

Your Feedline

In person meeting Chippawa Pk, Welland, 6pm Thursday, Sept. 9th.

BIG NEWS

An honest to goodness club meeting will be held at Chippawa Park in central Welland, Thursday, Sept. 9th. Entrance is off First Ave. north of Fitch St. Come at 6pm for wiener roast before the meeting starts and bring a folding chair.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are and ready to start another club year. I trust everyone had a great summer and enjoyed the recent warm weather. After all my chores at home were finished, I was able to activate a few Parks on the Air (POTA) as QRP and of course we had our ARRL Field Day.

We are going to kick off the club year with a couple of great events. Hopefully everyone has seen the announcement about our September meeting. We will be at Chippawa Park in Welland on September 9th at 6:00 PM, for a modified weenie roast and meeting / get together. We will be at Pavilion I which is on First Street just up from the park offices. There is plenty of room in the pavilion for a meeting and be able to socially distance. This is the first time we have been able to meet in a year. Please come out and support the club and see some old friends or some old curmudgeons. By the way, we will be drawing for the \$200.00 Radioworld gift certificate for the Field Day participants.

Then on September 11th there is a Treasure in the Trunk tailgate sale at Black Creek Community Centre. The flyer is on the website and in the Feedline. Gates open at 9:00 AM and admission is \$5.00. Come out and support the club and Black Creek Centre as well as looking for some cool treasures.

Speaking of Black Creek, we are continuing our partnership with the association with meetings, activities and classes. The ARES group installed VARA and Winlink Gateways / Digipeaters at Black Creek to expand our Winlink footprint. We also are close to having an operational club station there as well. We have decided to postpone the fall basic class until January. There are a few folks interested in getting their ticket. If you know anyone that would make a good ham, then pass the word along and encourage them to get into the hobby.

I honestly do not know how this club year is going to look like and how we will conduct meetings. As long as we stay in Step 3, we will not be allowed to have an indoor meeting with more than 25 people. This puts us back to having to conduct Zoom Meetings. We have a couple of options for October depending on weather, but beyond that we will just have to see what the COVID situation is like. This puts the Big Event in doubt as well.

We weathered the obstacles last year and still were able to have a relatively successful club year. We have had plenty of activities and opportunities for learning and fun. I am sure we can get through another year if we all pitch in together.

Remember it is time to renew your membership dues. There is a new membership form online and you can renew in person, by mail, Paypal or etransfer. That will wrap it up for me. We have a big Feedline this month so make sure to check out all the articles and pictures.

Steve VA3FLF NPARC President

Treasure in the Trunk

Ham Radio Equipment Sale
LOC: FN021x

Sponsored by NPARC and BCCA

Masks mandatory and follow COVID protocols.



September 11, 2021 9:00 AM

Black Creek Community Association Centre
2959 Baker Road Stevensville, ON

Cost to public is \$5, children under 12 free. Washrooms available. Parking is behind the centre at Faith Reformed Church parking lot.

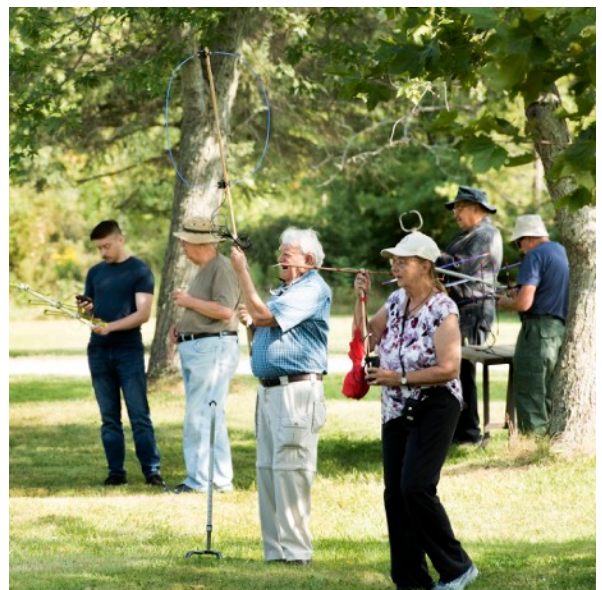
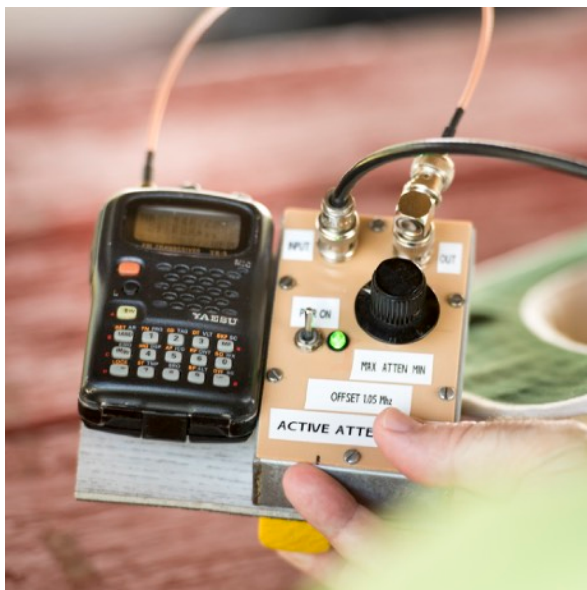
Cost for vendor is \$10 for 2 people for a 10 foot parking space. Vendors contact Kevin, VE3RRH()gmail.com NLT September 9th. Payable at the gate. Gate opens to vendors at 7:30 AM.

