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## Field Day Will Be June 27-28 at the St. Andrews Centre / HARC Club Station



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### Take-15 Net Controllers

This will be the rotation. We need at least 3 more.  
**If you want to join, let Bill Elliott, VE1MR, know.**



June 14 Win VE1WIN	August 9 Scott VE1SRV
June 21 Gary VA1GGM	August 16 Doug VE1LDL
June 28 Scott VE1SRV	August 23 Bruce VE1MLW
July 5 Doug VE1LDL	August 30 Peter VE1PJW
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The **June 2015 General Meeting** of the Halifax Amateur Radio Club will be held Wednesday, June 17, in the Senior's Room on the 1st floor of the St. Andrew's Centre, 3380 Barnstead Lane, Halifax.

6:30 – 7:30pm - Social Hour with refreshments

7:30 – 8:30pm - Presentation: Field Day Perspectives and Preparation

Presenter: : Alex Tikhomirov, VE1RUS, Field Day Chair

8:30–9:30pm Regular Monthly Business Meeting

Guests are welcome

Photos this issue thanks to Jeremy, VE1JHF; Erik, VE1JEH;

*Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.*

P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian

**Deadline for submissions to the September Reflector is Saturday, September 5, 2015**

### GENERAL INFORMATION



Sunday evenings:  
TAKE-15 NET at 8:30 PM

**CLUB REPEATERS:**  
 VE1PSR - 147.270 MHz + TX=82.5  
 VE1PSR/UHF - 444.350 MHz +  
 VE1PSR/6M - 53.550 MHz -  
                   access tone 151.4 Hz  
 VE1HNS - 146.940 MHz - TX=82.5  
**PACKET: VE1NSD 145.050 MHz**  
**LAN NODE**

*Events for Your Calendar*

June (the last full weekend) – The ARRL Field Day – A test of emergency preparedness

July 15 – Summer Pizza Social Gathering

July – the MS Bike Tour

July - Islands On The Air Contest sponsored by the RSGB (Radio Society of Great Britain)

August 19 – Summer Pizza Social Gathering

August 22 – NSARA picnic – to be hosted by the Greenwood Club

October 24 – Greenwood FleaMarket

The Basic Amateur Radio Course will be held starting Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 7 pm. Cost, \$145. The Coordinator is Scott, VE1SRV

An Advanced Amateur Radio Course will begin January 7; 2016 .

Coordinator Scott, VE1SRV, has set up a website for the course with the pertinent information (cost of course = \$300, number of seats, etc.) at [ve1srv.net/advanced](http://ve1srv.net/advanced)

IF you're interested in either Basic or advanced course e-mail Scott at [scott@ve1svr.net](mailto:scott@ve1svr.net)



Dear Club Members!

Once again on Saturday-Sunday, June 27-28, 2015 Halifax Amateur Radio Club will be hosting ARRL **Field Day** at St. Andrew's Community Center, Halifax.

The club will operate in 2F class. Currently, we are looking for volunteers to help in various parts of the event.

Please, if you can dedicate some time and help the club during the event feel free to put your name in the form on page 10 of this Reflector along with your contact information and send it back to me.

Suggestions are welcome. Persons confirmed their participation are already in the form. Your help will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Alexey "Alex" Tikhomirov,  
VE1RUS  
HARC Station Manager  
2015 Field Day Coordinator  
902-494-3313  
902-444-1271

*Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back..*

Craig MacKinnon, VE1JMA, will coordinate the **SSB** station for Field Day. Craig is looking for volunteers to work the SSB radio and would like anyone who is interested in participating, to email him at: [cjmackinnon@gmail.com](mailto:cjmackinnon@gmail.com) to let him know your preferred operating time(s).

Remember, we need your help to make Field Day the success it has always been for the Halifax Club.

**A tour** of the Department of Health's Health Emergency Operations Center in the Towers at Scotia Square will be arranged for people involved or interested in Emergency Planning and Response.

We need a list because they can only take about 12 of us, so contact Paul Legault, VA1PAL, by email [pajolegault@gmail.com](mailto:pajolegault@gmail.com) or phone 902 818 9073

Date is to be determined.

**Annual Moncton Area Amateur Radio Club, Inc. FleaMarket** will be held on Saturday, September 12/2015 at the Riverview Lion's Club Centre, 701 Coverdale Road, Riverview, NB.

