



Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Monthly General (Hybrid) Meeting

June 28, 2023

Virtual portion conducted by Zoom



Venue: St John Ambulance, 100 - 2nd Street W., Cornwall.
 Date: June 28, 2023
 Time: 19:00 EDT
 Present: 15 Members and 3 guests

Before and during the meeting, all in-person attendees enjoyed refreshments brought by Joe (VE3ADB). (Thanks Joe).

<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 (VE3HTR) 6. John Grow (VE2EQL) 7. Earnest Vinson (VA3EWW) 8. Daniel Thériault (VA3SDO) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Nathan Thériault 10. Hunter Racine (VA3HWF) 11. Dan Cullen (VE2JMF) 12. Rick Palmer (VA3EV) 13. Jim Richardson (VE3AFV) 14. Brad Landreth (VA3OOZ) 15. Steve Harvey (VE3EZB) 16. Dave Bernard (VE3YH) (via Zoom) 17. Michael Joyce (VE3LTN) (via Zoom) 18. Dave Goodwin (VE3KG), Guest Speaker
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1- Call to order:

Meeting called to order by Earle (VE3IMP) at 18:57 EDT

2- Round table

Earle (VE3IMP) welcomed all members and guest who introduced themselves.

3- Agenda amendment

The agenda was adjusted to allow our Guest Speaker Dave Goodwin (VE3KG), to speak first this evening.

4- Guest speaker:

Dave Goodwin (VE3KG), Regulatory Affairs Officer / Agent des affaires réglementaires, Radio Amateurs of/du Canada.

Dave spoke on the 3 new HF bands opened to Canadian Amateurs and on the RAC proposal to ISED for a new callsign Policy.

The full presentation can be seen at the following URL:

<https://www.svarc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/SVARC-2023-06-28.pptx>

5- Earle (VE3IMP) added 3 items to the agenda:

- Purchase of Club hats
- Purchase of Club golf shirts
- Publication of the members list

6- Review of the minutes of last General Meeting:

Earle (VE3IMP) asked if there were any questions or comments on the minutes of the May 26, 2023, meeting. These minutes had been circulated on June 2, 2023, and again on June 20, 2023, along with the agenda for the June 28, 2023 General Meeting.

No further questions.

Motion to approve the minutes: Joe Scott (VE3ADB)
 Seconded: Steve Harvey (VE3EZB)
 The minutes were approved.

7- Treasurer's Report

Date	Description	Amount	
31-May-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 813890 Memo SERGE DANIEL THERIAULT	\$40.00	Renewal Non RAC
31-May-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 814371 Memo CHRIS LAUZON	\$100.00	Donation for Antennas, Jason & Hunter
24-Jun-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 813026 Memo EARNEST VINSON	\$100.00	Coax cable bought
26-Jun-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 813009 Memo CHRIS LAUZON	\$200.00	Brad L Non RAC Renewal, Tupperware Raffle @ FD2023
26-Jun-2023	Clearing Cheque Cheque # 13 Cheque Date 26-Jun-2023 Cheque Account Number 60392828330104554101 Reference Number 820003670	-\$125.43	FD2023 Food purchased by John Grow
26-Jun-2023	Clearing Cheque Cheque # 12 Cheque Date 26-Jun-2023 Cheque Account Number 60392828330104554101 Reference Number 859042600	-\$262.76	FD2023 Food purchased by Sue Vinson
27-Jun-2023	Email Money Transfer Credit Other Reference # 812201 Memo ROBERT FRY	\$30.00	Renewal RAC Member

Balance as of June 27, 2023

General	Repeater	Total	Shares	Accessible
\$1,212.15	\$2,512.80	\$3,724.95	-\$50	\$3,674.95
+\$40	+\$100			
+\$200	+\$100			
-\$125.43				
-\$262.76				
+\$30				
\$1,093.96	\$2,712.80	\$3,806.76	-\$50	\$3,756.76

The report was submitted by Chris Lauzon (VA3CRR).

Adoption of report proposed by Joe Scott (VE3ADB)
Seconded Dan Cullen (VE2JSF)
Adopted.

8- Secretary's Report:

As of June 30, 2023, the SVARC has 43 Members in good standing including 39 voting members.

Total Number of RAC Members	24
Total Number of paid-up Members	43
Number of voting Members	39

This is up 4 members from last month's report.

New members joined:	Daniel Thériault	VA3SDO
	Brad Landreth	VA3OOZ
	Rob Fry	VE3ARF
	Michael Joyce	VE3LTN

Adoption of report proposed by Steve Harvey (VE3EZB)
Seconded Joe Scott (VE3ADB)
Adopted.

9- Net Managers Report for May 2023:

Net meets and 1900 local time on Mondays Year-round

VE3SVC	ECHOLINK	VE3PGC	VE3VSW	VA3FHA	VE3SDG	VE3SDG	VE3SVC	DMR2	TOTAL
39	4	38							

444.450 224.180

VE3SVC is still the repeater with the most check-ins, with an average of 14 operators per Net.

