

Feedline

Voice of the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Are you ready for change?

President's Welcome Message— Steve, VA3FLF

Wow, what a fast year this has been. It is already time for the summer break. Even though this will be our last meeting until September, we have several events throughout the summer. Don't forget to volunteer and come out to promote NPARC as well as have some fun.

I would like to thank everyone that served on this year's Executive. We did our very best to be responsive to the members and tried to make NPARC a better club. I want to thank Lloyd, VE3ERQ for serving as Vice President. We are looking forward to Henry, VA3OV coming on as Vice President this coming year if approved by the members.

Field Day is just a little over a week away. We are all looking forward to a great time. Kevin, VA3KGS is doing a great job putting together the event. We will be presenting the final Field Day briefing at this month's meeting.

Other events this summer are the Niagara Falls Canada Day where we will be showing a public display of ham radio, Canal Days is back on August 4th and 5th and Fort George, Echoes of Niagara Past Public Display on August 24th. Don't forget the Ride for Roswell the morning of June 23rd along the Niagara Parkway, at 8 AM.

The June meeting will be the Annual General Meeting of the NPARC, Inc. where will be going over the 70th Anniversary Celebration. We have a great event being put together. Please RSVP for the event by August 4th. That will give us time to get the food ordered. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table at the monthly meeting. See the flyer in the Feedline....yes door prizes and good food!

I am working on our programs and speakers for next year. If you have an idea or want to do a presentation let me know. Also, we are trying to have a guest column every month in the Feedline. There were two very good articles recently. Phil, VE3ACK, wrote one on his Ground Conductivity Project and Dennis, VE3KVE had an interesting article on batteries. Again, if you feel like a writer, get those fingers going.

Finally, speaking of writing. Back in April I had contacted the editor of TCA magazine (*The Canadian Amateur*), Alan Griffin, about our plans for the 70th Anniversary. His first reaction was that he would make an

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Previous Meetings Minutes — Denis, VE3XC

NPARC General Meeting May 10, 2018
Royal Canadian Legion, Fonthill
Minutes taken by Dennis, VE3XC, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the President Steve, VA3FLF
There was a round of self-introductions of those in attendance. Steve asked that each person also tell us about their first job.

*Moved by Dennis VE3XC / Seconded by David VE3RNF: To accept the minutes of the last general meeting as printed in the Bulletin. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's Report tonight.

Field Day Report: Kevin, VA3KGS gave a description of what planning has been done. We need to have our Band Captains firmly committed and have their teams in place. One 10 x 6 trailer has been booked for food in case of rain. Washroom and wash station is arranged. Balls Falls is all set for us as before. Teams need to be finalized. Next month's meeting is the last one before Field Day and the count of members participating will need to be known for the food order. The Club will be paying for food and gas for the generators that members bring. There are lots of volunteers, we just need to figure out what everybody is doing.

Committee Reports: Most reports were printed in the Bulletin.

RAC Report: Dennis VE3XC: No report.

ARES: David VE3RNF: All radios were tested at the hospital locations. All except the Shaver Hospital location worked well. A cable was cut. Another similar test will be done in 6 months.

Repeater Committee: Steve, VA3FLF said that the results of the repeater survey are in the Feedline. There were about 29 responses and it will give the Club direction in our repeater needs. The weekly Club net will now be held on Wednesdays at 8pm.

Canwarn: Brian VE3BMX: There are still a few more classes coming up for those who have missed the dates so far and are interested.

70th Anniversary: Steve has heard from Industry Canada that we have a special callsign VC3NPARC70 starting August 1st for 60 days. We will work out a schedule for anyone to use that callsign during that period plus it will be used for our Anniversary Event in September. It will be on Saturday September 15, 2018. It will be a hot dog cookout. The Ceremony will be inside and the cooking will be done just outside the back door. The Legion will provide a bar for the event. A press release went out this week to Metro-land and Steve plans to get it out to other media including radio stations and the local cable TV provider. David, VE3RNF will arrange to have our Event published in The Voice of Pelham. An announcement will be published in the July edition of TCA Magazine. We will need to provide an article by the middle of

Previous Meetings Minutes cont... — Denis, VE3XC

June. John, VE3JWH asked if anyone had an original Club QSL card he might use as a template for the Anniversary QSL card.

Nominating Committee: Kevin VA3KGS had put out a call for nominations for our next Board of Directors, He received one nomination, that of Henry, VA3OV for Vice-President. Steve asked for further nominations from the floor tonight and there were none. At the June meeting we will have a vote only on Vice-President as the other positions have been filled by acclamation by the current Officers.

Club Meetings and Activities: June meeting is a planning meeting and vote. Field Day is June 23rd and 24th, Ride for Roswell is June 23rd, Canada Day Parade on July 1st with a GOTA station. June 3rd at Charles Daley Park we will set up the GOTA trailer and test out the new equipment and antenna. Canal Days setup is in the planning stage. Fort George on August 25th. Steve asked that each member volunteer for one or two events to make them a success.

Adjournment

Volunteer Job Posting

Do you enjoy being creative?

Enjoy journalism?

Well this position is right for you!

We are looking for a Feedline Editor for the upcoming 2018-2019 membership year. Filling of this position is of the utmost importance.

Current editor has resigned.

