



Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Virtual Monthly General Meeting

November 30, 2022



Venue: Hybrid meeting held at the St John Ambulance venue and via Zoom
 Date: November 30, 2022
 Time: 19:00 EST
 Present: 15 Members and 1 guest

<p>Present:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Earle DePass, President (VE3IMP) 2. Joe Scott, Vice-President (VE3ADB) 3. Chris Lauzon, Treasurer (VA3CRR) 4. Roger Bélanger, Secretary (VA3GBV) 5. Doug Pearson, Technical Director (VE3HTR) 6. Steve Harvey (VE3EZB) 7. Dave Cullen (VE2JMF) 8. Ed Halliwell (VE3EAH) Via Zoom 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. John Grow (VE2EQL) 10. Peter Legault (VE2FKR) Via Zoom 11. Murray MacDonnell (VE1LJ) Via Zoom 12. James Dixon (VE3XID) Via Zoom 13. David Bernard (VE3YH) Via Zoom 14. Ed Halliwell (VE3EAH) Via Zoom 15. Art Horovitch (VE3AIH) Via Zoom 16. Keith Baker (VA3KSF) Guest speaker Via Zoom
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Call to order:

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

1- Round table

Earle invited all to introduce themselves.

2- Review of the minutes of last General Meeting:

Roger (VA3GBV) asked if there were any questions or comments on the minutes of the September 28, 2022, meeting.

No further questions.

Motion to approve minutes: Joe Scott (VEADB)

Seconded: Rick Palmer (VA3EV)

The minutes were approved unanimously.

3- Treasurer's Report

Chris, Treasurer (VA3CRR) reported no change since last month. The bank balances were:

General Fund:	\$1756.67
Repeater Fund:	\$1456.55
Total:	\$3213.22
Shares:	\$50.00
Accessible funds:	\$3263.22

We have three 2023 renewals and four new members.

We also received a \$125 dollar donation from John Grow (VE2EQL) in support of the recruiting effort.

Cashed \$20 for return of old battery from Earle.

Many thanks to John.

The report was submitted by Chris Lauzon (VA3CRR)

Treasurer's report proposed by Joe Scott (VE3ADB)
Seconded: Rick Palmer (VA3EV)
Adopted unanimously

4- Secretary's Report:

As of November 29, 2022, the SVARC has 39 Members in good standing including 34 voting members.

As of November 29, 2022, there are 10 members who renewed for 2023.

Secretary's report proposed by Joe Scott (VE3ADB)
Seconded by Steve Harvey (VE3EZB)
Adopted unanimously.

5- Net Managers Report for October 2022:

Date	VE3SVC	Echolink	VE3PGC	DMR CH2	VE3VSW	VE3FHA	total
Nov	35	1	37	11		25	109

Submitted by Joe Scott VE3ADB

Motion to approve the report: Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV)

Seconded: Chris Lauzon (VA3CRR)

Adopted unanimously.

6- Technical Directors Report:

There was a lot of repeater maintenance work done this month. Se the detailed report in Annex II attached.

7- General planning for the future:

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

- a. A Fox Hunt is tentatively planned for Sunday January 15
- b. 2022 Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 7 at Quinn's Inn. Please confirm your attendance and menu choice to Earnest at: earnestvinson@gmail.com
- c. Net Manager, Joe VE3ADB is looking for more net controllers. Please contact Joe if you are interested.
Jim (VE3XID) volunteered to be part of the net controllers' team.
- d. Coffee Klatches have been moved to 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at Spinner's, 118 Pitt Street.
- e. A new venue for the monthly meeting may be required for next year, Doug (VE3HTR) will advise.

8- New Business:

- a. Recruiting Plan

A total of 147 recruiting postcards were mailed to licensed Amateur Radio Operators in the Cornwall and surrounding areas, inviting those to join the Club. Results to be evaluated by next meeting in January 2023.

- b. Updated emergency management program presented to Cornwall council.

SVARC used to interface with Brad Nutley of the Cornwall Emergency Management Program. Since he left, it was radio silence from this program. Earle have since contacted the new management of the Cornwall Emergency Management Program and will meet on the second week of February.

- c. SVARC Radio Amateur of the Year

A secret ballot was requested from the members attending to cast their vote for the SVARC Radio Amateur of the Year. The announcement for this year laureate will be made at the X-Mass dinner on December 7.

d. AGM

As per our By-Laws, an AGM should be held at the end of November each year with the notice of meeting and agenda sent to the membership 1 calendar month before the meeting. This was overlooked this year.

