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# The Feedline

## A Word from the President—Eric VE3EI

Is it Year End already? It seemed like just yesterday it was January!!! I want to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the Holiday Season no matter what your faith or beliefs, or lack of beliefs. It is quite the time of the year with old regrets and new opportunities. May the coming calendar year be successful for you!



Some items of note! The major one being Denis, ve3kve, stepping down as Event Coordinator for NPARC and ARES, Denis has filled this role officially for 9 years and un-officially for what seems like forever. He wants/needs/has to have the time to further some of his other pursuits! I am sure that whatever path he takes, he will bring professionalism, good cheer and a great job to all his endeavours!

A few major items in the near future, one of which is our First Annual Holiday Dinner in conjunction with the Power Squadron. I am looking forward to this event and have it repeated for years to come. This year, as far as the plans in place, promises to be a good one! Next years will be great as well! With more people, as word of this year's party hits the street! Next we have our annual Tech Night! When members will promote what is near and dear to them and attempt to stimulate more activity or show us what we have been missing. This year, we will award a prize for the best or most interesting presentation by a member. It will be decided by popular vote of the members present. Come out and support your best project! And finally, the second to last meeting before the Big Event!

Also on the Agenda, is our Annual Food Drive for various Agencies around the Niagara Area. Please remember to bring a non-perishable item for donation to your favourite Food Bank. Remember, this is the season for giving, so please, give, give, give!

We should be proud of the Volunteer Award we received from the City of Niagara Falls. We did not expect it and we are pleased for the recognition our efforts have brought to the Community.

It is probably time to take a look at the courses that we offer to potential Amateur Radio Operators. This is the lifeblood of our Hobby and we need to promote and produce the courses to help people learn about Amateur Radio. David, ve3bbn and Kevin, va3kgs, have been doing a fantastic job for years. I think it is time a few more people started to help out with the courses.

We also have to get back to our by-laws and update them, reduce the number of people at the executive level, and reposition our membership fees. It has been a while since they have been updated so it has become time to get into the nitty-gritty of what we do, how we do it,

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## Previous Meetings Minutes—Henry VA3OV

19:15 Meeting called to order by Vice President Henry VA3OV

We had 2 visitors from St Catharines, plus father and daughter from Welland. They are all interested in the hobby and would like to take the basic course in the New Year.

Roll Call 33 total; 4 guests non hams, potential students for the January Basic class.

### Announcements:

NPARC receiving the 2016 Niagara Falls Volunteer Corporate Sponsor Award.

Christmas Parade.

Antenna raising party at VE3WCD repeater site, November 12 at 11:00AM.

Christmas Dinner Party December 7, 2016. Tickets still available..

Tech night on December 8, 2016.

### Presentation:

Denis VE3KVE presented a Power Point version of the NPARC volunteer in action during the Niagara Falls International Marathon.

Our guest speaker Phil McBride VA3QR, RAC Director of Ontario South covered the Ontario Distracted Driving legislation as it is and what to expect after January 2018. Follow the progress on the TCA or on the RAC Bulletin. Then Phil proceeded to show pictures and stories about his DX adventures on St Paul islands.

### Coffee Break ; 50/50 draw

Dale VA3LFR won \$32.00. Proceeded to donate \$12.00 to NPARC.

### Business

Motion: That the minutes of October's 2016 General Meeting be adopted as published in the Feedline.

Moved and seconded. Motion adopted

Kaitlynn reminded everyone to pickup their club membership card. Also the need to renew their club membership.

### Treasurers Report Kaitlynn VE3AUO

Kaitlynn presented the treasurers report.

Motion to adopt the report was moved and seconded. Motion adopted

Meeting adjourned at 21:25

Minutes by Henry VA3OV, Vice President



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## Treasurers Report—Kaitlynn, VE3AUO

So what is actually happening in the treasury? Lots I say! We are at 50 or so paid members and continuing to accept more each meeting. Keep them coming and bring the past members back to the club. It's always time to build this club so let's continue to do as we have recently been doing. Bigger, Better, Stronger!

The financials of the club are doing well. They have been computerized now which allows for easier auditing and report generation. It has taken me a bit to get it done and I have almost completed that task. Have no fear though, there's still many things to keep this treasurer busy for the next....well let's just say a very long time. :)

The treasurers binder containing the financial records will be available at all club meetings, barring extenuating circumstances. In these days of transparency and accountability, it is my aim to make the NPARC treasury as open and as understandable as possible to all members and their questions. Feel free to ask.

Kaitlynn VE3AUO  
Treasurer



## President Message cont... – Eric, VE3EI

and how to make it better!

Finally, at January's meeting, we hope to have a presentation of Satellite Radio Communications. This is an exciting part of the hobby but does NOT get the respect it deserves.

Hope to see you at the Party Wednesday Night and the Club meeting Thursday.

73

Eric – ve3ei



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## Distracted Driving – Kaitlynn, VE3AUD

Phil McBride was present at the November meeting and gave a very informative presentation on ONTARIO REGULATION 366/09, “Display Screens And Hand-held Devices”.

I have been asked to include the Regulation in this month’s Feedline.

