



# Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

## Hybrid Monthly General Meeting

June 29, 2022



Venue: St. John Ambulance, 100 second Street W., Cornwall  
Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual, via Zoom  
Date: June 29, 2022  
Time: 19:00 EDT  
Present: 13 Members and 4 guests

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Virtual:</b>
1. Earle DePass, President (VE3IMP)	12. John Peddle (Associate Member)
2. Joe Scott, Vice-President (VE3ADB)	13. Stan Fortune (VA3JSF)
3. Chris Lauzon, Treasurer (VA3CRR)	14. Ian DePass (VE3DEI)
4. Roger Bélanger, Secretary (VA3GBV)	15. Nicole Boivin (VE3GIQ)
5. Doug Pearson, Technical Director (VE3HTR)	16. Dan Sandor (VA7GOV)
6. Earnest Vinson (Associate Member),	17. Hiroshi Takahashi (VA7LET)
7. Hal Green (VE3HWG)	
8. Jamie Montroy (Associate Member)	
9. Rick Parker (VA3EV)	
10. Art Horovitch (VE3AIH)	
11. Suzan Horovitch (VE3EXN)	

### Call to order:

Meeting called to order by the President, Earle (VE3IMP) at 7:00 pm.

#### **1- Round table**

Introducing all participating members and guests

#### **2- Review of the minutes of last General Meeting:**

Earle (VE3IMP) asked if there were any questions or comments on the minutes of the May 25, 2022, meeting. Nothing was raised.

Motion to approve minutes: Doug Pearson (VE3HTR)

Seconded: Joe Scott (VE3ADB)

The minutes were approved unanimously.

**3- Treasurer’s Report**

Chris, Treasurer (VA3CRR) reported No change since last month:

General Fund:	\$1523.10
Repeater Fund:	\$1259.04
Total:	\$2782,14
Shares:	\$50.00
<b>Accessible funds:</b>	<b>\$2732.14</b>

**4- Secretary’s Report:**

As of May 25, 2022, the SVARC has 33 Members in good standing and 29 voting members  
The former VE3TEL is being redeployed to a new hosting site, Beaverbrook landfill site owned by the Township of South Glengarry. In order to assure proper insurance coverage to the new host, a certificate of insurance, identifying the township of South Glengarry as additionally insured was requested from RAC and received.

A copy was forwarded the Dave Robertson, fire chief for the township and operator of the communication equipment at the host site.

**5- Net Managers Report:**

Net meets and 1900 local time on Mondays, Year round.

This month the total check-ins on the four Monday nights over the last month – including May 30, 2022 were;

VE3SVC	EchoLink	VE3PGC	DMR ch.2	VE3VSW	SVC-220	Total
36	2	34	15	3	0	90

We are recording the call signs of those checking in for the purpose of determining the feasibility of some type of award at year end.

Submitted by VE3ADB

Joe Scott

**6- Technical Directors Report:**

VE3SVC repeater issue:

This repeater is experiencing some noise appearing sporadically. It could be malicious QRM. However, it could also be antenna related. This antenna dates back to 1984.

It is proposed to turn-off the APRS repeater at the CCH site and use it’s Diamond antenna to replace the present VE3SVC antenna.

The CCH APRS is redundant, as we have a fully functional APRS digipeater in the Bonville site.

CCH repeaters remote power reset:

The repeaters in the CCH site need frequent power reset. This is inconvenient because it requires somebody to physically go to the site and perform a manual power reset.

To avoid this situation, Doug (VE3HTR) purchased two IP controlled Power Bars so the power reset can be done via Internet.

The second unit will be installed at the Bonville site.

#### VA3FHA repeater re-deployment:

Some time ago, Murray, then VE3XLJ, purchased a repeater from Ray in Winchester and installed it temporarily at his QTH under the call sign VE3NGA. The intent being to install it in North Glengarry, collocated with the Fire Department communication equipment. Unfortunately, the North Glengarry fire chief showed no interest in doing so.

Murray then contacted Dave Robertson, Fire Chief of South Glengarry township, to explore the possibility of installing this repeater at the Beaverbrook landfill site where the fire department have their communication system and a 100' tower. Dave was very supportive of this initiative.

