



Feedline

Club Meeting 7pm Thursday, January 10th, Niagara Region Headquarters, Thorold

President's Report - Stephen Riddle, VA3FLF

I am saddened to begin 2019 with the loss of another club member. John Genders, VE3ISC, SK. John passed away last Wednesday the 2nd at Niagara Hospital. A memorial service will be held at a future date. Please remember the family in your thoughts and prayer during this time of loss.

We are less than a month away from the Big Event # 41. This week's meeting will be primarily focused on the details for the Big Event. We are still in need of volunteers for the event. Clayton, VE3AUO will be presenting an update on the Big Event plans as well as what areas we still need assistance. Please help out if you can. This is NPARC's bread and butter event and we want this to be a successful day.

We had a great meeting last month at our new location. The cafeteria worked out great for the silent auction and for the tech night. Several items were sold at the auction and we raised quite a bit of money for John Faber's estate. Also, thank you for everyone that brought a demonstration item for tech night. We had some very interesting displays.

As you might recall last month, we discussed conducting a New Ham Academy this month. We have some good news and bad news. Due to the lack of response we decided to cancel the formal academy classes. However, Mike Amadio, VA3MPA is going to keep the Black Creek Centre reserved for next Saturday January 12th. He has put together a day of fun and tinkering at the Centre and everyone is invited to come out. I know they have a couple of antennas that they want to work on and tune, and set up a station to work. There will be refreshments and possibly a couple of visitors from New York. See the banner ad here in the Feedline.

So far it is just Henry VA3OV and myself working the *light bulb antenna QSO party* at the end of March. If you are interested in helping build an antenna and participate please let me know. We are going to try to operate from Black Creek if all works out.

Lastly, Phil VE3ACK has expressed interest in conducting an advanced ticket class and Glenn, VE3NDW is interested in conducting a code class starting in the spring. Interested? Let us know so we can start planning.

I am looking forward to another successful year for the club. See you Thursday night.

Amateur Radio Shindig

All Hams (new or old) Invited



Saturday January 12th
Black Creek Community Assoc. Centre
2959 Baker Rd. Stevensville - QEW & Netherby Rd. area.

- Mike VA3MPA installs Alpha Delta DX-LB Plus antenna.
- Kevin VA3KGS demonstrates FLEX SDR remote operation and how to build an inexpensive bazooka antenna with coax.
- NPARC bringing club's Icom 7200 for all to see.
- Roundtable discussions to help newly licensed Amateurs.

Arrive @ 10 am - Coffee & tea available. - Noon BBQ planned.

A Ham-Adventure Day - No Charge - RSVP Mike mamadio2@hotmail.com

General Meeting December 13, 2018 Niagara Region, Thorold

As recorded by Denis VE3XC Club Secretary

Meeting called to order by President Steve, VA3FLF. This meeting and next will be in this cafeteria and after that in Room 102 or 103 as listed on the sign in the entrance. Steve outlined the Legion's letter in response to our letter indicating to them that we will no longer be holding meetings there. We had indicated our displeasure that we were treated poorly after being there so many years. Their response gave an invitation to return in the future should we wish to discuss that with them.

There was a round of self-introductions (approx 33)

The members brought Christmas Food Donations and placed them into boxes designated by municipality. These boxes will be delivered to the usual charities by John, VE3HWE.

Steve spoke about Membership: We are down to 45 to 50 members which is about 15 less than last year. Steve asked that the members present to perhaps speak to those who have not come back, invite them to come out again and or maybe get some idea of why they have not returned. Steve also commented on our weekly net Wednesdays at 8pm on VE3NRS. Check-ins are down and perhaps we should consider canceling it. Steve encouraged members to check in for updates on events. There is also the ARES net Mondays at 8pm on VE3RAF, the IRLP Trans Canada Net Wednesday mornings and the East Coast Reflector Tech Net on Tuesday evenings. The last two nets use the VE3WCD IRLP node.

*Moved by Dennis VE3XC / Seconded by Garth VE3HO: To accept the minutes as printed in the Bulletin. Carried

Treasurer's Report: Clayton, VE3AUO: \$ #1 below plus our GIC

*Moved by David VE3RNF / Seconded by John VE3HWE. To accept the Treasurer's report. Carried.