FOX HUNTERS TAKE TO THE WOODS



Faux Fox made his debut Saturday, August 28th at the Stevensville Conservation area park. Eleven NPARC members and one SWL arrived at 10am, most armed with commercial or home-brew two metre antennas and HT's. According to President Steve, VA3FLF, who hid the small grey transmitter box in the woods, Mark Fuller, VE3BGL, Roy Blake, VE3OQP and Glenn Holden, VE3NDW along with SWL Michael Gunn where able to find Faux just off a trail in the back of the park chipping tones and CW on 145.550MHz. The use of signal attenuators were the key to their success. Others in attendance were, Roy, VE3OQP, Lise VE3WLI, Paul, VE3WRP, Geddie, VE3CJX, Henry, VA3OV, David, VE3DVK and Denis, VA3ONO. This was a test run. A date will be announced for a NPARC Fox Hunt soon. David, VE3DVK, used an ingenious method with a metal sign and was able to eventually find the fox.





NIAGARA ARES / ACS EXPANSION



Newly installed VARA FM and Winlink Gateway Digipeater expands our Niagara Winlink footprint. Kevin, VE3RRH, did the high angle work. A class was held at Black Creek teaching Winlink basics.



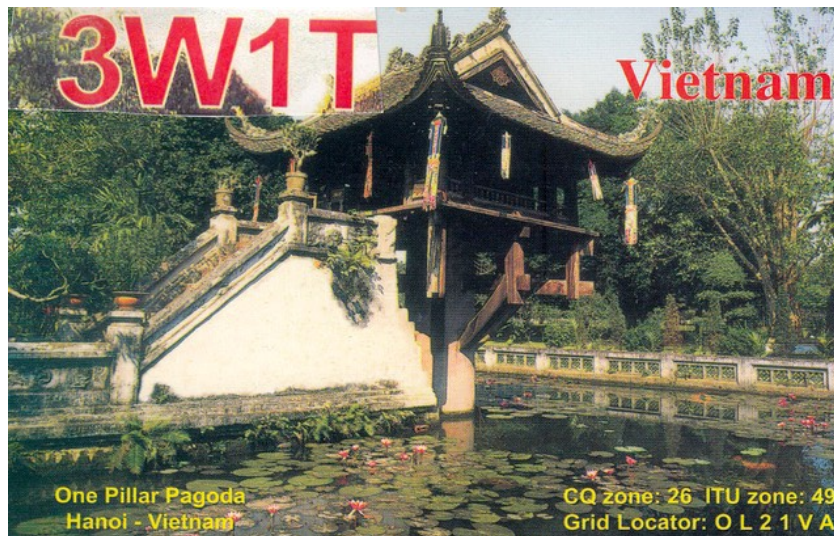
CONTEST CORNER

There was a number of contests this summer. Rick, VE3MM, won 1st Place Low Power in Niagara Region during the Ontario QSO Party. Steve, VA3FLF, participated in two PSK31 contests in the QRP (Low) Power category. He won 1st Place QRP in the Three Day Weekend Contest back in June and 2nd Place QRP in the 40M Firecracker Sprint in July.