[http://www.maarc.ca/html/flea\\_markets.html](http://www.maarc.ca/html/flea_markets.html)

**Dal researchers find cell-changing gene that can cause cancer**

Dalhousie Medical School researcher Dr. Jennifer Corcoran (BSc'94, PhD'04) and her team find hope for virus-caused cancers.

[http://www.dal.ca/news/2015/05/12/dal-researchers-identify-cellchanging-gene-that-can-cause-cancer.html?utm\\_source=Dalhousie+University+Alumni&utm\\_campaign=cf6cd8756e-eneews&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_73cede7f00-cf6cd8756e-349196137](http://www.dal.ca/news/2015/05/12/dal-researchers-identify-cellchanging-gene-that-can-cause-cancer.html?utm_source=Dalhousie+University+Alumni&utm_campaign=cf6cd8756e-eneews&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_73cede7f00-cf6cd8756e-349196137)

Source: Dalhousie Alumni Relations

The **fall 2015 Basic Amateur Radio Course** is still looking (and hoping) for donations of two "working" 2m or 2m/70 cm radio sets, complete with power supplies, mic's and antennas. Radio sets can be new or used, but **MUST** be in good working order. These will be awarded once again to two students who demonstrate perfect attendance during the 2015 course. It proved a good incentive for last year's students!

-Scott Verge, VE1SRV

**Museum Volunteers – Parking**

Anyone who would like to volunteer to the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and will need a parking spot, please contact Erik VE1JEH at 902-209-2187 or email [VE1JEH@bellaliant.net](mailto:VE1JEH@bellaliant.net)

I will need your Name, Car Make, Model and plate number.

We will be able to have a maximum of 3 cars in the lot at one time

If you are not sure as to when you will be able to assist, please let me have all your information regardless, I will have to present this to the Waterfront Development Corp. and will have to notify them a day in advance of anyone wishing to use the facility's.

Thank you for your attention in this important matter.

73, Erik, VE1JEH

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE for June, 2015**

Well, this has been quite a day starting out with rain and wind, the excitement of a Flea Market and the fellowship of the amateur radio fraternity all in four hours. I will say that the flea market was a success even though the weather was wet and cold, we still had all but two vendors show up which is amazing. This excellent flea market was made possible because of the dedicated and hard work of Jeremy Fowler-VE1JHF and his team of volunteers. These men and women include Fraser, VE1WO, and Jim Flowers, VE1JIM, who handled the table positions and vendor positions: Amanda and Jayne who always provide good and timely food for attendees: Murray, VE1BB, who was able to acquire extra tables from his church and manned the HARC tables: Paul Legault, VA1PAL, who was pressed into service to get the HARC merchandise tested and ready to display: Alex, VE1RUS, who provided lots of muscle to move radio gear, tables and chairs and other items: I would be remiss not to mention Win, VE1WIN, who is a permanent fixture at our flea market even at 91 years young: Mark Hemphill, VE1BEL, from the Dartmouth club and finally Jeremy's two young men – Brandon, VE1BMF, & Graham, VE1GFA, who stayed with us to the bitter end providing tireless energy to move tables, chairs, food items and so on up and down stairs many times - they surely saved my back more than once. Tom, VE1GTC, was there for the QSL bureau and the New Brunswick QSL bureau was there as well.

I would like to thank all who attended from as far away as St. John, N. B.; Charlottown, PEI; Yarmouth and many towns and villages in between. Although the wx appeared to be against us today, I still had a great time. I got a chance to meet many of you, see old friends, make some new ones and have some technical discussion. For our new hams it was a chance to acquire a rig, antennas, tuners and so on. There was a wide variety of used, well-cared-for equipment for any level of budget.

Now that the flea market is over, our attention turns to the FIELD DAY EVENT – June 27-28/15. This event is being co-ordinated by our station manager ALEX, VE1RUS. This is his first time putting this major event together and will require all the help the membership can provide. This includes set-up and tear down teams, operators for CW and SSB, and Amanda has to know who will be there for food planning for the teams (we need numbers in order to buy the necessary supplies). This is our opportunity to show off our skills in mobile/portable and EMO facilities and to be not only the best in Canada but in North America.


