



Your



Feedline

President's Report — Stephen Riddle, VA3FLF

Here we are again, ready to start another year. I trust everyone had a great summer. I want to welcome Henry, VA3OV as our incoming Vice President and thank Lloyd Kubis, VE3ERQ for his service on the executive last year. I also want to thank Denis, VA3ONO for taking on the role as the new Feedline Editor.

We had a very busy summer with our special events, public displays, and Field Day. I want to thank everyone who came out and participated in all of the events. We had a great turn out for Field Day. We had a quite a few contacts even with the poor band conditions and a really delicious meal from Antipastos. Sunday was a very wet but we persevered and made the event a success.

Our public demonstrations over the summer garnered a lot of interest in the hobby. We have several potential candidates for our upcoming new ham class and many of them we met at our public demonstrations. We need to make our displays more interactive. We tried our new concept during Echoes of Niagara's Past at Fort George in August. I will be discussing this further in one of our upcoming general meetings.

Our next major event is NPARC's 70th Anniversary Celebration on September the 15th. We have a good turnout expected with numerous visitors planning to attend. I am looking forward to this great event and being able to honour Jim Thompson, VE3BCA for his many years of service to the community and to NPARC.

We have a several events and projects planned for this coming year. Of course, we will have the Big Event in February. Clayton, VE3AUO will be the Event Coordinator again this year. We have a new ham class starting September 20th at Black Creek Community Centre.

Phil, VE3ACK will be conducting the classes. We will continue to integrate Niagara ARES and NPARC for our Emergency Communications needs. Also, we are still working out the logistic details to get our UHF repeater, VE3RNR back on the air. And at our next meeting we will have samples of golf shirts with the NPARC logo. You can order one and include your call sign with the club emblem for \$21. Our October meeting will feature Phil VE3ACK. Subject, a Ground Conductivity Experiment.

That was a quick overview of the many things going on with NPARC. I encourage each member to be an active participant in the club activities. No one person can come to every event but if everyone of us does a little bit, it makes it easier for us all. I am looking forward to an exciting year for the club.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Canada Day Parade - Nia. Falls

Port Colborne Canal Days station

Tour For Kids Adventure Ride Niagara

Echo's of Niagara's Past - Ft. George

Terry Fox Run Sept. 16 Nia. Falls

CIBC Run for the Cure Sept. 30



General Meeting Minutes - June 14, 2018 - Secretary, Dennis VE3XC

Royal Canadian Legion, Fonthill

Meeting called to order by Vice-President Lloyd, VE3ERQ

Lloyd read an email sent by President Steve, VA3FLF sending his regrets for not attending due to medical reasons. There was a round of self-introductions (approx 25 plus 2 guests)

Minutes of Last General Meeting: Printed in Bulletin.

*Moved by Jim VE3BCA/ Seconded by Geddie VE3CJX: To accept the minutes as printed in the Bulletin. Carried

Treasurer's Report: Clayton gave the balances; General Account, Petty Cash and GIC.

*Moved by Henry VA3OV/ Seconded by John VE3HWE:

To accept the Treasurer's report as given. Carried.

RAC: Dennis VE3XC, Assistant Director, Niagara South : No report.

ARES: Henry VA3OV: The Simulated Emergency Test (SET) was held yesterday. There were messages sent including packet messages. All went well.

Repeater Committee: John VA3WM: All repeaters working well. We have a location for a 440 mHz repeater in Ridgeway. There may be some operating funds needed. The IRLP node is offline temporarily.

Ham Classes: Phil VE3ACK is planning for another class in September. He also has been advised that the Niagara Falls Public Library is looking for some radio activities for teenagers. Phil did leave a message with the contact person but has not heard back yet. Phil also spoke about the ground conductivity experiment. He has several interested participant spread out over a large area and anticipates this being a fall activity. Phil will give more details at one of our fall meetings.

Public Relations: John VE3HWE: John gave a report of upcoming events.

Ride for Roswell next weekend.

Niagara Falls Canada Day Parade and HF Canada Day Contest July 1st

Canal Days August 4th and 5th

Tour for Kids Aug 17th, 18th, 19th

Fort George Aug 25th and 26th.

70th Celebration Sept. 15th

Terry Fox Run Sept. 16th
CIBC Run For The Cure Sept. 30th

New Business: Election of Directors: Three Directors were elected by acclamation. One additional Director is needed. Henry, VA3OV is the only nominee for that position and is therefore confirmed as Director of NPARC, Inc. for the Club year 2018 to 2019. Henry will serve as Vice-President.

Lloyd commented: The article for 70th Anniversary and Club History has been submitted and will be published in the next TCA.

We are in need of a new Bulletin Editor. Clayton has held that position for several years. Henry suggested that several people contribute to each issue to lessen the workload for just one person. John, VA3WM said we need more contributors or we will not have a newsletter at all as had been experience at another club. There were other suggestions on how to keep the Feedline going. Lloyd said that with the big gap during the summer, and considering our Anniversary Celebration coming up, we really need to get something out before then.

