

# ***Border City Radio Club***

**APRIL 2025**

**-Held on May 5<sup>th</sup> due to elections-**

## **NEWSLETTER**

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by Ken Garber, Newsletter Editor.

Sean opened the meeting at 7 pm-ish

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Sean Monahan –	VA3SGM (prez)	Dennis Pellarin -	VA3DDP
Kim Kostescu -	VE3KKA (sec'y)	Adam Simon –	VE3TJQ
Al Masse –	VE3CWP (treas'r)	John Schlichther–	VE3JUS
Dwight Girard –	VA3NXE	Tim McMullin –	VE3TCS
Ken Garber –	VE3ETR	Bill Hunter –	VE3BOK
John Beres –	VA3FN	Dan Kennedy –	VE3VOG
Chris Shulte –	VA3NFR	Art Rae –	VE3AKJ – via Zoom
Bill Reynolds –	VA3BZL	Jay Aho –	N8QYQ - Guest
Matt Gervais –	VE3BW/VE3MXG	Lucas Seto -	Guest
Jerry Beneteau	VE3EXT		

### **March Meeting Minutes**

Moved by: Matt; Seconded by Dennis; approved

### **Treasurer Report** As of March 31, 2025

Current Account: \$3257.06

Share Account: \$85.00

Patronage Account: \$25.00

Moved by Adam; Seconded by Dwight; approved

Sean reminded members that the reason for rescheduling the April 28 meeting to May 5, was because of the Federal Election, where many BCRC members were working. As well, the Optimist Club was being used as a polling station and changes to scheduled recreational activities were required.

### **Old Business**

None

## New Business

- Central Ontario Hamfest – June 1, 2025
  - Dayton Hamvention – May 16, 17, and 18.
  - BCRC Breakfast – rescheduled from May 17 (Victoria Day long weekend) to May 24 at 10:00am at the **Backroad Café**. An email reminder will be sent.
  - June 28-29 – Field Day
  - Field Day is a great way to promote the hobby and is similar to a 24 hour QSO Party. The objective is simple; make as many QSOs as possible. There are many divisions, club, home, power, battery. For more information, rules and regulations, see: <https://www.arrl.org/field-day>
- Sean has offered his home location for BCRC Field Day, though it is necessary to have at least 15 members interested in operating for a period of time to make the effort worthwhile. Four members expressed interest. A final decision will be made at the May meeting, May 26.

- Sean displayed a QSO card he received from 4S7SPG, a DXPedition from Poland to SriLanka. He made a QSO with the team on 20m FT8.
- A discussion on the proliferation of eQSL cards such as those received from eQSL and QSL Creator followed, suggesting that if you are attempting to qualify for LoTW award, electronic QSL cards are not considered evidence of a valid QSO.
- Kim provided a short recap of the POTA activity that her and Clayton (VE3IRR) participated in at Devonwood Conservation Area (CA-5947 and VEFF-2971). The following operators came out to support the POTA activation: Dennis (VA3DDP), Bill (VE3ES), Mike (VE3UCY), and Joe (VE3NNI). Many visitors to the conservation area stopped to ask questions and watch the progress of a QSO.
- Sean played a short YouTube video describing the basics of Gridtracker. The video can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5W5hkfGoAAs>
- If you don't use Gridtracker and want to check it out, visit: <http://gridtracker.org/>
- Fusion Net WIN Repeater is down. There is no estimated time for repairs/maintenance. Until it is functional again, the plan is to rotate different repeaters. Updates will be provided weekly and they will include which repeater the net will be held on.

The **50/50 draw** was won and was worth approx. 7.65 euros (No one caught the lucky winner's name) But he is behind Jerry EXT in the shot shown below

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

## Announcement

Did you know that the Electronic Connection in Westland Mich, has closed?