I have included it at the end to make it easy for those who do not wish to include it while printing out their Feedline. I am including though, the current exemptions as retrieved from the MTO website.

### Are there any exemptions to Ontario's distracted driving law?

When driving, you are not permitted to use hand-held communication and entertainment devices or view display screens unrelated to the driving task, with the following exceptions:

- Calling 9-1-1 in an emergency situation
- When the driver is lawfully parked or has safely pulled off the roadway and is not impeding traffic.

**Note:** It is dangerous to stop on the shoulder of a 400-series highway and drivers are prohibited from pulling off a designated 400-series highway and parking for a reason other than an emergency. If the situation is not an emergency, drivers are advised to exit the freeway at an interchange or pull into the nearest service centre.

Commercial and public transit drivers, as well as public service workers who are engaged in the performance of their duties, will be able to view the display screens of mobile data terminals and logistical tracking and dispatching devices. Specified commercial, public transit, and public function drivers, as well as licensed amateur radio operators, are permitted hand-held use of their two-way (“CB”) radios (exemption to expire January 1, 2018).

Other devices not included in the ban:

- Viewing a display screen used for collision avoidance systems
- Viewing a display screen of an instrument, gauge or system that provides information on the conditions, use and immediate environment of the vehicle or that provides road or weather information
- Ignition interlock
- Car audio screens that display still images

Unlike CB or mobile radios (two-way radios), devices like hand-mikes and portable radios (walkie-talkies) do not have a microphone connected to a separate receiver. These devices may not be used as hand-held devices, but may be used in a hands-free manner. Drivers may use a lapel button or press a button on the device to transmit or receive voice communication as long as the hand-mike or walkie-talkie is mounted or secured and is not being held while driving.

Viewing display screens of a mobile data terminal is allowed for commercial purposes. These devices provide operational information from a dispatcher or control centre, and are essential to commercial operations, including licensed taxi and limousine services, couriers, tow truck and roadside assistance services. Many public services, including public transit, also rely on these devices.

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## Holiday Dinner with NPARC – Kaitlynn, VE3AUD

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### FIRST ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER

December 7th  
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm  
Dalhousie Yacht Club  
74 Lighthouse Dr.  
St. Catharines,  
Cost: \$35PP

R.S.V.P. by November 23 to  
Connie or Eric Meth  
905 468-8126

Or email [connie@iescomm.ca](mailto:connie@iescomm.ca) for tickets

Members of Pt. Dalhousie CPS and  
NPARC are welcome.



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### May Santa Find A Way





## Sunset Dining Room

### 1<sup>st</sup> Course

Goat Cheese & Cranberry Salad With Mixed Greens,  
Walnuts and Maple Balsamic Vinaigrette