The Net Controller (me) does not have 220 MHz, but I understand there is activity on it on Monday nights during the net.

The number of check-ins is down as we only used the 2 main repeaters. The repeaters are being used daily now by various operators, so they are working fine except ones that are noted by VE3HTR in his report.

Earnest started a rag chew net during the day at 08:00. I believe it is on VE3FHA. It is proving very popular, and I encourage everyone to check it out and have some fun.

Submitted by VE3ADB

Joe Scott

Adoption of report proposed by Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV)
Seconded Steve Harvey (VE3EZB)
Adopted.

Solicitation of Net Controllers: During the meeting, Joe circulated a list inviting members to sign-up to be Net Controllers during upcoming Nets.

10- Technical Directors Report:

SVARC operates 8 repeaters and one APRS digipeater.

- 5 repeaters are located in the Cornwall Community Hospital (CCH),
- 2 repeaters are on the SBA site in Bonville,
- 1 repeater is in Beaver Brook's South Glengarry Fire department repeater site.

Cornwall Community Hospital (CCH) Internet interruption:

Thanks to the support of Daniel (VA3SDO) and his connection with Telenex owner, Mr Daniel Goodale, we were able to restore the Internet connection at the CCH. This connection provides a bit rate of 10 MB/s up and down. It should be note that the DMR speed requirement is orders of magnitude below this when active.

This reconnection is very timely as the CCH Internet is still down due to a cyber-attack earlier this year.

This reconnection allows the SVARC to re-open our DMR repeater to the outside world.

Also allows the access to the IP-controlled power bar for repeater remote re-set.

Reconnects the marine receiver to monitor ship traffic on the seaway.

Earle agreed to send a special note of thanks to Daniel Goodale for this reconnection: Action Earle.

Talk Group 9 (TG 9) as opposed to Channel 2 should be used for local DMR nets.

The membership and net controllers were asked to use TG9 instead of TG 2 for Monday night's DMR portion of the net. The reason being that TG 2 and TG8 are clustered TG and therefore are occasionally used by other repeaters in Eastern Ontario.

René Champagne (VA3RIA) has graciously offered to help SVARC members to modify their code plug to accommodate the TG9. Just bring your radio at the summer BBQ on July 15 and René has the SW and programming cable to do the job.

Adoption of report proposed by Joe Scott (VE3ADB)

Seconded Steve Harvey (VE3EZB)

Adopted.

11- Field Day Report (a formal 2-page report was submitted by Earnest and is included below):

First and foremost, many thanks to the sub-committee of; Hunter (VA3HWF), Jason (VE3PRY), John (VE2EQL) and Earnest (VA3EWW) who worked so hard behind the scenes and for several months before the event to ensure its success.

How did we get here – Field Day 2023 Timeline:

February 24, 2023 – Roger sends an email out stating that at the club meeting that Earnest had volunteered to be the lead and that Jason and John would be assisting. Well truth be told; I was only offering my location in the event of any issues with the proposed site(s).

March 1, 2023 – John sends out his list of materials that the club could use as well as the Field Day Food Menu that included Hamburgers, hotdogs, ribs, chicken, coleslaw, omelets, croissants, cheese, water, and soft drinks.

March 1, 2023 – Jason sends screen shots of the proposed location at the Raisin Region Conservation Authority, however that site was unfortunately not available due to the conflict with St. Jean Baptiste Day.

March 20, 2023 – Jason acquires, from the South Glengarry Fire Department, a large Barbeque as well as offered his smoker for the meats.

May 6, 2023 –Lunch and Learn at Quinn's Inn given by John Grow. Earle, Francine, Jason, Hunter and Sue Racine, Earnest Vinson and Sue Vinson.

May 9, 2023 – Ed Halliwell sends an email to Chris and the subcommittee stating that he can demo the software that evening so we all met at Earnest's house and watched the demo.

May 23, 2023 – Quotes for a SVARC Banner/ SVARC Field Day Banner goes into the works – Too expensive so that was dropped. (Later at a club meeting we discussed other options but to date we still have no banner).

June 2, 2023 – Our first email goes out to all active club member stating that we hoped to have a min of 8 operators to run 2 stations and that if we didn't have that number, that we'd may have to cancel.

June 13, 2023 – invoice sent to the executive board for the Porta Potty.

June 14, 2023 – John submits press release to local newspaper and other media outlets.

June 15, 2023 – Earnest submits press release to the local radio stations to be added to their event pages.

June 20, 2023 – Rene Champagne offers to purchase Hot Dogs and Home-Made Chili to drop the cost of food and Jim Richardson offers to bring Apple and Pecan Pie for dessert.

June 21, 2023 – John sends a detailed update to the executive members of the club outlining the Call to Action, what to expect On-Site as well as the timeline from start to finish.

June 21, 2023 – John sends out a posting for the Cornwall Your TV to post the event on their website.

June 21, 2023 – Earle sends invitation to South Glengarry Emergency Management to attend the Field Day.

June 22, 2023 – Porta Potty arrives on site for the public to use as well as the operators on site. Cancelled due to cost.

