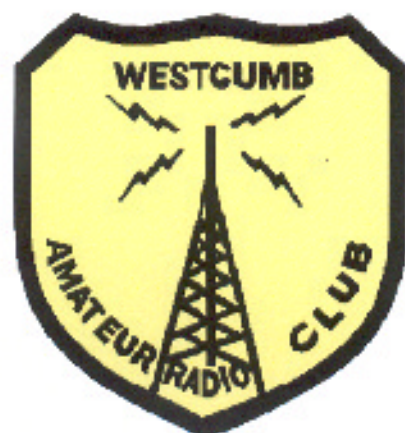


The Tantramar

Sept., 2007

Westcumb Amateur Radio Club Newsletter



Next Meeting

Wed., Sept. 5, 2007
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 - Jim Hannon, VE1AFH

Publisher - Peter Hebb, VE1SM

W. A. R. C. Homepage - <http://www.westcumb.ca>

W.A.R.C. Annual Meeting - September 06, 2006

The meeting was brought to order at 7: 06 pm with President Jim Milner VE1VIA in the chair. Seventeen members were present.

Minutes From Last Meeting:

The minutes from the September 2005 Annual Meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter. Moved/seconded by Ron, VE1BIC/Mike, VE1MY.

Business From Minutes:

Nothing to Report.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim, VE1AFH reported a balance of \$1078.24 – which includes \$4.95 in the Bursary Fund – after four \$100.00 bursaries were awarded in June.

It was moved/seconded by Jim, VE1AFH/Brad, VE1ZX that the report be accepted.

Trustees will ask for an audit to be preformed by Jack, VE1CZD.

Nominating Committee Report:

The committee consisted of Terry Craig, VE9TER, Kaye Hannah, VE1YH and Bill Durant, VE9JMP.

They presented the following slate of officers for the coming year:

President – Jim Milner, VE1VIA

Vice President – Lloyd Smith, VA1MAB

Secretary – Ron Bickle, VE1BIC

Treasurer – Jim Hannon, VE1AFH

There being no further nominations, it was moved/seconded by Terry, VE9TER/Mike VE1MY that nominations cease.

Jim, VE1AFH asked other members to consider offering to be on the Executive next year.

Repeater Committee:

Jim, VE1AFH; Rick, VE9RWS; Brad, VE1ZX

Trustees:

Brad, VE1ZX, Al, VE1ZS

Peter, VE1CCL will also continue as Newsletter Editor. He said he could always use contributions.

Jim, VE1CHI will continue as Webmaster of the WARC Webpage, which also includes the Old Timer's Club.

Jim, VE1VIA thanked the Nominating Committee for their efforts. He remarked that the room was “full of experts” and went on to highlight the activities of each individual present, and some that were not in attendance. He said it was important to “pay attention to what you want and find interesting, but to also care about your families.” He said the Presidents job was “easy” as he is able to delegate many duties.

New Business:

The amount charged for dues was discussed. It was decided that the single membership dues for 2006/2007 will remain at \$15.00 per person, \$20.00 per family.

Jim, VE1AFH said the club was not “strapped for cash” and we should leave it alone.

Moved/seconded by Jim, VE1AFH/Lloyd, VA1MAB that the dues remain the same.

Adjournment: at 7:49 pm

Ron Bickle, VE1BIC Secretary

W.A.R.C. REGULAR MEETING – June 07, 2006

The Meeting was brought to order at 7:09 pm with President Jim (VE1 VIA) in the chair. Twenty-four members were present. A welcome was extended to Heather and Ray Lockhart of Tidnish, NS who are studying for their Basic Qualification.

Minutes From the Last Meeting:

The minutes from the May meeting were approved as published, with one correction.

Under the heading “Web page” it should have read “...Jim (VE1 VIA) congratulated Jim (VE1 CHI) for all his work in keeping the Club Web page updated...”

