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Feedline

**Club Meeting 7pm Wednesday Nov. 14th. at Fonthill Legion**

**President's Report - [Stephen Riddle, VA3FLF](#)**

There is definitely a chill in the air and it seems winter is almost upon us. It will not be long before the snow arrives. As a southerner who moved north this is not my favorite time of the year. We have a few changes coming up and I wanted to hit the highlights for this month's message.

First of all, a reminder that November 11<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Day as well as Veterans Day in the United States. Do not forget all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Also, December is our canned goods drive. Please bring canned goods or non-perishable food items to the December meeting to help out those in need.

One of the big changes upcoming is that we are moving our meeting location. Starting in December we will go back to our regular 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday night meeting and will be meeting at the Region Headquarters Building in Thorold. This building is right across the street from nearby Brock University. We apologize for all the meeting location dates and changes, but it was not our choice. The good news is we are set up to meet at this location and will begin in December.

Remember that this month's meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup> and the Legion in Fonthill. This will be our last meeting at the Legion. This month is Tech Night! Don't forget to bring out your gadgets and projects. I would love to see the hall full of electronic equipment.

Our new ham basic class is going well and we ended up with 6 students. We are going to run a "New Ham Academy" in January. This will be for the students in the class and open to anyone who feels they need some instruction on different aspects on the hobby. The classes are not completely set yet. We are going to cover topics such as antennas, operating procedures, how to set up a station, basic soldering, etc. The classes will run two consecutive Saturdays, January 12<sup>th</sup> and January 19<sup>th</sup> in Stevensville. If you would like to attend or would like to help teach a topic please let me know.

I encourage everyone to participate in our club events. We could use a couple of hands for the Santa Claus Parade in Niagara Falls on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Our Weekly Net check in's are way down. Please check in to the weekly night. We pass along any news or updates going on in the club. Last item is you are going to start seeing some changes to our website. The webmaster is adding a Wiki section and work on making some information easier to find. You need to register to the site to see the club members section updates. Don't forget the Big Event is drawing near and we need plenty of help to put together another great hamfest in February.

A Silent Auction will be carried out at the December meeting for SK, John Faber's equipment. The equipment will be brought to the old meeting location on Nov. 14 at the Fonthill Legion for viewing.

A reminder for all club members. If you have an idea for a NPARC public event or school presentation, you **must** go through John Eagle, VE3HWE. [public\\_relations@nparc.on.ca](mailto:public_relations@nparc.on.ca) John is our Public Relations Manager and he knows all the in and outs regarding liability, equipment and what we can and can not do. This will keep us covered for any possible coordination problems or miscommunication.



6:30pm  
 Friday Dec. 7th  
 Dalhousie Yacht Club  
 contact Henry va3ov@bell.net (289)407-4499  
 Approx \$25 per person  
 Reservations must be in by Nov. 28th

Everyone Welcome, the More the Merrier!  
 ENJOY A TASTY HOLIDAY MEAL WITH YOUR NPARC FRIENDS

### General Meeting Minutes, October 11, 2018, Royal Canadian Legion, Fonthill

Meeting called to order by President Steve, VA3FLF  
 There was a round of self-introductions (approx 23 plus 1 guest)  
 \*Moved by Dennis VE3XC / Seconded by Jim VE3BCA:  
 To accept the minutes as printed in the Bulletin. Carried  
 Correspondence: none  
 Treasurer's Report: Clayton gave the balances of the General Account  
 \*Moved by Dale VE3LFR/ Seconded by Dave VE3FOI: To accept the Treasurer's report as given.  
 Carried.

Clayton asked the membership for volunteers to perform the annual audit of the financial records and no one volunteered. Steve said that if no volunteer comes forward then we may have to look at hiring a professional accountant.

RAC: Dennis VE3XC, Assistant Director, Niagara South: No report.

ARES: Henry VA3OV: The S.E.T. was held yesterday including two hospitals. Everything worked pretty well except there were some computer problems. Perhaps ARES could get invited to a Niagara Regional Council meeting to demonstrate their capabilities. Henry noted that ARES was involved with hurricane Michael in the Southern U.S. over the last few days.

Big Event: Clayton VE3AUO: Emails have started to go out. There are some volunteers and others should notify Clayton or sign the sheet at the back.

70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: Steve VA3FLF: Says everything went well with about 60 attendees. He would have liked to have had more people attend. Jim Thompson, VE3BSA was very happy with the award for Ham of the Year in his honour presented for the first time to David Jarman, VE3RNF. Everyone had a good time. We received a plaque of congratulations from the City of St. Catharines. The special events callsign VC3NPARC70 was well received with 213 contacts in 26 countries over the course of two months.

