

# The Tantramar

April, 2005

## Westcumb Amateur Radio Club Newsletter



### Next Meeting

Wed., April 6, 2005

E.D. Fullerton Bldg.

7:00 pm

## Club Executive

**President - Jim Milner, VE1VIA**

**Past President - Rick Sullivan, VE9RWS**

**V. President - Lloyd Smith, VA1MAB**

**Secretary - Ron Bickle, VE1BIC**

**Treasurer - Mike Embree, VE1MY**

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## **W.A.R.C. REGULAR MEETING – March 02, 2005**

The Meeting was brought to order at 7:06 p.m. with President Jim Milner (VE1 VIA) in the chair. Sixteen members and guests were present. A minute of silence was observed for Silent Key Russel Lee (VE9 RUS) who passed away on February 22, 2005.

### **Minutes From the Last Meeting:**

The minutes from the February Meeting were approved as circulated in the March Newsletter. Moved/seconded by Peter (VE1 CCL)/Rick (VE9 RWS) that the minutes be accepted as published.

### **Business Arising From the Minutes:**

Nothing to report.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Peter (VE1 CCL) reported for Mike (VE1MY). There is a current balance of \$1526.79 including \$222.50 in the Bursary Fund.

The Treasurer had made a donation of \$100.00 to the Heart & Stroke Fund in memory of Russel (VE9 RUS).

Bills for printer cartridges and envelopes were received from Peter (VE1 CCL) for costs associated with the new Club Certificates.

It was moved/seconded by Ron (VE1 BIC)/Brad (VE1 ZX) that the treasurer's report be accepted.

### **Correspondence:**

A brochure was received from the HARC with details on the Down East Fleamarket on June 11, 2005.

A letter was received from the Municipality of Cumberland regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Municipal Day Open House on Friday April 29, 2005 from 9:30-4:00.

There was also a newsletter from the HARC ( The Reflector).

Jim (VIA) asked about the status of the Club's RAC membership. It was determined that it had expired.

### **Field Day:**

The makeup of the 2005 Field Day Committee was reviewed. It consists of Jim (VE1 AFH); Peter (VE1 CCL); Ron (VE1 BIC); and Rick (VE9 RWS).

Field day is June 25-26, 2005 and will be held at the Robb's Centennial Complex on LaPlanche Street, Amherst. A representative of the WARC will be meeting with the Cumberland Car Club on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Peter (CCL) brought in a design for the proposed banner for Field Day and other Club activities. Bob (VE1 EDP) had obtained three quotes for a 2x8 foot plastic banner. The lowest was from Access Labels in East Amherst for \$119.00 plus tax – total \$136.85.

It will have red vinyl lettering and a yellow and black crest.

It was moved/seconded by Terry (VE9 TER)/Jim (VE1 JSP) that the WARC purchase the banner from Access Labels.

A proposal for a stand-up sign made of corrugated plastic material was also discussed. One price obtained was \$32.00. Cody Harris will look into possibly having the sign made at ARHS. The final draft of the tri-fold Club Brochure designed by Jim (VE1 CHI) was also passed around for approval. After some discussion, it was decided to go with the color version, and make up 100 copies for now. Lloyd (VA1 MAB) suggested getting a quote from a print shop before we made them up ourselves.

#### **Education:**

Jim (VE1 AFH) reported that 15 people attended the Cumberland EMO Emergency Telecommunications Course on February 5<sup>th</sup>. An inspector for Industry Canada also attended and was very impressed with the course, and the EMO room. Jim said the course was not “high-profile” and dealt mainly with traffic handling.

Congratulations were extended to Colin (VE1 CMC) who has passed his Advanced Qualification after only three meetings. Colin replied that it was worth the wait after 60 plus years being interested in Amateur Radio.

#### **Publicity:**

Ron (VE1 BIC) submitted an article to the Amherst Daily News about the March meeting. It was in the March 2nd paper. He proposed having a meeting with Eastlink Television about covering Field Day.

#### **Public Service:**

There have been no recent requests for communications assistance.

#### **Newsletter/Web page:**

Peter (VE1 CCL) reported no problems with the newsletter.

Jim (VE1 VIA) suggested that information about Field Day 2005 should be added.

Lloyd (VA1 MAB) suggested that minutes of previous meetings should also be added.

Bob (VE1 EDP) suggested that a link to the RAC bulletin could be added.

#### **E.M.O:**

Jim (AFH) reported he had received new radio equipment for the Pugwash Legion, which has been identified as a comfort station during emergencies. A new Icom IC-V8000 2m radio will be installed in a locked cabinet. It will also have to be programmed. Plans for a similar installation at the Pugwash Fire Department are on hold, since the Department is planning to build a new fire station.

