

Border City Radio Club

June 22, 2026 NEWSLETTER

Sean opened the meeting at 19:00

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jerry Beneteau - VE3EXT
Dwight Girard – VA3NXE
Dave Garber – VE3WEJ
Adam Simon – VE3TJQ
Rick Leblanc – VE3PV and granddaughter Georgia
John Beres – VA3FN
John Schlichther – VE3JUS
Sean Monahan – VA3SGM
Bill Hunter – VE3BOK
Kim Kostescu VE3KKA - Virtual
Art Rae – VE3AKJ – Virtual

Bill Hunter, VE3BOK, Treasurer, presented the financials. There is \$2333.63 in the chequing account and \$85 and \$25 in each of the share accounts for a total of \$2443.63 as of May 31, 2026.

Motion: to accept the report presented by Bill.

M/S/C: Dwight (NA3NXE)/Jerry(VE3EXT)/all in favour/carried

The minutes of May 2026 were emailed to members and posted to www.bordercityradioclub.ca. No additions, corrections or otherwise changes to the minutes were required. Accepted as read.

Field Day

BCRC Field Day 2026 is happening!

Field Day will be a POTA style event to be held on Saturday June 27 only from 2pm – 9pm at Shanahan Park, Lakeshore. This is a 2 acre park and not very busy. There is a pavilion and a picnic table. There are 2 restrooms available.

Arrive at 11am for setup.

Everyone is responsible for bringing their own equipment, drinks, food and bug spray.

At this time, there will be two stations, Jerry (VE3EXT) will set up an SSB station on 40m at 5w for bonus points. Dwight (NA3NXE) and Dave (VE3WEJ) will set up an FT8 station.

FD begins at 2pm and BCRC stations will operate until 6 or 7 pm or until desired.

Everyone is invited to attend and work a station.

Sean (VA3SGM) received a QSL card from J51A. Between Feb 23 – March 15, 2026, he worked them on 8 bands FT8 and on 12m SSB.

He also showed his QSL card from Sable Island Expedition CY0S. The card is a very nice three page fold out describing the expedition. He worked them on 5 bands including 160m in March 2026.

Many operators are excited to find 6m open! Though there are no rules, you need to try at different times throughout the day. There is no rhyme or rhythm to the openings, just keep spinning the dial!

There's a lot of interest in Clayton's (VE3IRR) new tower installation! The concrete base and first section has been installed. The project is coming along nicely and a triband will go up sometime in August.

It has been noted that Ed Bosnyak's (SK) tower and antenna has been sold.

Sean (VA3SGM) is looking for an older, out of publication ARRL book called "HF Tribander Performance – Test Methods & Results". Georgia (VE3PV's granddaughter) found it online for Sean.

Sean (VA3SGM) also mentioned that his goal for the summer is to rebuild his tower and antenna as it was before the tornado tore it apart a couple years ago.

Public Service Announcement: Be very cautious about finding answers to your amateur radio related questions in Facebook groups. Some of the questions are amusing, but not as amusing as the answers. You need to filter through the answers in order to find what's helpful.

Dwight (NA3NXE) brought the BCRC crest that he had made to the meeting for those who haven't yet seen it. He has taken it to Ellis Graphics to have it improved upon (adding maple leaves and some colour). The pricing to order the crests is:

25 at \$12.56 = \$314 plus tax = \$354.82

50 at \$7.70 = \$385 plus tax = \$435.05

100 at \$5.00 = \$500 plus tax = \$565.00

After a short discussion a poll was taken:

Order 25 – no

Order 50 – no

Order 100 – unanimous

The crests will be sold to BCRC club members (and those who collect crests) for \$5.65 each to recoup the cost.

Once Dwight receives the new and improved image, Kim (VE3KKA) will use it on the website rather than the older black and white one now being used.

Many thanks to Dwight (NA3NXX) for all his efforts and hard work to get this project off the ground.

As discussed previously, BCRC will be moving their club meetings to the public school board beginning September 2026. Tonight is the last meeting at the Optimist Community Centre. Three secondary schools have been chosen in order of priority:

Herman

Kennedy

Walkerville

BCRC will be notified in July which location has been assigned to us and an email will be sent to all members at that time.

BCRC Breakfast

BCRC Breakfast will return on September 19. No location has been reserved. If you have suggestions, please send them to Kim (VE3KKA) as soon as possible so reservations can be made.

ENJOY THE SUMMER! SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

SMSG Elected Officers

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