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Course

10oz Grilled “AAA” Striploin Steak with A Mushroom Merlot  
Sauce

Or

Grilled Chicken Breast With A Riesling Dijon Sauce

Or

Baked Haddock With Shrimp In Lemon Butter

All Served With Roasted Potatoes And Vegetables

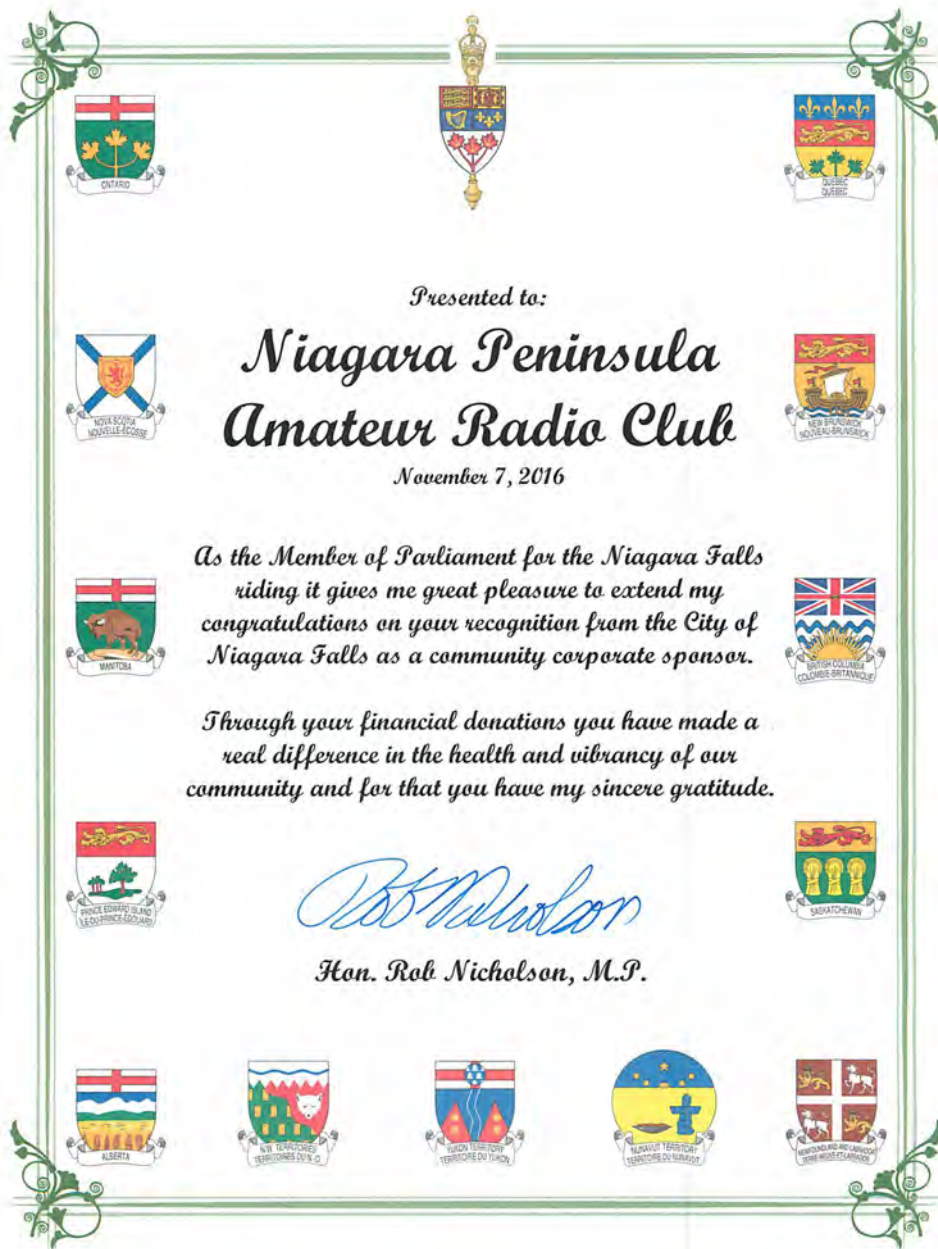
### 3<sup>rd</sup> Course

Seasonal Cheesecake

\$35 per person including tea, coffee, tax and gratuity



# Awards received from the City of Niagara Falls



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## Community Care Donations—Kaitlynn, VE3AUD and David, VE3RNF

As has been done for the past many years, NPARC has collected canned goods for donation to all the area Community Cares.

What we are looking for are canned goods, dry goods and any baby items especially diapers.

Please make sure the items that you may be thinking of donating are not past their expiry date and un-opened.

Collection of the goods will be at the next meeting and the executive will arrange delivery from there.

There are many families this year hit hard financially especially with rising hydro rates that have to choose between keeping their hydro on or eating. Let's see if we can help some families this year again.

The care organizations that have received donations from NPARC in the past are:-

- Beamsville Community Care of West Niagara
- Grimsbey Benevolent Fund Food Bank
- Niagara Falls Project S.H.A.R.E.
- Pelham Cares
- Port Cares Reach Out Food Centre
- Welland. The Hope Centre
- St Catharines & Thorold Community Care
- Fort Erie Community Outreach



We plan to have donation boxes for members to fill to the brim. Excessive generosity is an excellent trait to exhibit.

In order to get donations to their destination we will need the able assistance of the VHF EP Very High Flying Elves Patrol

Please see David VE3RNF to join this Elite Delivery Team.

Kait-

lynn



## QSL Cards – David, VE3FOI



## 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](#)

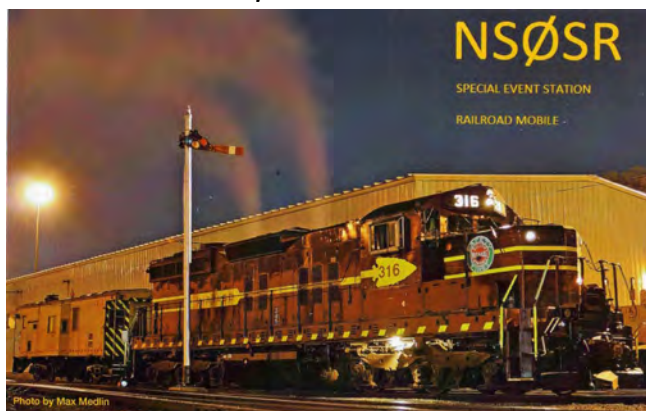
[Canadian Amateur Radio Basic Qualification Study Guide 8th Edition](#)

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

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**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 Basic+ Advanced 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 Newsletter, THE FEEDLINE?** (Photos, first name and call-sign only) YES or NO

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

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

Current membership fees are available on the club website at [www.nparc.on.ca](http://www.nparc.on.ca). [Radio Amateurs of/du Canada, Inc.](http://www.nparc.on.ca) 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.](http://www.nparc.on.ca)

**Authorization Year and Renewal**

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

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

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

2022—2023: \_\_\_\_\_ 2023—2024: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Club executive for 2015-2016

Position	Name	Callsign
President	Eric	VE3EI
Vice—President	Henry	VA3OV
Treasurer	Kaitlynn	VE3AUO
Secretary	David	VE3RNF
Bulletin Editor	Kaitlynn	VE3AUO
Public Relations Officer	Kaitlynn	VE3AUO
Repeater Committee Chairman	Eric	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.



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

## 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 Dec. 8th, 2016—Next General Meeting**