



June 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.

- **President:** Earle DePass (VE3IMP)
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SVARC President's Message **June 2023**

Summer is finally here! It's hard to believe that the longest day of the year has now passed and the days start to get shorter again.

The biggest event to report is Field Day 2023. It was a most memorable and very successful event. We had so many operators, some guests and lots of socializing. Please see my note of thanks on page 7 in this issue of our newsletter.

Our very enjoyable Coffee Klatches have continued to go so well! One such get-together took place before Field Day started at Mo's. We almost filled the entire restaurant. Our next Coffee Klatch is planned for Saturday, July 8, 2023.

Our next Fox Hunt is planned for Sunday, July 9, 2023 at 1:00PM. Jason and Hunter have agreed to hide the crafty transmitter. We hope you will come out and join in the fun.

Our next big social event is our summer BBQ at the home of Earnest and Sue Vinson. Here's hoping for good weather and lots of member involvement.

We hope to see you at our next hybrid meeting planned for June 28, 2023 at St. John Ambulance, Cornwall. This will be our last meeting until September 2023. Our Guest Speaker – thanks to Secretary Roger – is Dave Goodwin (VE3KG), Regulatory Affairs Officer for Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). Dave will speak on the 3 new HF bands opened to Canadian Amateurs and on the RAC proposal to ISED for a new callsign policy. It promises to be an interesting meeting.

Here's hoping each and every one of you enjoys a restful and enjoyable summer break. Happy HAMming and see you in September!

73,
Earle DePass (VE3IMP)
President, SVARC (2022-2024)



Roger
VA3GBV

Note from the Editor

1. Summer has arrived.

Summer has arrived along with lots of activities in store for amateur radio.

First and foremost is the Club field day.

A first Field Day in 4 years. Read more about it in the show and tell section of this newsletter.

This summer we will also have the MS Bike event to cover in August. Again this year the event is held between Kars and Brockville.

Should you wish to participate please contact Nicole (VE3GIQ) at nlboivin@sympatico.ca.

2. Coffee Klatches

And of-course our ever-popular coffee klatches. On June 10 we had 8 participants. On June 24 we had 13 participants at Moe's

See pictures in the show and Tell.

3. 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.

Read more about it in the show and tell section.

4. Field day

A smashing success, read more on it in the show and tell section.

And finally...



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: Roger (VA3GBV), Earnest (VA3EWV), Simon (VA3DZT), Hunter (VA3HWF), John (VE2EQL), Jason (VE3PRY) and Steve (VE3EZB),

Dave (VE3YH) is not on the picture.

This course was very interesting and, hopefully, very useful in learning the basics of emergency communication support.

One of the things that impressed me was the rigor and formalism of the exercise.

For instance, all messages passed have to be written and authenticated by the source, not the ARES operator, we are only the messengers.

Another thing is net protocol. Net control only control operations, it does not pass messages. To do so a main repeater frequency is used for net control and messages

between out-stations are passed on predetermined simplex frequency. This is done to avoid overcrowding the net control.

A good part of the training we went through is also applicable to support to events and other non-emergency com support:

- Net protocol
- logs
- Call out plan: Member list, participating organization list and Phone number.
- Simplex operation and simplex test

DMAP

A very important part of the ARES/ACS organisation is the District Mutual Aid Program known as DMAP. Its purpose is to provide a set of guidelines for ARES groups to provide aid to one another. Provide commonality between groups. All groups are on same page when requesting resources.

When the ARES group tending the operation is overwhelmed, it can:

- Call adjacent groups – Warning
- Makes plan to get help
- Fill out Request for Mutual Aid (DMAP 01)
- Await information from responding Groups
- Set up staging area, brief, deploy

Coffee Klatches



June 10, 2023

From left to right: Earnest (VA3EWV), Hunter (VA3HWF), Josée R., Jason (VE3PRY), Dean (VA3BS), Doug (VE3HTR) and Rick (VA3EV).



