

Feedline

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Big Event Edition

President's Message — Eric, VE3EI

What can I say? I have to start off with the biggest news of all! Big Event #39 was a success!! Judging from the crowds, the deals on the tables, the comments coming back from vendors, buyers, the curious, those that were expecting a livestock show(???). It could not have been done without the help of the volunteers, the task masters, the advertising, the promotion, the organization (I am going to run out of words here)

This was the first Hamfest/Fleamarket of the season. And on the basis of what I saw, this will be a good season, and bodes well for Amateur Radio in Ontario.

With Dennis giving up the event's coordinator position, we have promoted John, VE3KWE to that position. John will have to secure help from a few other people around the region to put in place a team that will be in contact with the different communities around the region to try and find areas where we could help the communities with amateur radio communications.

At the last meeting, the notion was brought forward of us doing more to promote the club, what we do, and what we can do to help. An idea was advanced that an "Operational Trailer", with signage, and the ability to operate as a portable communications centre would be beneficial. I did some more research and found several amateur radio groups with such a device for the club. Some are privately owned, but most are the result of a group effort of the club to put such a unit in place. To this end, we will be forming a committee to investigate this further, prepare a specification, and a preliminary budget to make this a reality. This will be an ongoing project that will take up to 3 years before it is completed, but can be used a little bit at a time in the development phase. Quick uses come to mind: Net Control for various Niagara Falls events like Christmas Parade, Canada Day, Canal Days, FIELD DAY!!!!, Canada Day, etc.

The club has acquired a Rig Expert Antenna Analyser. The Rig Expert AA520 which is capable of doing complex antenna measurements, or simple ones. This unit will be available for a one week loan on a case by case basis. We will be discussing who, what, when, why and where it will be administered.

Previous Meetings Minutes — David, VE3RNF

20160112 General Meeting
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 613, Fonthill, ON

This document was constructed using a recording made on Presidents cell phone.
Comments of members were typically undecipherable.

Meeting was called to order by President Eric VE3EI

Roll Call 25 + 4 Guest

Kevin VA3KGS requested Guests to talk about their interests in Amateur Radio.
Names & comments not clear

Eric reported that the first annual Xmas Dinner with Power Squadron at DYC was well attended by both groups.
2017 Dinner is planned for Weds 06Dec

Event Participation Denis VE3KVE presented certificates for participation in Ride for Roswell; Terry Fox Run; Canada Day Parade; International Marathon; Santa Claus Parade.
Kevin VA3KGS asked about participation at Canal Days. Denis was not responsible for that event.

Technical Presentation

Denis Surek VE3XC gave an informative presentation in monitoring & use of Amateur Radio Satellites

Break

Eric indicated that Mike VE3CKO proposed that there should be a discussion regarding means of promoting NPARC.

50 – 50 Draw Winner Nate VA3NLB \$28.50

Treasurers Report Financial status was presented. A copy has been filed with the Secretary.

Minutes of Last Meeting no action

BigEvent Denis VE3KVE requested copy of BigEvent flyer. It's on the web site

Oscar VE3PIO asked about volunteering. All volunteers should turn up at 06:00. They will be given jobs. Advise Peter VA3WET of availability

Club Promotion Discussion revolved around various styles of vehicle that could be used & different members experiences with them. Insurance, storage & other variables were discussed.

Peel ARC have successfully used such a trailer & might be used as a model.

Concerns were exhibited about dropping out of public events where the possibility of improving image exists.

Kevin VA3KGS & Mike VE3CKO spoke enthusiastically about ways to move forward.

Committee will be formed to investigate options & report

Brief discussion of Canada Sesquicentennial call signs & usage was conducted. Members were asked bring input of ways to utilise logo & special call signs to the **February General Meeting**

David Jarman VE3RNF, Secretary

Treasurer's Report—Kaitlynn, VE3AUO

2017 is off to a great start and now that the Big Event is behind us, I will soon be able to get a nice detailed report for everyone.

In the meantime, I will say things are looking mighty fine so far. I'm still tallying all the paperwork (translated to "I'm still having a hell of a time deciphering some scribbles.") LOL

January's financials will include some of the expenses for Hamfest so don't be worried when the Financial Report is presented at the meeting. After all January will also include some of the income from the table sales. So in short it will all balance out in the end.

Currently we are sitting very close to the 60 member mark. I'm hoping we can boost that number now as well as in the next club year.

Talk to those you know that may have been past members. Show them how the club is doing and what we are doing. Lots of new faces and activities and many of our long-term activities have been given facelifts. NPARC is an ever-changing club.

I think it's about time that I back on out of here and get to the rest of the Feedline, Big Event reports, Treasurers duties, updating the website, data entry in to the club database, etc. You get the idea. Lots of work for me to still do.

"NPARC is an ever-changing club"

So till the next time, enjoy life and what it throws at you, after all, if it's thrown at you, you can't step in it.

Kaitlynn, VE3AUO

Treasurer 2016-2017

President's Message cont... — Eric, VE3EI

I hate to bring up a boring subject but we are going to have to make some changes to the bylaws to streamline some of our operations. We will discuss this briefly at the next meeting to lay out what we want to do and how we are going to do it! (Timeline)

We have decided to offer a Ham Radio Course in March of this year. The plan is to do it over 3 weekends, with the first 2 weekends being instruction and the last weekend the test. We tentatively have a location in St Catharines but we are going to need instructors. If you can lend a hand to do approximately 4 hours of instruction we would like to hear from you. The club has enormous capability and chance for us to impart some of our knowledge to people who are willing and eager, to learn!

There are a few other things to bring members up to date but I will save that for the meeting. Nothing earth shattering, just items to let you know what we are doing.

See you at the meeting Thursday February 9, 2017 at 1900 hours.

Big Event #39 Pictures — Denis, VA3ON0



Big Event #39 Tables—Kaitlynn, VE3AU0

Can you say “SOLD OUT”?

That’s how the day was. Sold out and in fact some extra tables were setup to sell and we even placed a vendor on the stage. If there was a space, it got sold.

Expectations were met and well exceeded. Let’s remember this

and amazing year and reflect on what it for inspiration for the upcoming years. It was done this year, let’s do it in the following years to come.

Kaitlynn, VE3AU0

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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 Feb. 9th, 2017—Next
General Meeting**