

Feedline

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Passing of President Eric Meth — Executive

METH, Eric - It is with great sadness that the family announces the sudden passing of Eric on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at his home in Niagara-on-the-Lake, at the age of 71. Beloved husband of Connie, Eric was a loving father, step-father, grandfather, great-grandfather, mentor, teacher, and friend and was an active member in numerous organizations in the Niagara Region.



The family received friends at MORGAN FUNERAL HOME, 415 Regent St., Niagara-on-the-Lake, on Thursday from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. A service to celebrate Eric's life was held at the funeral home on Friday, April 7, 2017, at 11 a.m. Burial followed in Niagara Lakeshore Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, would be appreciated by the family.

Photos, memories, and condolences may be shared at www.morganfuneral.com

Previous Meetings Minutes — David, VE3RNF

20170309 General Meeting
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 613, Fonthill, ON

19:25 Meeting was called to order by President Eric VE3EI

Roll Call 22 Members 2 Guests

Presidents Report Eric VE3EI

Tonights presenter, Doug Sigurdson VE3EQV has been called out of town. His presentation on Packet Radio will be scheduled for another time.

This months Feedline was unavoidably late & will arrive soon.

A Feedline Editor is needed to take over from the Rachel/Kaitlynn team.

By-Laws are in the process of being brought up-to-date.

Basic license training has been reduced to one day per week

Field Day Co-ordinator to be appointed

Agenda

Summer Events - John VE3HWE

Canwarn training dates – Brian VE3BMX

Special Events Trailer – Henry VA3OV; John VE3HWE & Mike VE3CKO will form a team

ARES

Field Day

Summer Events

Ride for Roswell

Canal Days – VA3OV has been in contact with Port Colborne city event co-ordinator

Canada Day, Niagara Falls Parade

Terry Fox Run, Niagara Falls

Volunteers will be needed for all events.

Canwarn

Brian VE3BMX reported that annual training will take place at 19:00 on 08May2017 @ Niagara Region HQ.

RSVP to canwarn.ontario@ec.gc.ca

ARES

Monthly meeting next Wednesday @ NRP HQ, Valley Way, Niagara Falls

A combined exercise (SET) is being developed in conjunction with Search And Rescue Niagara (SARN). Time frame currently mid to late Summer.

There will be a Test Message transmitted at the end of next Monday's ARES Net

Field Day

Discussion was held around the number of stations & efficient use of the Balls Falls site.

This year we will probably only field a 3A event.

Canada 150 has special call sign prefixes available until 23:59:59 on 31Dec2017

Vimy 100 will have a special event station

Club Auction the FT890/FS800 & R7 were sold, thanks to all who participated.

The TA-33-M Yagi & HAM-IV rotator/control box will be listed on KWARC.

Previous Meetings Minutes cont... — David, VE3RNF

Bids from members will continue to be entertained. Email Secretary if interested.

Treasurer

Financial position @ 28Feb2017 was presented.

Secretary to print email attachment for file copy

Packet communication VA3NAG-10 is running. Use RMS/Winlink gateway on 145.030

50/50 winner Lloyd VE3ERQ \$24.50 donated to club

Meeting adjourned at 20:45

Demonstration of Packet Radio was provided by VA3OV & VE3NDW

Minutes by David Jarman VE3RNF, Secretary

Phil Gebhardt, Guest Speaker — Phil, VE3ACK

Phil Gebhardt has been licensed as VE3ACK since 1968. He was born at the transmitter site for radio station CKCH (970 kHz, 1 kW) and grew up there where his father was the chief engineer.

He worked for Motorola Canada in Willowdale in the Custom Products division. He administered the amateur radio station for the Ontario Science Centre (VE3OSC). He taught amateur radio courses at the Science Centre as well as at Central Technical School in Toronto. While teaching at a private school in Whitby, three of his Grade 7 students successfully wrote the basic radio exam and received their licence.

He spent much of his time on hf and vhf meteor scatter. His articles about radio have appeared in *TCA* as well as in *Shortwave Magazine* in the U.K., *Monitoring Times*, *73*, *CQ VHF* and *Popular Communications* in the U.S. and *Amateur Radio Magazine* in Australia. An article about meteor scatter appeared in *Sky & Telescope* magazine and an annual article about the radio detection of meteors appeared in *The Observer's Handbook*, a reference book published by The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada for professional astronomers and serious amateur astronomers. In 1997, he ran meteor scatter tests on the 10-metre band. He has spoken about meteor scatter at several radio clubs and conferences in Canada and the U.S. including ARRL VHF/UHF conferences. He undertook radio astronomy projects at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Greenbank, West Virginia. He conducted meteor scatter experiments with Grade 12 students at Trafalgar Castle School in Whitby and conducted a vhf radio version of Thomas Young's 1801 double-slit light experiment with Toronto high school students.

At the meeting on Thursday evening, he will introduce the basics of meteor scatter communications on the amateur bands. Included will be how to identify meteor scatter signals and distinguish them from other modes, what you will need to be successful at meteor scatter, when to try the mode and how to decide which bands to use.

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 April 13th, 2017—Next
General Meeting**