Ham Classes: There have been two classes, some new people, some returning. There is a need for "Elmers" for new hams if they come out to the meetings. Perhaps we could run a "Ham Academy" for them. We would need to come up with some content such as "How to be a Ham". Black Creek Community Centre does have some antennas installed.

John Faber, VE3CNF (SK) Equipment: Henry VA3OV, and Dennis, VE3XC displayed and described some of the equipment that is now in their possession. A list of the items was available and will be printed in the next Feedline. A procedure for interested members to acquire this equipment has yet to be determined. Dennis suggested a silent auction with minimum values to be determined by the executive.

Holiday Party: Steve asked for a show of hands of how many might be interested. There were only 5 members and so it doesn't seem like there is enough interest. We will decide next meeting for sure.

Next Meeting: November 14<sup>th</sup> and every second Wednesday from there on.

Polo Shirts and T-Shirts: Steve and Henry displayed these shirts. They will cost \$21 and \$12 respectively. There is a sign up sheet for orders. We also have Club Coffee Mugs at \$12.

Repeater Committee: Steve for John VA3WM: There had been some interest in a UHF repeater in the South end. After committee consideration it was determined that this area can be served by VE3RAF (UHF-Fonthill) and VE3WAJ (UHF-Niagara Falls). The committee recommends that we sell the RNR repeater.

\*Moved by Henry VA3OV/ Seconded by Dave VE3FOI: To sell the VE3RNR repeater, controller, and duplexer. Carried. Moved by Glenn VE3NDFW/ Seconded by John VE3HWE: To adjourn. Carried.

After a short break there was a presentation by Steve, VA3FLF describing the construction of a “Light Bulb Antenna”. There will be a QSO party for operators of these antennas on March 9, 2019. See [hamsignal.com](http://hamsignal.com) or [groups.io](http://groups.io) for more information. **DENNIS - VE3XC - Club Secretary**

## LIGHT BULB ANTENNA CLUB PROJECT

We have been invited to participate in a **light bulb antenna QSO party** in March 2019. Details can be found at the links below. I am looking for a couple of members who would be interested in building one of these antennas and playing in the QSO party. We have been invited by the Road Show Club in Western North Carolina. Looks like a fun project. Read up about the results of the experiments so far and designs. I would like our club to participate. Dates are Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2000 Z through Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2000 Z.

<http://roadshowarc.org/> <https://hamsignal.com/>

<https://hamsignal.com/blog/the-lightbulb-qso-party>



## Repeater Chair - John VA3WM

A reminder to everyone that the NPARC 2m FM net is at 20:00 hours on Wednesdays on the VE3NRS repeater. 147.240+ 107.2 tone. Net participation is low, usually less than 10 check ins. And I sure could use some help with net control. At this time, I am flying solo. For times when I am not able to do net control, there may not be a net. So, if you would like to give a try at net control, send an e-mail to [repeaterchair@nparc.on.ca](mailto:repeaterchair@nparc.on.ca) and I will help you with some training. It is not that hard.

You may recall we did a repeater survey earlier this year. Respondents indicated they wanted a net. So let's make some noise! Survey also said that folks wanted a 70 cm repeater. The Repeater Committee (John VA3WM, Glenn VE3NDW, Steve VA3FLF, Lloyd VE3ERQ, Kevin VA3KGS and Henry VA3OV) looked into putting the club's GE MASTR II back into service. While we did find a site in southern Niagara, the investment required for an antenna, feed line, installation, etc., would likely be a minimum of \$1,000 and we would still have a well-aged repeater. Hence the group decided that further pursuit does not make sense. Subsequently, it was put to the club, and approved, that the GE MASTR II 70 cm repeater, controller, power supply and duplexer be sold.

There are several 70cm repeaters in the Niagara region that are open and under-utilized. These open repeaters include:

Fonthill VE3RAF 442.250+ 107.2 Hz tone. also offers C4FM Yaesu System Fusion  
Niagara Falls VA3WAJ 442.425+ 107.2 Hz tone.  
Niagara Falls VE3GRW 442.900+ 107.2 Hz tone.

NPARC members are encouraged to use these repeaters being mindful and respectful of any nets.

A more fulsome list of repeaters usable from the Niagara Region may be found at <http://www.aresniagara.ca/>.

