

# ***Border City Radio Club***

**MARCH 2024**

**NEWSLETTER**

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by Ken Garber, Newsletter Editor.

***Happy Easter***

This meeting was held at the Optimist Centre in Memorial Park on March 25<sup>th</sup> and chaired by Sean Monahan. Sean opened the meeting at 7 pm.

23 people in attendance including 1 on zoom.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Gary M n/a	Sean VA3SGM	Jerry VE3EXT
Peter n/a	Bob VA3VS/GM0LEY	Tom VE3FIO (via Zoom)
Bill R VA3BZL	Art VE3AKJ	John VE3FN
Dennis VA3DDP	Gary M VE3API	Don S VE3GNX
Don Q VA3DRQ	Bill H VE3BOK	Kim VE3KKA
Ken VA3ETR	Brad VE3CCI	Rick VE3PV
Chris VA3NFR	Al VE3CWP	Tim M VE3TCS
Dwight VA3NXE	Dave VE3DFN	Bill L W8GYV

[corrected]

Sean thanked Ken VA3ETR for producing the new BCRC newsletter. A hard copy of it was passed around and everyone was very pleased with it.

Rick VE3PV read the minutes from the February meeting. Moved EXT; 2nd NXE

Al CWP gave the Treasurer's report and moved it;.2nd NFR

Contact AL at [kwd590amm@mnsi.net](mailto:kwd590amm@mnsi.net) for more details.

Art VE3AKJ gave a presentation on Lightning protection using the screen.  
[www.lightningmaps.org](http://www.lightningmaps.org) is an excellent site. The presentation is attached

Sean spoke about Field day 2024:

We will ask for volunteers at the April meeting. A minimum of 5 or 6 people per band will be

needed and we have to decide on a venue.

Kim VE3KKA has established our club website: [www.bordercityradioclub.ca](http://www.bordercityradioclub.ca) and it would cost \$75 per year going forward. A motion to accept was put forward by Jerry VE3EXT and accepted by a show of hands by the membership.

Sean mentioned that the BCRC Facebook page was created in 2011 by Carlo VA3CSS and he is the main administrator. Since Carlo hasn't been a member of the club for over 10 years a discussion took place on whether or not we should start a new BCRC Facebook page with administrators who are currently members in good standing. After weighing the pros and cons it was decided that we would stay with the current Facebook page for the time being.

On the screen Sean presented the website "how to make good enemies" on amateur radio. It was quite humorous. Have a look at <https://www.dxmaps.com/ft8.html>

Brad VA3CCI wanted to know if it would be feasible to use his new comet 351 multiband vertical antenna indoors. SGM, EXT and BOK explained to him that while it would work it would be challenging to add a proper counterpoise wire and he would be wise to keep the power output down to 20 or 30 watts so as not to cause interference to his neighbors.

### **Goodwill and Welfare**

Ed VA3VA passed away in late February

50/50 draw \$16.00 won by Bill VE3BOK

Adjournment: 8:45 pm.

### **FUTURE MEETING and EVENT DATES** (All subject to change)

[Unless otherwise specified, all meetings start at 7 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month]

**APRIL 22**

**MAY 27**

**ARRL Field Day June 22-23 See <https://www.arrl.org/field-day>**

**JUNE 24**

*(No meetings in July and August)*

**SEPT**

**OCT**

**NOV**

*(no meeting in December)*

### **Non-Meeting Events (Swaps and such)**

[For some of the non-meeting events, if not complete, try searching for the event on Google](#)

### **Hamfests from the South Lyon Area Radio Club website**

A few of the hamfests that can be attended within a days drive of S. E. Michigan include the following:

- [Dayton Hamvention](#) – 3rd weekend in May in **Xenia Ohio**.
- [Findlay Radio Club \(W8FT\) Hamfest](#) – each September
- [W9INX Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society](#) (ACARTS) – November in **Ft. Wayne, Indiana**
- [Monroe County Radio Communications Association](#) Monroe, MI – June
- [Milford \(Michigan\) Amateur Radio Club Ham Swap](#) – April.

### **ARRL Hamfest Search:**

[Search for ARRL Hamfests and Conventions](#)

#### **SMSG Elected Officers**

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