

# Feedline

Voice of the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

## Is Spring Actually Here?

### President's Welcome Message— Steve, VA3FLF

We are still chugging along at NPARC and have had a lot of successes the past few weeks. Thank you for those who responded to the repeater survey. We are publishing the results in this month's Feedline. If you didn't get the word, our weekly Net, is now going to be on Wednesday Nights at 8 pm, on VE3NRS. This will be a little later in the evening and hopefully work out so more members can check in.

While on the subject of repeaters, we are still working on getting the UHF repeater back on the air. We have a few logistical issues to iron out but things look promising that we will be back on the air before the end of the summer. Also, if you didn't know, the Trans-Canadian IRLP net is on VE3WCD every Wednesday morning at 11:00 am local time. John, VA3WM is one of the net controllers.

Things are on track for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I have been in contact with the publisher of TCA Magazine and they are interested in an article about NPARC for the September issue. Stay tuned for more.

As we enter the summer months don't forget about all the activities and special events we have scheduled. We need as many volunteers as possible to make these events happen. We gained 8 new hams to the club this year. It is through these special events that we find people interested in amateur radio. It would be great to gain that many more new members for next year. We are planning on starting a new ham class in the September/October time frame. Please support these events and public demonstrations to help NPARC grow.

Some members have expressed having difficulty registering for the NPARC website and registering on our forum, nparcgroup.io. We will have a computer at this month's meeting to assist in setting up your login and password to the website and to nparc group. Again, I encourage everyone to register in the forum group, especially the new hams.

There will be several sign-up sheets at the meeting this month. See Kevin's comments about Field Day. Also, we have our regular special events, Run for Roswell, Canada Day Parade, and Canal Days. We also have this year some public demonstration stations and of course I could use some help with the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Please help out where you can. We are looking forward to a fun and busy summer.

Stephen Riddle  
VA3FLF  
NPARC President

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## Previous Meetings Minutes — Kaitlynn, VE3AU0

NPARC General Meeting April 12, 2018  
Royal Canadian Legion, Fonthill  
Minutes taken by Dennis, VE3XC, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the President Steve, VA3FLF

A moment of silence was called in remembrance of John Faber, VE3CNF

There was a round of self-introductions of those in attendance. Steve asked that each person also tell something interesting about themselves and something that everyone else might not know.

\*Moved by Dennis VE3XC / Seconded by Jim VE3BCA: To accept the minutes of the last general meeting as printed in the Bulletin. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Cash in the Bank \$ #1 attached + GIC \$ #2 attached + Petty Cash \$ #3 attached

Committee Reports: Steve pointed out that those reports were in the Feedline. Kevin VA3KGS said that the sign-up sheets for Field Day were at the back of the room. There are a good number of volunteers already. At the next meeting we will firm up the Band Captains and their crews. Band Captains are completely responsible for everything at their own station. Set-up Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9am with start time of 2pm. Logs do not need to be submitted. Only the number of contacts needs to be submitted. Each station should use any logging software which gives the standard output file. Kaitlynn suggested N3FJB software for which she has purchased a club license.

Amendments to By-Laws: Steve began by saying that the changes had been sent out to all members, and was attached to the last Feedline.

Non-Members were asked to stand aside so that an accurate count of members present could be made. There remained 26 valid voting members with 18 in favour required for a 2/3 majority.

\*Motion #1: As to NPARC and Niagara ARES co-operation: The amended item 3f, and the addition of item 7.3 and 14b . Two-thirds of the members voted for acceptance. Motion is carried.

\*Motion #2: Concerning by-law wording, removing redundancies and pronoun usage. Two-thirds of the members voted for acceptance. Motion is carried.

Steve expressed appreciation to the by-law committee and all the work that they did. The revised by-laws will be available to the members on the web site. Additional work with ARES will need to start regarding formal integration.

Nominating Committee: Kevin VA3KGS and John VA3WM volunteered to form this committee. Steve noted that everyone presently on the executive with the exception of Lloyd, VE3ERQ as Vice-President has indicated they will stand for re-election in their present positions. The Committee will present its report at the next meeting.

