

# Feedline

Voice of the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

# Welcome 2017-2018

## Welcome — Kaitlynn, VE3AU0

So here we are at the beginning of the new club year. 2017-2018 currently promises to be an exciting year for the club. This will be the year when we hold our **40<sup>th</sup> Big Event**. We have many other planned, either repeat or new, events coming up. Member participation in these events would be greatly appreciated.

Making public appearances at such events is one of the best ways to promote our great club and to show the community that our hobby of "Amateur Radio" still exists in the Niagara Region and the Golden Horseshoe. Over the last few years, the club has talked about different ways to promote and expand our club. What better way to do that than to be out in the public eye, wearing our safety/ID vests and speaking to those around us when we can. Think about volunteering for the club events. Your time and presence is always appreciated by those organizing the events such as the City of Niagara Falls and by NPARC as a whole.

I've been talking a lot about upcoming events so I guess I should let you in on them.

- Terry Fox Run – Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>
- CIBC Run For The Cure Event (NEW)<sup>1</sup>, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>
- NF Santa Claus Parade discussions, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>

As you can see, we already have one event creeping up on us fast. If you would like to help at the Terry Fox Run, please contact our Events Coordinator, John, VE3HWE as soon as possible.

Now I'm not saying the above are the only events we will be either be taking part in or have planned for the club. I am hoping we can continue the Holiday Dinner, the Annual Food Drive and the many other events that NPARC has done in the past.

Field Day just ended for 2017 but the 2018 event is in need of a coordinator. Why not step forward and take on the running of this absolutely great event. There are many members that can help you by sharing their past experience and knowledge. Don't be afraid to ask. Help is always available. There has already been talk about a new and exciting location.

And here is the magic number for this month... 100. Now I expect that many, if not most, of you will not know the significance of 100. Here is your hint, Turkey! Whether you partake in the Christmas season

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## Previous Meetings Minutes — David, VE3RNF

20170608 General Meeting

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 613, Fonthill, ON

19:07 Meeting was called to order by President Peter VA3WET

**Roll Call** 24 Members 2 Guests

### **Minutes of May Meeting**

\*Motion to accept the minutes of the may 2017 General Meeting was made by Jim VE3BCA. Motion was Seconded & Adopted.

### **Treasurers Report Kaitlynn VE3AUO**

Current financial status was provided to members.

Expenses this month include:-

Scholarship to E.L. Crossley student

Post Office Box

Insurance for events @ Charles Daley Park & Field Day

### **Big Event 2018**

Kaitlynn VE3AUO is confirmed as Co-ordinator

### **Field Day Henry VA3OV**

2 Icom radios have been received from the estate of Eric VE3EI

### **Ride for Roswell Henry VA3OV**

2 additional volunteers are needed

All should be at the appointed stations by 06:30

### **Special Events Trailer John VE3HWE**

A test outing to Charles Daley Park, QEW just W of 7th Street exit. Was made on 13May2017

In principle the suitability of such a trailer for field events shows promise.

A more complete report is in this months Feedline.

Final report for the summer events will be presented at the September General Meeting.

### **Upcoming Events**

Canada Day 01Jul2017 in Niagara Falls. See David to volunteer.

Canal Days 05-06 Aug2017 in Port Colborne, please put your name on the sheet at door.

### **Canwarn Brian VE3BMX**

No activity to report

## Previous Meetings Minutes cont... — David, VE3RNF

### **ARES Henry VA3OV**

Aug meeting is at Region of Niagara HQ Merrittville Hwy. & Sir Issac Brock Pkwy  
@ 19:00 Check room assignment on Electronic Notice Board in lobby

### **VE3RNR Removal**

Kevin VA3KGS VE3RNR removal from Lookout Village st for 17:30 22June2017

Date & time to be confirmed to all assisting

Garth VE3HO; David VE3RNF; Brad VE3XNC

### **VE3WCD Antenna Mounting**

Garth VE3HO reminded club that the need for remedial action has been noted at the time the antenna was exchanged. He will contact Dale Sackfie [VE3LVW@gmail.com](mailto:VE3LVW@gmail.com) re access & permissions.

Reminder was made to save bills for any materials purchased.

### **VE3WCD IRLP**

The complete system, Interface; antenna & computer have been removed from the Bell, Lookout Street location & is in the custody of Henry VA3OV

John VA3WM is familiar with the IRLP management & operating codes. He will provide assistance when a new site is chosen.

