



November 2024 Newsletter

Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club

The **Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club** is a 'not for profit' organization incorporated in the Province of Ontario that promotes Amateur Radio and provides Auxiliary communication Services in Cornwall and surrounding area. The Club's mailing address is 4672 O'Keefe Road, St. Andrews West, ON. K0C 2A0.

The **Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club** operates several repeaters in Cornwall and surrounding area. For a detailed list of repeaters operated by the club please visit our website at SVARC.ca.

- **President:** John Grow (VE2EQL)
- **Vice-President:** Open ()
- **Secretary:** Roger Bélanger (VA3GBV)
- **Treasurer:** Chris Lauzon (VA3CRR)
- **Technical Director:** Doug Pearson (VE3HTR)
- **Net Manager:** Earnest Vinson (VA3EWW)
- **ACS Coordinator:** Earle DePass (VE3IMP)
- **Newsletter:** Open ()

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**John
VE2EQL**

President's Message November 2024

Presidents Message

This summer has seen a lot of action, Field Day, Club BBQ, POTA Activations, and a lot of interaction between members. We are attracting more publicity which generates some interest. Our membership numbers is increasing and there is a lot going on the air and internet activity. It's the members that make our club attractive and welcoming. On the weekend of October 20th. I started to organize my wire antennas and VHF / UHF antenna to finally put them up. I will be going into surgery on the 24th. And have a 6 week recuperation ahead of me. So I'll be stuck at home. With some antenna's up, I will be able to enjoy some time on the air.

Sincerely,

John (VE2EQL), President SVARC 2024-2025

Eastern Ontario Hamfest - Report held on September 28th. 2024

The joint committee of the SVARC and Prescott-Russell Amateur Radio Club held the Eastern Ontario Hamfest on September 28th. 2024 at the Saint Albert Community Center. This event was made possible with the support of Hunter Racine and Jason Racine All table spaces were sold out, the parking lot was full, and attendance broke our estimated numbers by a wide margin. The Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club received \$ 1,608.56 which includes the \$ 1,000.00 that

was deposited from SVARC for the event. The SVARC table sold some equipment for the amount of \$ 237.00. (Thank you Roger for manning the table.) The 50/50 draw was ~ \$ 150.00, and the door prizes were many. ***Here is the list of door prizes that was offered up and the sponsors.***

- Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club & Prescott-Russell Amateur Radio Club **G90-H1 Holder cooling fan, CE-19 Data Interface Expansion and PB3 Protective Carry Case.**
- Radio World **6 x \$ 25.00 Gift Certificates,** **6 x Yaesu Baseball caps,** **2 x RadioWorld Baseball Caps**



- Radioddity **GA-510 10 W – Dual Band HT**
- Radio Amateur of Canada **2 RAC**
- Memberships**
- **Fence Depot Gift Certificates 2 x \$ 25.00**
- **Anything Goes Pawn Firework Family Package**
- Innovative Circuits – Electronic Repair Centre
- **Panasonic CF-31 Tough-book Laptop**

- EndFed Antenna
- Tone Test / Cable Tester



Eastern Ontario Hamfest 2025 – Volunteers Required

The Eastern Ontario Hamfest 2025 committee is looking for volunteers to be on the ham fest committee. We have secured a date for 2025. **PLEASE NOTE: ALL VOLUNTEERS HAVE FREE ADMISSION.** It is imperative that we have volunteers to ensure that it is a successful event. If you wish to volunteer, you can just reply to this email and the volunteer coordinator will be in touch with you. Lance Peterson va3lp1@gmail.com



- Premier Communications - 1x Smax Tri-Band Mobile Antenna
- Radio Communications – VE3MHS – 2X – Baofeng BF 888s & QYT KT 9900 Radio's
- VE2DX CT17B-6USB
- ICOM Backpack, Camping Lantern



**Hamfest Rive Sud – Club Radio
Amateur Rive-Sud de Montreal
VE2CLM**

<https://www.ve2clm.ca>

Held on October 19th. At the Bingo Longueuil hall on the south shore of Montreal. The hall was filled with hams and their wares to be sold. A lot of interesting items were on display. Radios, Antennas, and every accessory for our great hobby was seen.

There was 2 manufacturers present, ICOM Canada and Retevis. Both companies were showing off the latest in radios. The commercial vendors present were MacFarlane Electronics and Premier Communications. Attendance was good. I saw many hams walking out with their new purchases.



HELP WANTED

1. We need a newsletter editor.



**Roger
VA3GBV**

Note from the Secretary

Nothing to Report for this month.

ACS Report

The SD&G RAC Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) Group [Formerly ARES]

Nothing to report for this month

**Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club
(SVARC) Inc.:**

Earle DePass, (VE3IMP)

Group Coordinator (GC), SD&G ARES
RAC Auxiliary Communications Service
(ACS) Group.