## A smattering of Meeting Pix

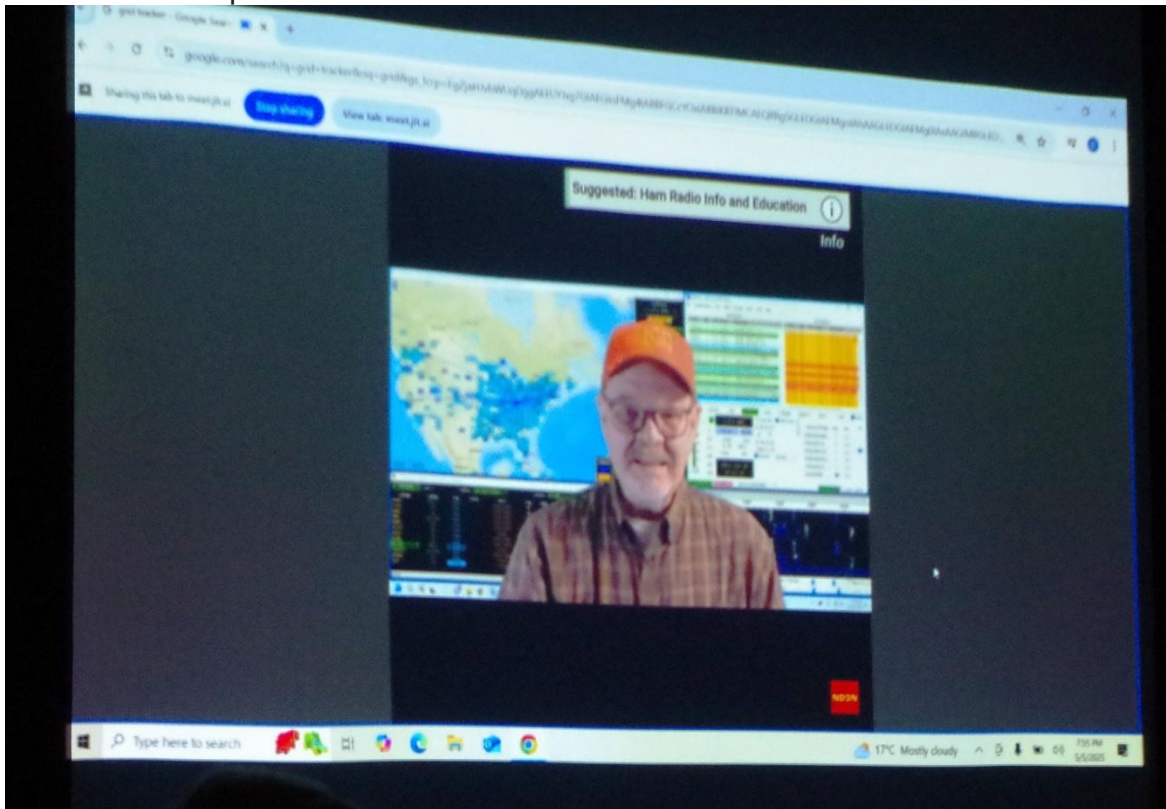
1. The meeting begins with Art RAE/AKJ remoting in.



2. A gathering of great minds



### 3. Gridtracker presentation on YouTube



Next meeting is May 26, 2025

### **SMSG Elected Officers**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>CALL</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
PRESIDENT	Sean Monahan	VA3SGM	<a href="mailto:smonahan@xplornet.com">smonahan@xplornet.com</a>
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TREASURER	Al Masse	VE3CWP	<a href="mailto:kwd590amm@mnsi.net">kwd590amm@mnsi.net</a>
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## On the Internet

What happened to Heathkit. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-F\\_Fz2G7BI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-F_Fz2G7BI)  
QRM is killing Ham Radio <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULPXiLiBXwg>  
World-wide SDR sites (multiband) <https://rx-tx.info/map-sdr-points>  
World wide SDR Sites (0-30Mhz) <http://rx.linkfanel.net/>

## **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**

Operator survey/signup to follow shortly

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

MAY 26 – RADIO IN OPTIMIST PARK- WEATHER PERMITTING

JUNE 23 – FOX HUNT – WEATHER PERMITTING

### **BREAKFAST Saturdays 10AM**

MAY 24 at the **Backroad Café** (reminder will be sent out)

JUNE 14

### **MONROE HAMFEST and Computer Show**

Father's Day - **June 15, 2025** 7:30 am to 1 pm

Presented by: The Monroe County Radio Comm. Assoc.

Monroe County Fairgrounds M-50 at Raisinville Rd (2 miles west of Monroe)

Free Parking

Indoor Facilities / Trunk Sales

Computers and Equipment

Distributors / Hot Food

Overnight Camping available

Talk-in 146.72

For more information and Table, Trunk and Ticket orders

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