

Feedline

Voice of the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Fall is on it's way

Welcome — John, VA3BOZ



Hello ... Yes it is me I just want to say it feels good to be back. I took this position with hope that I could help the club out as they were having problems getting people to fill executive positions with Kaitlynn & Steve to carry the load which is unfair to them. But they tried to keep the club going as it should.

I have had some medical problems that have kept me away from club activities but I thought I would try to get back into the group. We still need a Vice President and a couple of other positions. Think about it, step up and help with keeping the club running smoothly. I know there are people that can do it. Step up and help.

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There are other events coming up the main one being our 40th flea market. Kaitlynn is taking this challenge on again and from past experience I know what is involved. The money that we make from this event is what pays the expenses (legion rent, club insurance, repeater maintenance, storage unit, plus) Give us a hand; volunteer it takes the load off others. Another large event is Field day. That is our day to play and show our skills in the field.

If you have any ideas for activities, give them to the executive and we will see what we can do with them.....

That's all I have to say for now.
It feels good to be back.

John Boswell
VA3BOZ/VA3XM
2017-2018 President

Previous Meetings Minutes — Steve, VA3FLF

20171012 General Meeting

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 613, Fonthill, ON

19:05, the meeting was called to order by the Treasurer, Kaitlynn VE3AUO. Any remaining dues and new memberships were taken care of as the first order of business.

Kaitlynn, VE3AUO presented John Boswell, VA3BOZ as nominee for the incoming NPARC Club President. A call for any other nominations for President was taken from the floor and there were none. John Boswell was accepted as NPARC Club President for 2017-2018 by acclamation.

John, VA3BOZ, accepted his nomination as president and chaired the meeting.

Roll Call: 32 Members present.

The corrected minutes of the September General Meeting were read by the Secretary, **Steve VA3FLF**. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Dennis VE3XC. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Steve, VA3FLF presented a school newsletter from Niagara Christian Collegiate. The school has announced the construction of a Technology Center in memory of former club member Bill Nelson, VE3EBN, SK. Bill was very active as an IT advisor for the school before his passing. The school is also wanting to put together a ham club and station. Doug Frame VE3JDF and Steve VA3FLF inventoried and packed up Bill's equipment over the summer. It was donated to the school by his widow Huguette Trotter. The newsletter was made available at the meeting for club members.

Steve, VA3FLF passed around a get well card for Jim Thompson's wife so members could sign. The card was presented to Jim at the end of the meeting.

RAC Report, Denis, VE3XC.

Phil McBride, VA3QR was elected as Ontario South Director. Denis said that RAC is continuing to work on the mobile devices law and how it relates to mobile and ham radio use while driving.

David, VE3RNF presented participation certificates to club members who helped out with the CIBC Run for the Cure and The Terry Fox Run. The Secretary has the certificates for club members who were not present. All participants posed for a photo.

Oscar, VE3PIO announced the passing of former club member Art Kennedy, VA3AEK. John, VA3BOZ called for a few moments of silence in memory of Art. Art had been in a rest home for some time in Toronto.

Treasurer Report, Kaitlynn VE3AUO.

The current financial statement was read by Kaitlynn. A motion was made to accept the report by Dave, VA3UL. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Previous Meetings Minutes cont... — Steve, VA3FLF

Kaitlynn, read the letter from the Legion announcing this year's Poppy Fund Drive. David, VE3RNF made a motion to donate a gift of \$50.00 to the Poppy Fund. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Kaitlynn, VA3AU0 asked for volunteers to conduct the annual financial audit. Oscar, VE3PIO volunteered to conduct the audit.

The 50/50 drawing was held and the winner was Peter VE3WET. The winner's portion of \$ 24.00 was donated back to the NPARC treasury.

Kaitlynn discussed the options for the NPARC Holiday Party. A decision needs to be made quickly as potential locations are already booking space. A show of hands of 12 members present were interested in having the event this year.

John, VA3BOZ announced that we need a repeater custodian for club repeaters. NPARC is looking for volunteers.

The meeting recessed for break and refreshments.

After the break, the silent auction was conducted. There were just a few items up for sale.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by David, VE3RNF. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 20:30

Minutes by Steve Riddle, VA3FLF, Secretary.

Meeting Special Guest — Kaitlynn, VE3AU0

Through the efforts of Mike, VE3CKO, the guest speaker for the November meeting will be Michael Walker from Flex Radio.

This should be a very informative session. See everyone there.

Kaitlynn

Treasurer's Report — Kaitlynn,

Well here we are in November. The month that the **snow** usually starts. Yes I said that four letter word.

