



December 2025 Feedline

Special Holiday Edition



From the Editor

(Sorry about the cheesy AI art! Yes, Santa seems to be talking into the back of the radio. Use your artistic talent, they said. Sorry, I have none!)

We don't usually have a newsletter in December but this year we thought we'd send out a special edition to celebrate the holidays. So this one will be short: just two items. We celebrate NPARC's presence at the Niagara Falls Santa Claus Parade and we announce our upcoming festive dinner at Betty's Restaurant in Chippawa.

Roy VE3OQP

No NPARC meeting in December. Come to the Dinner instead!

NPARC Annual Christmas Party/Seasonal Celebration

Join us on Friday December 12, 6:30 PM at Betty's Restaurant, 8921 Sodom Road, Niagara Falls. We will have exclusive use of the "bus" room (the room at the back, the same one we had last year) until closing.

The cost of \$32 (plus tax and tip) includes dinner roll, entrée, choice of pie for dessert, and non-alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages are available, but unfortunately they are not free!

Please let us know which of the following entrees you'd like. You can change your mind when you get there, however. The restaurant just wants an approximate idea.

Fish & Chips: lightly battered haddock with fresh-cut fries (or mashed potato) and coleslaw.

or

Roast Beef with potato and vegetable du jour

or

Chicken Parmigiana with penne & fresh basil marinara sauce.

or

Vegetarian option

Other options MAY be available, as individual orders will be taken that evening, but will be based on the regular menu price. Additional apps, etc., can also be purchased.

Live harp music will be provided during supper thanks to David VE3HNN.

Fantastic draw prizes include Radioworld donations, gift cards (thanks to an unknown donor) and a new state-of-the-art Baofeng 2m/220/440 10 watt handheld with a variety of accessories, as well as the usual Tim cards, other donations, etc. If you are not there, you don't get a chance to get one of them.

If you have something you've been wanting to donate, ham-oriented or not, you're welcome to bring it to add to the door-prize collection, but that is not required.

To top off the evening, we will have a show and talk about the Falkland Islands from our own Ken VA3KWG.

This is truly an event not to be missed! Dress is informal.

Please respond ASAP to Glenn VE3NDW at LGHolden@cogeco.ca with your meal preference. Meals can be changed at the time of order, but Joe, the manager, would like an approximate count to make sure he doesn't run out! You pay at the restaurant.

NPARC Welcomes Santa



Niagara Falls welcomed Santa on a rainy Saturday, Nov. 15, and NPARC was there with our float and our communications volunteers. Ten of us braved the rain, with Glenn VE3NDW acting as net control and David VA3DVK manning the NPARC float (above). Other volunteers included David VA3DPG, Derek VA3RFQ, Roy VE3OQP, Geddie VE3CJX, Paul VE3WRP, Lise VE3LWJ, Carl VA3CK, and Steve VA3TUK

Initially we used the VA3WAJ repeater located on the Skylon Tower. It worked very well at first but was soon made almost useless by what seemed to be deliberate interference. We moved to the VE3RAF repeater in Thorold, which proved to work quite well in spite of the distance. I was using a 5 W HT and was able to hear and be heard from my spot hiding from the rain in a bus shelter.

Attendance was down due to the weather but those who did make it seemed to enjoy themselves. See the photos on the next page! (Photos by Lise VE3LWJ and Roy VE3OQP. Text by Roy VE3OQP.)