June 24 at Moe's

From left to right: Earnest VA3EWV, Hunter VA3HWF, Colin VA3PAJ, Steve VE3EZB, John VE2EQL, Nathan, Dan's son, Earle VE3IMP, Dan VA3SDO, Larry VA3RSQ, Pete VE2FKR, Ray VE3RGC, Jason VE3PRY, Dean VA3BS

June 24, 25 Field Day

SVARC Members,

What a blast we had this Field Day weekend! This event will go down in the history books of the SVARC as a very notable and worthwhile event.

The event was such a success on so many fronts which include participation in this worldwide event as a club, an opportunity for visitors to see us in action and another opportunity to join the SVARC and ask questions.

The weekend also allowed former members an opportunity to reconnect. It also allowed an opportunity for members to socialize, network, exchange ideas and many others. The camaraderie the event produced was worthwhile.

While the final report is being prepared, it is only fitting that I share some of the many good things from Field Day, with all members of the SVARC. First and foremost, many thanks to the sub-committee of; Earnest, John, Hunter and Jason who worked so hard behind the scenes and for several weeks before the event to ensure its success.

Thanks to the South Glengarry Fire Department who – through Jason Racine - loaned us their massive BBQ, allowing us to cook delicious meals. The BBQ as well as the smoker - loaned by Hunter and Jason Racine - allowed for the Saturday night preparation of delicious ribs. Those who came to the event were treated to a delicious supper of hamburgers and hot dogs on Friday evening as well as a sumptuous chicken and rib dinner on Saturday night. The leftovers served as lunch on Sunday. We were treated to croissants and scrambled eggs on Sunday morning.

Thanks to the forethought of John Grow (VE2EQL), advertising took place on many social media platforms and newspapers.

The twelve who went for breakfast at Mo's on Saturday enjoyed an early start to the day. This before heading back to Earnest and Sue to complete the setup.

At least three who had previously been members of the SVARC (Rob Fry, Brad Landreth and Mike Joyce) came out to see the action. Some even made a few contacts!

Special thanks to Sue and Earnest Vinson who were kind enough to allow us to use their expansive property – without any charge or restrictions of any sort - which was such a perfect setting. With its close proximity to highway 138, several cars passing by beeped their horns as they went by, signaling support for this event. We could camp, play games, enjoy various beverages and have a small campfire kept burning through Saturday night. It couldn't have been any better! Thanks to Rene for donating the hot dogs.

We operated A Get-On-The-Air (GOTA) station (VE3SVC), which allowed those without HF privileges to operate under supervision. We also had two stations with multi-band antennae operated as VE3VSS. Thanks to John (VE2EQL) and Dan (VA3SDO) who loaned their equipment and antenna to allow us to operate a "2Alpha, Ontario East (ONE)" station. During the 24-period which started at 14:00Z on Saturday through Sunday, we made a total of 244 contacts from both multi-frequency stations, plus 303 contacts from the GOTA station, for a total of 547 contacts!

This all came at a very reasonable cost to the SVARC. The total cost of all meals was \$545. After a cleverly raffled set of Tupperware items, we collected \$160 providing a net cost to the club (before the porta-potty rental) of \$385. This is a relatively small cost for such a worthwhile event!

See a group photo below, taken on Saturday morning.

We look forward to our next event – our annual BBQ on July 15. Hope to see you there!

73,

Earle DePass, VE3IMP

President SVARC, Inc.

Jun3 24, 25 Field Day

Group picture:



Left to right.

Front row: Peter VE2FKR, Earle VE3IMP, Larry VA3RSQ, Ray VE3RGC, Dean VA3BS

Back Row: Roger VA3GBV, Colin VA3PAJ, Simon VA3DZT, Steve VE3EZB, Doug VE3HTR, Joe VE3ADB, Earnest VA3EWV, Hunter VA3HWF, Brad VE3OOZ, René VA3RIA, John VE2EQL, Daniel VA3SDO, Jason VE3PRY.



The raffle winner: John VE2EQL and Sue (the landlord!)

The cook Jason VE3PRY

And don't forget to watch Earnest's superb video covering the event:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JTX0uU5v1Xc>