I promise not to swear anymore. LOL



Anyways....The club is in great financial shape. Currently though I am in the process of changing the books from one version of the accounting software, to a different version. In doing so, I am having to do a complete reentering of all the transactions from the beginning of the year as well as setup a completely new data file in its entirety. The worse part in all this is I have been slammed with work both in and out of town in my personal life. Suffice it to say, I have not been able to come anywhere near completing this task in time for this upcoming meeting. The end result of this is that, I will not have any up-to-date figures to report on. What I can tell you though is that there have been no expenditures of a significant nature since last month. Just the regular rent and meeting snacks. My workload is slowly coming back down to a reasonable roar and I am positive, barring any abnormal work contracts, I will have the final conversion done and ready to provide the late reports as well as what will be the then current reports.

Summary

In closing, I would like to once again apologize for my shortcomings for this month but I had to put work as a priority and the club second. I'm hoping all of you understand, can bear with me, and allow me the extra time I need to complete this task properly.

Kaitlynn
2017-2018 Treasurer

Obituaries — Doug, VE3JDF

ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY

Dad was at last rewarded and rejoined his dearly beloved Margot (Emond) in Heaven after his passing at Sunnybrook Veterans Centre at dawn on 11 September 2017 at the age of 92. He is greatly missed by his children, Seán Michael (Kathleen), Siobán Mary (Linda), grandchildren Tara Caitlín and Sína Marie, and the many ham radio (his call sign was VA3 AEK) and other friends he had around the world.

Dad was born in Mount Forest, Ontario on 20 November 1924, and was the last survivor of 5 siblings (Mary, William, George and Audrey) born to John and Marion Kennedy. He grew up in Stratford and joined the RCAF in



Obituaries ...cont — Doug, VE3JDF

1942. After pilot training in New Brunswick and Trenton he went to navigation school, where he graduated top of his class, and then was posted to England in 1943 and was assigned as navigator and bombardier on the Canadian-built bomber version of the De Havilland Mosquito. Lucky for us he survived his many harrowing sorties with 162 Squadron over Germany. This certain, youthful trauma formed the man.

Demobbed in 1946, F/O Kennedy returned to Stratford and attended the University of Western Ontario, commuting on his Triumph motorcycle, where he took one of the few baccalaureates in radio physics ever granted by the University. He rejoined the RCAF in 1950, married Mary (Volden) in 1952, had Seán while stationed in Winnipeg in 1954, and Siobán in 1959 while in Montreal. The family moved to Ottawa in 1960, but Dad returned to Montreal in 1962 to join Canadian Marconi and begin his long civilian career in avionics. Throughout he piloted or navigated many RCAF aircraft, particularly the Beechcraft Expeditor and the De Havilland Beaver, and loved flying his own Cessna and Mooney planes. He remained in the RCAF reserve until 1971, retiring as Major.

While in Montreal Dad took up sailing in a Flying Junior with such zeal that he joined other enthusiasts and co-founded the Ile Parrot Yacht Club in 1966. There Dad and we thrilled racing his FJ and Cal 25 on Lac Saint-Louis, often while shouting Shakespeare into the wind. One summer we all sailed up the Ottawa River, but his fondest memories were the many sails we took to Oka Beach on Lake of Two Mountains, skiing at Monts Habitant and Tremblant, and the season's passes to Expo '67 we all enjoyed.

At Canadian Marconi Dad met Margot, and they married in 1972 with his children in joyful attendance. Soon thereafter he joined Singer Kearfott in White Plains, NY, from where Dad and Margot decamped first to Paris, then Brussels, where he headed up the sales of fighter aircraft guidance systems to European and Middle Eastern governments. While based in Europe the two traveled extensively, and even sailed the Baltic.

Both were homesick, so Dad took his first retirement at 55 and built a house on Lake Muskoka.. Bored with selling real estate, however, Dad reentered the working world where he taught physics at Seneca College, and with Allied Signal (later Garrett Industries) promoted sales of the experimental peripheral vision horizon device (PVD) mainly to the US military. Dad finally retired in 1989 and moved with Margot to Port Carling where he had spent many summers as a boy. There the two RV'd extensively throughout Canada and the US, and spent many days mapping trails in and around Muskoka. In 2005, Dad and Margot relocated to the milder climate of Welland, where Margot died in 2015. A year later our despondent Dad then moved to Sunnybrook, where he was well attended by caring and compassionate staff.

Our cerebral and multilingual Father was fundamentally a scientist, and taught us to value reason over passion, facts over faith and, above all, to seek the richness of life's offerings. We are all thankful for his lessons, and his love.

A service will be held in the Chapel at Sunnybrook Hospital at 10 a.m. on Monday, 18 September 2017 followed by a reception in the Blythwood Room. Burial will be in Hope Cemetery, Mount Forest at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations to mark Dad's passing would be gratefully received by the Trans Canada Trail at thegreattrail.ca. Please visit aftercare.org to leave an online tribute.



Club Executive 2017-2018

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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

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| 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

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| 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 November 9th, 2017—
Next General Meeting**