When the Field Day event is over, I will be going mobile for 4-5 weeks in Ontario, more specifically Orillia. I will be listening for local amateurs for contacts and news. We are visiting our children and our grand kids and this is always an adventure but one we look forward to. Please don't forget the 2 pizza nights in July and August instead of our regular meetings. This is always a good time to catch up with others and talk about good dx, rare contacts or the Blue Jays. Hope to see all of you at the Wednesday night meeting June 17.

73 for now...Brian Allen, VA1CC

PS. Thank you Jeremy for a job well done...Brian

*Definition: SKELETON - A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.*

Congratulations to Randal Reid who successfully passed the Basic Amateur Radio exam on Monday, May 26, with honors. Randal has received the callsign VE1RJR



Then on June 4/15 Jim, VE1JIM, administered his final exam for the Halifax Amateur Radio Club to Randal Reid. Randal, VE1RJR, is now an Advanced operator.

**Message handling practice nets**

On VE1PSR 147.270 + Sunday at 1930 hrs.

VOICE	DIGITAL
May 10	May 17
May 24	May 31
June 7	June 14
June 21	June 28 (Field Day)

There may be a change due to special occasions but all will know in lots of time.

Anyone wishing to become involved with the practice sessions please contact Tom Caithness for voice practice.

Tom.caithness@ns.sympatico.ca  
or Dave Musgrave for digital david.musgrave@ns.sympatico.ca

For anyone wishing to become involved with the emergency communication message handling please contact Either David or Tom.

**FOR SALE - Club Members**

The club's Cushcraft AP8 vertical antenna is now surplus to the club inventory since the new Hygain DX-88 vertical is installed and working on the roof. The AP8 is currently in the club room for viewing. The antenna will be offered as is for \$100 to club members. Please submit bids to any executive member. If not sold to a club member by the end of June it will be offered to the general public.

*I didn't make it to the gym today. That now makes 1,500 days in a row.*

**Update on the Museum File**

On Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>, Hans OZ1HE and I started out for Sorel, Quebec to pick up the two CM-11 Radios and a Power Supply and we were to drop them off at Fred's, VE1FA in the Valley so he could get his nimble fingers on at least one and get it working. The deadline is July 10<sup>th</sup> for the opening of the Cunard Age of Steam exhibit at the Maritime Museum.



Fred had giving me the dimensions of the equipment which had a total weight of 850lbs. I had not checked to make sure that we could actually get them into the car but they were manhandled in by Donald VE1SS

and his helper.

I never thought that so much could fit in to a small Elantra, even the guys packing it were amazed and they even managed to find space for two emergency radios housed in floatable containers.



Had I known what was in the storage shed in Sorel, I would have brought a tractor trailer and brought a load of equipment back for the flea market. It was a scroungers paradise.



The return trip was not as pleasant as that driving to Quebec because of the load on the car, the hilly landscape of Quebec and

northern New Brunswick and the rain and fog. My fuel consumption was 50% more than going up. However, we made it back to the Valley and Fred's QTH where we were in for a big surprise. Fred had sent me an email explaining in detail how to take the units apart, which would have made the job of loading them into the car a lot easier, but I had omitted to read the full message and like the song, I did it my way. On returning we did it Fred's way.



Fred had in great detail explained how to take the units apart, you see, there are two thump-flaps on each unit, i.e. Receiver, Transmitter and Tuner, flip them 90 degrees and the unit slides out in a neat 50 lb package, surprise!!!. Even the power supply worked in this way and it clocked in at a hefty 300 lbs. on it's own.



Needless to say the car was unpacked

in about 25 minutes.

73, Erik,  
VE1JEH

*Reading while sunbathing makes you well-red.*



**The 2015 MS Walk**

Another excellent event was well covered by 13 members of the Club on Sunday 24 May 2015, we provided support to the Halifax MS Walk. Club members provided communications during the event, along with helping out at rest stops, first aid, setting up route signs, flagging at various intersections, and transporting the photographer to various locations throughout the route. We also provided safety and security to walkers along the trail system which is inaccessible to vehicles. Despite a bit of a cool breeze, the event had 350 walkers taking part.

The following Club members helped out in this event:

Dave VE1DDC, Tom VE1GTC, Win VE1WIN, Jeremy VE1JHF, Graham



VE1GFA, Brandon VE1BMF, Doug VE1LDL, Laura VE1ZMB, Coral VA1CAW, Peter VE1PJW, the two Amandas, and myself.

