# Border City Radio Club

## MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

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Sean opened the meeting at 7 pm (aka 1900)

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Matt	VE3BW	John	VA3FN
Byron	KF8DCI	Adam	VE3TJQ
Jerry	VE3EXT	Dennis	VA3DDP
Ken	VA3ETR	Tim	VE3TCS
Chris	VE3NFR	Jeff	VA3JYB
Bill	VA3BZL	Dan	VE3VOG
Bill	VE3BOK	Art	VE3AKJ
Dave	VE3WEJ	AL	VE3CWP
Dwight	VA3NXE	Kim	VE3KKA
Gerry	VA3GDE	Sean	VA3SGM
Tom	VE3FIO	Rick	VA3RDQ

#### **Financial Report**

Current bank balance is around \$3200.

Our next 4 meetings will cost more at the Centre because they discovered we had not been paying HST.

Treasurer questions??? Contact Al at kwd590amm@mnsi.net

#### **Old Business**

Old equipment was brought to last month's meeting and mostly sold off. \$70 was realized from the sale.

The kit project - Balun (aka how to solder) is on hold for the moment. An alternate project is to be investigated for next month's meeting.

#### **New Business**

The club will stop the use of MS Teams for remote logins. Starting in April, the club will work with Jitsi for the time being. Apps can be found at <a href="https://jitsi.org/">https://jitsi.org/</a>

The club will be creating a club email address (or two) for general communications and to comply with POTA logins. Cost is approx.. \$5 per address. Moved by Art AKJ, Seconded by Matt BW, Approved to proceed with the setup.

#### The Presentation

Rick VA3PV was going to be the presenter but fell under the weather. Matt BW then presented Rick's prepared write-up on **DMR**. He used a radio, phone, and a 'Openspot' to demonstrate the DMR's capabilities. Rick's document is attached for your reading pleasure.

#### **Other Stuff**

Sean has a new two letter call – VE3HI He also got his 200 country level on LOTW

The meeting wrapped up around 8:30 pm (aka 2030)

The 50/50 draw for \$19 was won by Art VE3AKJ

Next meeting is Apr 28, 2025. See below for the season breakfast and meeting sked.

#### **SMSG Elected Officers**

Position	Name	CALL	Email Address		
PRESIDENT	Sean Monahan	VA3SGM	smonahan@xplornet.com		
SECRETARY	Kimberly Kostescu VE3KKA		kim.ve3kka@gmail.com		
TREASURER	Al Masse	VE3CWP	kwd590amm@mnsi.net		
Newsletter Editor	Ken Garber	VA3ETR	garber.ken@gmail.com		

#### **BREAKFASTS** (Lumberjack Restaurant - Saturdays 10AM)

#### **MEETINGS** (Optimist Centre - Fourth Monday 7PM) Topics subject to change

APRIL 19 BREAKFAST

APRIL 28 MEETING GRIDTRACKER SETUP AND USE

MAY 17 BREAKFAST

MAY 26 MEETING RADIO IN OPTIMIST PARK- WEATHER PERMITTING

JUNE 14 BREAKFAST

JUNE 23 MEETING FOX HUNT – WEATHER PERMITTING

#### **Coming Events**

### Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, Ohio

Fri., Sat. and Sun. May 16th, 17th and 18th

http://www.hamvention.org

**Field Day** June 28-29, 2025

#### A Windows trick

Saw this on Youtube

When Windows 11 was distributed, the utility WORDPAD was deleted. For those who don't know or remember, Wordpad is Word Lite (more or less)

Miss it?? Here's one way to restore it.

- 1. Go to a Windows 10 computer
- 2. Go to the folder C:\Program Files\Windows NT\Accessories
- 3 Copy the EXE, DLL and the **en-US** folder to a thumbkey
  An alternative way is to use an internet-based file service
- 4 Copy the above files/folder to the exact same location on your Windows 11 system.
- 5 Create a shortcut on your desktop from the WORDPAD.EXE file
- 6 Rename the shortcut if you wish, then you're done.