As a follow-up and as required by the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 S.O. 2010, CHAPTER 15, the Treasurer will prepare a financial report for the year 2022 to be approved by the executive and submitted to the members at the beginning of next (2023) year.

9- Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be held in a hybrid mode on Wednesday January 25, 2023, at St. John Ambulance, 100 Second St. W., Cornwall, ON K6J 1G5. Should the venue needed to be changed, the notice of meeting will identify the new venue.

10- Guest Speaker

Keith Baker (VA3KSF) discussed Amateur Satellite communications

The highlights of his presentation were:

Key motivations for Satellites Communications by Amateurs are:

- To use the frequency allocations that we have and that are highly coveted by other services like mobile telephony.
- Fulfill our mandate for innovation in communication technologies. For instance, CMOS technology was space qualified in Amateur satellites. Oscar 1 was the very first secondary payload launched.

AMSAT is all run by volunteers.

Keith also demonstrated basic equipment that can be used for amateur Satellite communications

And a lot more

For more information, visit <https://www.amsat.org/>

11- Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 21:04 EDT.

Minutes submitted by Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV), Secretary,
October 31, 2022

Annex I

SVARC 2022 Annual Planning Calendar - Last Revised: January 26, 2023

Date	Day	Time (Local)	Item	Location	Guest Speaker	Lead
October 26, 2022	Wed.	19:00-21:00	General Meeting	St. John Ambulance HQ	TBD	Earle
November 6, 2022	Sun	13:00-15:00	Fox Hunt	VA3GBV to mind the Fox		
November 30, 2022	Wed.	19:00-21:00	Annual General Meeting	St. John Ambulance HQ	Keith Baker, VA3KSF	Earle
December 07, 2022	Wed.	17:00-21:00	SVARC Christmas Party	Quinn's Inn		Earle
January 25, 2023	Wed.	19:00-21:00	General Meeting	TBD	TBD	Earle

Notes:

1. Monday evening weekly Nets take place each Monday, at 19:00L starting on the VE3SVC repeater,
2. Coffee Klatches will now take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, starting at 08:30L, at *Spinner's*, 118 Pitt St, Cornwall, ON K6J 3P4,
3. Club meetings take place on the last Wednesday, of each month starting at 19:00L, at St. John Ambulance HQ, 100-2nd Street West, Cornwall.

Annex II

Repeater Update

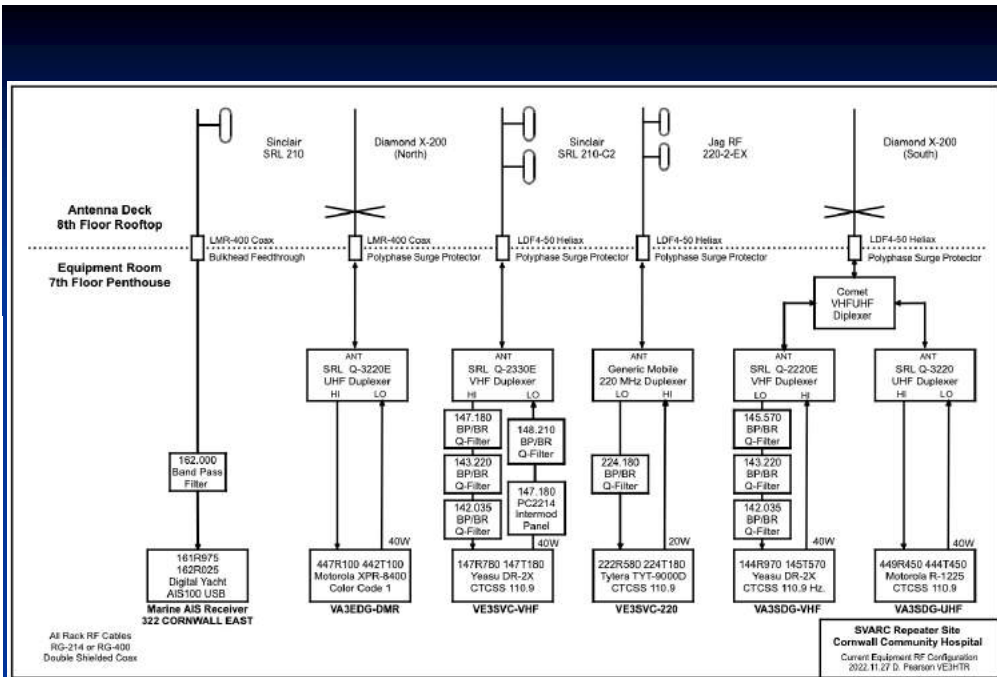
Doug Pearson (VE3HTR)
SVARC Technical Director
November 30, 2022

Repeater Update

- Cornwall CCH Repeater Site
- Bonville SBA Tower Repeater Site
- Beaverbrook Rd. (South Glengarry) Site
- D-Star Repeater Status
- DMR Repeater Status
- APRS Nodes
- Questions?