Moved/seconded by Ron (VE1 BIC)/Bob (VE1 EDP) that the Minutes be approved.

Business Arising From the Minutes:

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Jim (VE1 AFH) was away in Wolfville, NS attending a conference. He sent his regrets, and promised to have an update for the September meeting.

The Club presented an additional \$100.00 Bursary, to Club member Cody (VE1 TUX) who will be attending UNB in the fall.

Correspondence:

The Club received the usual newsletters from other clubs.

Field Day:

Peter (VE1 CCL) has reserved a travel trailer for the weekend of June 24-25, 2006 from Roymac Homes. Field Day will be in the same location as last year, at the Robb's Centennial Park. Setup will be after 6 on Friday June 24. The radio and antenna will be the same as what was used in 2005.

Lloyd (VA1 MAB) reported that Rick (VE9 RWS) would also have a telescoping antenna.

Ron (VE1 BIC) said he could set up a small PA system if the participants wanted one.

There was a show of hands from those who would be available to participate this year.

Jim (VE1 CHI) said he would run off 20 copies of the Club brochure for the trailer.

Education:

Nothing to report.

Publicity:

Ron (VE1 BIC) was planning to submit an article about Field Day to the local papers around the middle of June.

Public Service:

Peter (VE1 CCL) reported that he and Jim (VE1 JBL) were still taking part in the Red Cross Net on Thursdays at 12:30 pm. The VE1 BHS 2m repeater was now being used instead of the VE9 SKV 2m repeater. They had also been running an HF Net on 40m but it had been decided to try it on 80m. They could be using 3.720 or 3.770 kHz.

E.M.O.:

Lloyd (VA1 MAB) had taken over the keys to the EMO room after Ron (VE1 BIC) was injured. If County EMO Coordinator Jim (VE1 AFH) was out of the area, Lloyd could be reached at 661-1278 or 664-3481. He said the EMO Radio Room was now in good shape.

The next EMO exercise is being planned for September and will be called "Exercise Foul Play" and will have a scenario involving the "Pandemic"(worse than an "epidemic").

Ron (VE1 BIC) reported he had been busy programming the two new 2m EMO radios, acquired by the Municipality with Federal JEPP (Joint Emergency Preparedness Program) funding.

N.S.A.R.A.:

Peter (VE1 CCL) reported that the President of the RAC was in attendance at the Halifax Fleamarket on May 13th. Club Insurance had been discussed. The NSARA Summer Picnic was planned for Saturday August 26th in Yarmouth.

The new repeater at Kejimkujik was now in operation.

Net:

Rick (VE9 RWS) said the Monday Night Net was going well, with 39 checkins the previous Monday. He had encountered a few problems with a sticky PTT switch and a blown fuse on a cooling fan.

Jim (VE1 VIA) suggested that Rick could borrow an EMO radio for the Net. It was moved/seconded by Jim (VE1 CHI)/Irene (VE1 CF) that the WARC President will ask Jim (VE1 AFH) for the use of an EMO radio for the Net.

Ron (VE1 BIC) said he had been checking in to the IRG Net, which runs between 7 and 8 am.

Repeaters:

Brad (VE1 ZX) said the VE1 PAR repeater was currently down with a duplexer problem. There had also been problems with VE1 SPR and VE1 BHS, but they were now operating normally.

Ron (VE1 BIC) reported that he had been helping with the IRLP setup at the County Office, and hoped to have it running again soon.

Newsletter

Peter (VE1 CCL) reported no problems.

Web page

Jim (VE1 CHI) said he would be working on updating and revamping the Club Webpage over the summer months, since there would not be too much new information being added at that time.

Ron (VE1 BIC) commented on the way e-mail messages were being handled on the Listserv. He said some members were hitting "reply" on a message and sending something totally unrelated, without changing the "subject line" which resulted in some messages being sent that had nothing to do with what was written in the subject line.

Cody (VE1 TUX) said that the Listserv was designed for greater "collaboration" among users.

