

The Feedline

Niagara Amateur Radio Club Inc. April 2009

Well, spring has finally made it back and extended daylight means getting more things done outside. I know I have a lot to do so I will look forward to getting out of the house. Don't forget when using power tools lawn mowers, weed eaters, roto tillers etc. use safety first, it will make for a more enjoyable season.



Minutes of the March 2009 NPARC Meeting

Not Available

Thanks to Jake and Dave, VE3NRS is running again and sounding great. The controller got sick and had to be sent to the hospital for some surgery but will be back soon with all the toys working again.

We have a few things coming up fast. First are the Elections so get your nominations in to Peter (VE3HM) or Brian (VE3BMX). There are a lot of good people that could fill all positions.

Then we have the Russell air show June 5,6,& 7th. We will need help with this so let Bob (VE3HNN) or Peter (VE3HM) know if you want to help. Also in the next few weeks leading up to the air show if you have any free time there are work parties at the airport to prepare the grounds for the show; painting, building; putting up fencing; cleaning aircraft and other odds and ends. If you want to get out for a while you can contact me for information.

FIELD DAY is fast approaching. If you are going to participate contact Dale Sackfie (VE3LVW) and let him know your plans.

One more - Peter (VA3WET) is still working on promoting his project for CANADA DAY.

You can contact Peter for more information.

Our Guest Speaker this month will be Kevin Smith (VA3KGS). He has a follow-up on the workings of the canal locks.

John (VA3BOZ)
President NPARC

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50th anniversary of the St. Lawrence Seaway

Here is some information about the 50th Anniversary of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Amateurs can use special prefixes with their call signs from April 1st 2009 to May 31st 2009. If your call sign starts with VE3 you would use XM3. (Example VE3FOI would use XM3FOI) and if your call sign starts with VA3 you would use XL3. (Example VA3KGS would use XL3KGS). This is great for our area because of the Welland Canal being part of the Seaway, good PR for amateur radio,

73 Dave (VE3FOI).

2009 Field Day

Preparations are well on the way for Field Day at Fireman's Park, Niagara Falls On June 27th and 28th.

As of this writing operations are being planned for
75 mtr SSB
40 mtr SSB
20 mtr SSB
2 and 6 mtrs

What about CW operators, or 10 or 15 mtrs - you never know when a good opening is about to appear on these bands!

Hopefully a GOTA station (Get On The Air) will be active as well. I hope many of you bring along family and friends to operate at the GOTA station as well as observe the other stations.

You don't need to be an experienced emergency operator, dx'er or casual HF operator to be involved. Join us and participate in this fun club activity. It is an excellent opportunity for hams new to HF to learn about HF operating. Perhaps you will learn something new, such as: - setting up a long wire antenna in a temporary location (you may get ideas for a future camping trip!); portable operations; logging contacts electronically.

Let me know if you would like to operate a station. Also, help is always appreciated for station setup on Saturday morning and station tear down on Sunday afternoon. Even if you don't intend to operate why not come out and spend some time with fellow club members. Have a few laughs while setting up the stations, observe station operators in action or help log contacts.

Send me an email ve3lvw@yahoo.ca if you need more information.
Dale (VE3LVW)

Update on SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network) NIAGARA

The 75 mtrs SATERN net has been started up again; 3.745MHz at 2100 hrs EDT Mondays night. We have various stations from the USA and Ontario plus other Provinces check in. We usually start about 2030 hrs EDT to grab the frequency. The SATERN network is growing in Ontario, all are welcome.

The SATERN teams have been very busy with the floods in North Dakota and Manitoba as well as southern USA along with ARES amateur radio operators.

I want to thank Dan (VA3DO) for the donation of a R-7 vertical for HF frequencies. Once we have repaired it we will try it out. Once again our plan is to have some 2mtr/70cm antennas installed at some of the local Salvation Army sites in the Peninsula with coax drops. If anyone wants to donate any items please get in touch with me, 73 Dave (VE3FOI).
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Editorial comment

Hello again!

We have news about SATERN this month, and also Dave (VE3LVW) outlines details about this year's Field Day. Then there is the Russell air show coming up, and (within the club), elections. Now with the end of winter (we hope!) we can plan on working on our antennas without getting frost-bite, and those of us who are boaters can look forward to getting out on the lake again. One thing about using amateur radio on the water is that generally you get great range, as the water acts as an excellent ground plane. So listen for calls preceded by "VE3KVE Marine portable".

Otherwise, we'll listen for you on one of our club's repeaters.

73, Denis (VE3KVE) and Geddie (VE3CJX).

PS: you'll notice that this is a foreshortened Feedline this month - we're always ready to receive information from members, about your shack; your antennas; your experiences on the air. Just email them to: feedline@nparc.on.ca

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NPARC Repeaters

VE3NRS	147.240 MHz +	PL Tone 107.2 Hz
VE3RNR	443.175 MHz +	PL Tone 107.2 Hz
VE3WCR	147.300 MHz +	PL Tone 107.2 Hz
VA3NRS	224.580 MHz +	PL Tone 107.2 Hz

NPARC Meeting Schedule for 2008 - 2009

Meetings are held monthly, September to June, 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm
 Royal Canadian Legion hall, Branch 613, 141 Hwy 20 East, Fonthill, Ontario. All are invited to attend.

Thursday September 11 th 2008	Guest speaker Kevin (VA3KGS). Presentation of his diving trip to North Carolina.
Thursday October 9 th 2008	Guest speaker Postponed until November meeting.
Thursday November 13 th 2008	Guest speaker Bob Cook (VE3BDB), Vice- President, Field Services. He will be doing a new ARES presentation.
Thursday December 11 th 2008	Guest speaker Guenther Schweigl. Using Lead-free solder plus he is bringing a VNA (Vector Network Analyzer) to check antennas.
Thursday January 8 th 2009	Guest speaker David Wilson VE3BBN.
Thursday February 12 th 2009	Guest speakers Peter (VA3WET)
Thursday March 12 th 2009	Guest speaker Leon Evans
Thursday April 9 th 2009	Guest speaker Kevin Smith (VA3KGS) Topic—working of the canal locks.
Thursday May 14 th 2009	Guest speaker TBA
Thursday June 11 th 2009	Guest speaker TBA