Field Day: Clayton VE3AUO described the food menu for participants. Band Captains responsible for their team members, their rigs, antennas, generators, and gas. It looks like we will have 25 people and if there are additional people, we are to let Kevin, VA3KGS know how many, so that the food order will be right. There is some Club equipment not spoken for, and it was discussed who would pick up what was needed.

A short discussion on group.io

*Moved to adjourn by Jim VE3BCA Seconded by Rick VE3MM Carried

Treasurer's Report — Clayton, VE3AUO

Membership Dues

September 1st, 2018....Why do I mention that date? That's because that's the date your **NPARC** membership expires and your club dues are due. Please bring your cash/cheques/credit cards to the September 13th, 2018 General members meeting. If you are unable to make the club meeting, you can make a cheque out to **NPARC**, Inc. and mail it to the **Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc., P.O. Box 20036, RPO Grantham, St. Catharines, Ontario, L2M 7W7**. You must remember that you will not have voting privileges until your membership is paid in full. **RAC** members, please write your membership number on your cheque and/or member info sheet. Your monthly FEEDLINE will be sent to you until the October 2018 meeting at which point it will stop unless your dues are paid up-to-date.

What Your Membership Includes and Supports the:

- Three Niagara area repeaters: [VE3NRS](#), [VE3RNR](#) (currently under maintenance) and [VE3WCD](#).
- Covering of the liability insurance for **NPARC** related activities through the [Radio Amateurs of/du Canada, Inc.](#)
- [Amateur radio classes](#) each year.
- Monthly meetings with speakers and complimentary refreshments.
- Club's activities such as special event stations and [Field Day](#).

- Electronic monthly club newsletter, The [FEEDLINE](#).
- Internet Radio Linking Project or [IRLP](#) on the [VE3WCD](#) Repeater.
- Scholarship to a deserving student at [E.L. Crossley Secondary School](#) (Doubled 2017-2018 year).

Fee Schedule

- [RAC](#) member Membership - **\$40.00/yr.**
- Non-RAC member Membership- **\$50.00/yr.**
- Family Membership - **\$60.00/yr.**
- Associate Membership - **\$60.00/yr.**

Operating Budget 2018-2019

The budget for 2018 – 2019 will be presented at the November 8th, 2018 General Meeting for your approval as per the [club bylaws Section 7.1\(d\)](#).

Financial Report 2018-2019

The Financial Report for 2018 - 2019 will be presented at the September 13th, 2018 General Members Meeting. All financial documents such as the ledger, cheque book and receipts should be ready for the auditors to inspect at the October 11th, 2018 General Members Meeting. This will allow time to close the books after final year-end adjustments are made.

2018 ARRL Field Day Report - Coordinator Kevin Smith VA3KGS

Thanks to all that helped and operated at this year’s event at the Balls Falls conservation area. The club entered 5 stations plus a GOTA station. Served hot catered food from Antipastos Saturday night and it was fantastic! Below are the results we submitted to the ARRL.

NPARC	5A	QSO	x2	100W
80 SSB		53	106	100
40 SSB		420	840	100
40 CW		555	1110	100
40 SPK		57	114	100
20 SSB		151	302	100
GOTA			15	
Advertising			100	
ARRL			100	

Total 3187 Points		1236	2687	500



L. to R., Dave VE3FOI, Mike VE3CKO, Henry VA3OV, Roy VE3OQP, Clayton VE3AUO, VE3MM Rick, no name and Glen VE3NDW.



NIAGARA ARES — August 2018 Report

Summer is almost over. We had a busy schedule filled with radio activities. We participated under the NPARC banner at various public service events across Niagara. It is a good training for our ARES group. Every time we are deployed in the field we identify some short falls that needs to be addressed before the next event. We will need eight radio operators for these public service events. An HT with spare batteries will be adequate to cover our communications requirements at the **Terry Fox Run** on Sept. 16th, Niagara Falls, 8:00am to noon and **Run for the Cure** Sept. 30th at Brock University Campus, St Catharines, 8:00am to noon.

We are looking forward to the 70th NPARC anniversary celebration on Sept 15th. As always be **READY** for all possible emergencies. Be **PREPARED**. Stay **SAFE**.

Henry Jarzyna EC, CEC - VA3OV - va3ov@bell.net - 289-407-4499



SK VE3HNNH Robert James Gill Miller - Born in Montreal in 1942, Bob arrived in Niagara in 1967 and worked in the Thorold, St. Catharines, Hamilton area most of his life. He treasured his two children, David, VE3DYD and Jennifer. Past-times were amateur radio, gun club, photography and aquariums. He was a ONTARS controller and a valued member of NPARC for many years. In recent years he was the ONTARS 'Santa' voice for the wee folks. When his health deteriorated last Spring his doctor asked him to give up his retirement job as school crossing guard near his home in St. Catharines. Bob was a well-respected member of St. Thomas Anglican Church, his Celebration of Life was held there on Aug. 18th.

Still Time To Use VC3NPARC70 in your shack!