Jim also reported that the Halifax EMO had given money to the HARC to set up an SSTV system. Bill (VE1 MR) had written an article about SSTV in the Halifax Reflector.

He thanked Dave (VE1 DEH) for his work on the three field boxes, and thanked Lloyd (VA1 MAB) Bruce (VE1 ABC) Nelson (VE9 NEL) and Bob (VE1 EDP) for helping to clean up the EMO room. He said the next step is to document the connections between the antennas and the radios, and figure out operating procedures. Another work day is planned on Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>. Ron (VE1 BIC) Rick (VE9 RWS) Al (VE1 ZS) Lloyd (VA1 MAB) and Jim (VE1 AFH) are planning to attend.

Jim (VE1 VIA) outlined the various responsibilities associated with the County EMO. Jim (VE1 AFH) is the EMO Coordinator; Ron (VE1 BIC) is Radio Room Coordinator; Lloyd (VA1 MAB) is Communications Committee Organizer; and AL (VE1 ZS) is Communications Technician.

A Packet Committee was formed, consisting of Ron (VE1 BIC); Rick (VE9 RWS); Peter (VE1 CCL) and Brad (VE1 ZX).

#### **N.S.A.R.A:**

Jim (VE1 AFH) reported that a Director's meeting was planned for the Halifax Fleamarket in June. The NSARA was helping to fund a DX-pedition to St. Paul's Island. Other projects are planned for Ironbound Island and Tancook Island.

#### **Net:**

Rick (VE9 RWS) reported the Monday night net on VE1 BHS (145.350) was running smoothly, and recently lasted 90 minutes. The links to Hammonds Plains and the Halifax Airport were working well, and he had even picked up Willard (VE1 WJH) in Texas via Echolink. He said he always thanks the various repeater owners for the use of their machines.

#### **Repeaters:**

Jim (VE1 AFH) said an application has gone in to link the Salem repeater (VE1 WRC) to the County Office using UHF in order to revive the IRLP node. A new computer and IRLP board and software have already been purchased.

Brad (VE1 ZX) put in a request for Club funding to upgrade the link radio at the Springhill repeater (VE1 SPR) using a Motorola MSR 2000 (UHF) to replace the aging Mycor radio. Brad already has made the purchase of a used unit.

It was moved/seconded by Jim (VE1 AFH) /Peter (VE1 CCL) that the Club pay Brad the amount of \$450.00 for the radio, once it is installed. Bob (VE1 EDP) asked how much a new Motorola MSR 2000 would cost. It was determined to be around \$10,000.00.

Brad also plans to temporarily remove the link radio and controller from the Lynn site in order to tune them up.

Jim (VE1 AFH) suggested the Pye VHF repeater in Salem should also be updated next year with a Motorola MSR2000 (VHF) radio. He said it is important for the Club to concentrate on the "weak links".

Jim (VE1 VIA) asked about the current members of the Repeater Committee. Brad said it consisted of Lorne (VE1 BXK); Jim (VE1 AFH); and Rick (VE9 RWS), with the help of Colin (VE1 CMC); Jim (VE1 CHI) and Mike Masters.

#### **Social:**

The next Brunch will be held at 11:00 am on March 12<sup>th</sup> at MacDougall's Restaurant at the West Amherst Petro Canada, Other brunches will be on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Patterson's, and on May 14<sup>th</sup> in Parrsboro – location T.B.A. The 50-50 was \$14.50 and was won by Jim (VE1 JSP) who donated his share to the Bursary Fund.

Peter (VE1 CCL) passed around the original Club Constitution from January 28, 1981 and the original outline of the Lee Nolan Memorial Award. Jim (VE1 AFH) suggested that the older

documents should be scanned in order to preserve them digitally.

**Lunch for the March 2005 meeting:**

Sandwiches – Ron (VE1 BIC) – Sweets- Dave (VE1 DEH)

**Unfinished Business:**

Al (VE1 ZS) reported that several individuals are interested in purchasing the Yaesu FT-101 HF radio and MFJ tuner purchased by the WARC from Les Day (VE1 CEF) last fall. He suggested we ask for sealed bids starting at \$300.00. He noted that the MFJ tuner alone is worth \$300.00. Bids are to be given to Jim (VE1 VIA) on or before the April meeting, with payment due that night, or by the following week. This will free up Club funds for other purposes.