### **Monthly meeting location**

We have been advised, by the Legion, that there will be an increase of \$25 for the 2017 – 2018 Club year. Following discussion it was decided to absorb the increase.

### **Denis VE3KVE**

Denis has decided to reduce his investment in Amateur Radio equipment. Any member interested in available gear contact Denis [VE3KVE@rac.ca](mailto:VE3KVE@rac.ca)

### **Amateur of the Year**

The executive have chosen Kaitlynn VE3AUO for this honour. Her dedication to the Club is shown by the way she steps up to run the various functions. Field Day: running a 20m phone station & the kitchen. Big Event: kitchen is home from home & now event co-ordinator. All the time keeping the club books in order. Thank You

### **2017 Executive Elections**

Dennis VE3XC Nominating Committee Co-ordinator reported the following nominations:

President None

Vice President None

## Previous Meetings Minutes cont — David, VE3RNF

Secretary Steve VA3FLF

Treasurer Kaitlynn VE3AUO

Public Relations John VE3HWE

Feedline Editor Rachel SWL & Basic Student

Repeater Co-ordinator None

The above named were appointed by acclimation.

Members were asked to consider volunteering for one of the vacant positions

The current Executive is active until 31Aug2017

Henry VA3OV pointed out that the Repeater Co-ordinator does not have to hold an Advanced Certificate. That standing is required of the Call Sign sponsors & the Repeater Technicians.

A team effort could be appropriate to reduce the individual load.

**50/50** Won by Rachel \$28.50

Motion to Adjourn by Dennis VA3DTP

Minutes by David Jarman VE3RNF, Secretary

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## Welcome Message cont... — Kaitlynn, VE3AUO

holidays or choose not to, that time is fast approaching with around 100 days to go. You may be wondering why I'm bring this up so early so I guess I should explain. The executive would like to know asap whether you would be interested in a club "Holiday" dinner as was done last year. Those in attendance last year had a great time and the cost was very reasonable. Ideas are already brewing regarding locations. If you have a suggestion for a location, please let someone on the executive know.

Enough for the welcome message, there's lots more inside this edition for your reading pleasure. Enjoy the rest of the week before the meeting. Looking forward to seeing everyone on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm EST at the Legion.

Kaitlynn, VE3AUO

## Treasurer's Report — Kaitlynn,

What a better way to start the new year than with a healthy financial status. That's right. Good and healthy but it can't be done without YOU, the members of NPARC.



### **Memberships**

Each year we pay our membership dues, run our 50/50 and most importantly, we have our "Big Event". Now of all things, this years' "Big Event" is our 40<sup>th</sup> and as a club we should be proud of that. 40 successful Hamfests to help keep this club running and our repeaters on the air. Most importantly, let's talk about our memberships. They are what helps keep this club going each and every year. Without your continued generous support, your club would not have been able to become what it is today. Your annual dues not only help the club but provide **YOU** personally with so many bonuses.

Here is what your NPARC memberships support and do each year:

- Receipt of liability insurance for NPARC, Inc. related activities through the Radio Amateurs of/du Canada, Inc.
- Your monthly "**Feedline**" that brings you the latest news from your club;
- Repair and maintenance of currently two (2) of the best repeaters in the area. VE3NRS and VE3WCD;
- Promotion of our amateur radio classes each year. And this year we have a third instructor and accredited examiner taking part in the club;
- Support of our monthly meetings with **complimentary** refreshments for your enjoyment along with guest speakers;
- The Internet Radio Linking Project or IRLP on our VE3WCD repeater;
- Support for Field Day, a twenty-four-hour outdoor event which simulates an emergency and tests your skills as an amateur radio operator on the fourth full weekend each June;
- The continued upkeep and development of our new website, <http://www.nparc.on.ca>, and our CRM being developed and maintained behind the scenes;
- Support for the creation of the clubs first digital archive of our past, and present through the scanning of the club QSL cards, photos and many important club documents;
- And support for so much more.

Please remember that your memberships are due at the September meeting. Until they are paid, you will unfortunately have no further voting privileges. You will however continue to receive the "**Feedline**" until the November issue.

## Treasurer's Report cont...— Kaitlynn, VA3AU0



### *2017-2018 Budget*

The Operating Budget for 2017 - 2018 will be presented to the membership at the September meeting. I will have some printouts of the budget, in detail, and will also be showing a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the budget and what I am projecting for this year. The overall budget does not over reach in any way and is conservative. Fiscal targets are based on the actual figures of last year's financials with some headway added in.

