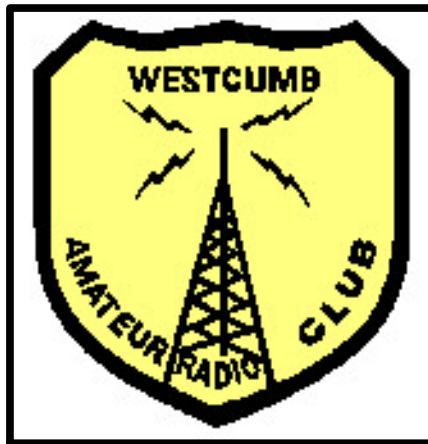


The Tantramar

Sept., 2005

Westcumb Amateur Radio Club Newsletter



Next Meeting

Wed., Sept. 7, 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

Publisher - Peter Hebb, VE1CCL

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<http://www.westcumb.com>**

W.A.R.C. REGULAR MEETING – June 01, 2005

The Meeting was brought to order at 7:12 p.m. with President Jim Milner (VE1 VIA) in the chair. Twenty members and guests were present. A special welcome was extended to Don Courcy (VE1 CY) as the meeting's guest speaker.

Minutes From the Last Meeting:

The minutes from the May Meeting were approved as circulated in the June Newsletter.

Business Arising From the Minutes:

In the May minutes, in the report of the Red Cross exercise on April 9th and 10th It was incorrectly reported that a radio contact had been made with Gaius Dobson (VE1 AVV) when in fact he had been in attendance. And, under the "5K Folly" run in Sackville Mike (VE1 MY) was incorrectly identified at VE9 MY.

Treasurer's Report:

Mike (VE1MY) reported a current balance of \$1523.97 including \$22.50 in the Bursary Fund. It was moved/seconded by Mike (VE1 MY)/Johnny (VE1 JJC) that the treasurer's report be accepted.

Correspondence:

The Club received newsletters "The Reflector" from the HARC, and "Hot Bananas" from the Oakville, Ontario club.

Field Day:

Field Day is June 25-26, 2005 and will be held at the Robb's Centennial Complex on LaPlanche Street, Amherst. Peter (VE1 CCL) reported that Roymac Homes has tentatively agreed to provide a travel trailer for the event. Further details about Field day will be passed along on the Monday Night Net.

Education:

Nothing to report.

Publicity:

Ron (VE1 BIC) will be making a video of Field Day, which could be shown this fall on Eastlink Television.

Public Service:

The WARC will be on hand to help with security and communications annual Cedar Crest Music Festival for the IWK on July 8, 9 and 10, 2005.

Newsletter

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

Web page

Jim (VE1 CHI) reported that more "cosmetic" changes will be made to the Club Webpage: www.westcumb.com over the coming weeks. He urged anyone submitting digital pictures to make sure they were 640 x 480 format.

E.M.O:

Jim (AFH) was not in attendance, nothing to report. In case of an emergency, contact Ron (VE1 BIC) who has access to the EMO room.

N.S.A.R.A:

Mike (VE1 MY) and Brad (VE1 ZX) will be attending the next NSARA meeting on June 11th at the Halifax Fleamarket.

Net:

Rick (VE9 RWS) reported the Monday night net on VE1 BHS (145.350) would be running for a few more weeks –until Field Day – and then would take a break for the summer. Al (VE1 ZS) is the alternate Net Controller.

Repeaters:

Brad (VE1 ZX) reported that work was progressing on the Springhill repeater (VE1 SPR). The equipment has been temporarily removed from the site, in order to be tuned up. Bill (VE1 MR) will be reprogramming the controller. There has also been considerable work done at the Parrsboro repeater (VE1 PAR) including new solar panels. Jim (VE1 AFH) Peter (VE1 CCL) Rod (VE1 ROD) Lloyd (VA1 MAB) and Brad (VE1 ZX) took down the old tower on Lynn Mountain, where VE1 SPR was located before being moved to its present site.

Social:

The next Brunch will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, September 17th at Patterson's Restaurant in Sackville. The 50-50 was \$21.00 and was won by Rob (VE9 KM) who donated the proceeds to the Bursary Fund.