I'd like to thank all of you for dedi-

cating your time to this event, you all did an excellent job and I'm sure MS Atlantic appreciated every minute you provided.

VE1TRB, Terry Bigelow



From: Whitney Machin  
To: trbigelow  
Subject: Thank you!!!

Happy Friday! I just wanted to send a quick note to you and the

HARC team for volunteering with the Halifax MS Walk, this past Sunday afternoon. I heard from several participants and volunteers that they had a great time, and that the walk was a great success again this year!

I hope you and your team had a fun time at the event again this year. If any of your teammates or yourself would like a reference letter for their time volunteering, I would be happy to provide them. Also, if you have any feedback about the walk that you or your team would like to share, please send me a note at any time. I look forward to working with you all leading up to the MS Bike this July!



Walkers gathering



Walkers enjoying a post-walk massage



First Aid stood ready to act if called upon, but Doug, VE1LDL, said they had no "customers" this year.

Thank you again for your support in the 2015 MS Walk, and have a great weekend!

Cheers,  
Whitney Machin, BSc, Coordinator, Development, Atlantic Division MS Society of Canada

*I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds.*

*People move out of the way much faster now.*



**Halifax Amateur Radio Club  
General Meeting minutes  
20 May, 2015**

Meeting convened 2040

Members present: VA1PAL, SBC, JIM, LEV, CAW, VCK, WO, QD, JG, VA1CC, VA3IIF, AWP, JEH, OZ1HE, LDL, VA1YL, FA, TOM, IGP, JMA, VA3JIT, DTR, MR, AJP, VA1CAW, ZMB, AI, VA3VCF, PSG, BMF, GFA, JHF, Amanda, Jayne.

Silent Keys: Larry Ward, VA1LW; Kay Bower, VE1KJB; Barbara Crandall VE1BJC, Ken Liddard VE1KR.

Treasurers Report: Presented by Jim, (JG)

Moved for approval: Jim (JG)

Seconded: Doug (LDL)

Passed

Acceptance of April's Meeting Minutes:

Moved by Bill (MR)

Seconded by Don (DTR)

Accepted.

Election of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Moved by Brian (CC)

Seconded by Eric (JEH)

Accepted by all those present.

We welcome Don to the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Maritime Museum Report: Eric (JEH) gave a report on where we are with the MMA project, with the assistance of Fred (FA)

The group was queried about the availability of coax for the museum project, and there was some ideas put forth.

Fred (FA) requested that if anyone knew where he could find some period pieces to outfit the display at the MMA, could they get in touch with him.

Flea Market: Jeremy (JHF) has a report on the status of the Flea Market preparations, with Fraser's assistance.

EMO/SAR: Tom gave a report about the practice nets for EMO on Sunday nights.

Dave (AJP) gave a brief report about their first search which was called off shortly after being initiated, because the gentleman was found safe in his home.

Brian presented a report on behalf of Howard about membership. We have 5 Life members, 91 Full Members, and 16 Associate Members.

Ian (IGP) gave a brief report about the upcoming Ledwidge Lookoff Car Rally, and asked that anyone interested in helping out please sign up or let him know.

Station Manager Report:

Alex (RUS) gave a report on the replacement of the trap on the vertical antenna on the roof.

On the subject of the Field Day he asked for help with setting up stations and looking after the various stations, as well as a photographer.

Dick (AI) asked that anyone who could operate CW to please get in touch with him.

Amanda mentioned some ideas about getting elected officials to show up for bonus points, and that she has some ideas with regards to the food service.

There was some discussion about filters we could use to prevent interference this year. Dick (AI) proffered a name of a person that we could contact about this problem.

Fred (FA) gave some insight into his experience with this, and how he has managed to control things.

Amanda asked again for volunteers for the upcoming events.

MS Walk is upcoming this weekend.. She gave a brief report about Geequinox. We got 14 names of people that are interested in Radio.

Bill (MR) queried about the approval of the Budget, so a motion was put forward to approve the budget by Bill, it was seconded by Dick (AI), and the budget was passed.

Amanda mentioned that one of our

newer members (VE1LEB) has offered to help with graphic design for new brochures, website etc.

Brian mentioned about a possible new website for our own new communications group for emergency communications, in order to ensure that we are able to meet our commitment to EMO.

He admonished people to get in touch with Tom and take part in the communications exercises every week on Sunday.

