

Border City Radio Club

MAY 2025

NEWSLETTER

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by Ken Garber, Newsletter Editor

Sean opened the meeting at 19:03

IN ATTENDANCE

Sean Moynahan	VA3SGM	John Beres	VA3FN
Al Masse	VE3CWP	Kevin Middleton	VA3AII
Kim Kostescu	VE3KKA	Brad Frenette	VE3CCI
Ken Garber	VA3ETR	Bill Leal	VE3ES
John Schlichther	VE3JUS	Allan Leal	VE3GKO
Jerry Beneteau	VE3EXT	Jeff Burke	VA3JYB
Rick LeBlanc	VE3PV	Art Rae	VE3AKJ (virtual)
Tim McMullin	VE3TCS	Don Quennenville	VE3KUP (virtual)
Dennis Pellarin	VA3DDP	Dan Kennedy	VE3VOG (virtual)
Matt Gervais	VE3MXG		
Bill Hunter	VE3BOK		

Financial position:

\$3161.95 General Account
\$85.00 Share Account
\$25.00 Patronage Account
Motion to accept. Al Masse and Rick LeBlanc

Field Day – 2025

Only 6 participants signed up. No other volunteers came forward tonight.

As it stands, each operator would be required to do their own logging.

There doesn't seem to be any enthusiasm for this event.

With even a minimal effort, there would be a need for a port-a-john for the weekend which could cost anywhere from \$300 and up.

Dan Kennedy was concerned that if he had to do his own logging he would be operating at a slower speed and may not make as many QSO's as needed to be competitive.

Majority votes NO for this event.

Anyone who wishes to participate in Field Day should connect with SPARC.

Dayton Hamfest – 2025

Bill Hunter and Jerry Beneteau drove to the event for the day.

Bill Hunter focused only on the flea market which was smaller than previous years. There were many empty tables on Friday. There was a healthy supply of garbage but also some good equipment. Although he didn't purchase anything, it was fun and worth going again. He did visit the ARRL booth to test his HT on a spectrum analyzer. 440 was passed with clean audio, 2m and 220 failed. There is some speculation that this could be due to the fact that his HT has been modified. He may test this theory. Bill also stopped by an exhibition booth where Carol Young from C3 Electronics was selling baluns and bandpass filters that she makes. Here is the contact information if anyone should be interested in following up.



Jerry is glad he did the day trip. He did not experience any hardship at the border. They arrived at the hamfest at 8:30am. He scoured the flea market before checking out the exhibitors inside. He found a new HT that required a data plan! The FT891 remains a hot seller even after 10 years on the market and saw the new FTX1. Product details can be found at: [FTX-1 Series](#)

A question was asked about tariffs. There are no tariffs on amateur radio related products. Only taxes should be collected at the border.

Ideas For Future Meetings

- Radio In The Park
- Fox Hunt
- Presentations
- Satellite Demonstration

On June 23rd meeting, we will do Radio In The Park. Everyone is welcome to bring their portable equipment to set up as many people are always curious about each other's gear and setup. More information to be provided on this event closer to the date.

Summer Activities

- POTA
- PICNIC

A **Parks On the Air (POTA)** activation will be scheduled. More information will be provided on this event. A Picnic will also be scheduled, and again, more information will be provided.

BCRC Breakfast

The next breakfast is Saturday June 14, 10:00am at the Lumberjack Restaurant at Tecumseh and Howard.

The breakfast will pause during July and August.

Anyone with ideas as to other options for breakfast rather than the Lumberjack, please speak up! The restaurant should take reservations and be able to seat the group together.

Miscellaneous Updates

- Band conditions remain marginal
- Solar activity – sun spot levels are low
- Dan Kennedy used a fishing rod vertical antenna and WSPR to reach Antarctica and Alaska
- Sean Monahan used 50wts on 6m to reach Fiji

The 50/50 draw for \$13 was won by Al VE3CWP

Bonus YAESU ball caps were donated by Jerry Beneteau, VE3EXT, and won by Tim McMullin and Al Masse

Last meeting of the season is scheduled for June 23, 2025. See the notes above.

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

Coming Events via VE3ES

June 1, 2025 - Central Ontario Hamfest

Kitchener ARC and Guelph ARC

Sunday, June 1st.

<https://hamfest.on.ca/>

June 8, 2025 - Chelsea Swap

CANCELLED as per ARRL web site

June 15, 2025 - Monroe Hamfest

Monroe County Radio Communications Association

<https://www.mcrca.org/Hamfest/Index>

June 28-29, 2025 - Field Day

<http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

July 12, 2025 - Ontario Hamfest

Burlington Amateur Radio Club, Milton, ON

<https://www.barc.ca/ontario-hamfest>

September 7, 2025 - Findlay Hamfest

Findlay Radio Club, Findlay, OH

<https://www.findlayradioclub.org/hamfest>

Found on the Internet

Storied History of the Ham Radio Call

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Su76QvChuEU>

Untold Stories of SSB

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dtl2rLhWGEA>

Kim and Sean handling the meeting, Don, Art and Dan on the screen

