



# Ontario Amateur Radio Service Newsletter



VOLUME 3:

16<sup>th</sup> March 2026

<https://www.ontars.com>



## Current 2025 Management

Manager	Barry	VE3ISX
Assistant Manager	Richard	VE3OZW

Click each picture for QRZ details



Barry VE3ISX



Richard VE3OZW



## Manager's Message

**Happy St. Paddy's Day to you and your family.**

**A lot of discussion regarding the Bouvet Island DXpedition that ran 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 and lasted three weeks....brute force "amateur radio" in challenging weather and location conditions. Seems that FT8 was the mode that worked for a lot of hams.**

**Speaking of up and coming events, hamfests, the ONTARS monthly newsletter will again promote the various club events for 2026. Support your clubs by attending the swap and sell events.**

**Hats off to Randy VA3XV for bringing back a "ham radio" institution (The CJ Net) ...The Junction Net every night at 8:00 EST on 3.760 MHz. Randy is streaming the net on YouTube...look for him at VA3XV. A great resource if you want to hear your station audio etc.**

**Our ONTARS Market Place is busy everyday with new items from amateurs that you know and trust.**

**Thank you for the privilege of your time!**

**73 and 88**

**Barry VE3ISX Net Manager**



## Controller News

**THE JUNCTION**  
3.760 & pm  
VA3XV



**Brand New!**  
**80 Meter Phone Net**  
The Junction Net 3.760 MHz  
Nightly at 8:00 pm 

**VA3XV Randy**






**We want to hear from you!**

Click to send email 



So far the month of March has shown us a variety of weather. March came in like a "lamb", will it go out like a "lion?" The centre of the universe over here in Otter Creek has had some very heavy flooding from the creek, probably the highest we have seen for several years now. I always test the sump pump and backup pump in late February to be ready for the big thaw.

News on the schedule side of things, Don WWA is away for a month, so I am looking for some help on Saturdays at 5pm. Give it some thought. Also, we are still looking for a permanent net controller for Sunday at 9am and 5pm. Great hours with some fun rag chews. Of course, all of the available hours are ready for anyone. The net can only operate when we have net controllers. Can you spare some time?

We need your help with net control. Grab an hour here and there, choose an available hour for a few weeks, or just stop by 3.755 put a call out during the day.

Have a great month ahead and thank you for your support with ONTARS.

73

Rich

VE3OZW

Assistant net manager

**ONTARS needs YOU!**  
Volunteer an hour of your time  
**ONTARS needs YOU!**



We want to hear from you!

Click to send email



**NEW!**  
**Birthday Summary**

**NEW!**  
Special Events  
**PHOTOS**

**Trans Provincial Net website**  
**7.100 Mhz**

**SIGN UP NOW!**  
**ONTARS Newsletter**

**WA7BNM Contest Calendar**

**Web News**  
**BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**ONTARIO**

**RAMBLER**  
**OTTAWA VALLEY MOBILE RADIO CLUB**

**ONTARS HAMFEST Calendar 2026**



New! **Tech Topics**  
Post your successes

**LINKS**

- Updated
- Useful

[CLICK HERE](#)

[Club Newsletters of interest](#)

**Elmira  
ARC  
2026  
Newsletter**

**Laurentian  
Net  
Daily 6pm  
3.755MHz**

**KWARC  
2026  
Newsletters**

**2026  
Newsletters**

**POTA**  
Everything  
you need  
to know.  
**VE3SIF- Ron**

**Niagara  
Peninsula  
ARC  
2026  
Feedline**

**ONTARS sponsors**  
This website is funded by their generosity!  
[CLICK HERE](#)

**Funding supports:**

- \* **ONTARS.COM**
- \* **Trans Provincial Net**
- \* **Trans Canada Net**
- \* **Sandbox Net**
- \* **6 Meter Tuesday Net**

**Events**

**Brand New!**  
**80 Meter Phone Net**  
The Junction Net 3.760 MHz  
Nightly at 8:00 pm

**VA3XV Randy**

[CLICK HERE](#)

**Events Calendar**  
**2026 Hamfests/Fleamarkets**  
Direct links to club events

[Click Here](#)

**ONTARS Market Place**  
Totally redesigned  
User friendly  
Your new place to buy/sell

[CLICK HERE](#)

A special “thank you” from Randy while recovering in hospital for all your thoughts and good wishes.



**Randy XYL of Gene VE3IJD**

**Birthday Announcements**

- VE3OMA.John 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- VA3DNB.Dave 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- VE3IVE Clayton 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- VA3IC.. Ian....19<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- VE3EAO..Bob.24<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- VE3CAK.John .26<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- WB2KAO...Tim.....29<sup>th</sup> Mar 2026
- VE3IYY..Carol..... 30<sup>th</sup> Mar 2026
- VE9FI.....Russ.....1<sup>st</sup> April 2026
- VA3RON...Ron..... 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026
- VA3KGZ..Alicia.....9<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- VE3BEK.Bill..... 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- VE3ZSZ...Sam..... 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- VE3IJY..Silvano.... 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- VE9CWT..Wayne....14<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- VE3RQR..Bob.....15<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- VE3SG....Paul.....15<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- VE3HEQ...Clive....16<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- VE3DZP....Gary.... 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- VE3OEI....Larry....23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026
- VE3HQH..Heather...24<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- VE3XDJ...Dick..... 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026
- VA2HOG...Chad.... 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- VA3SMB...Steve.... 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- VE3BFM....Bob..... 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- VE3DTX....Doug... 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- VE3DX..Wain.....7<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Would you like your birthday listed??**

Contact [VE3ISX](mailto:VE3ISX) to list your birthday!