## Previous Meetings Minutes cont... — Denis, VE3XC

70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event: Will be here at the Legion on Saturday Sept. 15, 2018. Steve has a checklist of the program including Presentations, Dignitaries, Cook-Out, RAC representatives, members of other Clubs and other guests.

\*Motion by Steve VA3FLF / Seconded by Rick VE3MM: That the Executive be allowed a budget of \$1500 to cover this event. Carried.

One other purpose of this celebration is to honour Jim Thompson, VE3BCA as a founding member of the Club. Jim passed along the names of two other founding members that he could recall of VE3BHH and VE3BSA. There will be a call in station for the event with callsign VE3VM70, VE370VM, or VE3NPARC as possibilities.

Fort George: John VA3WM described the "Echo's of Niagara Past" event to be held there August 25<sup>th</sup>. It will showcase military history from the War of 1812 up to the Viet Nam War. We will be setting up a special events station there including David's VE3RNF vintage radio gear. We will be able to use our special callsign and as volunteers for that event, we have coverage of their insurance.

Canal Days: Plans are not finalized.

Steve would like us to be involved with some Public Events in May and June.

Big Event: Steve pointed out that Kaitlynn has been heading this up this event for us for a many years, and that we could use a person to volunteer as an "apprentice" or "protégé" next time in 2019, so that Kaitlynn might be able lessen her workload after that.

Adjournment at 8:02

After coffee Kevin, VA3KGS gave a presentation describing a project he has recently completed called a "Steering Array" antenna.

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## Reports

### Treasurer's Report — Clayton, VE3AU0

For the month of April, there were many expenses including such items as storage, hamfest deposit, some reimbursements, and our standard monthly expenses.

Other than the above, it's been a very slow month for the club

Our GIC is doing the same as usual for what it does and will come to maturity again later this year.

See you all at the meeting.

Kaitlynn

2017-2018 Treasurer



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### SATERN Report — David, VE3FOI

**SATERN:** the local Salvation Army in St.Catharines has been approved to receive a new emergency mobile Kitchen truck too replace the one they have now this will take place latter on in the fall. Also new officer(pastors) have been appointed to the St.Catharines Corps. Also new officers out of Niagara Falls Corps has been appointed as the local Salvation Army Niagara Emergency Disaster co-ordinators, this will give us someone to work with. More information as it becomes available in the future.

73 Dave VE3FOI SATERN Niagara Rep

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### CANWARN Report — Brian, VE3BMX

Nothing to Report

Brian VE3BMX

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### ARES Report — Henry, VA3OV

Next Niagara ARES meeting

Wednesday May 16, at 1900

Location Niagara Police Headquarters, Community Room

5700 Valley Way, Niagara Falls, ON.

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Henry VA3OV

## From the Repeater Manager — John, VA3WM

A weekly net is conducted on the Club's VE3NRS repeater, 147.240 MHz, positive 600 kHz offset and 107.2 Hz tone, commencing at 20:00 local time.

The purpose of the net is to pass news and views along to members and visitors to the club. It also provides experience to volunteer operators in net and emergency operating procedures. New net controllers are most welcome (training provided). Not yet certified SWL's may check in by e-mail to [netcontrol@nparc.on.ca](mailto:netcontrol@nparc.on.ca).

The schedule for net controllers is shown on the right.

2018	May	9	John VA3WM
		16	Dave VE3FOI
		23	John VA3WM
		30	John VA3WM
	Jun	6	Dave VE3FOI
		13	John VA3WM
		20	Dave VE3FOI
		27	John VA3WM

We'll be listening for your check in.

John VA3WM, [repeaterchair@nparc.on.ca](mailto:repeaterchair@nparc.on.ca)

## Repeater Survey — Clayton, VE3AU0

A little bit ago, the Repeater Committee issued a survey for the members to answer regarding the club's repeater infrastructure and other various items.

Included with your Feedline for this month, will be the results of that survey as supplied by the committee.

Clayton

## Nomination Committee — Clayton, VE3AU0

Henry, VA3OV—Vice President

## Field Day — Kevin, VA3KGS

Those that have signed up, please see me during the break at the May Meeting.