### **A LOOK at the BUDGET**

#### *Investments*

I am currently investigating a few options that NPARC may want to consider regarding the GIC. Right now, we are receiving a very low return for our investment and I'm sure we can do better. Once I have all the information together, I will present my report(s) to the club.

#### *Summary*

Overall the club is in a very comfortable position and we are planning on keeping it that way. Should you have any questions regarding the financial position of the club, please feel free to ask.

Kaitlynn  
2017-2018 Treasurer

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## Board Positions — Kaitlynn, VA3AU0

The existing board is still looking for 3 individuals to take on the positions of President, Vice-President, and Repeater Chairperson. Please consider stepping up.

Duties are as follows:

**President** - The president shall be the spokesman for the club. The president shall preside over all executive meetings and meetings of members. The president shall be a member ex-officio of all committees;

**Vice-President** - The vice-president shall perform all duties assigned by the president and, in the absence of the president, shall perform all the duties of the president. The vice-president shall, excluding repeater equipment, maintain or oversee the maintenance of a current directory of non-monetary assets and shall be accountable to the membership for this listing of assets but not for the actual assets listed;

**Repeater Committee Chairperson**—With the assistance of the members of the repeater committee, this chairman shall oversee the function of the committee which is to properly and legally operate and maintain the club's repeater equipment for the benefit of and use by club members and, as club policy may permit, amateur radio operators in general. Also, this chairman shall maintain, or oversee the maintenance of, a current directory of repeater equipment and shall be accountable to the membership for this listing of repeater equipment but not for the actual equipment listed.

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"Mr. Nelson...I'm afraid you will have to leave the air for a while during this procedure."



## Wanted – Wireless Operators— Phil, VE3ACK

As in the past, NPARC will offer a beginners' course this fall to help prospective amateurs obtain their radio certificate and license.

For the course to be successful, we need to recruit as many course participants as we can. This will increase the club's numbers and will attract young members who will carry NPARC's activities and traditions into a new era.

To bring in participants and make the beginners' course successful, we need your help.

Twice each year, ARRL sponsors the [School Club Roundup](#). The next event will occur during the week of **October 16-20**. The purpose of the event is to promote contact between schools that have amateur radio clubs. However, clubs such as NPARC and individuals can participate too.

We will participate in this October's event by setting up and operating a station in one or more schools.



We will invite students to experience the thrill of Amateur Radio and provide them with information about the course.

We need operators to make contacts and to answer questions about Amateur Radio.

It will only take a few hours of your time, but for the students it could open the door to a lifetime of unimaginable exploration and gratification. You could be the one who sparks a student's interest.

For more information or if you can devote a few hours to help students start their journey through Amateur Radio and perhaps on to engineering, science or technology, please contact Phil, VE3ACK at [radio\\_meteor@yahoo.ca](mailto:radio_meteor@yahoo.ca) or [416-500-0901](tel:416-500-0901).

**NPARC  
and  
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need YOUR help!**





## Club Executive 2016-2017

Position	Name	Callsign	Email
President			president@nparc.on.ca
Vice-President			vice-president@nparc.on.ca
Secretary	Steve Riddle	VA3FLF	secretary@nparc.on.ca
Treasurer	Kaitlynn Mattatall	VE3AUO	treasurer@nparc.on.ca
Bulletin Editor	Rachel Barnsdale	SWL	feedline@nparc.on.ca
Public Relations Officer	John Eagle	VE3HWE	public_relations@nparc.on.ca
Repeater Committee Chairperson			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 80 M Net / 3.755 MHz LSB daily 7:00 A.M to 6:00 P.M. EDT
- CLARA 80 M 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 2 M Net /145.190 MHz on Mondays at 8:00 P.M. EDT
- SATERN Net on 2 M /147.300 + MHz / IRLP on Mondays at 9:00 P.M. EDT
- NPARC 10 M Net / 28.415 MHz on Tuesdays, 8:30 EDT
- CLARA 20 M Net / 14.120 MHz on Tuesdays at 1700 UTC & 40 M Net / 7.055 MHz at 9:00 am Eastern
- PROCOM—ARES 40 M / 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 2017

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 Sept 14th, 2017—Next  
General Meeting**