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# The Feedline

## A Word from the President – Eric, VE3EI

Presidents Message February 2016-02-11

As I sit here in my Hotel room in Montreal writing this message, I am wondering how the Big Event will do tomorrow? It will not be from lack of trying!!! [Kevin Smith VA3KGS](#) and [John Boswell VA3BOZ](#) have done a phenomenal job considering the short time they had to pull it all together. Kevin especially, as the tables and vendors are the key to making the event successful. We are missing a stalwart supporter in Durham Radio who are unable to make it this year, but do look forward to seeing them next year. We do have a new addition in Icom, who graciously donated a VHF radio and will be showing off some of the latest Icom Products.

Last month's monthly meeting featured [Don Trynor VA3XFT](#) talking about [DMR Radio](#). Originally, we were going to do this presentation by video link-up but this year's weather has been so good, Don decided to drive. It is always good to see him in the flesh, but we still have not done our video hook-up!!!! Next guest speaker to do the video thing will be [Alex Schwartz, VE7DXW](#), in April.

This month we will have [Leon Evans](#) who has the fun job of flying around in a Lancaster Bomber from WW2. I am looking forward to his presentation! In March we will have our own [Lloyd Kubis, VE3ERO](#), walking through the first session of SDR Radios which will be followed up in April by Alex talking about MDSR, which is the ability to SDR functions to virtually any radio. This is where radio is headed so the more we learn about it, the better we will be prepared as the manufacturers start to roll out more of them! In May we hope to have a contest operating presentation? And June is election month. Time to start thinking who should be in some of the positions to guide the club forward!!! And above all, DO NOT FORGET FIELD DAY. It is coming up fast and I and the club would like to see a concentrated effort to put in 24 hours of solid operating!!!

This month's executive's meeting was an interesting exercise. We were all on Skype to hold the meeting! Which we did, and it went very well, if I do say so myself. All of the executive operated from their homes, with the exception of Henry, VA3OV, who was at David Jarman, VE3RNF's place. In the future, it could be a good way to hold meetings irrespective of the weather! However, I would not have a chance to have Tim Horton's help at the meeting!

Look forward to hearing the results of the Big Event. He have already decided to hold one next year and will be choosing/nominating/railroading/begging/pleading/groveling/ and/or appointing a chairman at the next meeting so that we can get the ball rolling in ample time for next year! We do need to promote the Big Event at the summer Hamfests.

In the cold months of February and March keep those microphones hot and those antenna wires humming!

Eric – ve3ei

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## Previous Meetings Minutes—David VE3RNF

20160114 General Meeting—Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 613, Fonthill, ON

19:05 Meeting was called to order by President Eric VE3EI

### Roll Call

28 Members & 1 Guest signed in.

Members were encouraged to identify their prime reason for being a Radio Amateur

### Minutes

\*Motion by John VE3ICS to approve the Minutes of November 2015 General Meeting as published in Feedline, Seconded. Motion was adopted

**Treasurers Report** Peter VA3WET was on vacation & provided report via eMail.

The clubs financial position at 31Dec2015 was reported by Secretary. Report filed with Secretary.

\*Motion to approve the Treasurers Report was moved by Jim VE3BCA, Seconded Motion was adopted.

### Correspondance

Letter from Lori Albanese @ Niagara Falls Recreation & Culture thanking the NPARC Volunteers that assisted in the Canada Day & SantaClaus Parades & the Terry Fox Run by providing Emergency Radio Communications.

### Committee Reports

Big Event 2016 John VA3BOZ & Kevin VA3KGS Tables about half sold, Kevin will rearrange layout to accommodate lower sales

ARES Henry VA3OV Monthly meeting next Weds @ Regional HQ

MESH Kevin VA3KGS & Brad VE3XNC Reaching Peel ARC but not 2 way.  
Eric VE3EI has connected MESH to PLF (Internet)

Repeaters Eric VE3EI will switch on the VE3NRS recording advertising the BigEvent

### New Business

February meeting - Topic open; ideas needed

March - Modulator-Demodulator-Software-Radio (MDSR)

April - DX

Suggestion from floor:

Denis VE3KVE - Satellite communications

Radio Apps for SmartPhone

Raspberry Pi

Arduino

CW Skimmer Server - Rick VE3MM

### 50/50

Total \$41.00 Winner Don Trynor (tonights speaker) \$20.50 donated to NPARC

20:00

\*Motion to adjourn by David VE3RNF; seconded; adopted

Tonights presentation by Don Trynor VE3XPR was about Digital Mobile Radio (DMR)

More details may be found at his web site VA3XPR

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## Study Guides

[Radio Amateurs of Canada](#) offers the following study guides to help you learn the things you'll need to pass your exam and have fun with amateur radio:

Morse Code may be learned in a class or by self-study using a number of methods. A popular way is to download a software program that teaches the Morse Code and provides drills at progressively higher speeds until the student is ready for the examination.

