

Border City Radio Club

JUNE 2025

NEWSLETTER

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Sean opened the meeting at 19:03

IN ATTENDANCE

Sean Moynahan	VA3SGM	Bill Hunter	VE3BOK
Kim Kostescu	VE3KKA	John Beres	VA3FN
Ken Garber	VA3ETR	Jeff Burke	VA3JYB
John Schlichther	VE3JUS	Dan Kennedy	VE3VOG
Jerry Beneteau	VE3EXT	Adam Simon	VE3TJO
Rick LeBlanc	VE3PV		
Matt Gervais	VE3MXG		

Minutes From May 2025

Reviewed; Motion to accept – Jerry VE3EXT, Adam VE3TJO

Financial position:

\$3081.00 General Account
\$85.00 Share Account
\$25.00 Patronage Account
Motion to accept - Bill VE3BOK, Dan VE3VOG

Field Day – 2025

It was brought to the attention of BCRC President, Sean Moynahan VA3SGM, that non members of SPRARC are not able to participate in the Field Day activities of SPRARC, unless they are willing to purchase a membership with the club. The organizers of SPARC Field Day believe that because they raise the money to put on the event and they provide the equipment, food, and location, that anyone participating must be a member of SPARC. The BCRC membership discussed the contents of the communication from SPARC Field Day organizers and were disappointed in the stand taken by SPARC.

Alternatives for those who wish to participate in Field Day: stay home and operate as either a station using commercial power (1D) or emergency power (1E). Mobile participation is also available for those who can meet the criteria.

ARRL Field Day Information and Rules can be found here: [Field Day](#)

Radio In The Park

Due to extreme heat, this activity was cancelled. Instead, Matt VE3MXG provided an indoor presentation on his portable setup which consisted of:

Chameleon LEFHW 8010

Yaesu 857D

MacLogger DX (Logging Program)

Spiderbeam Telescoping Mast

MacBook Air Laptop

Bioenno 30AMH



Matt set up the Spiderbeam with the EFHW outdoors and ran the coax through the window. The CHA LEFHW 8010 provides excellent SWR right out of the box without the need of a tuner.

There was great conversation about different setups used in vehicles.

This led to discussion about different suppliers that provide mounts and other accessories for the amateur radio operator. Some mentioned were LIDO, WEST MOUNTAIN RADIO, and RIG RUNNER.

There was lots of interest in Matt's setup so perhaps this activity can be rescheduled for the fall when the weather may be more tolerable.

Thank you to Matt for providing an excellent presentation!

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.

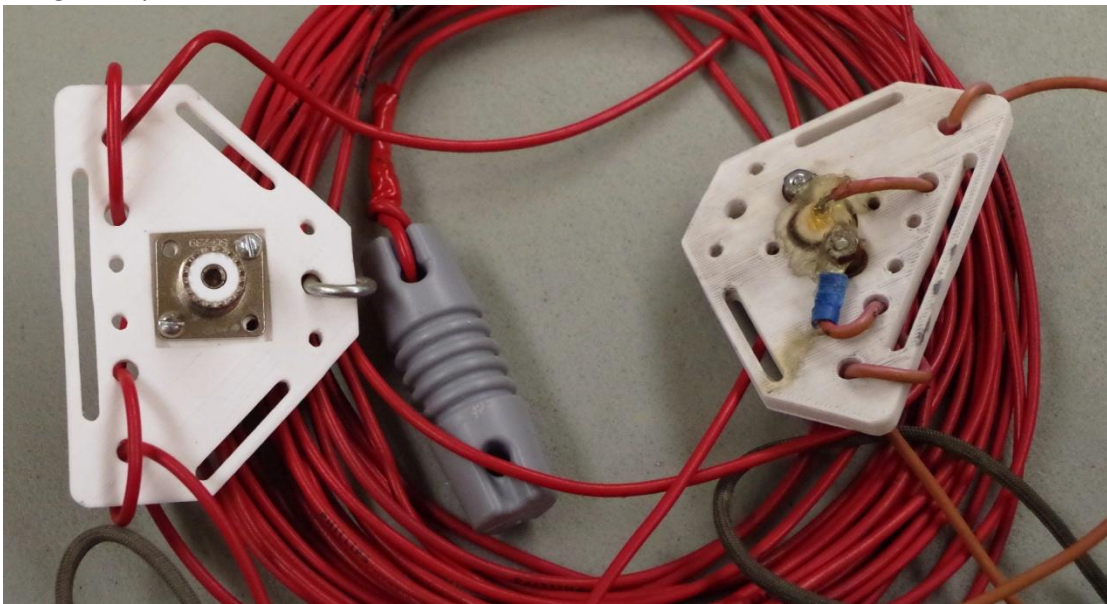
BCRC Breakfast

The breakfast will pause during July and August.

Anyone with ideas as to other options for breakfast rather than the Lumberjack, please speak up!

Miscellaneous Updates

- Band conditions – YUCK! 6m not bad with some openings
- Solar activity – sun spot levels are low
- John VA3FN – reports that he has had good success with CW under current conditions
- Sean Monahan brought a variety of homemade dipole samples for review
He showed some 3d printed mounts he purchased. They were 3-D printed dipole center insulators that he purchased at a swap a couple of years ago. He does not remember the vendor name but he brought them more to show another example of simple things that are now easily made using a 3-D printer.



The 50/50 draw for \$14 was won by Kim VE3KKA

No meetings during summer break. Meetings will resume in September 2025.

SMSG Elected Officers

Position	Name	CALL	Email Address
PRESIDENT	Sean Monahan	VA3SGM	smonahan@xplornet.com
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Coming Events via VE3ES

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>