



Feedline

Club Meeting 7pm Thursday, Sept. 12th, Campbell building, Niagara Region, Thorold

The guest speaker is John Sluymer, VE3EJ from Grassie, ON. John is on the Executive of the Contest Club of Ontario (CCO). He will be speaking about contesting and DXpeditions.

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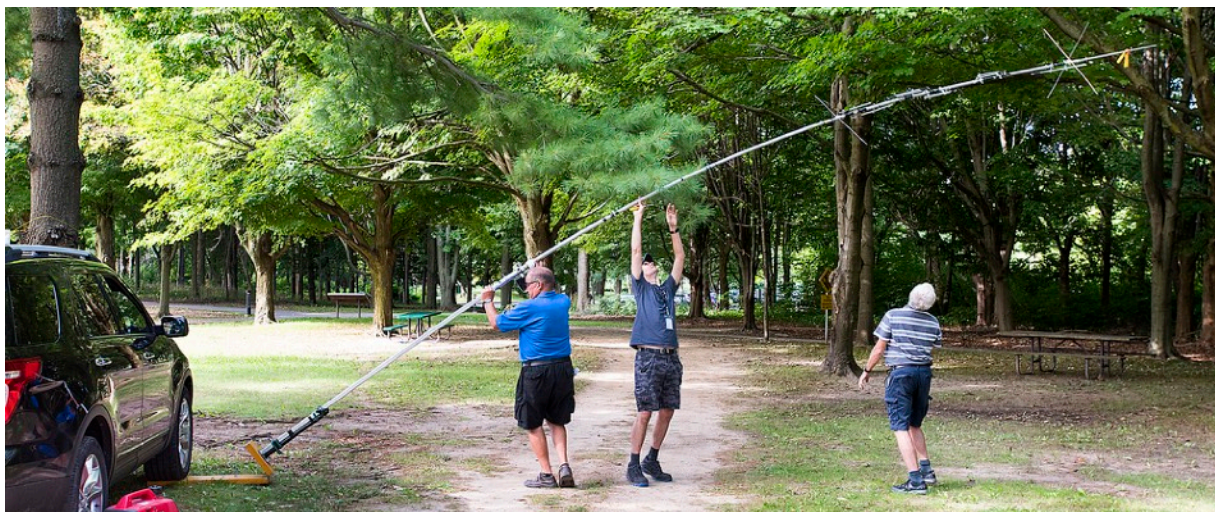
Echoes of Niagara's Past - Fort George Aug. 24, 2019



Interpreters relax before marching into the old town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Saturday, Aug. 24th. The scarlet British 24th of foot uniforms are from the Victorian period. Re-enactors, weaponry and vehicles from the War of 1812, WWI, WWII and other historic time periods paraded through town and were on display inside the Fort George.



Deploying the NPARC banner near the main entrance to Fort George, in Niagara-on-the-Lake, from left, Alex, VA3RPK, Henry, VA3OV and Geddie, VE3CJX. Below, Dale VE3LFR, David, VE3RNF, Cam, VE3OVR. Steve, VE3FLF, helping erect a popup tent. And Henry, Alex and Dale, hoisting a club antenna. Around 15 club members arrived early Saturday morning to setup.





Out going president Steve, watches Doug, VE3JDF, operating FT8.



The NPARC display was setup in front of the Fort George welcome centre.



Geddie, VE3CJX, Phil, VE3ACK and Henry, VA3OV.



John, VA3WM and Doug, VE3JDF.



Top, Cam, VE3OVR, explains the WWII 19 Set to a visitor.
Bottom, Things must be looking up for Phil, VE3ACK, Glenn, VE3NDW & Alex, VA3RPK,





At approximately 1100 hours a parade of antique military vehicles including a Sherman tank (above), a half-track complete with a 50 caliber machine gun, a motorcycle with sidecar, plus marching re-enactors in various uniforms passed next to the NPARC display tents outside Ft. George heading into the old town area of Niagara-on-the-Lake. The WWII Sherman tank is maintained by military enthusiasts.