Door Prize: won by Don (DTR)

50/50 Draw: won by ?? (QRN)

Meeting Adjourned 2135

Respectfully submitted  
Jeremy Fowler, VE1JHF  
HARC Secretary

The quarterly (January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015) statistics for the HARC website visits.

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Howard Dickson - VE1DHD

**THE ALTAR ROOM**

by Mike and Allison Goldstein  
VE3GFN (ex VE1ADH)

After cleaning the rest of the basement, Kaye stepped into what she always thought of as the "altar room", a cosy soundproofed nook with its own heater and lighting system. It was a quiet little haven, quite separate from the rest of the house, although contained within it.

As usual, its peaceful atmosphere had a calming effect she couldn't explain. Small multicolored lights glowed in the semidarkness. Large numbers on one box blinked at a constant rate. Kaye often thought she heard voices whispering in here, but could never pinpoint them. There were comfortable chairs, and several desks, arranged at right angles. Kaye would often come in here when she just wanted to think about her life.

It was the special place of her husband, Joel, and he had been quite specific about her presence here. Kaye was quite welcome to come in, of course. It was her house, after all. However, she could not dust, and should touch nothing. If she found the odd beer can, or sandwich wrapping, he would appreciate its removal. Other than that, she was to indulge her passion for cleaning elsewhere.

Both Joel and Kaye were Maritimers, originally from Canada's ocean provinces. Joel was Jewish, while Kaye came from a Protestant background. Joel had taken his technical training in Toronto, then returned home to a new job.

Some time after meeting Kaye, he had returned to the big city, to further his career. Within a year of leaving home for the second time, he had called Kaye, inviting her up to Toronto. There she remained.

When they were first married, both of their families had been concerned about the possible problems of a mixed marriage. However, the cou-

ple shared a large number of interests, and seemed to be very happy with each other, so everyone settled down to watch developments.

Now, some years later, Kaye was ready to admit there was, indeed, some kind of a problem with her marriage, but she wasn't quite sure what it was. Joel appeared to be intensely religious. However, nothing Kaye had read or studied about Judaism (far more, in fact, than Joel ever had) seemed to relate to Joel's practices.

For instance, he had erected a large aluminum creation, on a tower, in their backyard, calling it his 'icon to His Holiness'. Turning it in circles seemed to be part of the worshipping process. Kaye thought it looked vaguely like the television antennas in the neighborhood. Quite often, Joel's "brethren" would gather with him in the basement for group prayers. Long after she had gone to bed, Kaye would hear them chanting, one after the other.

"Seek you, seek you the X. Seek you, seek you the X. Seek you, seek you, seek you ..."

Oddly enough, she would often hear strange voices, voices she couldn't relate to those of the brethren she knew. She could find nothing in the library about a deity called, "The X".

The brethren seemed to be diligent about their religion, turning up regularly on the appointed nights. Kaye rarely heard them leave, but could gauge how long they had stayed by the shadows under Joel's eyes the next day. Somehow, she could never correlate their religious devotion with the number of empty beer cans she would clean up the next morning.

Worshipping in the basement was not enough. Once a year, in late spring, Joel would pack the family car with tent, sleeping bag, and a host of mysterious apparatus from the altar room. Kaye would be busily employed cooking several roasts, and baking a large quantity of her famous

home made bread.

She looked forward to this time of year, as Joel always sent her off to enjoy a weekend with her family in New Brunswick. He would drop her at the airport then continue on to join the brethren at the "field day sight".

Winging her way east, Kaye often pondered the advantage of worshipping amid bogs and mosquitoes, and whether the "sight" improved with fresh air. She had to admire Joel's tenacity. He always took down the big 'icon to His Holiness' for this weekend, drove away with it, then reinstalled it at home again the following weekend.

Sometimes, there were whole weekends when the brethren came and stayed, sleeping in the basement in relays, and praying throughout the day. During these marathon periods, Kaye was enlisted to supply hot coffee. She drew the line at feeding the heavenly host, however, and the local pizza palace maintained a relay service throughout that period.

Joel's conversation for the next few weeks would be heavily laced with references to the pulp and paper industry, and eastern European family ties. Again, Kaye was never able to correlate "logs", and "Czech lists" with any religion she'd ever encountered.

Yes, there was certainly something strange about her marriage, that was for sure. Although she had been sure she understood Joel quite well before their marriage, and still found many things to admire, there was a whole part of his life she completely failed to comprehend.