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

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## THE BIG EVENT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS - Clayton VE3AUO

Can you believe it? Less than 90 days left until **"NPARC's Big Event #41"** is here.

We're chomping at the bit here and getting things ready for a great day of bargain hunting to be had by all. **"Big Event #41"** is taking place on February 2, 2019 at the Merritton Community Centre located at 7 Park Avenue in St. Catharines, Ontario.

Just thought we'd send a reminder that table sales are open. Reservations have started and space will become limited before we know it. Prime spots for the event can only be guaranteed if you book now. Whether it's 1, 2 or more tables that you need, choosing your location is much easier if you act now. Don't forget to let us know if you need power.

Tables sold fairly quickly last year and we would hate to see you miss out. The cost this year is **still** only \$13 each and \$7 for each admission.

Credit Card and Paypal are also available both with an additional processing charge. Send cheques or money orders payable to: Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

NPARC Inc.  
Table Co-ordinator  
P.O. Box 20036, Grantham Postal Outlet,  
St. Catharines ON  
L2M 7W7



**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](mailto: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

**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!

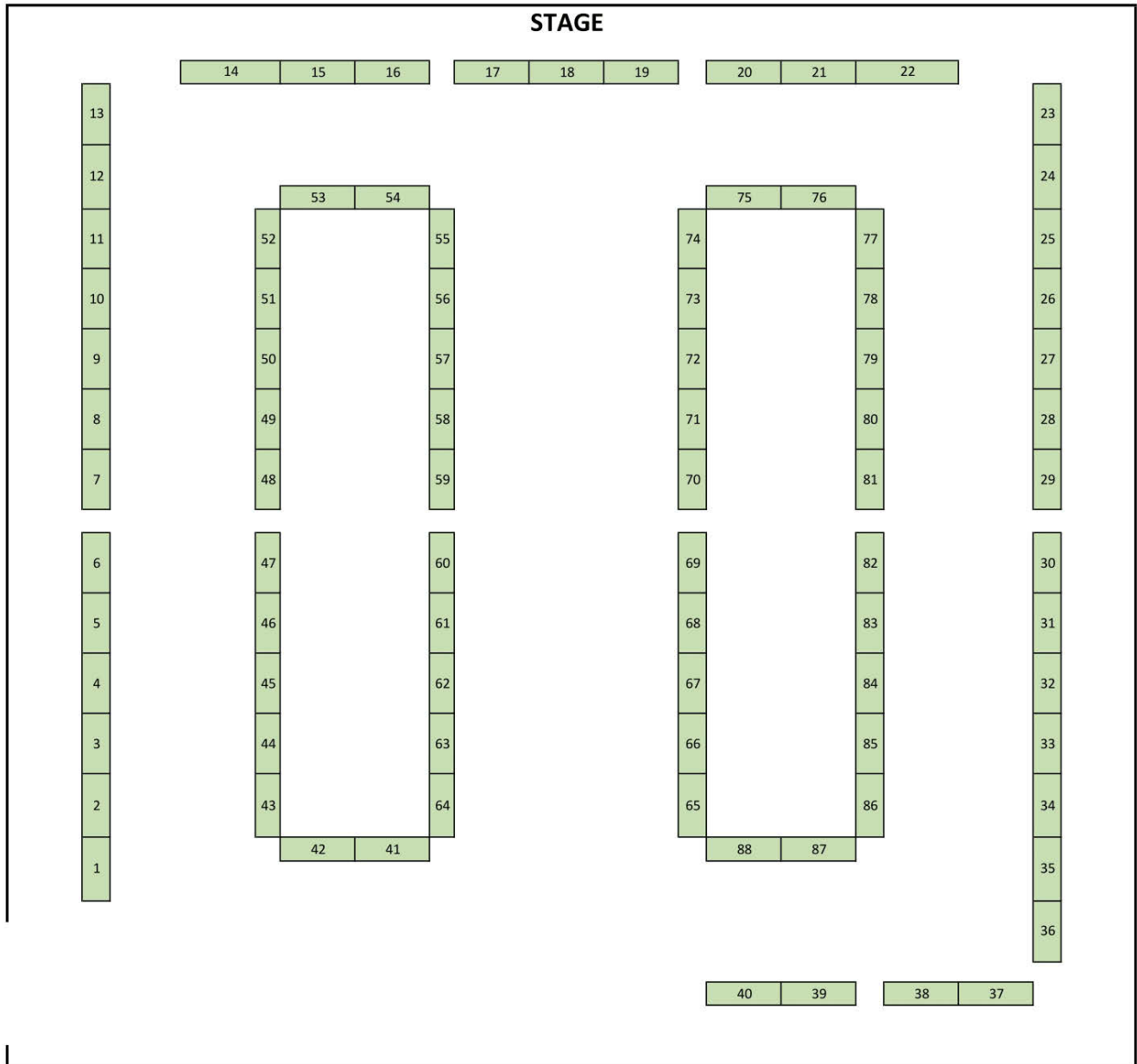
Make cheque or money order payable to:  
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Send to:  
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P.O. Box 20036, Grantham Postal Outlet,  
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**REMEMBER WE NEED VOLUNTEERS**