NPARC PRESIDENT POSITION STILL VACANT

All executive and committee positions have been filled, except for the position of President. It is a crucial position as it's required by the Not For Profit Corporation Act that NPARC have all executive positions filled. Please consider stepping up and taking on this important duty. Please contact John Lorenc, the Chair of the Nominating Committee at [repeaterchair\(at\)nparc.ca](mailto:repeaterchair(at)nparc.ca)

** As we were going to press, we received a note from John Eagle, VE3HWE, our Public Relations officer. He has resigned his position as he's moving out of the area. The PR officer attends executive meetings and works to plan and promote amateur radio and NPARC in Niagara. Please consider volunteering.

*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***

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7PM JUNE 13, 2019

Minutes taken by Dennis, VE3XC, Secretary.
Niagara Regional Headquarters, Thorold, ON.

The meeting was called to order by the President Steve, VA3FLF. Steve gave a short presentation of a Sonar station and equipment aboard a ship on which he served. There were about 23 members present and one guest.

There were no errors reported on the minutes of the last general meeting as printed in the Bulletin. Therefore they are accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Clayton VE3AUO: Cash in the bank, value of GIC, petty cash and current PayPal balance was reported at the June meeting.

*Moved by David VE3RNF / Seconded by Brian VE3BMX: To accept the Treasurer's Report. Carried.

Spring/Summer/Fall Events: John VE3HWE: One addition to the usual events. We will provide communications help with the St. John's Ambulance 1K and 5K run. It will be held at Oakes Park before the Canada Day parade. Sign up sheets for this and other events are at the back

of the room. (Secretary's Note: We will not be participating at Canal Days this year.)

Old Business: None

New Business: On behalf of the Club, Steve presented Jake VE3NCL with a beautiful glass award to thank him for the many years of working with the Club equipment and especially with maintenance on our repeaters.

Correspondence: Dennis VE3XC: Spoke about our scholarship which was provided to E.L. Crossley Secondary School and presented to Eddie Pinelli, this year's recipient.

Tech Night: Steve VE3FLF: The next meeting will be June 20th, ahead of Field Day, and then on July 4th.

Election: Directors, Executive, and Committee Heads beginning September 1, 2019

Nominations for President: None at this time

Vice-President: Garth Hamilton, VE3HO agreed to stand for Vice-President

Secretary: April Lewis, VE3BHG by acclamation

Treasurer: Clayton Mattatall, VE3AUO by acclamation

Public Relations: John Eagle, VE3HWE will continue with this responsibility

Repeater Committee: John Lorenc, VA3WM will continue with this responsibility

Feedline Editor: Denis Cahill, VE3ONO will continue with this responsibility

Since none of the offices are contested, then the officers and committee heads are accepted for the year September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020.

Break: There was coffee, drinks, and pizza available.

President's Comments: Outgoing President Steve, VA3FLF gave an update of the Club's status, finances, and equipment. Membership is good and we are set to update our repeaters. Many excellent events were held this year. Steve feels we did very well with our new Ham Classes. He expressed his concern of the falling lack of participation by many Club members. The vast majority of our responsibilities and events are continually being carried out by the same small group of members. That small group can't do everything. Field Day participation has always been good but Steve expressed disappointment in the small number of members who came to the 70th Anniversary Celebration. Steve urged all members to volunteer for even just one of our events to help the Club thrive. We must also find innovative ways of reaching young adults. We need more to show such as video screens with APRS, Satellite, FT8, SDR's demonstrations, etc. to make our radio operations and demonstrations more visible and interesting.

ARES: Henry VA3OV: Henry gave a description of ARES events this year. ARES continually practices communications throughout the year to be ready for emergencies. Meetings are always the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm with alternating locations of here at

Niagara Regional Headquarters or at the Regional Police Headquarters in Niagara Falls. Community groups where ARES is present are happy to get the assistance that ARES provides keeping everyone safe especially on back roads. The City of Niagara Falls especially is pleased with our participation. More information at aresniagara.ca.