One day, Joel came home from work early, in a swirl of snow and a flurry of excitement. It seemed his friend, Bill, was lost in the woods, his snowmobile broken down. A search party was being organized. Joel seemed quite confident that Bill would be found, as he was supposed

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## From the Mail Bag



### Morse Code in Video

(A Rainy Sunday Afternoon Mystery)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OISuVskq\\_yo&feature=share](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OISuVskq_yo&feature=share)

This video was posted on Facebook by the Annapolis Heritage Society. When I was watching it I noticed that there was morse code in the music at around the the 3:55 mark. I tried to copy it but what i got didn't make sense in either French or English. Maybe some of you guys with better CW skills and better hearing can get some meaning out of it.

73, Dave, VE1ADH

I agree with your conclusion, Dave. It makes sense in neither language, at least the easiest part to copy. If curiosity bugs me long enough, I may connect ear buds to this laptop and give it a better chance to explain itself.

73, Gary VE1RGB

The first two words being sent are "STOMIC SAKHALIN", as far as I can tell, and although the next words are very faint, I believe they are the first two words being repeated.

Don' make sense to me, either!

73 Mike, VE3GFN

Hello Dave, That's a very beautiful video of the Annapolis area. It kind of wants to make me take a tour there right now. In all my travels between here and Yarmouth, I've

missed too much even though I would have claimed to have seen it many times. Oakley made a very nice DVD video of the area a bit further west. It was taken by helicopter that he was flying at the time. Have you seen it? I have a copy around here somewhere.

You're right about the CW being hindered by the music. I may be able to enhance it by feeding the audio through my Timewave DSP filter and using its' 100 cycle bandwidth. It would be a bit of a chore right now, but perhaps later if no one else is able to decipher it completely. What I've made out thus far is:

“atomic Sakhalin atomic u kralin

That “u” above is actually the umlaut character ... a u with two dots above it. In Morse it is sent as: dit dit dah dah.

73, Leigh, VE1GA

Hi Dave: Difficulty to read but I make out “ atomic Sakhalin” repeated.

Could be a news report regarding Russian Sakhalin Islands

Leo VE1LS

Hi Dave, “Itomic Sakhalin” where Itomic is a web design company in Perth Australia and Sakhalin is a large Russian island in the north Pacific. Many many links on google, pick the ones you are comfortable with.

Frank VE1BSP

Hi Dave, Like others, I copied ATOMIC SAKHALIN and found the GOOGLE references to Sakhalin with some current & historical notes.

I also looked up both Milton Girouard (the Acadian) and Thomas Dolby (the music composer) on RAC website thinking either might be a Ham but no luck..

A nice video nonetheless. An interesting exercise on a rainy Sunday afternoon.

Bob (VE1PQ)

I don't believe the guy who made the video is a ham although that could be. It may just be that the music he chose happened to have the code in it. Anyway now I know I'm not crazy as I got the same thing. A bit of confusion about the first letter but looks like we nailed it. Thanks guys, restores my faith in good ole ham radio.

73, Dave VE1ADH

(Or maybe)

The whole thing is a carefully constructed intelligence message from a sleeper spy in Greenwood to let its bosses in Moscow know that he is still operative including radios and cameras.

Gary, VE1RGB

Gary, that sounds like it might be the basis for the plot of a TV show or movie. Of course they would have to do it somewhere else now that the tax credit has been reduced.

Dave, VE1ADH

**The 2 meter wake-Up net** is looking for Net Controllers. If you can help out once a week contact Al Christie VE1ZS. See Maritime News.

Field Day is coming fast. It is on the weekend of June 27-28th 2015. Hope to hear you "ON THE AIR"

<http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

If you use Twitter, you can follow

the Maritime Amateur website @maritimeamateur and receive immediate updates & changes to the website as they happen. It also delivers news & information from other amateur radio operators & clubs using twitter.

Any questions, suggestions or comments on the site please send them

along. All amateurs are reminded to add your callsign with your name on the members page. Makes it easier to find you via the search bar.

Any news or information you would like to share with your fellow hams send it along and will try to get it on.

