



## May 2023 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 Auxiliary communication Services 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. For a detailed list of repeaters operated by the club please visit 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:** Joe Scott (VE3ADB)
- **ACS Coordinator:** Earle DePass (VE3IMP)
- **Newsletter:** Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV)

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## President's Message

### May 2023

#### SVARC President's Message

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I hope you are enjoying this lovely summer season! I also hope you are getting that outdoor antenna work done.

While we have had several very enjoyable Coffee Klatches. Our next is planned for *Spinners* on June 10, 2023, at 08:30AM. Here's hoping to see you there!

Our last Fox Hunt on May 7, 2023, was most enjoyable. Congratulations to Jason and Hunter who found the elusive Fox.

Plans for Field Day at the home of Earnest and Sue Vincent on June 25-26, 2023, continue to go well. Please come out and socialize and/or make a few contacts.

Plans for our summer BBQ at the home of Earnest and Sue Vinson continue. Here's hoping for good weather and lots of member involvement.

We hope to see you at our next hybrid meeting planned for May 31, 2023, at St. John Ambulance, Cornwall. Our Guest Speaker is Ed who will demonstrate the logging software for Field Day. It promises to be an interesting meeting.

Happy HAMming!

73,

Earle DePass (VE3IMP)

President, SVARC (2022-2024)



**Roger  
VA3GBV**

## Note from the Editor

### 1. May was a quiet month.

Especially at the Cornwall Community Hospital where the internet has been interrupted since April 11 at 8:03 am.

So, we have been cut from DMR talk groups except for local groups like TG 8 and 9.

Otherwise, all our 8 repeaters have been functioning flawlessly.

### 2. Coffee Klatches

And of-course our ever-popular coffee klatches. On May 13 we had a post pandemic record attendance of 11 participants.

See pictures on page 6.

### 3. Field Day preparation

We will have our Field Days on June 24 and 25 at Earnest's (VA3EWV) QTH. Preparations are underway with the help of John (VE2EQL) doing the detailed planning.

### 4. ARES Training course

On May 27 and 28 the Eastern Ontario ARES District held a training course. 19 Amateurs enlisted and completed the course. The SVARC had 7 members present:

VE3PRY, VE3EQL, VA3EWV, VE3YH, VE3EZB, VA3GBV and VA3HWF.

I will leave the reader guess the names of our trainees.

### 5. Newsletter material

Again, do not hesitate to send material for the newsletter, anything amateur radio is of interest to members, your ham bio, picture of you antenna farm, your shack or good stories.

### And finally: a reminder:

Whenever you are feeling like a moron, just remember Kim Kardashian played poker with mirrored glasses.





**Earle  
VE3IMP**

# ACS Report

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

### Monthly Report For April 2023

#### **Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club (SVARC) Inc.:**

The SD&G RAC Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) Group, a subset of the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES), is associated with the SVARC.

This club continues to hold its monthly “hybrid” (in-person and virtual) meetings, featuring interesting Guest Speakers. The SVARC held its most recent “hybrid” meeting on April 27, 2023.

Coffee Klatches where members can socialize with each other are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month, starting at 08:30AM, at *Spinners Restaurant* in Cornwall.

The SVARC held a Fox Hunt on Sunday, March 5, 2023 in Cornwall.

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

Our 8 repeater systems continue to function very well. The SVARC weekly Net is conducted on each Monday at 7:00PM (Local). The Net first starts on VE3SVC (147.180MHz. +). Checks are then made by switching the Net to the VE3PGC (UHF) repeater where an EchoLink check is performed. A check is also performed on VE3VSW, VA3FHA then DMR, TG 9. 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 20 total check-ins. The weekly reporting system has been enhanced to show the names and callsigns as those who check in. This as opposed to just recording the number of weekly check-ins.

#### **Raisin River Canoe Race Communications:**

As is customary, on Sunday, April 15, 2023 we participated in our largest communications event of the year. We staffed various positions along the Raisin River, just North of St. Andrews West and provided updates to the race organizers, various fire departments along the route as well as the supplier of First Aid Services. The organizers as usual were very satisfied with the role we played. There were 300 canoe enthusiasts from Eastern Ontario. Many thanks to; John Grow (VE2EQL), Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV), Steve Harvey (VE3EZB), Earnest Vinson (VA3EWV), Doug Pearson (VE3HTR), Dan Cullen (VE3JMF), Hal Green (VE3HWG), Hunter Racine (VA3HWF), Jason Racine (VE3PRY), Joe Scott (VE3ADB) and Jim Richardson (VE3AFV) from the SVARC for their participation.

#### **Our AECs are:**

1. Hal Green (VE3HWG), South Glengarry,
2. Stan Fortune (VA3JSF), South Stormont,
3. Ed Halliwell (VE3EAH), South Stormont,
4. Doug Pearson (VE3HTR), City of Cornwall, and,
5. Richard (Rick) Palmer (VA3EV), City of Cornwall.

#### **City Of Cornwall:**

Discussions with Leighton Woods (Deputy Fire Chief, Fire Services for the City of Cornwall) continue. We hope to meet with the City of Cornwall in early 2023.

#### **South Glengarry ARES Projects:**

The VA3FHA repeater (installed on Aug. 29, 2022) at the Beaver Brook landfill site, continues to function well.

Earle DePass, (VE3IMP)  
Group Coordinator (GC), SD&G ARES  
RAC Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) Group.



# Show and Tell

## Eastern Ontario ARES District Training Course

On May 27, 28 the Eastern Ontario ARES District held a training course in Embrun. Training Course.

A total of 19 Amateurs attended the course, of which 7 were from our club:



From left to right: VA3GBV, VA3EWV, ???, VA3HWF, VE2EQL, VE3PRY, VE3EZB, VE3YH is not on the picture

(You still have to guess the names!)

More on this next month...

## Coffee klatches



### May 13 FULL HOUSE

Going clockwise around the table:

Doug (VE3HTR), Larry (VA3RSQ), , Rick Palmer (VA3EV), Dan (VE2JSF), Dean Brush (VA3BS), Roger (VA3GBV), Don (VA3NC), Hal (VE3HWG), John (VE2EQL), Hunter (VA3HWF, Earnest Vinson (VA3EWV),



**May 27**

Present were Dan Cullen VE2JMF, Don Brownlee VA3NC, Rick Palmer VA3EV, Hal Green VE3HWG and Doug Pearson VE3HTR.