

Border City Radio Club

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NEWSLETTER

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by Ken Garber, Newsletter Editor.

Sean started the October 28th meeting at 7 pm sharp.

IN ATTENDANCE

The following people were in attendance

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| Rick | VE3PV | Bill | VA3BZL |
| Sean | VA3SGM | John | VA3FN |
| Ken | VA3ETR | AL | VE3CWP |
| Art | VE3AKJ | Dwight | VA3NXE |
| John | VE3JUS | Mark | VE3FEX |
| Bill | VE3BOK | Jeff | VA3JYB |
| Tim | N8TCS/VE3 | | |

Art Rae VA3AKJ has a few hard cover ARRL books for sale. Contact Art if you are interested in any of these.

The subject of whether or not we should be streaming our monthly meetings was discussed and it was decided that we should be. Dwight VA3NXE reported that MS Teams was the most economical offering at \$8.00 per month. More research will be done on this and we will decide on a streaming service at the November meeting.

We went around the room and everyone described any noteworthy projects that they worked on during the summer. Here is a brief sampling:

When Sean was up north at his cottage near Sault Ste Marie he experimented with a 40' VHF telescopic antenna. He was amazed at how well he could get into some of the distant repeaters located in Ontario and Michigan.

Mark Fex VE3FEX gave a very detailed report on his visit to the Military Communications Museum in Kingston Ontario. It was quite interesting to hear him describe all the antique radio equipment that's on display there. Having been there years ago myself I highly recommend this museum to anyone who has the opportunity to visit there.

Sean mentioned that we are now at the peak of the 11 year solar cycle and we can expect propagation on the HF bands to start slowly dropping off.

Everyone acknowledged that they had read the minutes from the September meeting that they received via email. A motion to accept the minutes was moved Jerry VE3EXT and seconded by Bill VE3BOK.

Al VE3CWP gave the Treasurer's report. We now have 27 paid up members. Our meeting room is reserved till June 2025. Monthly fee is \$60.67.

Sean explored the possibility of changing venues for our meetings and came to the conclusion that we have a good deal where we are now right here at the Optimist Centre.

Nominations for 2 director positions took place

Al VE3CWP nominated Sean VA3SGM and Rick VE3PV and Sean VA3SGM nominated Kim ve3kka and Dwight VA3NXE.

Sean put forth a motion to close Nominations for the duration of this meeting. It was moved by Dwight VA3NXE and seconded by Mark VE3FEX.

There was a discussion about scams on some of the ham radio swap and shop sites. In some cases a ham will buy a radio from you then return it for whatever reason. When you get the radio back it now has a defective circuit board that he swapped out. ***See the attached Anti-Scam documents.***

50/50 draw: Dwight VA3NXE \$9.50

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm

Next meeting is November 25.

The CP Holiday train will be in Windsor on meeting night. It will be visible from the meeting room windows as it backs out of the main yard, and proceeds westward to the USA. It can be monitored on 161.575

ELECTIONS will be held on Nov 25th for two available positions. Any last minute nominations will be welcomed

SMSG Elected Officers

| Position | Name | CALL | Email Address |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| PRESIDENT | Sean Monahan | VA3SGM | smonahan@xplornet.com |
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At just about every meeting, comments come up about the fact that some hams live in structures where antennae are not permitted.

Magic Carpet Apartment Antenna For HF Ham Radio
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9vA3wEhD0o>

Stealth Ham Radio Antenna the HOA Will Never Find (Roof Ridge Vent)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iN4gW0Fq2S8>

We Put up a Ham Radio Antenna and the HOA Doesn't Know
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOXvV5nNWc>

Stealth Ham Radio Antenna the HOA Will Never Find: HF Contacts with Amazon Flagpole
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=199VAY56-nQ>

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