



## January 2022 Newsletter

### Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club

The **Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club** is a 'not for profit' organization incorporated in the Province of Ontario that promotes Amateur Radio and provides emergency communications in Cornwall and surrounding area. The Club's mailing address is 4672 O'Keefe Road, St. Andrews West, ON. K0C 2A0.

The **Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club** operates several repeaters in Cornwall and surrounding area. VE3SVC is a VHF analog FM repeater operating on 147.180 + and a tone of 110.9 Hz. Also, on VHF is VA3SDG, a Yaesu Fusion digital C4FM and analog FM repeater on 145.570 – and a tone of 110.9 Hz. On UHF, VE3PGC, also a Yaesu Fusion repeater with wide area coverage, is located at Bonville. It operates at 443.650 + and a tone of 110.9 Hz. For other repeaters, including D-Star and DMR, see the Repeater Page of our website at [SVARC.ca](http://SVARC.ca).

- **President:** Earle DePass (VE3IMP)
- **Vice-President:** Joe Scott (VE3ADB)
- **Secretary:** Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV)
- **Treasurer:** Chris Lauzon (VA3CRR)
- **Technical Director:** Doug Pearson (VE3HTR)
- **Net Manager:** Murray MacDonnell (VE1LJ)
- **ACS Coordinator:** Earle DePass (VE3IMP)
- **Newsletter:** Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV)
- **Past President:** Larry Giguere (VA3RSQ)

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## President's Message

### **SVARC Presidents Message**

**January 15, 2022**

Here's hoping that each of you had a wonderful, healthy and holy Christmas 2021 season!? Please accept my very best wishes for a better 2022.

As this New Year dawns, along with the new RAC president (Phil McBride, VA3QR) it gives much hope and optimism both within and outside of our hobby. The end to the pandemic is foremost on the minds of most including me. Within the SVARC, I hope that we will be able to start doing more Amateur-Radio-related activities through the year. For example, Field Day 2022 is looking very promising!

By the time this goes to print, we will have held our second Fox Hunt. Despite the cold, it promises to be a lot of fun and quite educational for those who participate. Our first hunt in December was quite interesting!

Since Omicron is causing use yet more pandemic issues, our January 26, 2022 meeting will have to be held virtually. However, we have already proven that we can easily continue to do so. The DMR 101 presentation promised by René promises to be most informative. Hopefully we will all be back "in- person" for our February 23, 2022 meeting.

Now that Doug Pearson (VE3HTR) and Murray MacDonnell (formerly VE3XLJ) have taken home the hardware as our Tim Smith Memorial HAMS of the year for 2020 and 2021 respectively, thoughts turn to possibly establishing some additional awards/incentives for the SVARC. Your thoughts and input are sought.

To those who usually join us, I thank you for your continued participation in our Monday night nets. For those going South for the rest of the winter, "safe travels".

It with much sadness that we say "farewell" to Murray MacDonnell (formerly VE3XLJ) and Tom Todd (VA3KD) who are leaving the SVARC for different reasons. I thank them both for their service and again wish them all the best for the future.

As I went through the historical boxes which Ed (VE3EAH) recently provided me, I am reminded that our Club is very rich with many proud records, dating back to 1960. With your support and involvement, I am hopeful that going forward, we will help to make the future of the SVARC even better.



Happy HAMming!

73,

Earle DePass (VE3IMP)  
President SVARC (2022-2024)



## Note from the Editor

Hi to all.

### Happy New Year

Happy New Year to all.

Please do not forget to renew your membership for 2022. There is a new fillable form on the membership page of the website, just fill it on-line and email it, no printing, handfilling, no scanning or snail mailing.

Winter is now firmly upon us. This last storm left us with over 30 cm of this white stuff... I love my snow blower...



Oh, what fun is it to ride in a one...



Omicron is also firmly upon us. Back to virtual meeting, limited gatherings, and the lot... But as they say: An ounce of protection is worth a pound of cure.

I would like to post a recurring topic titled "My other hobby". Most of us have more than one hobby, be it RC modeling, bike riding, flying, genealogy, music etc. Tell us about yours.

If you are a snowbird, please tells us where you are and what kind of ham set-up you use at that location. It is always heartwarming to see those snowbirds basking in the sun while

we... 


And remember:

**A PESSIMIST** sees a dark tunnel.

**An OPTIMIST** sees light at the end of the tunnel.

**A REALIST** sees a freight train.

**The TRAIN conductor** sees 3 idiots standing on the tracks.

See you all next month. Until then stay warm wherever you are. 



**Earle  
VE3IMP**

# ACS Report

## The SD&G RAC Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) Group [Formerly ARES]

### Monthly Report For December 2021

**Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club (SVARC) Inc.:**  
The SD&G RAC Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) Group [Formerly ARES] is associated with the SVARC.

