



## JOHN SLUYMER VE3EJ OUTLINES WRTC



- WRTC 2006 - Milestones
- 1st WRTC in the Southern Hemisphere.
  - 40M yagi + log periodic ACOM LS86.
  - Amplifier ACOM 1010 - 700 watts.
  - Defined selection rules based upon recognized criteria.
  - Mixed team selection.
  - YL teams, Young Teams, Sponsored Teams.

The room was packed for well known and respected Ontario DXer, John Sluymer who was our September guest speaker. WRTC stands for World Radiosport Team Championship. He outlined the workings of the WRTC he and James Roberts, VE7ZO, won 18 years ago in Brazil. He said taking part over the years has provided him with a great deal of personal satisfaction. The event began in Seattle, Washington in 1990 and will be hosted in Italy in 2022. Sluymer, a member of the Contest Club of Ontario lives on a large rural property in west Niagara in Grassie, ON. Here in a low noise environment he's assembled a formidable station feeding a variety of antennas spread across open fields that surround his home. John was scheduled to speak last March but was called away on business after a commercial FM transmitter located on Mount Royale in Montreal malfunctioned. John is a Senior Project Manager for Grundy Telecom Integration Inc. of Burlington ON. For more information on the WRTC search both Google & Youtube.



## OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING WAS WELL ATTENDED



Lloyd, VE3eRQ, Brian Simpson, VE3BS, Roy, VE3OQP.



Jim, VE3BCA



Bob and Ed, VE3ITH



Mark, VA3BGL, Steve, VE3SDI, Dale, VE3LVW



## MEET YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE



(L. to R.) Garth Hamilton, VE3HO, vice president, Alex Roglic, VE3RPK, president, April Lewis, VE3BHG, secretary and Clayton Mattatall, VE3AUO, treasurer.

### *President's Report - Alex Roglic VE3RPK*

From a young age I've always been interested in electronics. I grew up in a world without internet and now live in a world that relies on it. My specific interests have been computers. Building and programming Linux and Windows servers and workstations for websites and internal networks. Creating applications, networking cabling, configurations, etc. I also like to fish and work with cars.

I've always been interested in RF technology used in satellite and ground based communications. So amateur radio always fascinated me. I finally committed time last spring taking the NPARC basic course to get my license. It was a pleasure to have Phil, VE3ACK and Kevin, VA3KGS, as instructors!

I've spent over 14 years working for DHL in their Supply Chain Division. I'm currently on the Warehouse Management System side as Operations Manager at a Michelin Distribution Center. I would like to thank the members of the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club for providing me this great opportunity to lead the club.

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## PUBLIC RELATION OFFICER STILL REQUIRED

*This is to inform you that I am resigning my duties as Public Relations Officer for NPARC. We are re-locating to Dundas in October which will put me way out of the Niagara Region. I have enjoyed my time with NPARC and interacting with all of the club members and the event personnel. I have made new friends through the club and hope to still stay in touch. Keep the club growing. 73 **John Eagle VE3HWE***

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## GENERAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

Niagara Region Building. Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by Past President Steve, VE3FLF.

### Roll Call

Announcement that tonight is the first night of the Basic Amateur Radio Course at Black Creek Community Center, Advanced Class begins next week

Observed a moment of silence for silent keys Oscar Bordenave, VE3PIO and Christopher Dickens, VE4CK.

Ham of the Year presented by Steve, VE3FLF and Jim Thompson, VE3BCA to Henry Jarzyna, VA3OV.

Introduction of John Sluymer, VE3EJ regarding contesting and the World Radiosport Team Championship in particular

### Break

### Business Meeting

Clayton, VE3AUO stated the first order of business was to choose a President so we can continue as a corporation entitled to RAC insurance

Geddie Holden, VE3CJX nominated Alex Roglic, VA3RPK for the position of President. Denis Surek, VE3XC expressed that he would be willing to stand for president if no one else came forward, but withdrew when Geddie nominated Alex. Clayton Mattatall, VE3AUO also stated his willingness to stand as President. A silent ballot was carried out, and Alex has been elected as our new NPARC president

New executive was introduced

Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM, membership dues were collected afterwards by Clayton Mattatall, VE3AUO.

Minutes submitted by April, VE3BHG, club secretary.

### REPEATER CHAIR - JOHN VA3WM

The VE3RNR UHF repeater, 443.175+ with 107.2 Hz tone, is now operational from E. L. Crossley School in Fonthill. The Yaesu System Fusion repeater is configured in Auto / Auto analog / digital mode. Wires-x connectivity is still being worked on.