**Earle
VE3IMP**

Show and Tell

October 30th Presentation:

POTA – Portable Operations & QRP
Thomas Witherspoon, K4SWL / VY2SW
<https://qrper.com>

Coffee Klatches

Spinners Diner
2nd and 4th. Saturday of every month
8:30 – 9:30 Arrival Times.
Come early to ensure good seating

Next Meetup – Saturday, October 26th. 2024



November 11, 2024,

Net Managers Report







Earnest
VA3EWV

Hey Gang, Earnest, VA3EWV, your Net Manager, here. With summer behind us and the weather cooling off, our Monday Evening Nets are poised to sizzle. Hats off to those who kept the nets alive during the sun-kissed months. Our last gathering focused on antenna setups, so let's rally the troops before snow starts falling. Now, I'm curious: do you want nets with topics or just a quick health check? I'm a theme-lover, but I get that not everyone's as chatty. No Traffic Nets are okay too. I've joined the TransCanada and ProCom Nets, and host my own AllStar/EchoLink Weekly net on Fridays. Leading these nets and uniting folks over radio fun is pure joy. Rest assured, Seaway Valley events stay off-camera - your secret's safe.

FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 8:00PM EST
On The Air With - VA3EWV
ECHOLINK NODE - 4399
ECHOLINK - VA3EWV-L

ALLSTAR NODE - 60092



Club Activities

October 19th. 2024 Jamboree on the Air / Internet Portable Station

<http://www.jota-joti.ca/>

by Earnest Vinson VA3EWV

JOTA: Jamboree on the Air

The Jamboree On The Air is an annual event in which Scouts and Guides all over the world connect with each other by means of Amateur Radio. Short-wave radio signals carry their voices to virtually any corner of the world.

The JOTA 2024 started at 00:00 h local time this past Saturday, October 19 and ran until 23:59 h local time this past Sunday, October 20.

I was able to get involved this year as I was approached by Dawn Marie Devenny (at the club's recent ham fest) who had been following my YouTube channel and Facebook and saw me working with my own grandkids and asked me if I would be interested in joining her scouts for this year's event and of course I said yes immediately.

We had 3 scouts present – Scouters Bruce, Cian, Ken and Dawn along with Scouts Pascal, Matt and Ethan.

I arrived an hour early just to ensure that I had the HF rig ready to go, the DMR Talk Group added, thanks to Rene C. as well as I had 2 HT s with me for any repeater traffic.

Everyone showed up on time and as soon as the scouts started circling the table with all of the radios and started hearing some DX stations as POTA (Parks on the Air) was in full swing at the same time, their eyes lit up and they were ready to participate.

The Scouts came prepared with the phonetic alphabet in hand, a list of 10 questions to other scouts such as, what is your favorite badge, what color is your units handkerchief, how old are you, what is your QTH and others.

So just before the event began, I took all of the scouts and scouters for a tour of the equipment, I had my vertical set up on 20 Meters, my Yaesu 991-a on HF, my Anytone D578UVPlus set up on the DMR JOTA talk group and my Yaesu HT and Baofeng HT for repeater JOTA activity.

I showed the scouts what frequencies were where allowed to operate on and we started scanning the bands about 15 min before the show was to start. Then I called out Jamboree on the air just to get a radio check to see if all of the equipment was working correctly and when the other operator came back with the VA3EWV call sign, the scouts faces lit up and they were ready to go.

It was a very successful outing with the scouts of the Cornwall 3rd Group and we have been

invited to participate with them again next year.

In closing I was also able to get the scout leaders to share the DMR Website so that they could start their scanner listener experience right away – <https://hose.brandmeister.network/>

If you'd like to view the Live Stream of this event, please navigate to my Facebook group where you can find the photos and videos of the event- https://www.facebook.com/groups/688459506568805/?ref=share_group_link

Earnest Vinson – VA3EWW

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Follow me on YouTube – <https://youtube.com/@OnTheAirwithVA3EWW-fn7rg?si=nW13NaOGHmtwu5xi>



Christmas Dinner (November 30th., 2024)

Saturday, November 30th. 2024 Arrive 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Best Western Parkway Inn

1515 Vincent Massey Drive, Cornwall, ON, K6H 5R6

- We will have our own area, not shared with any other group.
- No stairs, all flat surface. - Door Prizes
- Easy Parking - Special Something for the Ladies
- A la Carte Menu or Selected Meals or Buffet (*Your choice of many options.*)
- White & Red Wine Supplied at no extra cost
- Video Showing of Club's past events. - Ham of the Year Award

An email flyer and notices will be going out shortly. We will required your RRSVP.

The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Tim Smith's Memorial Award to a deserving HAM, as the SVARC Amateur of the year for his outstanding contribution to the Club for 2024.

Don't miss the upcoming video from Earnest entitled: **Year at a Glance - SVARC 2024:**