1. Due to the Christmas break, there was no meeting of this Club in December 2021. The SVARC held its first in-person Christmas dinner in two years, at *Quinn's Inn*, St. Andrews West on Dec. 11, 2021. 17 guests attended and enjoyed a fun evening. The Tim Smith Memorial "HAM of the Year" awards were presented to; Doug Pearson (VE3HTR) for year 2020 and Murray MacDonnell (formerly VE3XLJ) for year 2021.
2. Due to the recurrence of the COVID virus in the form of the Omicron variant, the next meeting – planned for Jan. 26, 2022 – will be conducted virtually using Zoom. René Champagne (VA3RIA) has agreed to be the Guest Speaker. His topic will be "DMR 101".

### **Repeater Checks: (Ongoing):**

The SVARC weekly net is conducted first on VE3SVC (147.180MHz. +). Checks are then made by switching the Net to the VE3PGC (UHF) repeater where first an EchoLink check is performed. A check is also performed on DMR, Ch. 2 or VE3VSW. This process confirms the serviceability of nearby *Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club (SVARC)* repeater systems at least once a week, should they be required by the RAC

Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS). On average there are 25 total check-ins.

### **Our AECs are:**

1. Murray MacDonell (VE3XLJ), Acting AEC, North Glengarry,
2. Hal Green (VE3HWG), South Glengarry,
3. Stan Fortune (VA3JSF), South Stormont,
4. Ed Halliwell (VE3EAH), South Stormont,
5. Doug Pearson (VE3HTR), City of Cornwall,
6. Rick Palmer (VA3EV), City of Cornwall,
7. Art Horovitch (VE3AIH), City of Cornwall.

### **City Of Cornwall ARES Interface:**

On Dec. 9, 2021, Earle sent a follow-up email (initial email sent on Nov. 03, 2021) to Leighton Woods [LWoods@cornwall.ca](mailto:LWoods@cornwall.ca) (Alternate CEMC for the City of Cornwall). Jeff Weber is the CEMC. In that email, Earle requested a meeting to further discuss ARES support for the City of Cornwall. There has not been a response.

### **Alexandria and South Glengarry ARES Projects:**

Since receiving the negative response from the North Glengarry Fire Chief - Matthew Roy, Murray sent an email to Dave Robertson, Fire Chief and Acting Director of Recreation and Facilities for South Glengarry, Dave to support the ACS communications initiative. To date there has not been any further correspondence.

Earle DePass, (VE3IMP)  
Group Coordinator (GC),  
RAC Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) Group /  
[Formerly ARES]



## Art's Corner



**Hi to all,**

Here's what I saw in the [SeawayNews](#) recently, really funny.

### Name a Plow Contest 2021

From the Seaway News of February 12, 2021

By Nick Seebruch

UNITED COUNTIES of SD&G, Ontario – The United Counties of SD&G have announced the winning names from their “Name a Plow” contest that started last month.

At the beginning of January, the United Counties challenged the public to come up with names for their 16 snowplows.

The winning names are:

Plowy McPlowface  
For Your Ice Only  
Clan MacPlowed  
Truck Norris  
Rhinestone Plowboy  
Storm-Ont

Glengarry Lochness  
Dundas Demon  
David Snowie  
Snow Way Jose  
Avonmore Ace  
Glen Salter  
Stormin' Glen Norman  
Saltzing Matilda  
Mountain Goat  
Maiden O'Moulinette

“This is a great way to add some fun in the dead of winter,” said Transportation and Planning Services Director Benjamin de Haan in January. “We're hoping people enjoy this activity and help us to add some distinctiveness to our fleet.”

The United Counties will now have these new names affixed to the plows, and will create an online tracker, complete with plows, so residents can follow their journeys across the United Counties as they work.

I just can't wait to see this year's winners!

p.s.: The content of this article is posted here with the permission of Nick Seebruch, Editor of the Seaway News



# Show and Tell

## January Fox Hunt

The last Fox Hunt was held on Sunday the 16, A cold (-15C) and sunny day.

Roger, VA3GBV, hid the Fox.

Three brave souls joined together to find the elusive critter, Earle VE3IMP, Joe, VE3ADB and Steve, VE3EZB.



**We are all set. Fox, here we come!**



**I think we are close...(hummm?)**



**OK we didn't find the #@&\$ Fox, I'll kick his butt...**

Note from VA3GBV:

The Fox was actually hidden under a kid slide in Chevrier park at the end of Edgar street. I was so sure they would find it within the first half hour, I parked (in an unmarked car) a few hundred meters away and wait for them to show up. They never did !

The weather was cold, but on Saturday it was much colder at -24C.

So Art, VE3AIH, Earle, VE3IMP and I ran a test with the Fox at low power outside of my QTH. Earle, 7 km away, and Art, 4km away, copied it loud and clear.

It kept yelping solid for two hours. So we knew the battery was good to go for a cold day hunt.