the better ones, the weather was absolutely fantastic, the band conditions were good and the company great with a good turnout from the club.

- Approximately 184 contacts were made on 40M and about 81 on 20M.
- Reg (VA3JQA) is making up the certificate that will be issued.

ARES – Sean (VA3MED)

- Advised that regular ARES/PSG meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month, usually held at Red Cross at Cancross and Matheson.
- Volunteers are needed for Oct 31 for the annual Goblin Patrol. Please contact Sean at your earliest if planning to come out.

Ham-Ex™

- Had the first meeting recently.
- Start considering what you will volunteer to do.

Education

- Basic classes start on October 5 at 7:00PM at the Meals on Wheels on Dunwin Drive. Contact Earle (VE3XEL) if interested in attending.

RAC Membership

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50/50 Draw

- There was no draw as Mr. Brickell (VE3TKI) failed to buy the appropriate tickets with numbers at EACH end. OOPS!!!!

Speaker.

- Bob (VE3AGC) gave an interesting talk on BPL and what is being done to challenge its being permitted to be used by IC and the FCC. The amateur radio communities in both the US and Canada are demonstrating the interference that BPL causes.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:46PM

Next meeting – October 14, 2004

A.J. Champion (VA3QC) – Documentation Manager
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RAC News and News From Here and There

Website: <http://www.rac.ca>

Ontario South Region Directors website: <http://www.qsl.net/ve3bdb/director.html>

Oct. 5 2004 Resignations of RAC President and First Vice-president

RAC regrets to announce that effective immediately, RAC President Daniel Lamoureux, VE2KA, and First Vice-president Bob Nash, VE3KZ have resigned from their positions for medical reasons. Both officers have been hospitalized with severe, heart-related problems. The RAC Board of Directors and Executive thank them both for their dedicated service to amateur radio and RAC, and are confident that all radio amateurs wish them a full recovery and fast return to the amateur bands.

The RAC Board of Directors will convene a special meeting of the Board as quickly as possible and in accordance with the Constitution to deal with the vacancies on the Executive created by these resignations.

(RAC Bulletin 02-25E)

RAC Annual General Meeting

All RAC members are encouraged to attend the Annual General Meeting of Members.

This is your opportunity, as a member of Radio Amateurs of Canada, to hear what your representatives have been doing over the past year, to raise questions, and to make suggestions about how RAC is managed and where it is going in the future. This meeting is open to all RAC members.

Date/Time: Saturday, October 23, 2004 at 11:00 AM

Place: OPP General Headquarters, 777 Memorial Avenue, Orillia, Ontario

Agenda items will include:

- Report of the President
- Review of the 2003 Financial Statements
- Proposed Revision of the RAC Constitution
- Appointment of Auditors for 2004

Directions

Talkin information will be available from 9:45 am to 10:45 am on the VA3OPS repeater, 146.655 MHz (-), CTCSS tone 156.7 Hz.

Coming from the Greater Toronto Area:

Take Highway 400 north to Highway 11, then Highway 11 to Memorial Avenue, which is the first exit for Orillia. Exit on Memorial Avenue. The OPP GHQ is about 1 km east, on the left hand side of Memorial Avenue. At the first set of traffic lights, just past the Georgian College entrance, turn left and then left again immediately into the first parking lot. Do not attempt to drive past the gate. Enter the building on foot via the south doors, following the sidewalk past the gate. The auditorium is to the immediate right once inside.

Disabled Persons Parking:

Additional parking and parking for disabled persons is available at the front of the building, along the semi-circle driveway. Enter through the front doors then go left to the auditorium at the end of the concourse.

Additional Parking:

Should further parking be necessary, it can be accessed across Memorial Avenue immediately opposite the visitor parking lot at the traffic lights. Once through the lights, turn left into that lot and use the pedestrian lights to walk across to the meeting. Enter the building via the South doors, following the sidewalk just past the gate.

OPP Museum:

Arrangements have been made for the OPP Museum to be open for the benefit of those attending the AGM. There is no admission fee.

Please note that the headquarters building is a 24-hour operational police services facility with full-time security and surveillance cameras inside and

out.