Web Site Update: Clayton: The web site has been up and down. A hacker has gotten into his server and encrypted everything. His back-up drive was also attacked. Other servers Clayton has were not attacked. The web site is restored as is everything else except the Club Members Wiki History is lost. There was a ransom note for \$700 U.S. Bitcoin. Clayton did notify Police authorities and did some investigation of his own. Payment of ransom is not a good option because they always ask for more. The only other option is to start over from your back-ups which Clayton is doing. Service of our information will be on and off as Clayton does this work and makes it more secure to prevent this from happening again. Personal information was not compromised as it was stored separately elsewhere.

Big Event: Clayton, VA3AUO, reported that tables are being rented although we are down 30 tables right now. There will be more emails to past vendors and others trying to get more sales. Major vendors: Icom, yes, Radioworld, yes, Yaesu, not sure.

Steve: A meeting next Wednesday night here 7pm Room 103 for those who wish to help with organizing the Ham Academy. Topics such as antennas, soldering, setting up a station, operating, etc. The Stevensville Center is reserved for Jan 12 and Jan 19 perhaps 10am to 3pm.

Speakers for Meetings: Let Steve know if you are aware of someone who might be interested incoming to one of our meetings. One that was scheduled has cancelled. Another possible speaker has not responded. Henry said he may be able to line up someone from Yaesu to talk about C4FM and Wires

Henry also spoke about "National Parks on the Air" which is a RAC sponsored event for all of 2019. We have 41 National Parks in Ontario and 9 in our area. Perhaps we can set up stations in some or all of them when the warmer weather comes.

David VE3RNF: City of Niagara fall Volunteers: For those who assisted with the Canada Day Parade or the Santa Claus Parade are invited to a Dinner and show at the Greg Frewin Theatre on Thursday Jan 10, 2019. Everyone who participated should have received an invitation by email.

Steve suggested a break for coffee and to allow Dennis and Henry to go over the bids on the equipment being auctioned. They will determine what is sold and which items require a second bid.

*Moved by Garth VE3HO/ Seconded by John VE3HWE: To adjourn. Carried.

During the break Dennis VE3XC and Henry VA3OV determined the winning bidders, collected the payments and distributed those items. The cash was given to the Treasurer who recorded the transactions. As agreed, the Club will keep 10% and 90% will be sent to Shirley Faber. Many items were not sold and were left in the possession of Dennis and Henry. Some items will be listed on the KWARC swap page (at 10% above reserve) and some will be held for the Big Event.

After the break, several members presented and discussed projects that they had recently worked on. The Secretary would appreciate a listing and description of those presentations to add here, not as part of the minutes, but just for the record.

LIGHT BULB ANTENNA CLUB PROJECT

We are still looking tinkers to create a light bulb antenna for a March QSO party. Details can be found at the links below. It will be fun and may even brighten your day! Sponsored by the Road Show Club of Western North Carolina. Dates are Saturday March 9th 2000 Z through Sunday March 10th, 2000 Z. Contact one of the executive.
<http://roadshowarc.org/> <https://hamsignal.com/>
<https://hamsignal.com/blog/the-lightbulb-qso-party>





NPARC
 Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

'41st' BIG EVENT!

Hamfest & Electronics Flea Market
February 2nd, 2019

For more information Web: http://www.nparc.on.ca E-mail: bigevent@nparc.on.ca Phone: 289.646.9222	Coordinates 43.142141 79.208879	Talk-in Frequency 147.240 MHZ+ Tone 107.2 Hz Callsign: VE3VM
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Merritton Community Centre
7 Park Avenue, St. Catharines, L2P 1P9

Doors Open Vendors 7:00am *** Public 9:00am General Admission \$7.00 Children 12 and under FREE Vendor Tables \$13.00 + \$7.00 Admission Snack Bar w/ Coffee and Soft Drinks 50/50 Draw and Door Prizes Raffle of Many Prizes	ALL tables are six (6) feet long, sold in advance and are non-refundable. Table selection not guaranteed, book early! Make cheque or money order payable to: <i>Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.</i> Send to: NPARC, Inc. c/o Table Co-ordinator P.O. Box 20036, Grantham Postal Outlet, St. Catharines ON L2M 7W7
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**THE
 BIG EVENTS
 NEEDS
 VOLUNTEERS!**

