

Border City Radio Club

**May 25, 2026
NEWSLETTER**

Sean opened the meeting at 19:00

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jerry Beneteau - VE3EXT

Dwight Girard – VA3NXE

John Beres – VA3FN

Clayton Smith - VE3IRR

Tim McMullin – VE3TCS

John Schlichther – VE3JUS

Sean Monahan – VA3SGM

Bill Hunter – VE3BOK

Kim Kostescu VE3KKA

Tom Kartoian – VE3FIO

Remko Brouerius – VA3BVN

Adam Simon – VE3TJQ

Kevin Oliver – VA3DSW

Renee Broeders – VE3DHZ

Art Rae – VE3AKJ – zoom

Don Quenneville – VE3KUP – zoom

Introductions were made around the table for the benefit of Renee Broeders – VE3DHZ – returning to the hobby after many years of absence.

Sean – VA3SGM – notified the membership that Gary McNorton – VE3API recently became a SK.

Bill Hunter, VE3BOK, Treasurer, presented the financials. There is \$2336.93 in the chequing account and \$85 and \$25 in each of the share accounts for a total of \$2446.93 as of April 30, 2026.

Motion: to accept the report presented by Bill.

M/S/C: Tim (VE3TCS)/Tom (VE3FIO)/all in favour/carried

The minutes of April 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 noon for setup.

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

At this time, there will be two stations, one SSB – 5w. Each contact is worth 5pts. There will be one FT8 station as well.

Please check all equipment before bringing it to the park.

If you have any questions, please contact Jerry – VE3EXT.

Dayton Feedback

Kevin (VA3DSW), Bill (VE3BOK), and Jerry (VE3EXT) drove together on Friday morning, returning that evening. Tim (VE3TCS) and Bill (VE3BZL) left on Thursday with the trailer and stayed until Sunday at the campground.

Everyone commented that crossing the border was easy and quick, no questions, and no one was pulled in. Everyone also agreed that even though the admission was \$30 USD, it was well worth it, especially the flea markets. It is noted that the flea markets were larger and overall, much better than last year. Jerry got everything he wanted from the flea market in the morning and spent the afternoon browsing the commercial retailers inside. Bill also believed that the flea market was much better than in the past. This was Kevin Oliver's first time at Dayton. He was quite impressed, and he also enjoyed the flea markets. He was looking to buy an HF transceiver but decided not to buy one there. He did buy an antenna and a couple of other small items.

Tim and Bill went to the reception on Friday evening and met amateurs from Australia, Japan, Sweden, and Europe. Next year, the plan is to book at the State Park.

Overall, it was felt that Dayton was a success! Apparently, they are claiming a record number of attendees, approx. 37,000. Everyone was satisfied and they're already planning for next year's event.

Next SWAP Meeting is on Father's Day in Monroe, Michigan. Sean (VA3SGM) plans to attend.

Sean (VA3SGM) noted that MFJ came to agreement with ITU for drawings, rights, and any remaining Cushcraft and Hy-Gain inventory. It appears that ITU may also be preparing to make some items. Although he is watching with interest, there are many companies out there making new good and modern antennas.

Jerry (VE3EXT) made a lot of QSOs on 6m repeaters, as far as Kansas and everywhere in between.

FT8 on 6m seems to be busy as well.

Dwight (VA3NXE) brought the club emblem that he had made. Everyone liked it. It is the same as the emblem that is currently being used on the website, except with colour. He is going to check with Ellis Graphics to see if there is a possibility that they can create a digital file for members who wish to have a t-shirt, hat, jacket, flag, etc made with the emblem embroidered directly on the item. He will keep the club posted with any new information.

As a public service announcement, Sean (VA3SGM) wishes to remind anyone working on towers to watch out for bird waste, specifically, make sure that you do not get bird waste on your gloves, then wipe your eyes with the same dirty gloves! He is also cautioning everyone that it is not very wise to use expired medication that you have at home, expecting it to help. Always seek proper medical care in such situations. Or, just stay off towers, then you don't have to worry about any of this!

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 20:10.

M/S/C: Art (VE3AKJ)/Don (VE3KUP)/all in favour/carried

BCRC Breakfast

The final breakfast before summer break will be Saturday June 13 at 10:00am. HiHo Diner on Walker Road. See you there!

SMSG Elected Officers

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PRESIDENT	Sean Monahan	VA3SGM	monahanspeedy34@gmail.com
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