

Your Feedline

Next Webex Meeting June 11th - Contact webmaster@nparc.ca for invitation.



2020 FIELD DAY NOT QRT

NPARC is participating in Field Day this year however things are a little different due to COVID-19. Individual members are encouraged to participate in Field Day from their own locations or a location they choose. Members can operate as Class C, D, or E.

Each member will submit their scores and associate themselves as a station with NPARC. The clubs total aggregate score will be posted when scores are published. We would love to have as many participants as possible. Right now, we have 11 stations with 14 members.

Each member signed up will receive a small participation gift and there will be a drawing for a grand prize yet to be announced. We will also run a 2 Metre Net on repeater VE3NRS so members can keep in touch and chat about the day. One does not need HF equipment to participate in field day. FM Simplex is allowed as well as any other mode on VHF UHF that doesn't utilize a repeater.

At this month's virtual club meeting on June 11th I will be presenting the Field Day Plan, review rules, logging and uploading to ARRL. IF you are participating in Field Day or have not decided yet please attend the June Virtual Meeting. Since the May meeting the ARRL have made rule changes not reflected in our May minutes.

Steve Riddle VA3FLF Field Day Coordinator

NPARC 2019 FIELD DAY



Some NPARC members who attended the ARRL Field Day at the Black Creek Community Centre gather for a photo op at 6pm, Saturday, June 22, 2019. Yes, dinner was being served!

Front, (L. to R.) APRIL, VE3BHG, Steve, VA3FLF, Wes, VE3ADU, Roy, VE3OQP, John, VA3WM, Dennis, VE3XC, David, VE3DVK, John (SK) VE3HWE, Yuri, VE3DZ, Misha, VA3ENN, Garth, VA3HO.

Rear Row, (L. to R.) Alex, VA3RPK, Mike, VE3MPA, Henry, VA3OV, Denis, VE3KVE, Roy, VA3NP, Kevin, VA3KGS, Paul, VE3WRP, Paul, VA3PCK, David, VE3RNF, Jack, VE3ZPW, Braedyn, the son of Paul, VE3POZ, Geddie, VE3CJX and Glenn, VE3NDW.

BALL'S FALLS CONSERVATION AREA FIELD DAY 2018



Mike, VE3CKO, and David, VE3FOI.



Roy, VE3OQP, and Geddie, VE3CJX

WE'LL SURE MISS OUR FIELD DAY GOURMET MEAL THIS YEAR!



The club has supplied a Saturday night banquet for the past few years. The meal arrives hot from Antipasto's in St. Catharines and was ordered by our Maitre D' Henry VA3OV.

NOMINATIONS FOR NPARC EXECUTIVE

There will be **no club elections** in June of this year. The existing executive will stay in place until restrictions on social gathering are lifted. When regular meetings are permitted you will be informed of the schedule.

The first meeting will act as the Nominating meeting (usually May), the second will be Election night (usually June).

There are currently vacancies in the positions of President & Public Relations. If you want to self nominate for an executive position or want to find out what's involved get in touch with an executive member. Executive addresses are listed on [nparc \(dot\) ca](http://nparc(dot)ca) website.

Henry Jarzyna VA3OV Vice President

NPARC General Meeting May 14, 2020

Held via Webex virtual meeting platform. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Roll call—19 in attendance

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made to make a donation of \$200.00 to E.L. Crossley Secondary School for the scholarship we usually provide.

Events

The Round Robin chat net continues on VE3RAF. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 9:00 pm. Hosts included VE3OQP, VA3WM, VA3ETN, VA3FLF, VE3RRH, and VA3OV.

Most activities in the community with which we would normally be involved, such as charity runs and parades, have been cancelled. Fort George and anything beyond it is currently tentative. Most Hamfests have been cancelled, including Dayton, Hamilton, Milton, and CARP. The meeting rooms at Niagara Regional Headquarters remain off limits to the public. We may be able to resume normal meetings in September.

Field Day

This year's Field Day Coordinator is Steve VA3FLF. He gave a presentation regarding options that the executive had discussed for participation under the current restrictions. ARRL has not made any rule changes for this year to accommodate COVID-19 protocols. The executive has agreed that members who wish to may participate in Field Day on their own or with others as allowed. Each person must submit their own log for scoring to ARRL. During the Field Day event, we will keep in touch with other club members (note that spotting is not allowed) via one of the club repeaters, probably VE3NRS, to pass on info. The Peterborough club is also participating in Field Day using this model. Members wishing to participate are asked to send their information to Steve VA3FLF before June 15th. We will need net controllers/monitors for Field Day. The club has radios and antennas that can be made available to members who do not have an appropriate setup.

Next Meeting

It was decided that we will have a virtual club meeting via Webex on Thursday June 11th at 7:00 pm to discuss Field Day operations.

Upcoming Election

Please contact Glenn VE3NDW or Geddie VE3CJX with nominations for the executive to be elected when we resume normal meetings. Note that we are still without a President or Public Relations Coordinator.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm - April VE3BHG Secretary

CLUB NET

Reminder: NPARC weekly VHF net.

When: Every Wednesday, at 8:00pm to 9:00pm,

Where: VE3NRS Repeater 147.240+ 107.2 Hz tone

If you are on frequency and do not hear a net controller, any certified ham can take the mic. The preamble for the net may be found [here](#).

OVER 2 ME - Feedline Editor Denis VA3ONO

So how is everybody doing? Who would believe we would still be in partial lockdown in June. You never know if you might be the next casualty. And then they tell us we could experience a second wave of the pandemic in the fall. How long before the world can manufacture millions and millions of shots of a proven vaccine to end this madness?

I've actually had little time to play radio. My main concern has been sprucing up the back garden. I figure when COVID19 ends I want to be ready for one big garden party! So I'm toiling away repairing a deck, replacing a section of fence and trying to find space to plant flowers I bought 3 weeks ago. Of course there is grass cutting and edging to do. And I see our seven foot high communal backyard hedge is ready for it's first haircut. Speaking of haircuts, how's that working out for you? I just heard Ontario barber shops are opening, but you'll need to drive outside the Golden Horseshoe to get your ears lowered.

Because I'm in the shack today laying out FEEDLINE I get to play a bit of FT8. I started on 20 metres with a VE7, then a GB2 in northern Scotland on 18.100 MHz, listened on 6 metres and saw some strong traces from some local operators working sporadic-E but my waterfall was blank. So I dropped to 10 metres and picked up 5P5TA in Mauritania and four American stations.

Way back on Monday, June 2nd, about 10pm I worked Mexico City and four back-to-back VK's on 17 metres FT8. I have a 17 metre mono-band end-fed wire about 28 feet in the air. Who would of thought to check 17 metres at that time of night?

Here is my signal as shown on the PSKReporter web site that night.



The small yellow balloons indicate where my FT8 was heard. I was running 40 watts.

Time to say 73. Please stay happy, healthy and hopefully we will all be back in 'eyeball-meeting-mode' in September. Denis VA3ONO

YEARLY EYE TEST

