

Feedline

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President's Message — Eric, VE3EI

Three Quarters of the way through Winter!!! Yippee!!! I can almost taste the BBQ, and the evenings outside, operating the HF Rig in the backyard on my latest antenna project...!!! Oh wait, I am dreaming !!!!

First of all, a note of condolence to our Treasurer, Kaitlynn, on the loss of her Mother recently. Please accept our condolences on this sad event, many of us have been through it, it is not easy, but life forces you to move forward. It is much easier when there are those around you who sympathize and offer their support. I am happy to provide that support as all members of the club!

The Ham Radio classes started off with a bang! However, very quickly we discovered it is NOT a walk in the park. It is tough! We have had to lengthen the classes from 2 weekends (that was never going to happen) to approximately 7 weeks of 1 day, Saturday or Sunday, depending on the week, before we are ready for testing. However, there are some excellent candidates in the course that should become active hams in the not too distant future. A big thank you to the Hams who have devoted their time and energy to making this a reality.

"NPARC is an ever-changing club"

This month's meeting we will be starting the discussion and planning for FIELD DAY !!!! as well we expect to have Doug, ve3eqv, showing us how to setup and operate a Packet Radio Station. The Local ARES group is spearheading this project as a means of communicating during an Emergency Exercise. Packet Radio was very big in the 80s and is making a resurgence!

The Special Events Trailer is starting to take on a life of its own. Thanks to Peter, va3wet, who came up with the name & description. The Committee leading the project consists of John, ve3hwe (did I get it right this time?), Henry, va3ov, Mike, ve3cko. Their job will be to define our needs, specify our requirements, make some recommendations on our way forward, and, most important, establish a budget.

Hopefully we will have some preliminary reports on a month by month basis. We may also try some, non-binding experiments going forward!

As we approach the end of the year (for the club) we have some internal business to take care of! NOMINATIONS for next year! **We do need a Feedline Editor**, we

Previous Meetings Minutes — David, VE3RNF

20170209 General Meeting
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 613, Fonthill, ON

19:10 Meeting was called to order by President Eric VE3EI

Roll Call 24 Members 3 Guests

Presidents Report Eric VE3EI

A Basic Certification training course will be offered starting weekend of 24Feb2017 & continuing the following weekend. Additional dates will be added based on number of students & progress.
Volunteer Instructors are needed. Initially a 4h commitment is required

Committee Reports

ARES Henry VE3OV The monthly meeting will be held at the Niagara Region HQ on the third Wednesday of the month. Check the electronic board in the lobby for the room allocation.

ARES net every Monday night at 20:00 hr on VE3RAF. Practice message handling will continue following the roll call

The estate of Dave Flarity VE3DVE (SK) have donated an IC 207 VHF radio to ARES Niagara
This radio is identical to those installed in Hospitals & Regional centres in Niagara. This unit will be made available to ARES members who wish to practice their operating skills. See Henry VA3OV to make arrangements.

GWEN Peter VA3WET The 80m vertical antenna Ground Wave network goal of traffic over a 100km range is still active. Further tests will be run in the summer.

RAC Dennis VE3XC 3 memberships were sold at the BigEvent

BigEvent#39 Reports

Treasurer Kaitlynn VE3AUO presented a financial summary. A copy of the summary and the full report were filed with the Secretary.

Garth VE3HO reported that the opening rush was not efficiently handled by one table (2 persons). He suggested that, at least for the initial rush, two portals be utilised.

Peter VA3WET suggested some form of remuneration for those who volunteer to work on the event. Eric indicated that he would rather source additional High School students needing community hours.

Lloyd VE3ERQ noted that the ONTARS contingent departed at 11:30 for their luncheon & left a very empty looking hall. He wondered what arrangements could be made so other visitors didn't follow behind & force a premature end to the event.

John VE3JWH raised the question of an earlier start. Henry VA3OV indicated that it had been tried & the end just comes sooner. At Dayton Hamfest the outside flea market vendors are gone on the last day.

Denis VA3ONO & Henry VA3OV discussed reducing the vendor set up time to 1 hr in an attempt to stop "vendors" circulating to cherry pick the products offered before the official 09:00 public opening.

Pictures taken by Snapped will be published in their March issue

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

need some new blood as officers, and we need to increase our membership. There are also some changes we wish to make to the bylaws to help streamline our operations. So starting this month, we will be starting discussions on both these activities.

As always, we have Communication Events coming up and John, ve3hwe, will be outlining what has to be done. All the best and see you at the meeting on Thursday!

Previous Meetings Minutes cont... — David, VE3RNF

Eric VE3EI proposed that Kaitlynn VE3AUO be the BigEvent#40 co-ordinator. Requested time to think about it. Several of the current tasks assigned to Kaitlynn need to be picked up by other members or rearranged to reduce work load.

Other Business

Minutes of last meeting Motion to approve moved by Lloyd VE3ERQ, Motion was seconded & adopted.

50/50 \$28.00 was won by Geoff VE3GOF

Special Events Trailer A committee was raised to investigate specifications & budget. Members are John VE3HWE; Mike VE3CKO & Henry VA3OV concerns voiced included Place & cost of storage; usage rules; tow vehicle.

Peter VA3WET suggested renting a trailer & test driving the idea at an event. Renting may be a cost effective solution vs. Owning.

John VE3JWH indicated that he has owned a 24' toy hauler. Resale units are frequently available at very low cost.

NPARC email reflector This function has been removed from the service provider SkyComp. Club email will be directed & archived on servers privately owned by Kaitlynn & Eric.

Meeting adjourned at 21:00

Minutes by David Jarman VE3RNF Secretary

SATERN — Dave, VE3FOI

Update, The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services are making it mandatory to have anyone that is Staff/volunteer: Take **1-Basic Salvation Army Emergency Services Course**, **2-Criminal background check**, I have communicated with their officials regarding amateur radio operators too see if we can be excused from these rules, I haven't heard back yet. The reason is for their insurance policies.

Vanity License Plates — Dave, VE3FOI

I think some amateurs are confused about the CALL LETTER License Plates:

Service Ontario only charges \$31.30 for these plates. They are NOT Personal Plates. You have too have Industry Canada Callsign Info with you. If you have paid more you can get a rebate from Service Ontario if you have the receipt.

Club Executive 2016-2017

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