**Floor Plan - Power Available at Selected Tables - BOOK NOW!**



Clayton VE3AUO is the BIG EVENT convenor. [treasurer@nparc.on.ca](mailto:treasurer@nparc.on.ca)

**Sale of Radio Gear belonging to John Faber VE3CNF (SK) - Dennis VE3XC**

Our Club was asked to facilitate selling John's radio equipment by his wife Shirley. John retired from Dofasco in Hamilton in 1991. He was an active ham and NPARC member. His funeral took place March 19, 2018. He ended his days at Henley House in St. Catharines. Besides his wife Shirley, son's and daughter's, he left 11 grand, and 6 great grandchildren. Naturally we are happy to do this in a fair way and after several visits with Shirley, myself, Henry, VA3OV, and the club's executives we decided to hold a silent auction. Some items will be displayed at the November club meeting in Fonthill. At the December meeting we will hold a silent auction, with reserve bids. The items have been priced at a fair market value depending on age and condition. Bids will be made in writing and the highest bid at or over the reserve will win. You must have cash with you and note that some items are very expensive. If the reserve bid is not met by anyone, then interested buyers will be allowed a second bid. If the reserve is still not met, then the item will be listed for sale elsewhere. Please speak with Henry or myself at the Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting with questions, suggestions, or concerns. Dennis, VE3XC

**Tested and Working Fine**

Yaesu FT-1000 Mark V Xcvr, FP-29 Power Supply and cable, MA31B Microphone (package deal)  
 Daiwa SS330 30A Switching Power Supply  
 Alinco DJ-580 vhf/uhf HT inc several Ni-Cd Packs (one was tested) and drop-in charger

**Working with some Minor Issues**

MFJ-442 Keyer Paddle with Memory including MFJ-5648B Iambic Key  
 Heil Communications Headset  
 Kenwood TR-7950 25W vhf + mic + power cord

**Not Tested at this time**

MFJ-281 Speaker  
 MFJ-259 Antenna Analyzer  
 Alpha 4510 Power Meter  
 Icom IC-500 Auto Tuner  
 Rat Pack WX0B Remote Antenna Switch  
 Home Brew Tuners (2 small, 1 Large)  
 Treadlite Nema Foot Switch (no connector)  
 CDE CD44 + Ham III rotator  
 Techtronicx 454 Scope (no probes)