CONTACT

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Repeater Chair - John VA3WM

NPARC Net, Wednesdays, 20:00, VE3NRS, 147.240+, 107.2 Hz Tone – always looking for check ins and net controllers. Niagara ARES Net, Mondays, 20:00, VE3RAF, 145.190+, 107.2 Hz Tone. Trans Canada IRLP Net, Wednesdays, 11:00, VE3WCD, 147.310+, 107.2 Tone, IRLP 9013

Canadian National Parks On The Air 2019 - Nearby Niagara sites

1. Navy Island National Historic Site **NO PUBLIC ACCESS** <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/fortgeorge/decouvrir-discover/navyisland>
2. Ridgeway Battlefield National Historic Site <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/ridgeway>
3. Fort Mississauga National Historic Site <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/fortgeorge/decouvrir-discover/fortmississauga>
4. Mississauga Point Lighthouse National Historic Site <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/fortgeorge/decouvrir-discover/mississaugapoint>
5. Butler's Barracks National Historic Site <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/fortgeorge/decouvrir-discover/barracks>
6. Queenston Heights National Historic Site <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/fortgeorge/decouvrir-discover/queenston/visit> - land around Brock Monument, including the parking lot, is Niagara Parks jurisdiction, web site indicates picnic facilities and washrooms
7. Fort George National Historic Site <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/fortgeorge/decouvrir-discover/history-histoire>

In general, Amateur Radio operators are welcome to day use these Parks Canada sites. Some suggestions include parking in designated areas, operate from your vehicle, bring your own table and chair where there may not be a picnic table, use battery power, bring your own antenna which may be on a tripod or strung in the trees, proudly wear your NPARC member id, be safety conscious and use safety traffic cones to demarcate your operating area and mark your feedlines with caution flags. Note that popup sun shades are considered to be tents and as such are not permitted unless a permit in the order of \$2,000 per day is obtained.

I have agreed to keep my Parks Canada contact informed of any NPARC member planning to activate at one or more of the Niagara Region Parks Canada sites. As such, please send me an email, repeaterchair@nparc.on.ca / va3wm@outlook.com with the dates on which you are planning to activate.

Enjoy! 73 for now and I'll be looking for you on the weekly NPARC net.

NIAGARA ARES

Ares Niagara wishes everybody a Happy New Year and reminds everyone of their motto for 2019. "Be Prepared. Be Safe". More at our January 16th meeting. We will be looking at the state of readiness in an emergency of each individual and family.

OVER 2 ME... Feedline Editor Denis VA3ONO

As John, VA3WMM, recorded in his column, as of January 1, 2019, RAC and Parks Canada have set in motion an opportunity to operate from the grounds of most of Canada's federally controlled park land and historic sites. It was a group of Amateur Radio enthusiasts in the Halifax area who came up with the idea and pushed it forward to make it happen. I registered my VA3ONO call and can't wait to pick a location and get on the air. In the meantime I've been in email contact with Rob VE3PCP who lives near Kincardine. As far as I can see he made the second activation on New Year's Day at nearby Point Clark lighthouse on Lake Huron. According to the CNPOTA web site the first was an American rover, Pete Kobak, K0BAK, who worked Park Canada sites in Kingston and east along the St. Lawrence River. Rob tells me he made 20 and 40 meter contacts using a tripod mounted mobile Hustler with four radials.

Rob's wife, Alicia, VA3KGZ and son, Justin, VA3AQZ are all members of the new Inverhuron Ham Radio Club. It is named after the tiny hamlet where Rob lives on Lake Huron. Club call, VE3IHR.

Eager to log more CNPOTA contacts Rob returned January 6th and set up a 16' fibreglass pole and an inverted G5RV Junior. (attached are several photos Rob sent me taken at the lighthouse.)

If you activate, ADIF or Cabrillo file formats must be upload in a timely fashion to a special web site. Huge interest is expected from around the world to log as many as 220 Parks Canada 'administrated units' across Canada. Additional information can be found at <https://cnpota.ca>

I believe the NPARC is planning several outings using the club call, VE3VM, so all members can play radio and a volunteer will upload the logs. The American version of this was highly successful last year.





Rob VA3PCP



Kincardine Lighthouse QSL Card

Alicia VA3KGZ