(RAC News Service)

For the nighthawks of the group

Good news for all of you night hawks, the Pow Wow Club resumes operations as of October One, so if your awake and looking to make contacts with fellow Canadian Hams tune into 3.750 Mhz at midnight seven days a week. Propagation that time of the evening on 80 metres is usually very good and you will here Amateurs checking in from Newfoundland to Vancouver

Progress at meetings in Geneva

Here is a very brief report on some developments at the September 2004 meetings of the International Telecommunications Union in Geneva.

1. So far, at least, the proposal for a new world-wide amateur band at 135 kHz has not encountered any significant opposition. It is still early in the preparations for WRC 2007, however, and much may change between now and then.
2. The review of the spectrum between 4 and 10 MHz is well underway. The IARU has renewed its proposal for a full 300kHz worldwide allocation to amateur radio at 40 metres. Most of the discussions however have centred on the shortwave broadcast demands for more spectrum, and fixed and mobile service opposition to such an expansion.
3. Some progress is being made in providing input to studies on the impact of BPL on HF Radio Services, despite opposition from the US administration. The next set of meetings in early October should be interesting. Canada has yet to make its position known on this question.
4. Later on in October, the HF broadcasters will be holding their own meetings, and collecting evidence to support their case for more HF spectrum.

(Ken Pulfer, VE3PU)

47th Jamboree on the Air - 16-17 October 2004

JOTA is an annual event in which about 500,000 Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of amateur radio. It is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. The JOTA is a world-wide event. Units may operate for 48 hours or any part thereof, from Saturday 00.00 h until Sunday 24.00 h local time. It is for members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), and also for members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS).

World Band	Scout SSB(phone)	Frequencies: CW(morse)
80m	3.740&3.940MHz	3.590MHz
40m	7.090MHz	7.030MHz
20m	14.290MHz	14.070MHz
17m	18.140MHz	18.080MHz
15m	21.360MHz	21.140MHz
12m	24.960MHz	24.910MHz
10 m	28.390 MHz	28.190 MHz

Full details of this event can be found online at:

<http://home.zonnet.nl/worldscout/NJONetwork/47JOTAcirc.pdf>



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Michael (VE3TKI), Asim (VE3XAP), Art (VE3SQG), Jeff (VA3WXM) and Lorne (VE3CXT) met with Dan (AI4GK) and his YL Joanne this past Sunday to visit and have a cuppa java at Timmies. Dan decided he wanted to join our club and he thought it might be of interest to our membership to show the damage that was done to his place by hurricane Jeanne. The following is his note to me an long with those pictures.

Tony (VA3QC)

Hi, Tony.

I visited Michael and some of the other club members this past Sunday at Timmie's. While there, I joined the club. I sent Michael some pictures of damage my tower sustained in Hurricane Jeanne last month. He suggested I send them to you as attachments so you can put them into the newsletter, if you deem it appropriate. (I was thinking of something like "Club Member sustains damage in hurricane" or something like that.

As point of information, I am a police officer in Palm Bay, Florida. I've been licenced since 2001. My 12 year old son Alex also is licenced as KG4WMM. I carry 2 Metres and HF in my patrol car. During the hurricane, I was assigned to work Amateur Radio in our communications centre, assisting with Net Control for the shelters. We also communicated with the Brevard County Emergency Operations Centre.

My tower was about 45 feet tall, which would be about 14 metres. I had a 75 Metre Double Bazooka antenna and a 2 Metre J-pole on it, both of which I removed the day before the hurricane hit.

Today (Oct. 13), Richard KG4SVX and I took down the tower and brought the undamaged parts to his house so we can rebuild his tower which also was damaged in the storm. Richard has the IRLP node that I use to call your repeater. Right now his antenna is up about 8 metres, so his reception suffers tremendously. When we're done, his antenna will be about 25 metres high, a bit higher than it was previously.

I hope you can use the pictures. If you need anything further, please don't hesitate to let me know.