Social:

The next Brunch will be on Saturday September 23rd at 11:00 am at Patterson's Restaurant in Sackville.

The 50-50 (\$25.50) was won by Bob (VE1 EDP).

Sick & Visiting:

Ron (VE1 BIC) had suffered serious ankle and back injuries in a fall from a ladder in early May. He was in the hospital for three weeks, but was now recovering at home. He was able to attend the June meeting in a wheelchair. He thanked the WARC members for their cards and visits. He hopes to be back to work by August.

Lunch for the September 2006 meeting:

Sweets - Jim (VE1 CHI)

Sandwiches - Rick (VE9 RWS)

Unfinished Business:

Jim (VE1 CHI) said his project involving irregularities with the RAC Question Bank was now closed.

There had been no response to his inquiries.

New Business:

After some discussion, it was decided not to hold a WARC Summer Picnic this year.

Jim (VE1 VIA) said the "Polar Bears" had been spent on 20 x \$2.00 Instapiks.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 06, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cumberland County Municipal Building.

The WARC 2006 Annual Meeting will precede the monthly meeting. The Executive Nominating Committee will consist of Terry (VE9 TER) Kay (VE1 YH) and Bill (VE9 JMP).

Adjournment: at 8:39 pm

Ron Bickle (VE1 BIC) Secretary.

Notes

Hope all of you are enjoying the summer. Since our June newsletter, quite a few things have taken place. First of all was our Field Day. This year was very successful. We had over 200 contacts and we remained as 1 A Maritimes. We also had several CW contacts thanks to Rod Bird, VE1ROD & Terry Craig, VE9TER. We had a good crew that remained active during the whole event - no down time for sleep. The weather wasn't the best, but one good thing was, there were no mosquitoes. Our new antenna and coax proved to be worth the expense. For those that have computers, check out the full report on our website at www.westcumb.ca

Talking about our website do not try our old address - www.westcumb.com unless you want a bunch of dirty smut. The address which became available after it expired and we didn't renew it in time, was snatched up by someone who is using it to produce trashy junk.

Louise Nolan, VE1ABI

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Louise Nolan, VE1ABI that occurred on July 19th. Her funeral was held on July 24 at Furlong's Funeral Home. Unfortunately, I was away, so could not attend the funeral. Louise was the wife of the late Lee Nolan, VE1BHS who was one of the founders of our radio club. For the past couple of years Louise was

residing with her one of her daughters in Halifax.

The newsletter is a little early this year. Treva, my wife and I are going to be in Toronto during the first week of September. I will be missing our September meetings as well, as we don't return until the 7th of September.

Birthdays

Oct. 2 - Lou Garrett, VE1JLG
18 - Nelson Estabrooks, VE9NEL
22 - Brad Ross, VE1ZX
27 - Ron Bickle, VE1BIC
28 - Treva Hebb
31 - Michael Milner, VE1OCT

Anniversaries

Oct 2 - Rob Ireland, VE9KM & Laurel - 1982

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

Oct. 24 - Al Christie, VE1ZS & Mary - 1955

Upcoming Events

Sept 5 - W.A.R.C. Annual & general meetings - E. D. Fullerton Bldg. - 7:00 pm. Please attend if possible as there will be some changes to the executive of our club.

Sept. 22 - Brunch - Patterson's Family Restaurant at 11:00 am

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Sept. 23 – Patterson's Family Restaurant, Sackville, N.B. at 11:00 am.

Oct. 3 – W.A.R.C. Meeting – E.D. Fullerton Bldg. - 7:00 pm

Oct. ? - Greenwood Flea Market – Have no details as yet.

Kitchen Korner

Chicken Tetrazzini

¾ lb spaghetti
2 tbsp butter
1 cup sliced mushrooms
1 stalk celery, finely chopped
2 green onions, chopped (include stems)
3 tbsp flour
¼ cup chopped green pepper
1 ½ cup chicken stock
1 ½ cup milk (can use low fat)
½ cup shredded cheese (Swiss or cheddar), divided
½ tsp salt
¼ tsp pepper
¼ cup marjoram (optional)
Pinch nutmeg
1 ½ cup chopped cooked chicken.