Kevin



Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club  
VE3VM

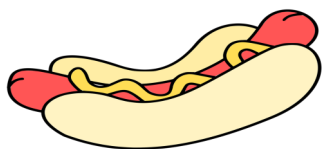
Welcome.

## **NIAGARA PENINSULA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

### **70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION *SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 1 PM***

**FREE HOT DOG ROAST AND CELEBRATION CEREMONY**

**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL HAM RADIO OPERATORS, FAMI-  
LY, AND ANYONE INTERSTED IN THE HOBBY OR BECOMING A  
RADIO OPERATOR.**



**MENU WILL BE HOT DOGS, SALADS, SIDES, DRINKS AND THE A  
BAR WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE LEGION.**

**TALK IN STATION WILL BE ON VE3NRS, REPEAT-  
ER 147.240**

**PL 107.2**

**THERE WILL ALSO BE INFORMATION ABOUT  
THE CLUB**



#### ***LOCATION:***

***Col. Talbot Trail, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 613 in Font-  
hill, Ontario. at 141 Highway 20 East, Fonthill, Ontario***

***RSVP TO SECRETARY@NPARC.ON.CA OR CALL 289-303-  
7336 PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN AUGUST 4TH, 2018.***

## Club Executive 2017-2018

Position	Name	Callsign	Email
President	Steve Riddle	VA3FLF	president@nparc.on.ca
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Repeater Committee Chairperson	John Lorenc	VA3WM	repeaterchair@nparc.on.ca

Feel free to check out our website at <http://www.nparc.on.ca>. There you will find more information regarding the club and the other dedicated members that put in numerous hours of their own personal time to help make this club as great as it is.

### NPARC Repeaters

VE3NRS	147.240 MHz +	PL Tone 107.2 Hz
VE3RNR	443.175 MHz +	PL Tone 107.2 Hz
VE3WCD	147.300 MHz +	PL Tone 107.2 Hz

### Area Repeaters

VE3RAC	147.165 MHz +	PL Tone 107.2 Hz
VE3GRW	442.900 MHz +	PL Tone 107.2 Hz
VE3RAF	442.250 MHz +	PL Tone 107.2 Hz

This is by no means a complete listing. This is just a snippet of all that are available and ones used by club members on occasion.

### Nets of Note

- ONTARS 80m Net / 3.755 MHz LSB daily 7:00 A.M to 6:00 P.M. EDT
- CLARA 80m Net / 3.750 MHz Mondays 7:00 P.M. EDT
- GWEN-Ground Wave Net on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 P.M. EDT on 3.607 MHz
- NPARC 2m Net /147.240 MHz on Mondays at 7:00 EDT
- ARES 2m Net /145.190 MHz on Mondays at 8:00 P.M. EDT
- SATERN Net on 2m /147.300 + MHz / IRLP on Mondays at 9:00 P.M. EDT
- NPARC 10m Net / 28.415 MHz on Tuesdays, 8:30 EDT
- CLARA 20m Net / 14.120 MHz on Tuesdays at 1700 UTC & 40m Net / 7.055 MHz at 9:00 am Eastern
- PROCOM—ARES 40m / 7.153 MHz & 80 M / 3.74 MHz on Thursdays at 8:00 P.M. EDT

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The **Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club** carries the club call sign of VE3VM. Our organization serves all amateurs and local community within the region of Niagara located in Ontario, Canada.

NPARC has a strong membership ranging from youth and senior amateur radio operators. We conduct monthly meetings, and serve the community in not only educating, but providing radio communication services to assist at public functions.

We operate three, commercially built repeaters that serve the Niagara region (and beyond). This year, our infrastructure plan includes several upgrades to increase communication flexibility and experimentation in the area.

If you're interested in becoming a licensed operator in Niagara, email one of our executive. Somebody from the club would be more than glad to assist you!

## General Meeting Schedule for 2018

Meetings are held monthly, September to June, on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Branch 613, 141 Hwy 20 East, Fonthill, Ontario. All are invited to attend.

**Thursday May 10th, 2018—Next  
General Meeting**