June 22, 2023 – Food purchased for Field Day by John Grow and Sue Vinson.

June 22, 2023 – Final email sent from Earnest to all club members to see who would be present (and that hadn't cancelled or changed their Plans). Please note that all 12 members who committed to being at field day all showed up!!

June 23, 2023 – Members start to ascend to the site to bring bedding, equipment for Field Day.

June 24, 2023 – Field Day starts without a hitch, everyone shows up including members of the public.

June 25, 2024 – We wrap up a very successful and injury free Field Day 2023 and to top it off, the tear down started at 2:00PM and was over at 3:05PM

In closing – None of this could have been possible without the Members and Guests listed below on the spread sheet, because without the people, there would have not been a Field Day event.

The twelve who went for breakfast at Mo's on Saturday enjoyed an early start to the day.

We also had at least three who had previously been members of the SVARC (Rob Fry, Brad Landreth and Mike Joyce) came out to see the action.

We operated A Get-On-The-Air (GOTA) station (VE3SVC) as well as two stations with multi-band antennae operated as VE3VSW.

Thanks to Chris (VA3CRR), 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!

Report by Earnest Vinson (VA3EWW)

As the above reported cost did not include the cost of the out-house rental for the week-end a cost that was borne by Earnest. A motion was raised for the club to reimburse Earnest for this expense.

Motion for the Club to reimburse Earnest for the rental of the out-house for the amount of \$192,10.

Proposed by Joe Scott (VE3ADB)

Seconded Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV)

Adopted unanimously.

12- General planning for the future:

A planning calendar for 2023 is being attached in Annex I.

- a. Summer Fox Hunts: A Fox Hunt is planned on July 9, 2023 at 1:00PM. As he won the last Fox Hunt, Jason (VE3PRY) will hide the fox,
- b. Summer BBQ: At Earnest's QTH on July 15, 2023,
- c. MS Bike: Nicole (VE3GIQ) was contacted to learn more about the event. Nicole indicated that the event is scheduled for August 19-20, 2023. The itinerary will be the same as last year i.e., Carp to Brockville and return. She will require an operator in each support vehicle and at checkpoints,

5 members expressed interest in participating to the MS Bike on August 19 and 20, 2023.

- Dan (VE2JMF)
 - Steve (VE3EZB)
 - Hunter (VA3HWF)
 - Earnest (VA3EWW)
 - Roger (VA3GBV)
- d. Club Banner: The Club banner was discussed. Daniel (VA3SDO) offered to print a 3' x 6' banner. Roger (VA3GBV) to prepare some artwork to be submitted to the executive for approval.

13- Club Apparel:

It was proposed by Earle to procure golf shirts and hats sporting call signs and Club logo.

The following have expressed interest to proceed:

Shirts:

	Name	Callsign	Size
•	John Grow	VE2EQL	XXL
•	Dan Landreth	VA3OOZ	L
•	Earle DePass	VE3IMP	XL
•	Larry Giguère	VA3RSQ	L
•	Hunter Racine	VA3HWF	XXL
•	Joe Scott	VE3ADB	XL
•	Roger Bélanger	VA3GBV	M
•	Daniel Thériault	VA3SDO	XXL
•	Jason Racine	VE3PRY	XL
•	Dean Brush	VA3BS	L
•	Earnest Vinson	VA3EWW	XXXL

Hats:

	Name	Callsign
•	John Grow	VE2EQL
•	Dan Landreth	VA3OOZ
•	Earle DePass	VE3IMP
•	Larry Giguère	VA3RSQ
•	Hunter Racine	VA3HWF
•	Joe Scott	VE3ADB
•	Roger Bélanger	VA3GBV
•	Peter Legault	VA2FKR
•	Jason Racine	VE3PRY
•	Dean Brush	VA3BS
•	Earnest Vinson	VA3EWW

14- Publication Of Members List:

It was proposed by Earle (VE3IMP) to publish the members list with their contact information, address, phone numbers and email addresses, on the **Members Only** page of the Club's website.

The list was prepared and includes only the names of the members who gave a written consent for publishing their limited contact information on the secure page of the website at SVARC.CA.

The list was delivered to the webmaster for publication.

ARES Vest Purchase: A list was circulated to allow those who want ARES vests to obtain them.

15- Next Meeting: September 27, 2023, 7:00PM, St. John Ambulance, 100 - 2nd Street W., Cornwall.

16- Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm EDT.

Annex I
SVARC 2023 Annual Planning Calendar - Last Revised: September 30, 2023

Event Number	Date	Day	Time (Local)	Item	Location	Guest Speaker	Lead
1.	July 9, 2023	Sun	13:00	Fox Hunt	TBD		Jason
2.	July 15, 2023	Sat.		Club BBQ	VA3EWW's QTH		Earnest
3.	August 19 – 20,	Sat. Sun		MS Bike	Carp		Roger

Notes:

1. Monday evening weekly Nets take place at 19:00L starting on the VE3SVC repeater,
2. Coffee Klatches usually take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, starting at 08:30L, at *Spinner's*, 118 Pitt Street, Cornwall,
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