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Controller News



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ONTARS

8th January 2026

733

**54th
Anniversary**

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Manager's Message

Happy New Year all!

To start the 54th year of ONTARS, we celebrated our annual all day, 22 controller anniversary, Thursday 8th January 2026. The band was to be expected..great during the morning, slowly slipping into a challenge mid afternoon, then warming up late afternoon. The good news....733 checkins, just south of last year's count,

A special [website](#) was created for real time updates showing activity progress...look for the banner on this newsletter.

Another event that took place was the surprise visit to Canada by Tim WB2AO and his wife Cheryl. Thanks to Gary VE3DZP and 14 local hams, we enjoyed an excellent lunch at Betty's Restaurant, Niagara Falls. Full picture story included on the newsletter.

You are reminded of the first hamfest presented by the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio club, 7th February 2026, Firemen's Park, Niagara Falls. Check the special banner here on the newsletter. Hope to see your= there!!

Thank you for the privilege of your time!

73 and 88

Barry VE3ISX Net Manager



If I missed you on the air, Happy New Year and all the best in 2026. I want to take a moment and thank everyone that joined Kevin VA3RCA and myself for Christmas trivia on Dec 21/22. Although it is not an official ONTARS event, we were joined by many of the ONTARS family and the two of us wanted to say "Thank you" it was a lot of fun.

The January 8th anniversary has come and gone, I was able to check in with most of the controllers through the day but missed a few, sorry. It was enlightening to hear everyone through the entire day. Even when the conditions were supposed to be poor for 80m, most signals at my humble shack were minimum S5... Good job everyone!

What's new on ONTARS? I am glad you asked. I am excited to announce that we have a new net controller on Sundays at 5pm. His name is Simon VA3KOE. Simon is 13 years old and achieved his certificate of proficiency in April 2025. He has had a good Elmer to get him started in the hobby and I know he will do well. Please welcome Simon to ONTARS as a net controller

Have a great month ahead and thank you for your support. Talk to you on 3.755

73

Rich
VE3OZW

Assistant net manager



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Events



This event was organized by Gary VE3DZP and a group of Ontario amateur radio operators at Betty's Restaurant, Niagara Falls.



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Birthday Announcements

VE3BXI....Bill... 8th Jan 2026
 VE3PRU....Al.....10th Jan 2026
 VE3DYY...Bob....13th Jan 2026
 VE3SF.....Bob....15th Jan 2026
 VE3GIO...Larry... 17th Jan 2026
 VE3MDK..David 19th Jan 2026
 VE3IXX...Bob... 22nd Jan 2026
 VE3NN....David. 24th Jan 2026
 VA3QR....Phil..... 24th Jan 2026
 VA3WDK..Rob.... 28th Jan 2026
 VE3GFM...Grant..29th Jan 2026
 VE3CUJ....Clare. 2nd Feb 2026
 VA3PII.....Jim.....2nd Feb 2026
 VE3WNB..Wendy..4th Feb 2026
 VE3YAJ...Al....12th Feb 2026
 VE3BWQ.A1.... 18th Feb 2026
 VE3FJN Colin 19th Feb 2026
 VE3SDQ .Ron....25th Feb 2026
 VE3ISX ..Barry 25th Feb 2026
 VE3DOU Peter.. 25th Feb 2026
 VE3RQB..Ro.... 25th Feb 2026

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Tuesdays at 2100 hours



The Trans Provincial Net

7.100 MHz LSB

Monday to Friday 0800 to 1700 hours

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The Sandbox Roundtable Net


Daily 3.733 MHz

6:30 pm EST

 **The Nickel Belt Net**
Monday-Friday 3:30 to 4:30 pm
7.250 Mhz
Hosted by Rolly VA3CRE 

Trans Canada Net
Sundays Holidays 1800 GMT
14.140 MHz USB 

Laurentian Net
Daily 6pm-6:30pm
History & schedule 3.755 MHz LSB

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 Richard
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Click above to listen to all 11 hours of the 54th ONTARS anniversary 7:00am to 6:00pm...great way to hear how your rig sounded.

Thanks to Rob VE3PCP

**Meet your ONTARS
Controller team 2025**



Thank you all !

