

THE FEEDLINE

Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club Inc.

June 2008

MINUTES From the May 8th, 2008 N.P.A.R.C. General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Wes-ve3adu at 19.30 hrs. with 35 members and guests present and after general introductions Dave-ve3dve introduced Lyndie Ramsey, Coordinator District Management of the Canadian Red Cross. Wes thanked Lyndie for the very interesting presentation she gave.

At 19.56 hrs. the business portion of the meeting resumed with the reading of last month's minutes and they were approved as presented by Jim-ve3bca and Dave-va3ul.

Treasures Report

Jim-ve3bca and Wasi-va3naz voted to approve the financial report which was presented by Kevin-va3kgs. A deposit for the next "Big Event" has been made.

Amateur Radio Classes in September

Dave-ve3bbn thanked Jim-ve3vls for the donated study manual.

Air Show

Several additions are planned to be added to the Russell Aviation Group air show according to Bob-ve3hnh, namely Tom Brown from CTV, a Canadian astronaut and a medivac helicopter. Bob stressed the use of UHF rather than VHF during the show to avoid interference with the air boss.

NPARC History

Jim-ve3bca is still in need of more biographies and the cut-off date for this is the end of June.

Website

Kevin-va3kgs explained that the club's forum is now more open and that there is a lot of interest in this as well as the web site, judging by the many views but that more people should be contributing material to the forum. Andy-ve3ndf asked to have two departments added to it.

Card for Ray, VE3WT

John-va3boz circulated a card for everyone to sign. It will be sent to Ray Maude-ve3wt who is in the General Hospital, room 411.

Presentation

John presented Peter-ve3hm with a commemorative plaque to be placed on the projector which Peter donated to the club in memory of his dad, Tom-ve3hm.

Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network

Upon recommendation of the executive, Peter-ve3hm made a motion, which was seconded by Jim-va3jv and consequently

passed, to have the WCR repeater available to the Salvation Army for their exercises and for SATERN to have priority during actual emergencies, if desired.

Advertising and Promotions

John mentioned that short ads about NPARC's existence were placed in the Niagara News and the Smart Shopper.

By-Law Amendments

The notice of motion from Peter-va3wet regarding by-law amendments was held over to the next meeting since Peter was not present.

Elections

Jim-ve3bca took nominations for NPARC's pending elections in June with the following results:

John-va3boz - - - - president

Dave-va3ul - - - - vice president

Jim-va3jv - - - - secretary

Kevin-va3kgs - - - treasurer

Dennis-ve3kve and Geddie-ve3cjsx - - bulletin editors

Bob-ve3hnh - - - - repeater committee chairman

Dave-ve3bbn - - - public relations officer

Nominations are still open.

Compliments

Dave-ve3bbn received compliments for his article in TCA.

Volunteers Needed

Peter-ve3hm needed volunteers for the schoolboy regatta on May 17th and 18th and also for the walk for diabetes next Sunday. Wes thanked the volunteers who came forward.

Corn Roast

John-va3boz reminded everyone that the corn roast will be at Hillside Haven, John-ve3cnf's place, on Sunday August 10th and to let Peter-ve3hm know if you plan to attend so that the supplies can be ordered.

Field Day 2008

Peter-ve3hm inquired about the preparations for field day and this is looked after by Dave-ve3foi.

50-50 Draw

The 50/50 was drawn by John-ve3etx and won by Ron-ve3mx.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 21.52 hrs. moved by Wasi-va3naz and Peter-ve3hm.

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Words from the Vice-President

Yes it is finally here, the end of another term and another I won't do again haha... Any way as always this year has been different than last year and the year before. I guess it wouldn't be right if they were all the same. We did get a lot done i.e. Flea market, Rowing, Grape and Wine, Pen Center display, Russell Air Show and of course a great turn out for the Corn Roast despite the all day rain. We also had a good year for guest speakers with some interesting topics. A lot of work has gone into our repeater system as well as an excellent IRLP link on VE3WCR. The 220 machine has a start and soon it will be improved. There is probably something I forgot to mention but I think you get the point. **If not for many good hard working people, these things would not get done.**

Come September we get to start over again with a new executive. They will need your help in planning and participation when you can. They will also need ideas and suggestions and if we all work together we can make things a lot easier for every body. Remember the pay is the same no matter what position you have.

Thanks for a Good Year
John va3boz
Have a Good & Safe Summer

Canada Day Radio-Thon for Charity

On July 1st, 2008, Amateur radio operators from across Canada and the Niagara Region will be getting together to celebrate Canada's Birthday by participating in the Radio Amateurs of Canada, Canada Day Contest.

In conjunction with the Canada Day Contest., members from the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club will be holding their first Canada Day RADIO-THON for Charity. N.P.A.R.C. members will be going out into the community to get sponsors to make pledges for each radio contact they make during the contest. The more contacts they make, the more money raised for charity. A flat donation can also be made. The CNIB Amateur Radio Program and the Niagara Region Canadian Red Cross will be participating. This event is a great opportunity to promote amateur radio in a fun and challenging way and in the process raise funds for worthwhile community projects. Please support your neighbourhood amateur radio operator or "Ham" when he or she comes knocking on your door.

Amateur radio operators can get their pledge forms by contacting the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club at bulletin@nparc.on.ca. If you are not an amateur radio operator, please contact one or more of the operators below to make a pledge.

To make a pledge in support of the CNIB Amateur Radio Program contact Peter Teminski, call sign VA3WET at va3wet@vaxxine.com.

To support the Niagara Region Canadian Red Cross and their work in Disaster Relief, contact Dave Flarity, call sign VE3DVE at dave.flarity@gmail.com to make a pledge.