I.T. Committee and Repeaters: John VA3WM: The Committee reviewed what we have in I.T. and what changes could be helpful for full member electronic communications. A new internet full service provider was selected giving security, email, and archiving. The Executive decided to go with Web Savers Commercial Hosting at \$120 per year, with nparc.ca being the new address, using Wordpress for web site construction, WordPress Champ for email, and groups.io for our forums. The VE3WCD repeater was professionally checked out and serviced. Everything is working well. The new repeaters are on order from Yaesu.

Ham of the Year: Steve VA3FLF: Steve asked the members to submit their choice by paper ballot of the member each believed made the greatest contribution to Club activities this year. The results will be tabulated and announced later. .

50/50 Draw: Won by ticket number 082 with their share being \$18.50.

CanWarn: Brian VE3BMX: Reminded members to get on the air during severe weather events. Usually the VE3RAF repeater at 145.190- becomes active and hams are encouraged to be aware of the weather near them and VE3RAF to give and receive information.

Field Day: Henry VA3OV: Henry discussed the set-up and other arrangements. We will be at the Black Creek Community Centre operating 3A.

*Moved by Dennis VE3XC / Seconded by Henry VA3OV: To adjourn. Carried.

REPEATER CHAIR - JOHN VA3WM

The new Yaesu DR-2x repeaters and accessories have arrived and are in process of being setup.





Jake Voigt, VE3NCL, left, received an plaque from President Steve, VA3FLF, at the June NPARC meeting. Jake's expertise, along with other club members, kept our older General Electric commercial repeaters on the air for many years. Jake, a real gentleman, was always available to assist other hams and the club when required.

Sept. 5th next 'TECH-NITE' at Black Creek Community Centre

NINE BOOKED FOR NEXT ADVANCED LICENSE COURSE

If you are interested in upgrading your license from **Basic** to **Advanced**, there is still time to register. Contact instructors@nparc.ca or attend the Sept. 12th meeting. Phil, VE3ACK and Kevin, VA3KGS have nine confirmed students and several possible students.

Recent grads from the club's basic course are; Carol, VA3TBH, Andrew, VA3KOV, John, VA3BNL, Alex, VA3RPK and Paul, VE3POZ.

NIAGARA ARES THANKED FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION

Again this year the June 22nd, 'Ride for Roswell' was a success. Thank you to all the volunteers that participated. I am including a note that I received from the event organizer. [Henry VA3OV EC, CEC Niagara ARES](#)

Thank you for your support of The 2019 Ride For Roswell! Without you, The Ride would not be possible. Our team deeply appreciates your collaborative efforts throughout the year to prepare for The Ride, as well as all the extra hours you put in.

Because you were on our team, The Ride For Roswell had another incredibly successful year!

- * *More than 10,000 riders and volunteers participated in The Ride.*
- * *We raised more than \$5.5 million for cancer patients.*
- * *Since 1996, The Ride For Roswell has raised more than \$53 million for Roswell Park.*

Your efforts have a real impact. Your support helps fuel lifesaving cancer research studies and compassionate, innovative patient-care programs. Most importantly, you've brought us one step closer to finding cancer cures and saving more lives.

We hope to celebrate the 25th annual Ride with you on Saturday, June 27, 2020!

On behalf of the patients, faculty and staff at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, THANK YOU!

THOMAS JOHNSTON
Special Events Operations Manager
Roswell Park Alliance Foundation

NIAGARA ARES UPCOMING EVENTS

After the club Field Day and the Canada Day Parade there was a lull in our public service activities. The next few months promises to be full of community based events.

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| - Terry Fox Run | Sept. 15 |
| - Agape Valley Cross Country Run | Sept. 21 |
| - CIBC Run for the Cure | Sept. 29 |
| - Man a Mile Run | Oct. 14 |
| - Fall SET Exercise (GTA) | Oct. 26 |
| - Niagara Falls Santa's Parade | Nov. 16 |

The first four events are fund raising for cancer and children summer camp.

This is our way to support great causes.

