

Border City Radio Club

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NEWSLETTER

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by Ken Garber, Newsletter Editor

Sean called the meeting to order at 7 pm

Kim was absent so Ken ETR handled the secretarial duties AND the 50/50. Oh what pressure!!!

IN ATTENDANCE

Sean Monahan	VE3HI	Rick Leblanc	VE3PV
Ken Garber	VA3ETR	Georgia Leblanc	CIA spy (student)
Art Rae	VE3AKJ	John Beres	VA3FN
Kevin Oliver	VA3DSW	Dennis Pellarin	VA3DDP
Jerry Beneteau	VE3EXT	Adam Simon	VE3TJQ
Matt Gervais	VE3BW	Dwight Girard	VA3NXE
Tim McMullen	VE3TCS	Robert Janisse	KF8EQF?
Bill Hunter	VE3BOK	Todd Evon ??	

Sean went around the room asking attendees for their summer activities.

Sean talked about remote access using Teams, Zoom, and others and based on time limits, cost, and bandwidth requirements, thus deciding that it was not worth investigating further.

DEMO 1

Sean showed an antenna constructed from bamboo grown by Al SQB and using a 3D printed coil assembly. The whole antenna stands at about 20 feet.



Sean reminded the group that dues renewal is getting close. \$20 for members with RAC membership and \$30 (an extra \$10) for those without. The RAC fee covers liability insurance which most locales and events now require.

Sean also brought up a possible move to another meeting location. But looking at parking, stairless access, price, and wireless access, he thinks it's as good as it gets remaining at the Optimist Centre.

Moved by Art AKJ, seconded by Matt BW that we stay put. PASSED.

DEMO 2

Jerry EXT reported on his \$41 purchase of a RADTEL RT910 multi-band transceiver. He bought it for its 6 meter support but it also covers a multitude of other bands, including receive on the aircraft band. His disappointment is that 6Metres does not work., works ok on vhf and uhf.. He will be conferring with Al SQB who has three of them for further opinions. More to follow next month. He also showed a few custom antenna Al built to support the radio.

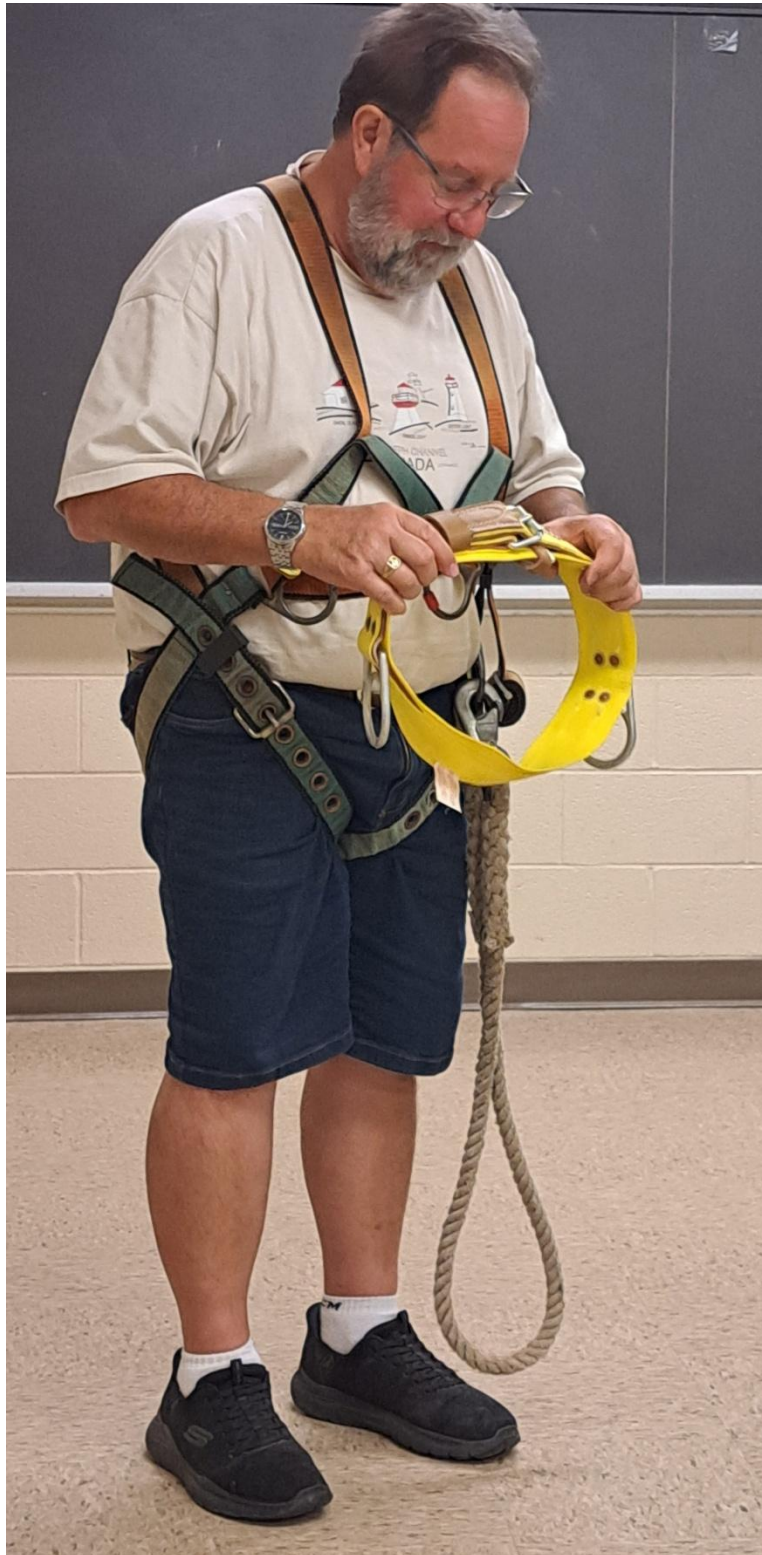
See <http://RADTELS.COM> or for the RT910 see [here](#)

DEMO 3

Sean showed his collection of climbing/lineman safety belts.

1. Original yellow belt now considered inadequate
2. Advanced multipoint belt with multiple comfort issues
3. New WELKFORDER multipoint belt with great comfort features

Picture 1 – Sean holding the original yellow belt while wearing the next generation version



Picture 2 – Sean putting on the newer WELKFORDER belt