Thanks to Dave Robertson, chief of the South Glengarry F.D., approval of the township council was obtained. As a result we are allowed to share the existing 100' tower and communication system installed at the Beaverbrook landfill site, north of Williamstown.

The Seaway Valley Repeater Council was contacted to make them aware that the NGA repeater will be relocated under the VA3FHA callsign.

The actual repeater, now the property of Rick (VA3EV) and the duplexer owned by Doug (VE3HTR) will be used for this purpose.

See in Annex II a simplified block diagram of the proposed Beaverbrook repeater installation

### **7- General planning for the future:**

A planning calendar for 2022 is being attached in Annex I.

Major events to come are:

- Club BBQ at Earnest Vinson's home on August 6.
- MS Bike on August 20 and 21. See Nicole Boivin presentation below.

### **8- New Business:**

#### a. Art Horovitch (VE3AIH):

Sadly Art was diagnosed with a serious blood condition and will require treatment over the summer thus having to reduce his ham radio activities.

Art, with the help of Doug, brought many items to be donated to the club. The members are welcome to pick whatever they need and make an appropriate donation to the Club repeater fund.

We all wish Art the best of luck and a speedy recovery.

#### b. MS Bike (Nicole Boivin, VE3GIQ):

Date August 20 and 21, 2022.

MS Bike invites SVARC club members to participate. To confirm your participation please send an email to Nicole at: [ve3giq@rac.ca](mailto:ve3giq@rac.ca)

The starting point is Kars Recreation center in Ottawa and ends in Brockville on Saturday the 20th. The return is Sunday the 21st.

There will be 5 rest stops along the way:

- Xxx

The southern part of the course will be covered by the Brockville repeater.

Further coverage maybe provided by the Winchester repeater, VA3NDC, 146.970 (-) (100Hz), operated by the Iroquois ARC.

There are presently 7 volunteers from Ottawa that confirmed their participation

**9- Next Meeting:**

Next meeting will be held in a hybrid mode, Wednesday September 28, 2022, at the St. John Ambulance, 100 Second St. W., Cornwall, ON K6J 1G5.

**10- Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 20:45 EDT

**11- Guest Speaker**

Hiroshi Takahashi (VA7LET), recipient of the RAC Amateur of the Year.

Minutes submitted by Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV), Secretary,  
June 30, 2022