**VE3IJD Gene**  
Garage project  
Latest pictures 2026  
Oct.1st 2025 - Feb.26th, 2026

[CLICK HERE](#)

**ONTARS Market Place**

Brand New Website!  
Canada/local listings!  
Free ads for private parties

[CLICK HERE](#)

**ONTARS sponsors**

This website is funded by their generosity!

[CLICK HERE](#)



**ONTARS**

Meet our team of controllers

[CLICK HERE](#)



Local HF/6 Meter Nets



**VE3KCY 6 Meter Net**  
50.170 MHz USB  
Tuesdays at 2100 hours

[CLICK HERE](#)

**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 JUNCTION**  
3.760 8pm  
VA3XV



**Brand New!**  
**80 Meter Phone Net**  
The Junction Net 3.760 MHz  
Nightly at 8:00 pm

**VA3XV Randy**

[CLICK HERE](#)



Richard  
**VE3OZW**

**ONTARS**  
Best net control practices

[CLICK HERE](#)



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

[CLICK HERE](#)

**VOLUNTEER**



**ONTARS**  
Click Here **Controller news**

**Trans Canada Net**  
Sundays Holidays 1800 GMT  
**14.140 MHz USB**

[CLICK HERE](#)

**ONTARS Controller Guidelines**  
**A primer for us all**



[CLICK HERE](#)

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

**NEW!**

**ONTARS**  
Suggested controller preamble  
Click here for PDF



**We want to hear from you!**  
Click to send email

[CLICK HERE](#)

**ONTARS**  
**News** Controller update

[Click Here](#)



**New! Tech Topics**  
Post your successes

- New changes to technology
- Let's hear from you??
- Check it out...click above.

**Meet your ONTARS  
Controller team 2025**

 <b>Larry</b> <b>VE3GIO</b>	 <b>Mike</b> <b>VE3CMM</b>	 <b>Grace</b> <b>VA3GS</b>
 <b>Tim</b> <b>WB2KAO</b>	 <b>Paul</b> <b>VA3PB</b>	 <b>Kevin</b> <b>VA3RCA</b>
 <b>Dennis</b> <b>VA3QW</b>	 <b>Paul</b> <b>VE3AXT</b>	 <b>Chris</b> <b>VE3CEA</b>
 <b>Bill</b> <b>VE3BEK</b>	 <b>Wain</b> <b>VE3DX</b>	 <b>Gene</b> <b>VE3IJD</b>
 <b>Bill</b> <b>WB3JIA</b>	 <b>John</b> <b>VE3RWB</b>	 <b>Rob</b> <b>VE3RMJ</b>
 <b>Bill</b> <b>VE3NH</b>	 <b>Rick</b> <b>VE3LAD</b>	 <b>Ken</b> <b>VE3KCY</b>
 <b>Dave</b> <b>VE3EI</b>	 <b>Brian</b> <b>VE3HFC</b>	 <b>Dave</b> <b>VE3EBM</b>
 <b>Bob</b> <b>VE3IXX</b>	 <b>Linda</b> <b>VE3CZ</b>	 <b>John Henry</b> <b>VE3CAK</b>
 <b>Richard</b> <b>VE3OZW</b>	 <b>Lynn</b> <b>N2IZX</b>	 <b>Barry</b> <b>VE3ISX</b> <b>Net Manager</b>

**Funding for this site:**  
Amateur clubs  
Individuals  
Amateur retailers

*Thank You!*



- **We have never asked, but we thank those clubs, individuals and business sponsors, that have donated to keep this website on line!**
- **Funding supports:**
  - \* **ONTARS.COM**
  - \* **Trans Provincial Net**
  - \* **Trans Canada Net**
  - \* **Sandbox Net**
  - \* **6 Meter Tuesday Net**
  - \* **Necessary Software**
  - \* **Necessary Hardware**

*Thank you all !*



## From Rob VE3PCP

Here are some pictures from Iqaluit  
Amateur Radio Club

- The two VY0IRC titled pictures show our vertical antenna.
- The other two are of the Aurora in general and one with a couple of dogs with bright collars.
- Explains the band conditions yesterday.





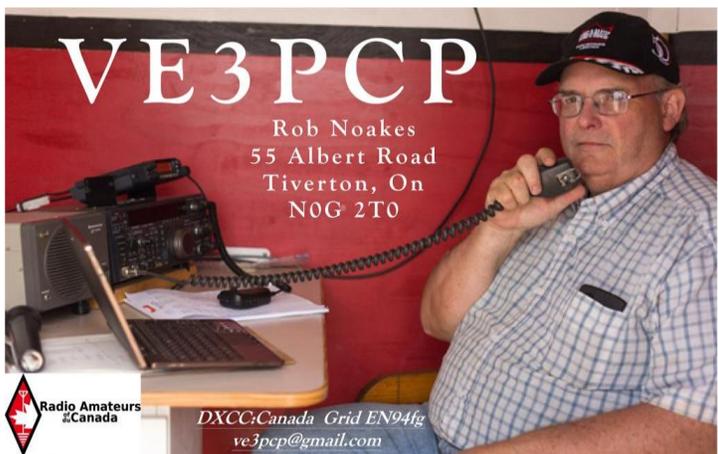
## ***Editor note:***

***Rob VE3PCP is very active in amateur radio with support for various amateur radio events in his well equipped mobile station.***

***He also operates remote stations in Ontario as well as Iqaluit.***

***His remote HF station Ontario offers amateurs not able to set up equipment the chance to get on the air.***

**Rob Noakes  
VE3PCP**



**Click for QRZ link**

**Inverhuron Ham Radio Club  
Iqaluit Amateur Radio Club**



***Thank you for your time!***

**Barry VE3ISX  
Net manager ONTARS**