Lunch for the September 2005 meeting:

Sandwiches: Irene (VE1 CF)
Sweets: Jim (VE1 CHI)

Unfinished Business:

Al (VE1 ZS) gave an update on the status of the HF radio and MFJ tuner the Club purchased from Les (VE1 CEF) last fall. The Club has been trying to sell it for \$300.00. Since there have been no offers, it has been decided that Charles (VE1 CPI) will purchase the items for \$200.00 and other club members will be able to use it in order to keep it active. Charles is currently living in Egypt. Al (VE1 ZS) will be in charge of loaning out the radio in the meantime. He suggested that it may be unwise for the club to be making such deals in the future.

New Business:

Peter (VE1 CCL) asked if the Club would be holding a summer picnic this year. If there is one, it will be announced on the Net.

Mike (VE1 MY) said the Nominating Committee will be contacting Club members about being on the Executive for next year. Peter (VE1 CCL) and Jim (VE1 CHI) are also on the Committee. So far, Ron (VE1 BIC) has re-offered to serve as Secretary, Lloyd (VA1 MAB) as Vice-President, and Peter (VE1 CCL) as Newsletter Editor.

A Club Certificate was presented to Rod (VE1 ROD) who has also passed his Advanced qualification.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 07, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cumberland County Municipal Building. The Annual meeting will precede the regular meeting.

Adjournment: at 7:53 p.m.

Following the meeting, there was an interesting presentation by Don Courcy (VE1 CY) of Industry Canada in Moncton.

Ron Bickle (VE1 BIC) Secretary.

W.A.R.C. Annual Meeting – September 08, 2004

The Meeting was brought to order at 7:15 p.m. with President Rick Sullivan (VE9RWS) in the chair. Eighteen members were present.

Minutes From Last Meeting:

The minutes from the September 2003 Annual Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mike (VE1MY) reported a balance of \$ 871.09. which includes \$35.00 in the Bursary Fund. It was moved/seconded by Mike (VE1MY)/Jim (VE1VIA) that the report be accepted. The Trustees will ask for an audit to be performed by Jack (VE1CZD).

Nominating Committee Report: Jim (VE1CHI) said some members the present Executive had offered to return, or retain their positions, with the exception of the President's position. The committee consisted of Peter (VE1CCL) and Rick (VE9RWS) who were nominated, and Jim (VE1CHI) who volunteered.

Executive for 2003-2004:

President:

Jim (VE1VIA) nominated Jim (VE1CHI) who declined.

Bill (VE1CFK) nominated Al (VE1ZS) who declined.

Peter (VE1CCL) nominated Jim (VE1AFH) who declined.

Jim (VE1CHI) nominated Jim (VE1VIA) who accepted, and was unopposed.

Rick (VE9RWS) becomes Past- President.

Treasurer:

Mike (VE1MY) has offered to return as Treasurer, and was unopposed. As Mike will be unable to attend certain meetings due to another commitment, Peter (VE1CCL) will assist. Peter will also continue as

Newsletter Editor.

Secretary:

Ron (VE1BIC) has re-offered to serve as Recording Secretary, and was unopposed.

Vice-President:

Lloyd (VA1MAB) has re-offered to serve as Vice-President and was unopposed.

Repeater Committee:

Jim (VE1AFH); Rick (VE9RWS); Brad (VE1ZX)

Trustees:

(Brad (VE1ZX);Rick (VE9RWS); Al (VE1ZS).

Jim (VE1AFH) thanked Rick (VE9RWS) for serving as President since September 2001.

Rick (RWS) remarked that it was important to "keep on top of what is going on".

New Business: The amount charged for dues was discussed. It was moved/seconded by Brad (VE1ZX)/Jim (VE1CHI) that the single membership dues for 2004-2005 will remain at \$15.00 per person, \$20.00 per family.

Adjournment: at 7:37 p.m.

Ron Bickle (VE1BIC) Secretary.