Jim (VE1 AFH) suggested we compile a list of surplus Club equipment (computers, monitors and assorted boxes) before the next meeting. Club members will then have to decide what to do with the gear. Cody Harris will compile the list.

The Club thanked Peter (VE1 CCL) for his work on the new Club Certificates.

**New Business:**

None.

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, April 06, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cumberland County Municipal Building.

**Adjournment: at 9:20 p.m.**

**Ron Bickle (VE1 BIC) Secretary.**

## Notes

**Brunch** - Our March brunch was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> at the Petro-Can Restaurant in West Amherst. The weather was quite good and we had 16 people in attendance.

After the brunch Ron, VE1BIC gave a very interesting and informative tour of the new CHDH radio station studio. With to-days technology, radio stations are very different today than they used to be. The station is run remotely during evenings and most of the weekend. Announcers are only needed for things like the Pet Detective, swap shop, greeting line etc. Commercials are either on a CD or are pre-recorded at the station and then inserted when and where they are required. Computers run the system for about 80 - 85 percent of the time.

Next month our brunch will be at Patterson's Restaurant in Sackville, N.B. on the 16<sup>th</sup> at the regular time of 1100 am.

**Web Page** - Jim Cleveland, VE1CHI & Ron Bickle, VE1BIC have been upgrading our web page recently. I think it looks pretty good, and will become even better as more things are added in the future.

**Radio Room Clean-up** - Last month there was quite a bit of work done cleaning up our radio room at the E.D. Fullerton Bldg.

This month there was more cleaning and sorting of items to keep and not to keep. We will have an auction of all the items that we don't need, after the meeting. These items have to be removed from the Radio Room before the end of the month because of Munciple Day coming up on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

A list of these items are included in a separate article at the end of the newsletter. All items for sale will not be sold for less

than \$1.00 and will be in even dollars. Please bring lots of small change with you if you intend to buy anything, because there won't be too much change available at the meeting.

## Birthdays

May 6 - Jane Jones  
6 - Judy Milner  
6 - Sharon Lee  
9 - Jim Hannon, VE1AFH  
10 - Dave Harris, VE1DEH  
12 - Mary Christie  
22 - Irna Garrett  
25 - Helen Johnson

## Anniversaries

May 22 - Pat Hughes, VE9PH & Muriel -  
1947 -  
22 - Jack McGee, VE1CZD & Terry -  
1954 -  
28 - Richard Sullivan, VE9RWS & Vivian -  
1954 -

## Kitchen Korner

### Lemon Cheesecake

Base: 2 ½ cups Graham wafer crumbs  
2 Tbsp icing sugar or 2 Tbsp brown sugar  
½ or ¾ cup melted margarine  
Mix & press into a 9x13 in. pan & bake at 325 deg. F for 10 min.

Top: I large pkg. lemon Jello powder (or 2 small)  
1 tall can milk (not 2 %)  
1 8 oz. pkg. Philadelphia cream cheese  
2 cup white sugar

Juice & rind of 1 lemon  
1 tsp. vanilla

Step 1: Add 1 cup hot water to the Jello powder and let cool only to a syrupy stage.

Step 2: Combine well, the cream cheese, sugar, vanilla, lemon juice , rind and set aside.

Srep 3: In a large bowl beat the milk until thick. Gradually beat in the Jello syrup. Lastly add the cream cheese mixture and combine well.

Pour over the cooled base and sprinkle with fine Graham wafer crumbs.

Note: Can of milk should be chilled and shaken before whipping. Cold beaters also help. For a quick chill, put milk in freezer for a little while.

## Upcoming Events

April 6 - W.A.R.C. meeting - E.D. Fullerton  
Bldg. - 7 :00  
pm

April 16 - Brunch - Patterson's Restaurant,  
Sackville, N.B. - 11:00 am

May 14 - Parrsboro - location to be  
announced later

June 11 - Downeast Flea Market  
Location - Halifax Forum  
Doors open - 9:00 am  
Admission - \$3.00  
Talk in freq. - 147.27 - VE1PSR

June 25 & 26 - Field Day  
Location - Robb's Centennial Complex,

LePlanche St., Amherst. More details to  
follow later.

## Funny Stuff

### How To Get Out of A Ticket

An older lady gets pulled over for speeding...

Older Woman: Is there a problem, Officer?

Officer: Ma'am, you were speeding.

Older Woman: Oh, I see.

Officer: Can I see your license please?

Older Woman: I'd give it to you but I don't  
have one.

Officer: Don't have one?

Older Woman: Lost it, 4 years ago for drunk  
driving.

Officer: I see...Can I see your vehicle  
registration papers please.