Cook & rinse spaghetti. Melt butter. Saute mushrooms, celery, & onion for about 3 minutes. Sprinkle flour and cook 2 minutes. Gradually add stock & milk. Stir in half of cheese, until melted, then add salt & pepper,

marjoram & nutmeg. Stir in chicken. Combine with spaghetti in a 2 l casserole. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake at 350 deg. F for 20-25 minutes.

Layered Lemon

First Layer -

2 cups flour
1 cup butter
1 cup finely chopped pecans

Second Layer -

2 8 oz. pkg cream cheese, softened
1 cup icing sugar
1 envelope Dream Whip

Third Layer -

2 pkg lemon pie filling

Fourth Layer -

2 envelopes Dream Whip

First Layer – Mix flour, butter & nuts together until crumbly. Press into a 9x13 inch pan. Bake at 350 deg. F for 15 minutes. Cool

Second Layer – Beat cream cheese & icing sugar together well.

Prepare Dream Whip as directed on package. Fold into cream cheese mixture. Spread over cooled crust.

Third Layer – Prepare lemon pie filling as directed on package. Cool, stirring often, then pour over cheese layer.

Fourth Layer – Prepare Dream Whip as directed on package, and spread over lemon layer.

Garnish with chopped pecans or silvered almonds.

Funny Stuff

How To Wash the Cat

Thoroughly clean the toilet.

Add the required amount of shampoo to the toilet water, and have both lids lifted.

Obtain the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.

In one smooth movement, put the cat in the toilet and close both lids (you may need to stand on the lid so that he cannot escape).

Flush the toilet three or four times.

Have someone open the door to the outside and ensure that there are no people between the toilet and the outside door.

Stand behind the toilet as far as you can, and quickly lift both lids.

The now-clean cat will rocket out of the toilet, and run outside where he will dry himself.

Sincerely, The DOG

A Russian couple was walking down the street in Moscow one night,
when the man felt a drop hit his nose. "I think it's raining" he said to his wife.
"No, that felt more like snow to me" she replied.
"No, I'm sure it was just rain" he said.
Well, as these things go, they were about to have a major argument about whether it was raining or snowing. Just then, they saw a minor communist party official walking toward them. "Let's not fight about it," the man said, "Let's ask Comrade Rudolph whether it's officially raining or snowing."
As the official approached, the man said, "Tell us, Comrade Rudolph, is it officially raining or snowing?"
"It's raining, of course!" he replied, and walked on.
But the woman insisted: "I know that felt like snow!"
The man quietly replied: "Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear!"

Dues Mail-In Form

Name: _____ Call: _____

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Address: _____ City: _____

Prov.: _____ PostalCode: _____ Phone: (____) _____

SingleMembership- \$15.00 FamilyMembership- \$20.00

Amount Enclosed- \$ _____ N.S.A.R.A Membership- Yes: __ No: __

Interests- circle if any of the following is of interest to you:

2m HF SSB Packet Antennas ProjectBuilding CommunityService
Other _____

Option: Nova Scotia Amateur Radio Association- N.S.A.R.A.

If membership is paid through our club, (\$10.00) - \$5.00 goes to N.S.A.R.A. and our club retains the other half. The N.S.A.R.A. dues can be added to the W.A.R.C. dues. If yes is checked, then add \$10.00 to the total in the amount enclosed space.

Send this form to:

Jim Hannon, VE1AFH,
RR #5
Amherst, N.S.
B4H 3Y3

At the same time, it might be a good idea to renew or become a member of Radio Amateurs of Canada (R.A.C.) Full membership dues are \$49.95 (including tax) for 1 year.

Send your cheque to:

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