Notes

Next Meeting - The first meeting of the Westcumb ARC for the fall season will take place in the usual place of the E.D. Fullerton Building in Nappan. This will be an important meeting because it will include the Annual meeting as well as the regular meeting. Please try to attend if possible.

Summer Activities - This summer there have been many things happening. The Springhill repeater was moved to its old location after the repairs have been completed, and tested in Brad's basement. There were a couple work parties organized first to remove the old tower in Lynn Mountain for re-installation at Kirk Hill for VE1PAR, and second to erect the tower at Kirk Hill.

Field Day was a very successful event this year, and over 200 contacts were made with only one rig in use. The new site, Robb's Field during the Antique Car Show turned out to be excellent, and we have asked for and received permission to use it again next year. Many thanks goes to Roymac for supplying a trailer for our use.

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer. I know there has been some illness to some of our members or family members over the summer. Condolences go out to all club members who have suffered a loss of a loved one over the past few months.

Birthdays

Oct. 28 - Treva Hebb
31 - David Milner, VE1OCT

Anniversaries

Oct. 15 - Brad Ross, VE1ZX & Abbie,
VE1BFB - 1965

Oct. 24 Al Christie, VE1ZS & Mary - 1955

Kitchen Korner

Apple Raisin Dessert

1/4 cup butter or margarine
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp nutmeg
1 tsp grated lemon rind
1/2 cup raisins
2 cup peeled, sliced apples
1/3 cup butter or margarine
2/3 cup sugar
2 eggs, well beaten
1/2 tsp vanilla
1 1/3 cup all purpose flour
1/2 tsp salt
3 tsp baking powder
2/3 cup milk

Preheat oven to 350 deg. Melt butter in 8 inch square pan. Combine sugar cinnamon, nutmeg and lemon rind. Sprinkle half of mixture over melted butter, then half of raisins. Cover with apples, remaining raisins and sugar mixture. Cream butter with sugar until fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla and beat thoroughly. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with the milk. Mix well. Pour over apples and bake 40-50 minutes. Turn out onto plate immediately and serve warm with sweetened whipped cream.

Upcoming Events

Sept 7 - W.A.R.C. Annual & general meeting -
E.D. Fullerton Bldg. - 7:00 pm

Sept ? - Brunch - date and location will be set
at meeting.

Oct. 5 - W.A.R.C. meeting - E.D. Fullerton
Bldg. - 7:00 pm

Funny Stuff

A man walks into a restaurant with a full-grown ostrich behind him. The waitress asks for their orders. The man says, "A hamburger, fries and a coke," and turns to the ostrich, "What's yours?" "I'll have the same," says the ostrich.

A short time later the waitress returns with the order. "That will be \$9.40 please," and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change for payment.

The next day, the man and the ostrich come again and the man says, "A hamburger, fries, and a coke." The ostrich says, "I'll have the same." Again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change.

This becomes routine until, the two enter again. "The usual?" asks the waitress.

"No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato, and salad," says the man. "Same," says the ostrich.

Shortly the waitress brings the order and says, "That will be \$32.62." Once again the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and

places it on the table.

The waitress can't hold back her curiosity any longer. "Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change out of your pocket every time?"

"Well," says the man, "several years ago I was cleaning the attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there."

"That's brilliant!" says the waitress. "Most people would wish for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!"

That's right. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there," says the man. The waitress asks, "But, sir, what's with the ostrich?"

The man sighs, pauses, and answers, "My second wish was for a tall chick with long legs who agrees with everything I say."

THINGS?

In the 1400's a law was set forth that a man was not allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "the rule of thumb"

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden"...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28% (now get this...)

The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400

The average number of people airborne over the US any given hour: 61,000

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades - King David

Hearts - Charlemagne

Clubs - Alexander, the Great

Diamonds - Julius Caesar

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If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?

A. Their birthplace

Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested?

A. Obsession

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"?

A. One thousand

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

A. All invented by women.

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A. Honey

Q. Which day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year?

A. Father's Day

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase..... "goodnight, sleep tight."

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month .. which we know today as the honeymoon.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down."

It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's"

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

FINALLY~~~~~

At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow