

~ January 2011 - [Eastern Ontario] SEAWAY~CAPITAL ARES Districts ~
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 Cornwall ARES** group meeting of January 19 had Dave Holford (VE3HLU) as their guest speaker who provided some interesting information on communications used in the spy world.
- Plans are under way for a Basic HAM Radio course to start on January 04, 2011 and run until February 25, 2011. Examinations are planned for March 1 and 3, 2011. Six instructors from the SVARC have committed to help teach this course.
- The construction of the new EOC at 601 Campbell Street in Cornwall continues. The opening has been delayed from the end of February 2011 until sometime in March 2011. ARES representatives have been asked for recommendations on the antenna systems to be deployed there.
- EC Earle Depass, VE3IMP has set March 26, 2011 for the group's next training session during which the new EOC will be involved. The five sites being considered are; current City Hall EOC, the Cornwall Community Hospital, the new EOC, the East end Fire hall and the Cornwall Civic Complex will need to be operational to allow our ARES operators to practice.

Number of Registered Stations: 10  
Number of Net Sessions, Drills or Tests This Month: 4

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- **The Lanark North Leeds (LNL)-ARES group** held an impromptu meeting at Michaels Restaurant. The group gave a presentation to the Lions Club, Westport regarding the high altitude balloon experiments. AEC Norm, VE3VY, VA3AKI and EC Barrie, VE3BSB (perhaps others) are planning a DXpedition during the month of July, to operate on Islands on the Air from Zone 2.
  - A new repeater site has been established near Black Lake. This repeater site will provide linking to repeaters owned by others that are within range. Our repeater system can be linked to repeaters in Ottawa and Kingston, as an example. A digipeater for packet will be co-located there.

Number of Registered Stations: 55  
Number of Net Sessions, Drills or Tests This Month: 4

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- **The Prescott-Russell ARES** group leadership team held their Executive Meeting on January 15th, at the La Chardo Restaurant in Alfred Ontario. The purpose of the meeting was to review a blueprint of major activities and issues that the group will likely be involved in during 2011. We discovered that 2011 promises to be extremely busy year. PR-ARES plans to provide volunteer assistance at 8 or more major community events including 2 Bicycle races, JOTA, Canada Day festivities, and the International Plowing Match. In addition to volunteer activities, PR-ARES will be holding an amateur radio basic course starting in February for a group of interested individuals and possibly another course in the Fall as part of an effort to expand the membership base. The PR-ARES leadership team also discussed major housekeeping issues to deal with in 2011 such as liability insurance options, the possibility of incorporating as a club, updating the PR-ARES web site and turnover of leadership staff. These are not trivial issues and will

require significant effort.

- In 2011 radio amateurs in Prescott-Russell are invited to PR-ARES "Triode Thursday" meetings every week at the Chamberland Centre in Rockland's Simon Park from 6PM to 9PM followed by coffee at Tim Hortons. Triode Thursday activities will continue to aim at typical club oriented activities of interest to all radio amateurs such as technical discussions, hands-on activities with equipment, contesting, homebrew equipment, guest speakers and power-point presentations. From time to time we will use a small portion of a Triode Thursday meeting to discuss logistics for an upcoming ARES events. Radio Amateurs in Prescott-Russell should also consider joining the PR-ARES Yahoo Group as a way of keeping informed of local activities.

- The PR-ARES weekly VHF net takes place every Tuesday on VA3PRA, the Alfred Ontario Repeater (145.47-) or VE3PRV, the Clarence-Rockland repeater (147.33+). Nets take place at 8PM while clocks are on Eastern Standard time, and moves to 9PM after March 13 when clocks are on Daylight Savings time. This is a formal net and we invite any interested radio amateur to check in.

Number of Registered Stations: 20

Number of Net Sessions, Drills or Tests This Month: 3

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Total = Number of Net Sessions, Drills or Tests This Month: 15

Total = Number of Registered Stations: 172