



BROCKVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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The Brockville Amateur Radio Club is a not-for-profit incorporated club in the province of Ontario with members from Brockville, several of the surrounding townships as well as from the United States.

The Club's purpose is to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.

Upcoming Meetings

7 October 2025 and 4 November 2025:

Location: Hudson G.C. "Man Cave" on Hudson Point Road, Brockville

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Time: 19h00

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December 2025: Club Christmas Dinner in lieu of monthly meeting. Date and Location TBD, consult Website or Facebook Group.

The Club welcomes new members all year round ... we would be happy to meet you at any of our meetings.

Club Repeater and Nets

Club Call Sign: VA3BRC

Repeater Call Sign: VA3LGA

Repeater Frequencies: 146.625Mhz (-600) (100Hz)

ARTAS Net: Daily at 08h00

Thousand Islands Net: Every Friday 20h00

Club Executive and Club Key Positions

President: Martin Bordt (VE3MHA)

Vice-President: Rob Taillon (VA3KTU)

Secretary: Marcel Frigault (VA3MAF)

Treasurer: Mike Finlay (VE3BMF)

Net Manager: Rob Taillon (VA3KTU)

WebMasters: Doug Mitton (VE3DMZ)

Facebook Adm: Peter Nowak (VA3FXR)

Club Membership

Members: Please complete your 2025 – 2026 membership renewal and pay your membership dues by October 2025. If you cannot make it to a club meeting, please contact a member of the Club executive and arrangements for payment can be made.

Non-Members: Please consider joining our Club to share your interest and passion for amateur radio with others who also enjoy it. The Club accepts new memberships all year round. To join, simply attend a monthly meeting or reach out to a member of the Club's Executive to make arrangements. Club dues are \$15 per year for members of RAC and \$29 per year for non-members.

Where To Find Us

Hudson G.C. "Man Cave" on Hudson Point Road, Brockville

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Time: 19h00

(1st Tuesday of the month)

Stay Up to Date

Web site: <https://barc-on.com>

Facebook Group: Brockville Amateur Radio Club – BARC

Email: VA3BRC@barc-on.com

Message from the Club President Martin Bordt

Hello Club Members and all Amateur Radio enthusiasts!

This year is already starting to be an active one, with more activities planned. Our 1st meeting of the season featured an excellent interactive technical presentation by Brent, VE3GXD. Think about a topic you'd like to present, or one you'd like to hear about, and let me know - we would love to hear about your latest project or technical challenge.

Members have also been active with volunteer activities - most recently, the MS Bike tour, and soon will be the Jamboree on the Air - talk to Murray or Rob if you'd like to participate.

The 'Kring Point Amateur Radio Gathering and BBQ' was organized by several members of BARC and the (US) Thousand Islands Repeater Club, and was attended by about 50, all of whom had a great time socializing and enjoying a BBQ lunch.

Please think about coming to our next BARC meeting - the interaction between members makes our meetings fun for all who attend, and we'd love to have your input into the club's activities and direction.

Hope to see all of you at the next meeting.

73 to all, Martin

Message from the Club Vice-President Robert Taillon

Hello all radio operators!

I have been busy throughout the summer playing radio, experimenting with antennas and maintaining contact with operators throughout the Region. I hope you have had the opportunity during this time as well to pursue your interests in amateur radio and always look forward to hearing about them when we meet or through social media.

Ham Fests: Since the last Club meeting, members of the BARC have been seen at the Carp Ham Fest and local pubs....grin! Fun was had by Dean WA5UCQ, Marcel VA3MAF with his brother (VE3EGK) along with yours truly VA3KTU who all together made a day of it. The RAC gang was there and it was fun to run into many people we have worked on the air, particularly colleagues from the 3730 Net.

Special Activities: The Krings Point BBQ was a bang up visit to the USA and great success, seeing over 40 Hams from both sides of the border enjoying the comradeship of amateur radio. Thanks to Dean for his hospitality and putting up with me for an overnight stay and playing radio. We even had a chance to hoist up a 80 meter EFHW using a modified antenna launcher based on a design showcased by Brent (VE3GXD) during the last Club meeting ... see what you're missing when you don't come to meetings!

73 to all, Rob

Message from the Club Net Manager Robert Taillon

Just a quick note to advise that the responsibilities of Net Manager for the Club have recently transitioned from Tim((VA3PNY) to me, Rob (VA3KTU). On behalf of the Club, I thank Tim for all his dedication and time devoted to the Club in this role.

I also want to express my sincere thanks to all the Net Controllers who volunteer their time in support of the Club Nets!

We are always looking for full time and part time net controllers. Don't worry about your experience, it will be a pleasure to provide any training and support to those who would like to try this role.

That's all for now and hope to see you all at the next donut eating meeting... Grin

73, Rob (VA3KTU)

Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC)

During the Annual General Meeting, we were fortunate to have Dave Goodwin (VE3KG), Regulatory Affairs Officer for RAC with us to present an overview of the state of Amateur Radio in Canada and how it is governed internationally. It was a very interesting and insightful presentation. The Brockville Amateur Radio Club is affiliated with Radio Amateurs of Canada and encourages members to consult regularly the website of RAC (<https://www.rac.ca>) to remain aware of current events regarding Amateur Radio.

Members and Friends of the Club are invited to consider joining RAC through their website. A key message from Dave's presentation was that Amateur Radio frequencies are constantly under threat of re-assignment by other entities seeking access to the limited radio spectrum. Subscribing to RAC and to local clubs is a step towards demonstrating the continued interest in the hobby and supports RAC advocacy to defend Amateur Radio frequencies in Canada and internationally so please check out their website.