



## Special points of interest:

- All March Meetings Cancelled! Stay tuned for more info.
- Special Social Net on Wednesday, March 25, 7 PM, VE3NCF repeaters.
- Check-in Net: Every Monday, 7 to 8 pm, VE3NCF repeaters, UHF & VHF

## President's Message

Greeting members,

As a result of the COVID-19 situation, Westdale High School will be closed until after April 5th. The Executive had been considering cancelling our March general meeting out of concern for everyone's health and safety. Seems like that decision has been made for us.

That being said, while we will not be able to meet in person, we can still get together over the air waves. We will be holding a net in place of the general meeting. Thanks for this great suggestion

Christian VE3QYV! More to come on that!

Please everyone take care of yourselves and your families. Follow the suggestions from Health Canada. Stock up on that toilet paper :)

We'll keep you updated on any changes. Feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions.

Take care everyone!

Samantha

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President, Hamilton Amateur Radio Club

## Let's get together in spite of COVID-19

Christian—VE3QYV, has suggested we get together in a virtual club meeting this coming Wednesday, March 18. Since everyone is hunkering down in zombie apocalypse mode, this sounds like a great idea. Here's a chance to dust off your SHTF operating tips and get on the repeater for a social net. No business, just check in and say hi, let everyone know where toilet paper has been re-stocked, and how your supply of hand sanitizer is holding out.

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## Events Cancelled Due to COVID-19 Health Concerns

### Hamilton:

All of the HARC get-togethers are cancelled pending the resumption of normal hours at the schools. Check the club calendar for details.

**HAM-EX 2020** in Brampton, scheduled for Mar 28, has been cancelled due COVID-19 health concerns.

### Hamvention 2020:

“It is with a very heavy heart the Hamvention Executive Committee has decided to cancel Hamvention for this year.

This decision is extremely difficult for us but with around two months until the Great Gathering we felt this action necessary.”

### RAC HQ:

“In order to ensure the health and safety of the RAC staff, volunteers and the Amateur Radio community in Ottawa who visit the Head Office, RAC has decided to close its headquarters effective immediately.”

**Our First club auction has been re-scheduled to the April general meeting**



## Introducing: Club Auctions

We're going to try again in April, assuming our school bookings are back to normal. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter.

## Final Words

Don't forget to tune in to the social net on Wednesday, March 25 at 7 PM. Our general meeting was originally scheduled for this date and time, but given the need to maintain 'social distancing', let's get together for some repeater ragchewing instead.

The new format is nice, but this is a record 2 page newsletter. Let's get out there and make some news.

Be safe, and don't worry, truckloads of toilet paper are on their way to your favorite grocery store.

- Ron—VE3ZX, editor



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