



# Ontario Amateur Radio Service Newsletter



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## Current 2025 Management

Manager

Assistant

Manager

Barry

Richard

VE3ISX

VE3OZW

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Barry VE3ISX



Richard VE3OZW



## Manager's Message

### Happy New Year all!

To start the 54<sup>th</sup> year of ONTARS, we celebrated our annual all day, 22 controller anniversary, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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,

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## Controller News



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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, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026, Firemen's Park, Niagara Falls. Check the special banner here on the newsletter. Hope to see you=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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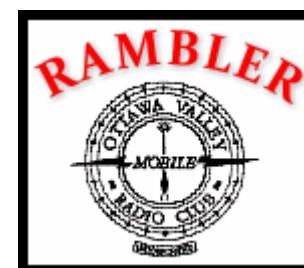
**Trans Provincial Net** website  
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## Events



Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club

Hamfest & Electronics Fleamarket

Saturday 7th February 2026

**Big Event #45 Flyer**

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**Tim WB2KAO**  
**Niagara Visit Photos**  
7th Jan 2026

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

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Photo Story October 2025

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New!



### Local HF/6 Meter Nets



### VE3KCY 6 Meter Net

50.170 MHz USB



Tuesdays at 2100 hours

### The Trans Provincial Net

7.100 MHz LSB

Monday to Friday 0800 to 1700 hours

Serving Canadian amateurs since 1982

### 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

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## Trans Canada Net

Sundays Holidays 1800 GMT

14.140 MHz USB

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## Laurentian Net

Daily 6pm-6:30pm

History & schedule 3.755 MHz LSB



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Richard

VE3OZW

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

**Thanks to Rob VE3PCP**



*Thank you all !*