It should be noted that, while Morse Code is almost extinct in the commercial radio services, it still has wide usage in amateur radio. As proficiency speeds beyond the five words per minute is desirable, it is important to learn and practice the Morse Code so as not to inhibit your own future speed development. Accepted practice is to use what is known as the Farnsworth Method whereby character speed is faster than the word speed, allowing longer timing spaces for comprehension.

One of the most popular Morse Code learning and practice programs is called [Morse Academy](#).

Though you won't be able to fully apply the information until you start operating your station, you will find the information in the following desk reference book of considerable value:

[RAC Operating Manual](#)

Like the [RAC](#) study guides, the following books reflect the latest changes in the [Canadian amateur radio regulations](#). You may purchase [RAC](#) publications at major amateur radio retailers or on-line below.

[Hamstudy Basic 2010-2011 By Frank VanderZande](#)

[Canadian Amateur Radio Basic Qualification Study Guide 8th Edition](#)

[Canadian Amateur Radio Advanced Qualification Study Guide 1st Edition](#)

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**HAM CLASSES**

**BASIC START UP AGAIN!**

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Membership Application Office Use: (Full) (Family) (Life) (Associate) (Honourary)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Call-Sign(s): (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Year Licensed: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Qualifications: (circle all applicable) None Basic BasicAdvanced 5 wpm 12 wpm

Radio Amateurs of/du Canada, Inc. or R.A.C. Membership No.: (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you give NPARC permission to publish your contact information: (please circle)

In the Club roster? (Distributed within NPARC, Inc.) YES or NO

In the Club Newsletter, THE FEEDLINE? (Photos, first name and call-sign only) YES or NO

In Club Websites: www.nparc.on.ca, www.pbase.com/nparc and www.gwen-emcomm.ca? (Photos, first name and call-sign only.) YES or NO

To Third Parties for promotional purposes, such as parades and charities? (Photos, first name and call-sign only.) YES or NO

Current membership fees are available on the club website at www.nparc.on.ca. Radio Amateurs of/du Canada, Inc. members have a discount. Membership is for one year from September 1st to August 31st of the following year. Dues paid in July and August are applied to the current year beginning in September. Dues are not prorated.

Your membership application or renewal will NOT be processed without your signature or initials on subsequent years. By signing below for the current year, you confirm that the above information is current and accurate. Thank-you for supporting the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Authorization Year and Renewal

2014—2015: \_\_\_\_\_ 2015—2016: \_\_\_\_\_

2016—2017: \_\_\_\_\_ 2017—2018: \_\_\_\_\_

2018—2019: \_\_\_\_\_ 2019—2020: \_\_\_\_\_

2020—2021: \_\_\_\_\_ 2021—2022: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2m Net Controller Information—Peter VA3WET

Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club 2 meter Net Procedure

Good evening this is (callsign) \_\_\_\_\_, (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ welcome to the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club Monday Evening 2 Metre Net.

I am your net control station for this evening and we will use the club callsign, (VE3VM) Victor Echo Three Victor Mike .

The purpose of this net is to promote club interest and amateur radio.

This is an informal unstructured net, where we have no agenda other than to have fun and enjoy each others company although net controllers are encouraged to suggest a weekly topic of discussion.

This net is open to all amateur radio operators whether they are members of the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club or just HAMS who want to stop by and join in the fun.

The net meets each Monday Night at 7 PM local on the VE3NRS 147.240 repeater located in St. Catharines, Ontario.

At this time I will take check-ins from mobile and portable stations and stations with short time.

Please wait for the previous station to be recognized before checking in.

I will now take checkins from anyone, anywhere.

Next week your Net Control station will be (Call) \_\_\_\_\_, (Name) \_\_\_\_\_.

We have had (no.) \_\_\_\_\_ check-ins tonight.

I would like to thank the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club for the use of the repeater.

Thank-you repeater technicians for maintaining the club repeaters (names).

This is closing the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club net at

local time and returning the repeater to normal use.

73 and Good night.

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## Club executive for 2015-2016

Position	Name	Callsign
President	Eric Meth	VE3EI
Vice—President	Kaitlynn Mattatall	VE3AUO
Treasurer	Peter Teminski	VA3WET
Secretary	David Jarman	VE3RNF
Bulletin Editor	Rachel Barnsdale	SWL
Public Relations Officer	Kaitlynn Mattatall	VE3AUO
Repeater Committee Chairman	Eric Meth	VE3EI

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.



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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

## 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 (see above for repeater)
    - 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
  - Procom com net Sunday and Thursday at 20:00hrs (local time) on Era system  
ERA System <http://www.eraradio.ca> Locally: VE3WAJ (Niagara Falls)

## NPARC General Meeting Schedule for 2016

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 February 11th, 2016—Next General Meeting**