Please contact Board at executive@nparc.on.ca or at the upcoming meeting June 14, 2018



Reports

Treasurer's Report — Clayton, VE3AU0

Let me start off by saying sorry for not being in attendance at the May General Members meeting. Lately I have been called away to Toronto for work and for family business. I will be in attendance at the June meeting, save and except an emergency at work. (*This 24/7 on-call stuff is for the birds.*)

The month of May had very minimal activity other than the regular monthly expenses.

Our GIC is doing good and will come to maturity again later this year.

See you all at the meeting.

Kaitlynn

2017-2018 Treasurer

SATERN Report — David, VE3FOI

Nothing rcvd

CANWARN Report — Brian, VE3BMX

Nothing rcvd

ARES Report — Henry, VA3OV

Nothing rcvd

Presidents msg cont... — Steve, VA3FLF

announcement in the magazine events section. Well, that turned into a full article about NPARC. I, along with the help of some sharp eyed assistant editors, have submitted an article to TCA on the history of NPARC. The article should run in the July/August issue which will give us plenty of publicity for the club. Finally, I want to thank each member for your support. I have tried to approach every issue with an open mind and make decisions that are best for NPARC. I am looking forward to the summer events and to next year. There are plenty of hams out there in our region that don't belong to NPARC or who have left for various reasons. Take time over the summer to invite them to join us.

Steve Riddle VA3FLF

Announcements

Our 70th Anniversary Celebration is coming up on September the 15th. We will need RSVP's by August 4th so we can order the food. There will be a sign-up sheet on the entrance table at the General Meeting. Annotate your name, call, and number of guests attending. You can also RSVP to Dennis Surek, VE3XC at secretary@nparc.on.ca

Special Anniversary Call. Starting August 1st through September 30 on club call VE3VM will be changed to a special anniversary call, **VC3NPARC70**. John VA3WM will run the schedule for members if you would like to use the special call during the 60 days period. The call will be used at Canal Days, Fort George Event at the end of August and during our September Anniversary. Please send John your log's in an appropriate file or list so we can keep track of QSO's. There will be a special QSL card and eQSL for the call. John's contact is repeaterchair@nparc.on.ca



Club/Meeting Activities

June	23rd-24th— Field Day Event (Balls Falls Conservation Area)
	23rd AM—Ride for Roswell Niagara Parkway
July	1st—Canada Day Niagara Falls Run Demonstration Station (Valley Way and Victoria)
August	4th-5th — Canal Days Port Colborne (<i>At the Water Tower</i>) Public Demonstration Station and Display
	25th Fort George Echo's of Niagara Past (Demonstration Station)
September	5th—Executive Meeting
	13th—General Meeting
	15th—Club 70 th Celebration at Fonthill Legion\ Event, RSVP by August 4th

Elections — Clayton, VE3AUO

Henry, VA3OV—Vice President

Field Day — Kevin, VA3KGS

2018 Field Day Update

We have nearly a full rooster of support (**23 people**) for this year's event at Balls Falls. We need one more volunteer to help with 80M SSB on Saturday throughout the day. Possibly one of the GOTA Station people could help here?

Food Trailer will be picked up by Dale, and I will pick-up the food for dinner on Saturday. Everyone is reminded that you must provide all of your own equipment for this event. That includes Gas / Oil for your Generators.

The Club has limited equipment for this event, and at this time, I did not have any requests for the following Club items; 2 10x10 Tents, 3-4 Tables, 4-6 Chairs, R7 Antenna, GFI Power Cords.

Logging software can be downloaded from <http://www.n3fjp.com/fieldday.html> and all you need to do is obtain the serial number from Clayton, VE3AUO, or you can use you own favorite logging software.

73s, Kevin Va3KGS



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**ARRL FIELD DAY
2018**
Grid Chase!

Balls Falls Conservation Area
June 23rd-24th, 2018

**Come and see
Amateur Radio in action**

www.arrl.org #ARRLFD #IGC

Club Executive 2017-2018

Position	Name	Callsign	Email
President	Steve Riddle	VA3FLF	president@nparc.on.ca
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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 Wednesdays at 8:00pm 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
- 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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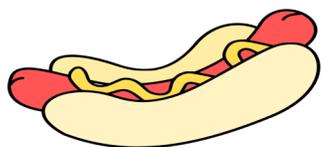
NIAGARA PENINSULA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 1 PM

FREE HOT DOG ROAST AND CELEBRATION CEREMONY

**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL HAM RADIO OPERATORS, FAMI-
LY, AND ANYONE INTERSTED IN THE HOBBY OR BECOMING A
RADIO OPERATOR.**



**MENU WILL BE HOT DOGS, SALADS, SIDES, DRINKS AND A BAR
WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE LEGION.**

**TALK IN STATION WILL BE ON VE3NRS, REPEAT-
ER 147.240**

PL 107.2

**THERE WILL ALSO BE INFORMATION ABOUT
THE CLUB**



LOCATION:

***Col. Talbot Trail, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 613 in Font-
hill, Ontario. at 141 Highway 20 East, Fonthill, Ontario***

***RSVP TO SECRETARY@NPARC.ON.CA OR CALL 289-303-
7336 PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN AUGUST 4TH, 2018.***

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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 June 13th, 2018—Next
 General Meeting**