## Annex I

### SVARC 2022 Annual Planning Calendar - Last Revised: September 29, 2022

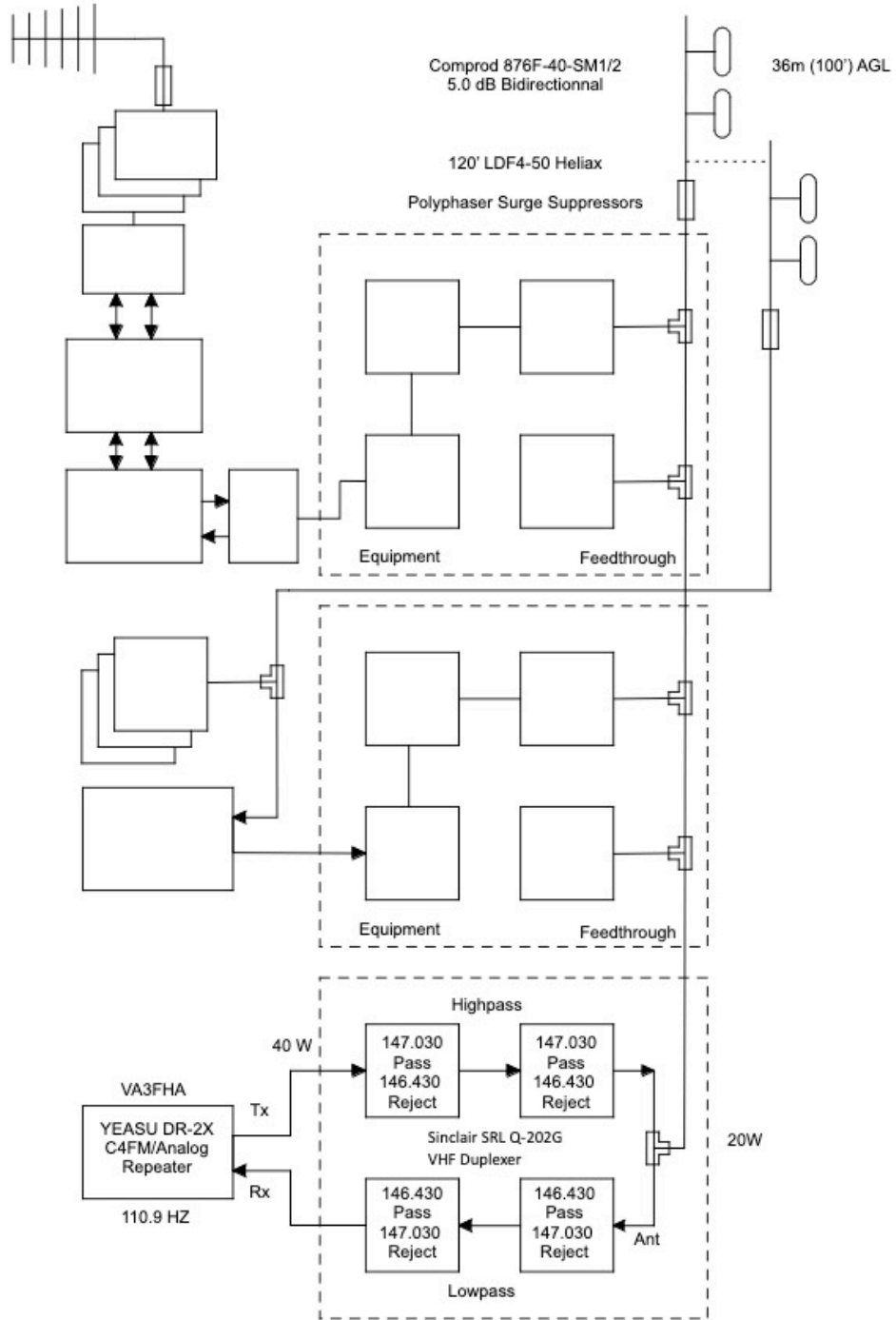
Event Number	Date	Day	Time (Local)	Item	Location	Guest Speaker	Lead
1.	June 29, 2022	Wed.	19:00-21:00	General Meeting	St. John Ambulance HQ	TBD	Earle
2.	July 2022	N/A	N/A	No General Meeting	N/A	N/A	N/A
3.	Aug 6 (rain date (Aug. 7) 2022	Sat./Sun.	13:00-15:00	SVARC BBQ	Home of Earnest Vincent, 4865 Rte 138	N/A	??
4.	August 20-21, 2022	Sat.-Sun.	8:00	MS Bike	Brockville - Ottawa	N/A	N/A
5.	September 28, 2022	Wed.	19:00-21:00	General Meeting	St. John Ambulance HQ	TBD	Earle
6.	October 26, 2022	Wed.	19:00-21:00	General Meeting	St. John Ambulance HQ	TBD	Earle
7.	November 30, 2022	Wed.	19:00-21:00	Annual General Meeting	St. John Ambulance HQ	TBD	Earle
8.	December 06, 2022	Sat.	17:00-21:00	SVARC Christmas Party	To be confirmed	TBD	Earle

**Notes:**

1. Monday evening weekly Nets take place each Monday, at 19:00L starting on the VE3SVC repeater,
2. Coffee Klatches usually take place on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month, starting at 08:30L, at *The Village Diner*, 120 Tollgate Road,
3. Club meetings take place on the last Wednesday, of each month starting at 19:00L, at *St. John Ambulance HQ*, 100-2<sup>nd</sup> Street West, Cornwall,

# Annex II

## Beaverbrook repeater installation



LANDFILL TOWER SITE SOUTH GLENGARRY, FIRE AND VA3FHA  
 90m/295 ft AMSL @ 45.187347 N, 74.653586 W. - D.PEARSON VE3HTR 2022.06.24