

**- September 2010 DEC report for SEAWAY~CAPITAL ARES Districts combined -  
Counties of Renfrew, of Lanark, of Leeds-Grenville,  
of Prescott-Russell & of Stormont-Dundas & Glengarry, Cities of Ottawa & of Cornwall**

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- The Prescott-Russell (PR)-ARES group held their general meeting on September 23rd in Alfred Ontario. Subjects covered were; SET exercise, JOTA, Goblin Patrol, Repeater maintenance, finance, and the Plowing Match 2011. The SET needs planning, JOTA will go ahead in Apple Hill Scout Camp, Need more people for the Goblin Patrol, the RPT maintenance is being scheduled, finances will have no major expenses in the short term, and the PR-ARES group wishes to have a place to promote the Amateur Radio hobby and ARES at the 2011 Plowing Match in East Hawkesbury.

- Henry VA3OV is stepping down after 6 years as the EC and Jim VA3KV has been approached for the EC position and he has accepted. Many thanks go to Henry for being the group's EC for this length of time. Congratulations go to Jim for being the 3rd EC since Mike VE3IPC founded the group starting back in April 1998, making the group now 12 years old.

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- The Lanark North Leeds (LNL)-ARES group's monthly meeting was postponed in favor of attending the Carp Flea Market near Ottawa.

- The group has arranged an agreement with Lanark County authorities to move the Franktown repeater to the County tower at Union Hall. The station is on the air but subject to testing. Frequency is 147.240 with a 100 Hz tone. Temporary call sign is VE3WCC with 10 watts of output at this time. EC Barrie - VE3BSB has successfully completed modification to our mobile repeater so that it can be used to link any adjacent (non LNL-ARES) repeaters to our system, on an as required basis. Plans are to find a permanent home for it.

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- The Renfrew County West (RCW)-ARES group's IRLP node on VE3NRR (appears as VE3LKT) in Pembroke is functioning properly and it can now be connected to the 9035 reflector for the ARES nets.

- The RCW-ARES group is planning an ARES deployed exercise with the Renfrew County East (RCE)-ARES group EC. More to come on that.

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DEC's Corner

- The Eastern Ontario ARES District was well represented (for the second year in a row) by AEC Peter Gamble – VE3BQP (previous EC for Ottawa ARES) and the DEC Mike - VE3IPC at the OARC Carp Hamfest on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. This was an opportunity for ARES leadership members from different ARES groups to discuss things, and to speak with radio amateurs that would have questions about ARES. Pamphlets provided by the various ARES groups were on hand and given to folks having an interest in knowing more. The OARC sponsoring the Carp Hamfest were instrumental in providing the space needed for the ARES Kiosk at no charge in support of ARES. EMRG provided the Kiosk frame and other materials, and RAC loaned their ARES banner for the occasion.

- For the first time the Eastern Ontario ARES District leadership team (ADEC Lance – VA3LP & DEC Mike – VE3IPC) attended the EmComm East conference in Rochester NY on September 18<sup>th</sup> at their third annual event. There many interesting presentations were given and was a very good occasion to rub elbows and make friends with many other attendees and presenters of both US and Canada. The DEC for Eastern Ontario gave a presentation on their recently completed ARES Mutual Aid Program that has been in the making for the past 6 years, and now is sharing the concept and SOPs that have been proven to work through exercises. The ARES DMAP allows for an ARES group leadership, when overwhelmed, to give the call for help to neighboring ARES groups that would be able to respond in a scalable fashion, in sending trained operators and equipment as requested, and everyone involved would know exactly what to expect at both ends of the call, until the operation in terminated.

- The ARES District Coordinator Mike - VE3IPC worked in partnership with AEC Mike Kelly – VE3FFK, the volunteer Amateur Radio coordinator for the Canadian Emergency Management College (CEMC) in Ottawa, to create a polished 10 minutes ARES presentation to municipal officials that would be students coming from various parts of Canada to take the level 3 EOC and or Site courses in a classroom setting, conducted by expert trainers. After two years of the DEC being in liaison with the course director, he was able to secure the 15 minutes needed to give the 'first time ever'

presentation on ARES with 5 minutes for questions. When the time came to give the presentation and pamphlet, Mike Kelly was asked by the DEC to 'test drive' the presentation as the DEC would be out of the region for a few days. Very positive feedback was given to both MK and the DEC later as reported by students, some trainers, including the course director. The DEC is now requested by the college to do the same presentation 'en bon Francais' in French. The challenge now is to get the ARES presentation, notes and pamphlet translated in French in time for the French upcoming course.

- At the invitation of DEC Mike VE3IPC and of Mike Kelly – VE3FFK, the following ARES members volunteered for the first time at the Emergency Management College on September 15th and 16 in Ottawa; AEC Joe - VE3ADB of Cornwall, AEC Ron – VE3JRN from Renfrew and DEC Bill - VA3WOW for Loyalist District. There were several other regular attending local amateurs including the DEC for Eastern Ontario. In the DEC's words, "The experience gained here cannot be had by any other means that currently exist. This is the closest one gets to working in a fully activated live EOC environment and then the phones go down." The DEC further explains, "The stress is not only felt by ALL the students of both courses, but also by ALL the Amateur Radio operators who do walk away with a priceless experience and lessons learned." The DEC goes on to say, "ALL ARES leadership teams in Eastern Ontario should avail themselves while this is still available. The mileage is paid for; you are lodged and well fed. This is a Win, Win, Win situation! The college wins, the students win big time, and the amateurs win also big time."

- The Cornwall ARES group invited the DEC for Eastern Ontario to give his ARES Orientation presentation to the group members on September 29<sup>th</sup> as a prelude to the upcoming ARES training course. The course is made up of two 'day long' courses; this will be provided by the ARES District on two Saturdays in a row. Part I will be hosted by the Prescott-ARES group and Part II will be hosted by the Cornwall ARES group, allowing for members of both groups to rub elbows; make friends and the leadership teams of both groups can become more acquainted.

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