

# Feedline

Voice of the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

## And the year begins

### Welcome — Kaitlynn, VE3AU0

If you're starting to wonder if I'm liking it here on the front page, I'll be honest, maybe just a bit. Hi hi

Let me start this month's Feedline off with expressing condolences to the family of Mr. David Wilson, VE3BBN. He was a very treasured member of the club who never failed to be there when needed. NPARC owes many thanks to David for his participation in the club. I can still hear his voice calling out for the club auctions. Further inside this Feedline you will find some club memories of David.



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So... Need I say anything about the recent weather. I really felt like I was going to look out the window and start seeing polar bears. Hopefully no one had any hardware failures due to the extreme temperatures causing parts to become brittle. Another concern would be the weight of the snow that recently fell. A very wet and heavy snow. This can weigh down elements on your antennas. Honestly though, do I need to be telling you, the members about this? Most of you would answer "No, I already know this stuff" but you must remember, we are always picking up new members who just may be new to the hobby and may not know any of this stuff. Be aware of this and please, be willing to offer your knowledge to these new members. I'm sure they will deeply appreciate it.

This meeting will be about our Big Event and any final discussions. Please see the article on it further in the Feedline.

Take care and 73

Kaitlynn, VE3AU0

## Previous Meetings Minutes — Steve, VA3FLF

20171214 General Meeting  
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 613, Fonthill, ON

**NPARC Secretary Stephen Riddle, VA3FLF** called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. The Secretary started with roll call:

**Roll Call:** 12 Members present, 1 visitor

**Steve, VA3FLF** presented the minutes from the November Meeting that were posted in the Feedline. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Lloyd VE3ERQ. The motion was seconded and adopted.

### **Steve, VA3FLF: Agenda and Announcements.**

John Boswell, VA3BOZ had his surgery and is doing well. He was told by his doctors that he could not serve as NPARC President at this time due to an extensive recovery. He submitted his resignation to the Executive from his hospital bed.

The floor was opened for any nominations or volunteers for NPARC President. There were none.

No financial report for tonight's meeting.

Ham Class. **Phil, VE3ACK** reports that class is going well. They are meeting at the Black Creek Community Center in Stevensville, He has approximately 10 students. They are using the electronic kits that was purchased by the club. Phil expects to finish sometime in the middle of February and write the exam. Anyone that can assist Phil is invited. Please contact the executive or Phil directly by email.

Repeaters: The three club repeaters are now under custodian, Henry VA3OV. VE3RNR is with Kevin Smith, VA3KGS. The repeater will be moved later to storage. It was suggested that RNR be put up at EL Crossley since there should be an antenna at this location.

220 Repeater is still up for sale. John VA3WM has been contacting other clubs. We are trying to sale it as three separate pieces. John also is looking at putting IRLP / Echolink on one of the repeaters. Everyone agreed that VA3WCD is the best repeater to use.

All the clubs call signs under QRZ.com are now listed under Steve's account, VA3FLF. They were scattered under three different users and former members. Steve is looking for suggestions on what information should be put on the pages. Right now the club address has been updated and a link to the NPARC website.

**John, VE3HWE** Santa Clause Parade went well and had plenty of help. Executive received an email from organizers thanking NPARC for their help.

Tonight is the food drive. We will distribute the canned goods to the listed charities. **(Food drive items**

## Previous Meetings Minutes cont... — Steve, VA3FLF

were boxed up at the end of the meeting and taken to the listed charities by John and his elves).

### **New Business:**

Everyone be looking for new president. Any volunteers or nominations will be considered.

There is no speaker lined up for the January Meeting at this time. The meeting will be the planning session for the Big Event #40. Kaitlynn still needs volunteers.

Field Day coordinator will be Phil VA3ACK. Peter VA3WET will assist him.

Canal Day coordinator is Steve, VA3FLF.

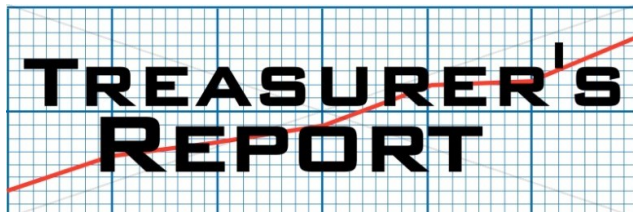
A motion was made to adjourn by Peter, VA3WET. The motion was seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

*After the meeting, members had an informal discussion regarding solar power and use in homes and for amateur radio.*

**Minutes were taken by Peter Teminski, VA3WET. Report prepared by Steve Riddle, NPARC Secretary, VA3FLF.**

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## Treasurer's Report — Kaitlynn, VE3AU0



Hey there! How can I help you?

Oh wait a minute, this is the Feedline. I thought you were someone who wanted another table for Big Event #40....

(Treasurer hat on)

Things are looking good and are taking off with the start of the table sales for the Big Event. This is the time of year when we try to raise the funds for the club that allow us to maintain our repeaters, hold events like Field Day, and to carry on for the following years.

No one said it was financially easy to maintain a club but you, our loyal members, always seem to pull through for NPARC. Renewing your club memberships, making donations, our draw at our monthly meetings, etc. all play a part in maintaining the financial stability of this great club. Memberships have been up and down a slight bit over the last few years but the club always manages to pull through. Dedicated members like yourself come back year after year.

We really need to remember that amateur radio is, in reality, a dying hobby, but that doesn't mean we have to accept that fact. Having a strong club with a good solid membership, can help promote amateur radio and help it gain its popularity back.

At present, I have 263 entries in the database of non-member hams from the area. Some are past members and others may have never been members. If you know of some, give them an invite to the meetings and the *free* coffee and snacks. NPARC can continue to grow and with a bit of help from you, we can hopefully become the subject of many conversations in the future.

Kaitlynn

2017-2018 Treasurer

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# David, VE3BBN at Field Day 2010





## 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

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 80m Net / 3.755 MHz LSB daily 7:00 A.M to 6:00 P.M. EDT
- CLARA 80m 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 2m Net /145.190 MHz on Mondays at 8:00 P.M. EDT
- SATERN Net on 2m /147.300 + MHz / IRLP on Mondays at 9:00 P.M. EDT
- NPARC 10m Net / 28.415 MHz on Tuesdays, 8:30 EDT
- CLARA 20m Net / 14.120 MHz on Tuesdays at 1700 UTC & 40m Net / 7.055 MHz at 9:00 am Eastern
- PROCOM—ARES 40m / 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 2018**

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 January 11th, 2018—  
 Next General Meeting**