### NIAGARA ARES UPCOMING EVENTS

Man a Mile Run	Oct. 14
Fall SET Exercise (GTA)	Oct. 26
Niagara Falls Santa Parade	Nov. 16

For each of these events listed we will need a minimum of 12 volunteers to provide adequate communications. For the Man a Mile and SET Exercise, use of mobile radio stations will be necessary at some check points. To sign up to these events contact me at "[va3ov@bell.net](mailto:va3ov@bell.net)"

### Henry VA3OV EC, CEC Niagara ARES



David, VA3DPG, Garth, VA3HO, Kimberly, VA3KID, David, VE3RNF, Geddie, VE3CJX, Alex, VA3RPK, Glenn, VE3NDW, Henry, VA3OV & Roy, VE3OQP. Photo taken by Denis VE3KVE.

## CQ WORLD WIDE SSB CONTEST STATION

CQ World Wide SSB Contest, 20:00 local time, Friday, Oct. 25th, ending 19:59 local, Sunday, Oct. 27th. Two stations utilizing four antennas will be setup to cover five bands, 80 meters through 10 meters. We will be inside the Blackcreek Community Association building off the QEW near Stevensville. You do not need contest experience to participate. We will operate in shifts around the clock and need both operators and loggers. The CQ WW is the largest Amateur Radio competition in the world. Over 35,000 participants take to the airwaves on the last weekend of October (SSB) and November (CW) with the goal of making as many contacts with as many different DXCC entities and CQ Zones as possible. Contact Henry, VA3OV, to register on or before Sunday, Oct 20th. 289 407-4499 or va3ov@bell.net

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## VHF NETS

**NPARC Net, Wednesdays, 20:00, temporally moved to VE3WCD, 147.300+, 107.2 Hz Tone – always looking for check ins and net controllers. (Due to noise on VE3NRS)**

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

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## YUKON JAY, VY1JA, IS QRT

According to a news item published by the ARRL, J Allen, VY1JA, shut down his Yukon station after approximately thirty years on the air for health reasons. His medical problem was not disclosed in the report. His QRZ page says he went QRT on Sept. 14th and all his gear is for sale. Contesters and DXer's will miss his VY1JA callsign as a sought-after multiplier and zone. A group of U.S. amateurs who hold Canadian licences have been operating his station for the past four years remotely as VY1AAA. This will also have to come to an end. Gerry Hull, W1VE/VE1RM, who manages VY1AAA said, they are "sadden by the turn of events." And, "Hams around the world will miss Jay." The group is searching for another far north Canadian station they can continue to operate remotely as VY1AAA call. Full name on the VY0JA QRZ page is J. Parke Allen. (ARRL bulletin Sept. 17, 2019)

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**FRIDAY, DEC. 6TH NPARC & NIAGARA ARES CHRISTMAS PARTY - Reserve with Glenn VE3NDW (905) 937-2823**



**NPARC**  
**Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**

**'42nd' BIG EVENT!**

**Hamfest & Electronics Flea Market**  
**February 1st, 2020**

For more information Web: <a href="http://www.nparc.ca">http://www.nparc.ca</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:bigevent@nparc.ca">bigevent@nparc.ca</a> 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 \$8.00 Children 12 and under FREE  Vendor Tables \$20.00 + \$5.00 Admission Table Discounts at 4+ tables  Snack Bar w/ Coffee and Soft Drinks  50/50 Draw, Door Prizes, and Raffles	ALL tables are six (6) feet long, sold in advance and are non-refundable. Table selection not guaranteed, book early!  Accepting Cheque, Credit, Debit, and Cash 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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**Vendor Announcements Soon!**

The 42nd **Big Event** is Saturday, Feb.1, 2020. Tables are now available on a first come first serve basis. Tables are now \$20.00 each plus a \$5.00 per vendor admission fee. Each paid admission will receive one door prize ticket. We are offering a discount when reserving 4 or more tables. To reserve your tables, email [vendors@nparc.ca](mailto:vendors@nparc.ca) We accept cheque, PayPal, credit and cash on the day of the event. All PayPal and Credit transaction will have a 3% service fee added to cover the processing fee. Please note, paying cash on the day of the **BIG EVENT** doesn't guarantee you a table. So please, contacted me prior to the event. Take care and hope to hear from all of you soon.

[Clayton Mattatall, VE3AUO - NPARC Big Event Coordinator](#)





[MINISTRY SEEKING COMMENTS](#)  
[Deadline November 4, 2019](#)

<https://www.rac.ca/distracted-driving-ontario-considering-permanent-exemption/>

Distracted driving regulations continue to be an area of interest for many Canadian Radio Amateurs. These regulations are made and enforced by provincial governments and can vary considerably from province to province and over time. In Ontario, RAC Directors Allan Boyd, VE3AJB (Ontario North/East) and Phil McBride, VA3QR (Ontario South) have been working hard on this issue.

On December 15, 2017, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) announced that the current two-way radio exemption for “Amateur Radio operators and specified commercial, public transit, and public function drivers was extended for a further three-years until January 1, 2021.”

We are pleased to report that the Ministry is currently considering making the two-way radio exemption permanent and it has invited comments on this proposal as well as any additional suggestions or comments on how it could minimize distracted driving while supporting economic growth and prosperity in the province.

