Border City Radio Club

September 28, 2026
NEWSLETTER

Sean (VA3SGM) opened the meeting at 19:00

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sean Moynahan – VA3SGM
Bill Hunter – VE3BOK
Kim Kostescu VE3KKA
Robert Janisse – N8REJ (Guest)
Jacob Evans – Studying for License
Rick Leblanc – VE3PV
John Beres – VA3FN
John Schlichther – VE3JUS
Rene Broeders – VE3DHZ
Dan Kennedy - VE3VOG
Tim McMullin – VE3TCS
Art Rae – VE3AKJ
Clayton Smith – VE3IRR
Adam Simon – VE3TJQ
Jeff Burke – VA3JYB
Remko Brouerius – VA3BVN
Kevin Oliver – VA3DSW
Brad Frenette – VE3CCI
Tony Cimarosti – VE3EMX
Dave Garber – VE3WEJ
Matt Gervais – VE3BW
Tom Kortoian – VE3FIO
Bill Reynolds – VA3BZL
Rick McIntyre – VA3KTR

Welcome to our new club members: Rene Broeders – VE3DHZ and Tony Cimarosti – VE3EMX .
Welcome to our guests this evening: Robert Janisse – N8REJ and Jacob Evans who is studying for his license

Bill Hunter, VE3BOK, Treasurer, presented the financials. As of this afternoon, there is $2,701.72 in the chequing account and $85 and $25 in shares accounts.

Motion: to accept the report presented by Bill.
M/S/C: Matt (VE3BW)/Rick (VE3PV) all in favour/carried

The minutes of June 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.

Club Logo

Dwight Girard – VA3NXE, was absent this evening but he was able to get the new BCRC crests to Sean – VE3SGM prior to the meeting.

They can be purchased for $6 each by Cash or Etransfer to bcrcwindsor@gmail.com.

Members can also purchase a T-Shirt with the logo embroidered on the front. There is an order form if you are interested.

We thank Dwight for the time and effort he devoted to revitalizing the BCRC logo. A lot of work went into this project and we are so pleased with the outcome. Thank you Dwight!

BCRC Member Updates

The summer went by so quickly! Here's a recap of what BCRC members were up to!

Bill – VE3BOK – getting ready to put up a new antenna (OCF dipole). He has also been experimenting with radiosondes by flashing amateur radio-oriented firmware to them and using them as a beacon.

Robert – N8REJ – from Allen Park, MI, is having fun relaying traffic/radiograms through the NTS (National Traffic System), across the United States, Canada, and any country covered by a third-party traffic agreement.

Adam – VE3TJQ – made a flower pot antenna for 6m.

Dan – VE3VOG – took down an EFHW and put up a vertical delta loop.

Rick – VE3PV – has a new Shark RF M1KE. He now has access to all digital modes.

Tim – VE3TCS – put up a new hex beam. He also has been setting up and experimenting with remote activations using his Yaesu 710.

Matt – VE3BW – he has added to his collection of stations. Believe it or not, he now has a total of 13 stations. Because 13 is an unlucky number, he is looking to add 1 (ONE) more station. Matt was reminded what HAM meant. Had A lot of Money!

Clayton – VE3IRR – installed a new 48' tower with several antennas (UHF/VHF triband, HF triband, 6m element beam, radiosonde) attached, least of which is a television antenna. Clayton was also the first Amateur Radio Operator (we're claiming this achievement!) to successfully complete a POTA activation on the new Gordie Howe Bridge. The Gordie Howe Bridge is part of 4 different trail systems, 3 of which are POTA Parks. Clayton had QSOs on both 2m and 70cm.

Remko – VA3BVN – experimenting with APRS.

Art – VE3AKJ – has taken up flight tracking. The perfect solution for keeping radio active when faced with antenna restrictions.

John – VA3FN – has completed some antenna work.

Tom – VE3FIO – recently retired and as any newly retired amateur operator should do, he bought a new radio.

Tony – VE3EMX – is a newly licensed operator and having fun so far!

Dave – VE3WEJ – is planning to sell his trailer. Now that he will have more time, he's looking forward to more radio adventures.

Brad – VE3CCI – had help from VE3UK (Robert) who installed a 40m linear dipole at Brad's QTH. Brad is getting a lot of use out of it.

Kim – VE3KKA – replaced all coax at her QTH with LMR 400. This made a significant improvement. She is also experimenting with APRS OTA.

Sean – VA3SGM – at his cottage up north, he had a 2m vertical half hanging from a tree branch. He purchased a telescopic mast and raised up the vertical an addition 10'. He was hitting 3 repeaters, and now he able to get into 6. He also completed a couple of tower installations for other amateurs.

Question

Is there any advantage or disadvantage to traps?

The only advantage is the convenience of a shorter vertical. If you don't have space for a full antenna, a trapped antenna is better than no antenna.

Club Repeaters

The 6m VE3SMR repeater and the 2m VE3WHT repeater are located on property owned by Al (VE3SQB). There was a power problem a couple of weeks ago that shut down repeater use. Although the repeaters are now back up and running well, it is worth stating that there will need to be some work done to improve the safety and performance of the repeaters. BCRC may need to purchase electrical supplies to make these repairs. Members will be kept informed.

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With sadness at the loss of perhaps the greatest supporter of amateur radio in the Windsor-Essex area and beyond, the passing of Bill Leal VE3ES, has left a huge whole in the radio community. Bill worked tirelessly behind the scenes to promote amateur radio and encourage operators wherever he went. His newsletters will be missed far and wide and currently, net reminders are being sent out by Rick (VE3PV).

A memorial breakfast/luncheon is being planned in conjunction with SPARC to take place at Colasanti's in Ruthven. More information will be provided once plans have been firmed up.

BCRC Breakfast
BCRC Breakfast will return on **October 17 at 10:00AM**. We will meet at the Hi Ho, 3691 Walker Road. We are always looking for restaurant suggestions. If you want to try a new location, please send the information to Kim (VE3KKA) as soon as possible so reservations can be made.

The next meeting will be held on Monday October 26 @ 7:00PM
New Location: Herman High School

Herman High School is located at: 1905 Bernard Road, Windsor, N8W 0A8, between Tecumseh and Alice, 42.30897, -82.97504
The front entrance faces north off Bernard as is the entrance to the parking lot.
There is plenty of parking available.
More information (which classroom and any other pertinent information) will be made available prior to the meeting by email and FB group posting.





BCRC Elected Officers

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