Older Woman: I can't do that.

Officer: Why not?

Older Woman: I stole this car.

Officer: Stole it?

Older Woman: Yes, and I killed and hacked  
up the owner.

Officer: You what?

Older Woman: His body parts are in plastic  
bags in the trunk if you want to see.

The Officer looks at the woman and slowly  
backs away to his car and calls for back up.

Within minutes 5 police cars circle the car. A  
senior officer slowly approaches the car,  
clasping his half drawn gun.

Officer 2: Ma'am, could you step out of  
your vehicle please! The woman steps out of  
her vehicle.

Older woman: Is there a problem sir?

Officer 2: One of my officers told me that  
you have stolen this car and murdered the owner.

Older Woman: Murdered the owner?

Officer 2: Yes, could you please open the  
trunk of your car, please.

The woman opens the trunk, revealing nothing but an empty trunk.

Officer 2: Is this your car, ma'am?

Older Woman: Yes, here are the registration papers. The officer is quite stunned.

Officer 2: One of my officers claims that you do not have a driving license.

The woman digs into her handbag and pulls out a clutch purse and hands it to the

officer.

The officer examines the license. He looks quite puzzled.

Officer 2: Thank you ma'am, one of my officers told me you didn't have a license, that you stole this car, and that you murdered and hacked up the owner.

Older Woman: Bet the liar told you I was speeding, too.

When I went to lunch today, I noticed an old lady sitting on a park bench sobbing her eyes out. I stopped and asked her what was wrong. She said, "I have a 22 year old husband at home. He makes love to me every morning and then gets up and makes me pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and freshly ground coffee."

I said, "Well, then why are you crying?" She said, "He makes me homemade soup for lunch and my favorite brownies and then makes love to me for half the afternoon.

I said, "Well, why are you crying?"

She said, "For dinner he makes me a gourmet meal with wine and my favorite dessert and then makes love to me until 2:00 a.m." I said, "Well, why in the world would you be crying?" She said, "I can't remember where I live!"

Both of these jokes were sent to me by my friend John Coleman, KR4KP in St. Cloud , Fla. Thanks John.

## Items for Auction

Yaesu FT-101 HF rig. Includes mike, MFJ tuner, low pass filter, power supply etc. Minimum offer - \$300.00 (to be sold as a package)

### Other Items

- 1 - Level Tracer - Wilcox Model T-195 - (includes manual)
- 2 - Portable equipment dolly
- 3 - CPU monitor mounting bracket (wall or shelf mounting)
- 4 - Fujitsu DL 3450 wide page printer - (tractor feed)
- 5 - Heathkit RF oscillator - Model IG-5280
- 6 - Automatic Transmission Impairment Measuring Set - (Consultronics)
- 7 - CPU 14" colour monitor - (Orchestra Cornet)
- 8 - Data Tec 9600 tester

9 - Grid Dip Meter	24 - 14" colour monitor
10 - Crystal calibrator with manual.	25 - CPU for parts
11 - Northern Electric NE-35F test set	<u>This list is for the CPU's etc. on the list.</u>
12 - Transmission & Noise Test Set - (Model T-263B)	Intel AGP - GFX cord broke
13 - Rycon Error Detector - (Model - 4112 T1)	Compaq Prolinea 590 Windows 95 Intel Pentium 1 32 MB ram McAfee Antivirus 1275 MB hard drive 3 1/2" floppy
14 - DTMF Converter Test Set - (Model 4226)	TTX 14" colour 280-61812579 - works
15 - Tektronix 1740 Wave Form Vector Monitor	TTX 14" colour 3730151128 - broke (red only)
16 - Signal Receiver Panel - (Model 500 SR-1)	TPF CPU 32 MB 233 Mhz Windows 98 Echolink Word (Power Point, Outlook) Corel Uview MSN N3FJP Serial mouse - (does not seem to work) Old type keyboard (non USB, non PS/2) 4 GB hard drive 3 1/2" floppy CD Rom (16x)
17 - Digital Transmission Test Set - (Model 55104 DS1/DS1C/DS2)	
18 - R6500 Advanced Interactive Microcomputer - includes small printer and keyboard.	
19 - Junk Box A Junk Box B Junk Box C Junk Box D Junk Box E Junk Box F	
20 - Compaq CPU - works	
21 - 14" colour monitor - works	TVM - 13" colour monitor - works
22 - keyboard & 3 mice	Orchestra 14" colour monitor - works
23 - TPF CPU	Purple CPU - parts RH Linux

2x hard drive (1 is 20 GB)

CD Rom