Cornwall CCH Repeater Site

- VE3SVC: 147.180 – Offset, 110.9Hz. CTCSS, Analog FM or Yaesu C4FM Digital (AMS)
- VA3SDG: 145.570 – Offset, 110.9Hz. CTCSS, Analog FM or Yaesu C4FM Digital (AMS)
- VE3SVC: 224.180 – Offset, 110.9 Hz. CTCSS, Analog FM Only
- VA3EDG: 442.100 + DMR CC1, Brandmeister
- VA3SDG: 444.450 + 110.9 Hz. CTCSS, Analog FM Only



Bonville SBA Tower Site

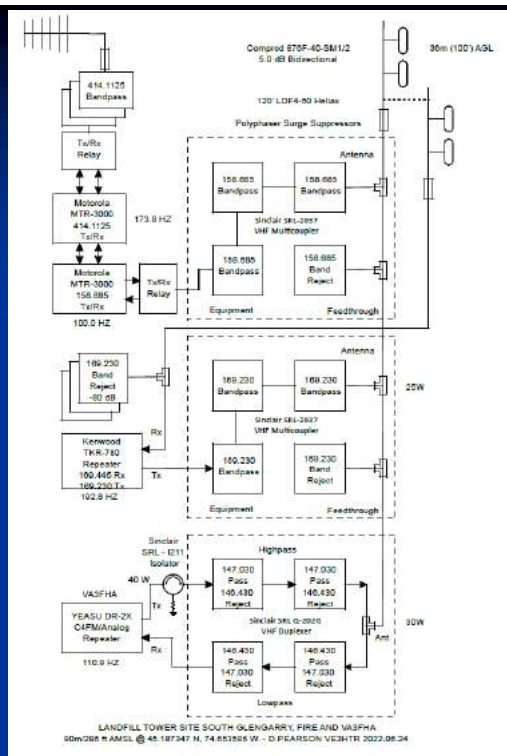
- VE3PGC-1: 144.390 APRS Bonville, AX.25
- VE3VSW: 442.200 + Offset, 110.9 Hz. CTCSS, Analog FM Only
- VE3PGC: 443.650 + Offset, 110.9 Hz. CTCSS, Analog FM or Yaesu C4FM Digital (AMS)
- DMR removed, relocated to Cornwall CCH site Nov. 4, 2022





Beaverbrook Rd. South Glengarry

- VA3FHA: 147.030 – Offset, 110.9 Hz. CTCSS, Analog FM or Yaesu C4FM Digital (AMS)
- Former VE3TEL Chesterville allocation
- Co-located with South Glengarry Fire and Public Works (Roads)
- South Glengarry Landfill Site
- Between Martintown and Williamstown
- Probably moving by end of 2024 to CJOH site





D-Star Repeater Status

- Former VA3SDG-C 145.570 D-Star changed to VA3SDG Analog FM/Yaesu C4FM Digital AMS (Automatic Mode Select) March 2020
- Former VA3SDG-B 444.450 D-Star changed to VA3SDG Analog FM November 2022
- SVARC no longer provides or supports any Icom D-Star infrastructure

DMR Repeater Status

- VA3EDG: 442.100 + DMR CC1, Brandmeister
- DMR removed from Bonville Site, relocated to Cornwall CCH site Nov. 4, 2022
- Majority of SVARC DMR users are in or near City of Cornwall, better served by CCH site
- CCH provides Internet service at no cost
- Represents a saving of \$48 per month on TekSavvy Internet service at Bonville site

APRS Nodes

- Cornwall CCH Site APRS Node 144.390 MHz. removed, Decommissioned November 3, 2022
- Very poor coverage, most user position reports relayed via Bonville node and not Cornwall node, even stations with the City of Cornwall
- VA3PGC-1 Bonville mnde provides coverage from Quebec border to Morrisburg and North to Highway 417
- See www.aprs.fi

Questions ?