A summary of these proposals has been posted to Ontario’s Regulatory Registry Display Screens and Hand-Held Devices

– Exemption Review (Posting #2019-MTO028) and can be viewed in English or French.

<https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?language=en&postingId=30387>

## TO ALL AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS IN ONTARIO-SOUTH

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation has opened a 45-day consultation period to examine the possibility of making the time-limited exemption we enjoy under O. Reg. 366/09 that allows us to operate mobile permanent. The RAC Bulletin on this matter can be [found here](#). All Amateur Radio operators and clubs in Ontario are encouraged to enter their comments [on their website](#). Radio Amateurs of Canada will be providing an official response as a stakeholder shortly.

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## NPARC History Web Site is Growing

[Clayton Mattatall, VE3AUO - Club Historian](#)

Many of you may remember the gruelling days of sitting through history class, always wondering “What do I need to know all this old stuff for?”

History may not have been one of your favourite subjects in school. It sure wasn’t one of mine. It took me multiple tries to get through the class to finally obtain my credit as I honestly had no use or want to know any of the stuff being taught. Now though, at my current age of 55, I fully understand the need for learning it.

One of my favourite “hobbies on the side” is Genealogy. I’m sure many of you know that genealogy is the research documenting of history. And to think I didn’t see a need for history class. As it is, I’ve been able to trace my father’s side of me back to the immigration and settling of the Acadians. They came to Nova Scotia back in the 1600’s and this continued on for over 100 years. History...who thought I would have a need for it?

So where am I going with this? Well the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (NPARC) (hey that’s us!) has only existed since 1948. Since that time much of the club history has been documented by one individual being our charter member, Jim Thompson, VE3BCA. The very earliest of NPARC beginnings were documented by club members, Ethel, VE3DTW and Cy, VE3TW Williamson, and can be found in the book “A Light On The Seaway – Early Days of Amateur Radio In Niagara”.

Jim wrote a book entitled “Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club 1948 to 2008, Compiled by Jim Thompson VE3BCA”. Since then, I have taken over as Club Historian. With Jim’s permission, I am in the process of converting his book to what’s called an e-book or digital book. I have also created a personal website where I am documenting the club history with the help of Jim’s book. You can access this site at <http://www.nparchistory.ca>. Please take a look at the site to see the progress that has been made. If you have stuff to add, please contact me and we can arrange the exchange of information.

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## HENRY, VA3OV, HAM OF THE YEAR

Henry has come a long way since gaining his license in 1987 as VE2SEA. Over the years he’s lived in Toronto, Mississauga, Montreal, Hawkesbury and now St. Catharines. From 2004 to 2011 he was the Emergency Coordinator for the Prescott Russell County ARES group in Eastern Ontario. He and his wife, Andree, moved to St. Catharines in 2013 and he joined NPARC and became involved with the local ARES. He was the club’s vice president for four terms and continues as the Niagara ARES Emergency Coordinator. Henry has been active in all aspects of the club, from tech nights in Stevensville to coordinating our field day operations for four years in Niagara. He is outgoing and shares his knowledge willingly with both young and old hams.



Special year long event from specific Parks Canada historic sites and parks coast to coast.



ACTIVATIONS ACROSS CANADA END DEC. 31, 2019

**OVER 2 ME...** [Feedline Editor - Denis VA3ONO](#)

If you have been reading FEEDLINE, President Steve VA3FLF has retired, as well VP, Henry VA3OV and Secretary Dennis, VE3XC. Before the summer break, April, VE3BHG, stepped in to replace Dennis, as secretary, Clayton, VE3AUO, is returning as treasurer. Garth, VE3HO, a long time member, offered his services to fill the VP position only if a president could be found. The nomination committee tried but was not able to find candidates for the President's position. As it turned out Dennis, VE3XC, and Clayton, VE3AUO, both announced at the September 12th meeting they were prepared to act as president to resolve the situation. I believe neither knew the other was putting their name forward. They both knew for the club to maintain its not-for-profit status it needed a full executive. I was at the September meeting and saw this unfold. I sincerely want to thank both Dennis and Clayton for the unselfish position they took. As the discussion was going around the room on how to resolve the matter, Geddie, VE3CJX, made a last minute nomination of Alex Roglic, VE3RPK for President. I believe Dennis withdrew his name and a runoff vote between Alex and Clayton took place. Once again a hearty thank you to both Clayton and Dennis for stepping up when it appeared no one else would. And congratulations to our new President Alex. As the club enters its 72nd year of operation in 2020 let's all work together, enjoy the fellowship as we promote the amateur radio hobby across Niagara.

And finally a couple of sentences attributed to Steve Jobs who died a multi-billionaire at age 56. "The six best doctors in the world are sunlight, rest, exercise, diet, self-confidence and your friends!" "Maintain them in all stages and enjoy a healthy life."