73,
Dan Fisher, AI4GK
Palm Bay, Florida





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CLUB CALENDAR FOR 2004-2005

2004

OCTOBER

- 19 Tuesday Basic Class #03 – Freq & wavelength, Propagation (note 3)
- 16 Thursday Public Service/ARES at RC (Cancross)
- 26 Tuesday Basic Class #04 – Antennas, Transmission Lines
- 28 Thursday General Meeting #04 –
- 31 Sunday Goblin Patrol

NOVEMBER

- 02 Tuesday Basic Class #05 – Tubes, Solid State, Power Supplies
- 04 Thursday Executive Meeting #05 at John's (VE3DRZ)
- 07 Sunday Sunday Brunch at Golden Griddle (note 2)
- 09 Tuesday Basic Class #06 – Transmitters and Modulation (note 3)
- 11 Thursday General Meeting #05 –
- 16 Tuesday Basic Class #07 – Receivers (note 3)
- 18 Thursday Public Service/ARES at RC (Cancross)
- 23 Tuesday Basic Class #08- Set-up, Operations, Regulations (note 3)
- 25 Thursday General Meeting #06 –

DECEMBER

- 02 Thursday Executive Meeting #06 at Lorne's (VE3CXT)
- 05 Sunday Sunday Brunch at Golden Griddle (note 2)
- 07 Tuesday Basic Class #09 – Interference & Safety (note 3)
- 09 Thursday General Meeting #07 – Annual Christmas Pot Luck gathering
- 14 Tuesday Basic Class #10 - Review (note 3)
- 18 Thursday Public Service/ARES at RC (Cancross)
- 21 Tuesday Basic Class #11 – EXAMINATION (note 3)
- 23 Thursday **NO MEETING**

2005

JANUARY

- 02 Sunday Sunday Brunch at Golden Griddle (note 2)
- 04 Tuesday Code Class (note 3)
- 06 Thursday Executive Meeting #07 at Michael's (VE3TKI)
- 11 Tuesday Code Class (note 3)

- 13 Thursday General Meeting #08 –
- 18 Tuesday Code Class (note 3)
- 20 Thursday Public Service/ARES at RC (Cancross)
- 25 Tuesday Code Class (note 3)
- 27 Thursday General Meeting #09 –

FEBRUARY

- 01 Tuesday Code Class (note 3)
- 03 Thursday Executive Meeting #08 at Robin's (VE3VVS)
- 06 Sunday Sunday Brunch at Golden Griddle (note 2)
- 08 Tuesday Code Class (note 3)
- 10 Thursday General Meeting #10 –
- 15 Tuesday Code Class (note 3)
- 17 Thursday Public Service/ARES at RC (Cancross)
- 22 Tuesday Code Class (note 3)
- 24 Thursday General Meeting #11 –

MARCH

- 01 Tuesday Code Class (note 3)
- 03 Thursday Executive Meeting #09 at Earle's (VE3XEL)
- 06 Sunday Sunday Brunch at Golden Griddle (note 2)
- 08 Tuesday Code Class (note 3)- Final Class & Test
- 10 Thursday General Meeting #12 –
- 17 Thursday Public Service/ARES at RC (Cancross)
- 24 Thursday General Meeting #13 –

APRIL

- 03 Sunday Sunday Brunch at Golden Griddle (note 2)
- 07 Thursday Executive Meeting #10 at Michaels (VE3TKI)
- 14 Thursday General Meeting #14 –
- 21 Thursday Public Service/ARES at RC (Cancross)
- 28 Thursday General Meeting #15 –

MAY

- 01 Sunday Sunday Brunch at Golden Griddle (note 2)
- 05 Thursday Executive Meeting #11 at Lorne's (VE3CXT)
- 12 Thursday General Meeting #16 –
- 19 Thursday Public Service/ARES at RC (Cancross)
- 26 Thursday General Meeting #17 –

JUNE

- 02 Thursday Executive Meeting #12 at Art's (VE3SQG)
- 04-05 Sat-Sun Bread & Honey Festival
- 05 Sunday Sunday Brunch at Vic Johnson Arena at 9:00AM
- 09 Thursday General Meeting #18 –
- 16 Thursday Public Service/ARES at RC (Cancross)
- 23 Thursday General Meeting #19 – Pot Luck End of Season
- 25-26 Sat-Sun Field Day 2005

NOTES

1. Meetings start 7:30PM at St. Thomas A Becket Church Hall, 3535 South Common Court unless otherwise noted.
2. Brunch is at 9:30AM unless otherwise noted.
3. Classes are from 7:00PM - 9:00PM at Meals On Wheels at 2445 Dunwin Drive

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