For each of these events listed we will need a minimum of 12 volunteers to provide adequate communications.

For the Agape, Man a Mile and SET, use of mobile radio stations will be necessary at some check points.

We have the opportunity to participate and provide support for the upcoming community events. It is also a good opportunity for us to practice our communications skills.

To sign up to these events contact me at "va3ov@bell.net"

Details for each of these events will be provided as we are nearing the day.

[Henry VA3OV EC, CEC Niagara ARES](#)

VHF NETS

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

Oscar Bordenave, VE3PIO, SK



Oscar and his wife of 60 years, Hilda photographed enjoying the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club Christmas party at the Dalhousie Yacht Club on December 7, 2016. Besides Hilda he leaves his son Hector and daughter Patricia, several grandchildren and a great grandchild. He was a regular for many years at our meetings and at field day, often preparing meals for the hungry hams. Oscar and Hilda were the first couple to introduce and dance the Argentinian Tango at the Latin American Club. Hilda sent an email to the 'regulars' Oscar corresponded with over the internet. She wrote, "It is with great sympathy and regret to inform you that Oscar Bordenave passed away peacefully on Aug 21st 2019. I would like to express a heartfelt thank you for being in his life and giving him the memories he cherished forever. Oscar valued your friendships immensely. Hilda"

Born in Argentina, he moved to Canada, worked at Hayes Dana and raised his family in St. Catharines. He will be remembered as a fair, community minded person who had a positive outlook. He was not afraid to take on the establishment if he felt the common man's rights were threatened.

There was a memorial on Wednesday 28th 2019 at George Darte Funeral Home, 585 Carlton St., St. Catharines, from 4-6pm. Family friend Fr. Peter Rowe, lead prayers at 4pm. Refreshments were served in the Kristen French Fellowship Hall after the visitation.



shipshape, spice & span!

THE NPARC STORAGE LOCKER HAS A NEW TIDY LOOK THANKS TO DAVID, VE3RNF, HENRY, VA3OV AND STEVE, VA3FLF. AFTER A GIANT CLEAN OUT, THE WORK PARTY INSTALLED HEAVY DUTY STEEL RACKS. LABELLED TOTE BOXES WITH LIDS NOW KEEP OUR VALUABLES SAFE AND DUST FREE.

ONLY FOUR MONTHS TO GO!



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

So how is everybody doing after our long hot summer?

Did July and August treat you well? Do you still have some antenna work to complete before the snow flies? Me too!

It appears ham radio wasn't a big part of my life over the summer. I never found time to get a portable station set up to activate one of the local CNPOTA sites. It's on my bucket list for the Fall. I just tallied my summer log book and see my QSO count was pretty low. A few 6M VHF Contest contacts and under twenty 40M, 20M and 15M QSO's during the IARU HF Contest. And a random number of friendly QSO's across North America. I hooked up with the St. Pierre & Miquelon DXpedition in August on my first try but struggled mightily to land a South African station on 7.152 MHz after midnight one August weekend. No tower with a beam at my house. A four band PAR end-fed and their 6M end-fed.

The other day I sent an email to Dick, K0DK, in Boulder, Colorado. I would of loved to talk to him but I couldn't as I wasn't in the shack. I was testing an old 1980's era 31 band AM/FM/SSB Japanese radio made by National. A relative showed up with the radio recently. Her boss was clearing out a house and I was gifted the 'like-new' radio he actually purchased on a trip to Japan almost forty years ago. I've included a photo of receiver below. When loaded with 8 D batteries it gets quite heavy. And it is not a tiny radio to begin with. Now back to Dick, K0DK and his amazing 100 watt signal I was picking up from my patio! When I checked QRZ he had a three-over-three, 20M beam setup on his tower. One at 50 feet, the other at 100 ft. I was using a National RF-B30 31 band, AC/DC, AM, FM, SSB, double superhet solid state receiver with a 42" whip antenna. It has a BFO button and a knob to fine tune a LSB or USB signal. By the way, Dick took the time to reply to my email. I love this hobby. So many nice people out there. Until next time 73