Our Special Anniversary call can be used by any member until Sept. 30th. Dave, VE3FOI has been receiving eQSL Cards and sent these along. If you want to activate the call from your QTH email Steve VA3FLF president@nparc.on.ca to arrange. And check the VA3NPARC70 page at <http://qrz.com/> for more details.



Repeater Topics - Manager - John, VA3WM - repeaterchair@nparc.on.ca

The weekly NPARC net is conducted on VE3NRS 147.240 MHz, + 600 kHz offset, 107.2 Hz tone, every Wednesday evening at 20:00 local time. The purpose of the net is to pass news and views along to members and non-members. It also provides experience to volunteer operators in net and emergency operating procedures. New net controllers are most welcome. We provide an instruction sheet and training. Let SWL's know they can check in via e-mail netcontrol@nparc.on.ca.
Net control for VE3VM, will be listening for your check in.

Month	Day	Net Controller
September	5	Dave VE3FOI
	12	John VA3WM
	19	Dave VE3FOI
	26	John VA3WM
October	3	Dave VE3FOI
	10	John VA3WM
	17	Dave VE3FOI
	24	John VA3WM
	31	opportunity
November	7	Dave VE3FOI
	14	John VA3WM
	21	Dave VE3FOI
	28	John VA3WM
December	5	Dave VE3FOI
	12	John VA3WM
	19	Dave VE3FOI
	26	John VA3WM
January	2	Dave VE3FOI
	9	John VA3WM
	16	Dave VE3FOI
	23	John VA3WM
	30	opportunity
February	6	Dave VE3FOI

	13	John VA3WM
	20	Dave VE3FOI
	27	John VA3WM
March	6	Dave VE3FOI
	13	John VA3WM
	20	Dave VE3FOI
	27	John VA3WM
April	3	Dave VE3FOI
	10	John VA3WM
	17	Dave VE3FOI
	24	John VA3WM
May	1	Dave VE3FOI
	8	John VA3WM
	15	Dave VE3FOI
	22	John VA3WM
	29	opportunity
June	5	Dave VE3FOI
	12	John VA3WM
	19	Dave VE3FOI
	26	John VA3WM

OVER 2 ME.... Feedline Editor - Denis Cahill VA3ONO

Forty-four years working at The Standard as a newspaper photographer and now the editor of the FEEDLINE. Please put up with me for a couple of issues as I'm learning a bunch of new skills. When the executive started sending their reports I realized I couldn't open everything on my 2013 iMac. Upgrading to High Sierra solved that problem.

I was in Phil Pitman's code class when I was a teenager in the 60's with **Dave Digweed VE3FOI**. I lost interest in dots & dashes and waited until I retired in 2012 to be licensed. It was at the 2009 Big Event that Dave walked up, some 47-years-later, to say hello!

Don't forget to show up for our 70th Anniversary party, 1pm to 5, Sept. 15th at the Fonthill Legion. My wife, Bridget and I will be there to enjoy the fellowship. If you are not there you can't **win one of the many door prizes**. Everybody is looking forward to seeing our active charter member, **Jim VE3BCA**, at the party. Jim told me when he was much younger and lived on Geneva St. he constructed a wooden tower for his antenna. You nailed that one, Jim!

One of my Elmer's is **John Hunt VE3JWH**. A retired Niagara Parks Commission electrician who has another interesting hobby. He's an amateur printer with his own printing press and is on the Board of the Mackenzie Heritage Printery and Newspaper Museum in Queenston. John did you print the VC3NPARC70 QSL cards?

I understand **John Manwaring VE3GBA** has kept himself busy fishing on Lake Erie and making 'dump runs' from the church charity shop he and his wife volunteer at in Welland. Maybe John should cook a fish dinner for the club!

At our June meeting **Paul Walker VE3WRP** showed us photos of a large hole waiting for concrete in his Welland backyard. Is the new Steppir Urban beam on the MA-550 US Tower yet? That's some upgrade Paul!

When **Lloyd Kubis VE3ERQ** removed his remote station TH6 beam from the S. Catharines Marina this summer **Gary Clifford VE3DZP** made a YouTube video. Lloyd donated the antenna to Aaron Smajda, the science teacher at Niagara Christian Collegiate, who setting up a ham shack at the Ft. Erie campus. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRE4643IHhw>

Sailor **Peter Teminski VA3WET** has been kicking hulls and checking halyards around Lake Ontario marinas this summer looking for a comfortable boat to buy. I told him my iPhone has a compass and I have an approved PFD if he requires a deckhand.

I hope to add more tips, stories and photos to each issue. Please help me out and send them to feedline@nparc.on.ca. I can't promise I will publish everything but I'll do my best.

And finally, everybody wants to know about band conditions. Right? whatsupwiththat.com indicates a debate is flaring up about whether Cycle 25 has begun or are we still in cycle 24. Check it out at <https://wattsupwiththat.com/2018/04/12/it-appears-solar-cycle-25-has-begun-solar-cyle-24-one-of-the-shortest-and-weakest-ever/>

Until the October 2018 Feedline this is VA3ONO going QRT...



... SUMMER IS ABOUT OVER,,,, I HOPE YOU HAD BUCKETS OF FUN!