Nominations for Elections

Nominations from the Nominating Committee of NPARC:

President- John Boswell, VA3BOZ

Vice-President- Dave Hodson, VA3UL

Secretary- Jim Demo, VE3JXD

Bulletin Editor- Dennis Grantham, VE3KVE

Treasurer- Kevin Smith, VA3KGS

Public Relations- Dave Wilson, VE3BBN

Repeater Committee Chairman- Robert Miller, VE3HNN

Further nominations will be received at the time of the elections if someone else is interested. Hope to see a good turnout at the June Meeting June 12, 2008.

Dave Wilson, VE3BBN and
Jim Thompson, VE3BCA
Nominating Committee

NPARC History

THIS IS THE LAST REQUEST FOR BIOGRAPHIES FROM PRESENT OR FORMER MEMBERS OF NPARC. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE CUT OFF JUNE 30/08.

Please send a one page typed e-mail to ve3bca@vaxxine.com regarding:

1. How you got interested in Ham radio.
2. Who helped you.
3. Who you helped get started in the hobby.
4. Outstanding events, details of your experiences, station, or any other personal details you would like to include.

This is your last chance. I have about 50 write ups so far and expect to publish by the new year. Thanks to all who have sent in Bios. so far, it looks good.

Tnx & 73 Jim Thompson VE3BCA.

Basic Amateur Radio Study Guides Still Needed

David will be instructing the fall amateur radio class in September. He is still looking for anyone who would like to donate or sell their Radio Amateurs of Canada, Basic Study Guide to NPARC for the class. Study Guides published after 2000 will be appreciated. Contact David at [ve3bbn @ yahoo.ca](mailto:ve3bbn@yahoo.ca) to donate.

NPARC Annual Corn Roast 2008

**Hillside Haven Bed & Breakfast - 3496 17th Street - Jordan, Ontario
Sunday August 10th, 2008 - 14:00 to 18:00 Local**

This year, the Annual Corn Roast will take place Sunday, August 10th, 2008 from 2 to 6 pm at the home of John, VE3CNF and his wife Shirley. Directions to his home can found at his web site, Hillside Haven Bed and Breakfast or below. All current and future members are invited to attend. Bring your cheque book as someone from the executive will be there to collect membership dues for the coming year. If you have a lawn chair, bring it along too. Your contact for this event is Peter, [ve3hm at events@nparc.on.ca](mailto:ve3hm@events.nparc.on.ca) for more information. We need to know if you will be attending and how many as we have to purchase food. Peter VE3HM will need your Information.

Directions:

- Take the Jordan Road exit off of the QEW (exit #55).
- Drive south on Jordan Rd until you reach King St.
- Turn left (east) onto King St.
- Then make a right (south) onto 17th St.
- John is located about a mile in on the right hand side at No.3496.

Field Day 2008 Update

**Firemen's Park - Mountain Road
Niagara Falls, Ontario, CANADA
Saturday, June 28th & Sunday, June 29th, 2008**

Field Day is going OK, been a change on 40 meter CW, need a band captain to take over. Rick, VE3ROC will be picking up the generators from the Regional Yard in Thorold. He will need help on Friday the 27th of June around 2pm. We will also need as many as possible out to help get the antennas up and down, Would appreciate a hand out printed up about the up and coming classes starting in the fall, if possible. Cu all at the next meeting and have fun.
73 Dave, VE3FOI.

Russell Aviation Group Airshow

**Q.E.W. and Sodom Road
Niagara Falls, Ontario, CANADA
Friday June 13th, Saturday June 14th and Sunday
June 15th, 2008**

Volunteers are needed for this years edition of the Friendly Foes Above the Falls Air Show at Sodom Road and the Q.E.W. in Niagara Falls, Ontario. This air show has grown to be the largest propeller driven air show in Canada. Volunteers will be needed each day from Friday, June the 13th to Sunday, June the 15th, 2008. Food and refreshments will be supplied.

Contact Bob, VE3HNN at bob.ve3hnh@cogeco.ca if you would like to help with this fun event.

NPARC 2007 - 2008 Executive

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From the Editor

This is my last edition as Editor of THE FEEDLINE and on Thursday June 12th, I will be stepping down as the Editor of the Website. I will be travelling more in the next year and it will be difficult to stay current with the club's activities. I have enjoyed the challenge very much and I am sure the next group will do a super job.

I would like to thank Brian, VA3VFE for distributing the FEEDLINE to the membership and everyone who made contributions. Your contributions have kept the THE FEEDLINE interesting and informative. You know who you are. Thank-you.

Peter, VA3WET

NPARC Repeaters

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

NPARC Meetings

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

Meeting Schedule for 2008

Thursday June 12th, 2008 at 19:30
There are no meetings scheduled for July and August, 2008.
Thursday September 12th, 2008 at 19:30
Thursday October 9th, 2008 at 19:30
Thursday November 13th, 2008 at 19:30
Thursday December 11th, 2008 at 19:30

Check the web-site regularly for any changes to the above schedule and to find out about guest speakers.

If you would like to be a guest speaker, contact the Prez at president@nparc.on.ca.

NPARC is Looking for Net Controllers

NPARC is looking for fun individuals to take over the 6:30 Evening Net on the VE3NRS repeater at 147.240 Mhz.

Nets are the backbone of any amateur radio club. They inform members and non-members of club activities. Nets give amateurs a chance to test their equipment and time to pass traffic to other hams. It is also a chance for new hams to practice their radio skills. If you have some free time one or two evenings at 6:30 between Monday and Friday, then NPARC can use you as a Net Controller. No experience necessary. Contact Peter, va3wet @ vaxxine.com or John, va3boz @ rac.ca to get involved with this worthy activity.