73, Jim VE1JBL

<http://www.maritimeamateur.ca/>

“Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?” -Phyllis Diller



June 6 – the DownEast FleaMarket at the St. Andrews Centre

Both the Britt Fader Memorial QSL Bureau & the New Brunswick QSL Bureau were there



Buyers, shoppers, browsers, ... lined up waiting to be let in



Just a quick note to say thanks to Jeremy and his team for a job well done in presenting this year's flea market. "Bravo Zulu"  
Murray, VE1MMD



Sellers setting up

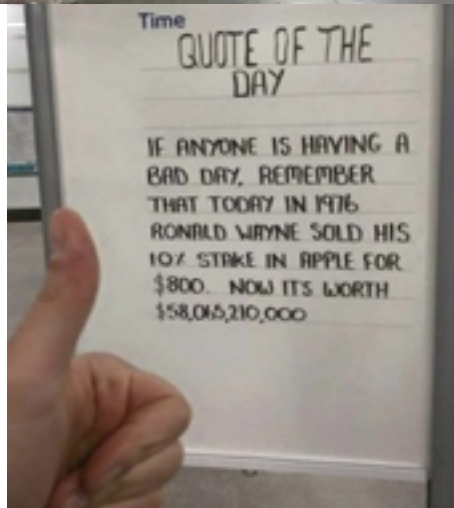


Almost ready



Michael Harvey, VE1MBH, won the DownEast Fleamarket door prize, a Baofeng UV- 5R hand held with accessories

On behalf of the HARC this Reflector extends **Best wishes and Thanks** for your contributions to the HARC and to Amateur Radio to **Jim Flowers, VE1JIM - VA7JSF**, as he leaves Nova Scotia for the West Coast.



*Golfers who try to make everything perfect before taking the shot rarely make a perfect shot.*

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**ARRL FIELD DAY 2015** 26-28 June, Friday 3pm to Sunday 6pm  
Class 2F - St. Andrews Community Centre 4 Stations: SSB, CW/DIGI, GOTA, VHF

**MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY ASSIGNMENTS**

Activity	Coordinator	Team	Comments
Oversee Set-up & Tear-down			
SSB	Craig MacKinnon, VE1JMA		
CW	Dick Grantham - VE1AI		
GOTA	Scott Wood - VE1QD		
Satellite/ VHF			
Bonus points			
Safety & First Aid			
Security			
Network, computers & logging	Don Trotter - VE1DTR		
Emergency power			
Equipment			
Media & PR			
Food, kitchen	Amanda MacEachern		
Photo & video			

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to be "carrying a hand-held ..."

Kaye had an instant mental image of Bill, floundering through the snowdrifts while waving a miniature Buddha above his head. She chose not to pursue that line of conversation, but went to find Joel's heavy gloves.

Moments later, armed with some sandwiches and a thermos of coffee, Joel was gone. Kaye watched him drive away, towing his own snowmobile, a miniature version of the aluminum "Holiness icon" strapped to the car roof.

Kaye remembered brother Bill. He was a tall, quiet fellow, very polite, and always took the time to chat with her before prayers. For a long time, she sat and thought about him. Then, without quite realizing how she had arrived there, she found herself in the altar room.

The soft glow of the digital clock intrigued her as always, as it blinked away the seconds of her life. Various pilot lamps proclaimed life in Joel's HF and VHF transceivers, while the compass scale on the beam rotator control confirmed the antenna's southerly heading. Its squelch popping and burping, Joel's 2 Meter rig displayed life on the local ARES simplex channel.

Kaye extended a cautious finger, and pushed the ROTATE button on the antenna control. Over her head, the big tribander, and the smaller VHF array, began to swing. As the antenna bearing shifted to the west, the soft voices she was again hearing became louder, then louder still. Suddenly, she could hear Joel - her Joel!

"... I have him at a bearing of 310 degrees, Sam. Can you give me a cross bearing?"

The burbling of Joel's snowmobile

was clearly audible in the background. A strange voice, somewhat weaker, read off some numbers. Then, very weak indeed, she heard brother Bill's voice.

"... I'm getting awfully cold, fellas, and I think my batteries are failing. You'd better hurry... "

Without thinking about it, Kaye picked up a microphone from the desk, and pressed its TRANSMIT control. A small light on the 2 Meter rig changed from green to red, and a needle swung across an illuminated dial face.

"Seek you, the X, seek you the X ...", she whispered, a tear running down her cheek. Then she added, "Hang on, Bill. Don't give up, they'll find you".

She continued to pray, and felt comforted. She knew they would find him.