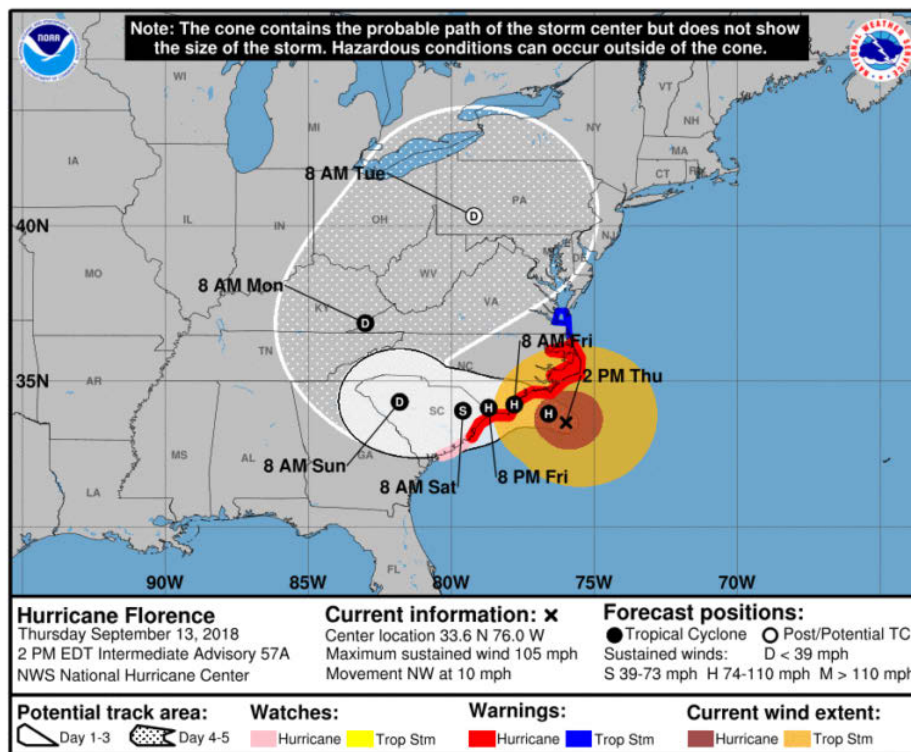


## NPARC/ARES Report - Henry VA3OV

The **Man-A-Mile Run**, October 8th, is an annual charity relay race from Fort George, Niagara-on-the-Lake south to Oakes Park in Niagara Falls. A beautiful Thanksgiving Day. Perfect weather for us and the 120 runners plus their support teams. It was our first time to supply radio communications to the Man-A-Mile organizers. The race was well organized and went smoothly. I am grateful for the following volunteers. John VA3MW, Ken VA3KWG on motorcycle duty along the Niagara Parkway, Ed VE3TI, Dale VA3LFR, David VE3RNF, David VA3DPG, John VE3HWE, Denis VE3KVE, Geddie VE3CJX, Glenn VE3NDW and Henry VA3OV.

Our **ARES Fall Simulated Emergency Training Exercise** was held Oct. 10th across the Niagara Region. Volunteers activated radio base stations in these locations. Niagara Regional Headquarters, Thorold, St Catharines Hospital, Port Colborne Hospital, and the Niagara Falls Fire Station. Voice contacts were made between locations and protocol followed. Four packet stations were deployed but two experienced technical difficulty leaving them out of the loop. Regular training and testing is important to facilitate emergency communications around the Niagara Region. Volunteers included, Roy VE3OQP, David VA3DPG, Geddie VE3CJX, Glenn VE3NDW, Denis VE3KVE, David VE3RNF, John VE3HWE, Paul VE3WRP and Henry VA3OV.

Once again thank you everyone for your support and dedication.  
Henry VA3OV - VP NPARC - EC, CEC Niagara ARES



## NOAA - Hurricane Florence - Fall 2018

## OVER 2 ME... Feedline Editor Denis VA3ONO

You might recall Niagara was hit by **gale force winds** on Tuesday, Nov. 6th. Winds between 34 to 55 knots according to the Beaufort scale. I watched out the back window of my house while my 30' fibreglass pole, holding one leg of a wire antenna was bending to and fro. My end-fed survived but unfortunately **President Steve , VA3FLF**, said his temporary two-meter J-pole used to reach NRS and WCD from his QTH in Ft. Erie was a victim of the winds. Back to the drawing board Steve. I hope you can design something that will survive those winter winds and blizzards you seem to get in South Niagara.

**Geddie, VE3CJX**, kindly extended an invitation to NPARC and ARES members to attend her **daughter's wedding** at Julia's Roman Catholic church in St. Catharines. We were out of town and couldn't attend. I'm sure the bride looked spectacular, the Mass and music was awesome.

**Congratulations to Julianna and Tony.**

The **ICOM 7300** is turning out to be a very popular radio and that was proved recently at the 42nd York Region Amateur Radio Club's Hamfest Nov. 3rd in Markham. The **Radioworld** booth had four on the table and actually sold five at the event! So if you are thinking of buying an **IC7300** preorder and pick it up at our **BIG EVENT** here in St. Catharines, Saturday, Feb. 2nd.

Here's a tip I found on the WWW. A radio amateur in the central USA has added CB channel 6, 27.025MHz, to the memory scan on his HF transceiver. It's called the Super Bowl channel. Illegal, high power stations abound and if you start hearing them blaring through your speaker it could signal a 10 meter band opening.

And finally this from The Radio Show Amateur Radio Club of Western North Carolina web site.

*Amateur radio is an art form. As such, we believe in advancing the art through education, experimentation, and collaboration. The world of amateur radio is always changing and we strive to be there to help lead the change and drive innovation.*

As always, please send news tips, club gossip or short stories to [feedline@nparc.on.ca](mailto:feedline@nparc.on.ca)

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'LEST WE FORGET' graphic was created by Gary Clifford - VE3DZP