Remember RAC is promoting portable operations. You can set up portable at any location and submit your information to RAC for scoring. See RAC, Portable Operations at rac.ca

HF conditions seem turbulent at best. At evening grey line Aug. 30 I worked the Azores, Trinidad and Brazil on 20 metres phone and got 59's with 100 watts. At the same time I heard west coast W6 stations in the pileup. FT-8 on 17 Metres has been good into Oceania around 10pm local with consistent ZL, VK contacts just using 40 watts. An operator in French Caledonia and several in Fiji has been decoded regularly in Niagara.

Doug Frame, VE3JDF recently received a QSL card from 3W1T, Vietnam for a June 1st FT-8 contact on 17 metres at 14:41 UTC. Doug has a Kenwood TS590S and a 5 band 10 element Force12 yagi on a 65' tower on Lake Erie east of Port Colborne. He didn't mention his power.



Upcoming Contests
 ARRL VHF Contest September 11-13
 CQ WW DX RTTY September 25-26
 And watch for USA QSO Party Weekends

ARRL Field Day Weekend

ARRL Field Day was held this summer on June 26-27th. Due to governmental COVID restrictions, the Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, NPARC, conducted Field Day at individual members homes or designated locations. ARRL accommodated these restrictions with a waiver of Home Station by allowing each club to submit an aggregate score of all members.

The weather was awesome with 22 participants this year. A few members operated portable outside while others worked inside in the shack. A VHF net was maintained by Jack VE3ZPW and Ken VA3KWG, to keep everyone updated and maintain a bit of partnership during the operation. An aggregate score of 9,634 points was submitted to ARRL under the NPARC Club name. The final scores will be posted in the December QST magazine.

Thanks to Henry, VA3OV for being the Field Day Coordinator and to Jack / Ken for running the Net. The drawing for the FD participant prize of a \$200 Radioworld Gift Certificate will be held at the September meeting.



Top, Patrick VE3KPA & Lovell, Geddie, Ve3CJX, Steve, VA3FLF, Denis VA3ONO, bottom.

VE3NRS Club Net, Wed., 8pm 147.240MHz, + 107.2 Tone.

Membership information available at nparc.ca

Stephen Riddle	VA3FLF	President
David Van Koughnett	VE3DVK	Vice President
Geddie Pawlowski	VE3CJX	Secretary
John Lorenc	VA3WM	Treasurer

NPARC General Meeting Minutes from the June 10, 2021 Zoom meeting

Called to order 7:10 pm - 18 participants

Announcements

Winter Field Day scores are now available on the NPARC Groups.io page

The official score is 25,174 points. 31,500 were submitted, but there was an issue, so they weren't included in the official total.

Instructors are needed for the Basic Ham Class. Contact Steve Riddle if you can volunteer. We are hoping to start the first week of September to be finished in December, and more will happen in the New Year.

A fox hunt will be scheduled as soon as it is allowed.

We have 10 volunteers so far for the Niagara Falls Canada Day parade. Please be on site by 10 am.

The EL Crossley scholarship has been sent with a letter re the recipient.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented in the Feedline.

The new Executive will be presented at the September meeting. We still have no Public Relations Officer.

The club call certificates are needed in order for our new QSL manager to access eQSL

Our new ARES rep is Lloyd Kubis

Steve VA3FLF gave a presentation on the status of NPARC. We have 56 members. We ran a deficit this year, but we are still in the black. Our RAC insurance is up to date.

Annual Treasurer’s Report - Presented by John Lornec VA3WM

ARES Report - Presented by Henry VA3OV

Membership Committee Report - Glenn Holden VE3NDW

Repeater Status - John Lorenc VA3WM

New membership forms this year will include space for birthday and email. Member can opt out if they choose.

Field Day will be June 26 and 27—there will be a briefing prior to the day.

Henry VA3OV will be the coordinator. Last year there were 16 stations with 19 participants. The club score was 8,418. Each participant will submit their own core to ARRL. A participation prize of a \$200 Radioworld gift card will be awarded by draw. Please submit your name, QTH and call to Henry prior to Field Day. The briefing will take place on June 22nd @ 19:00 via Zoom

This weekend there is a VHF contest. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

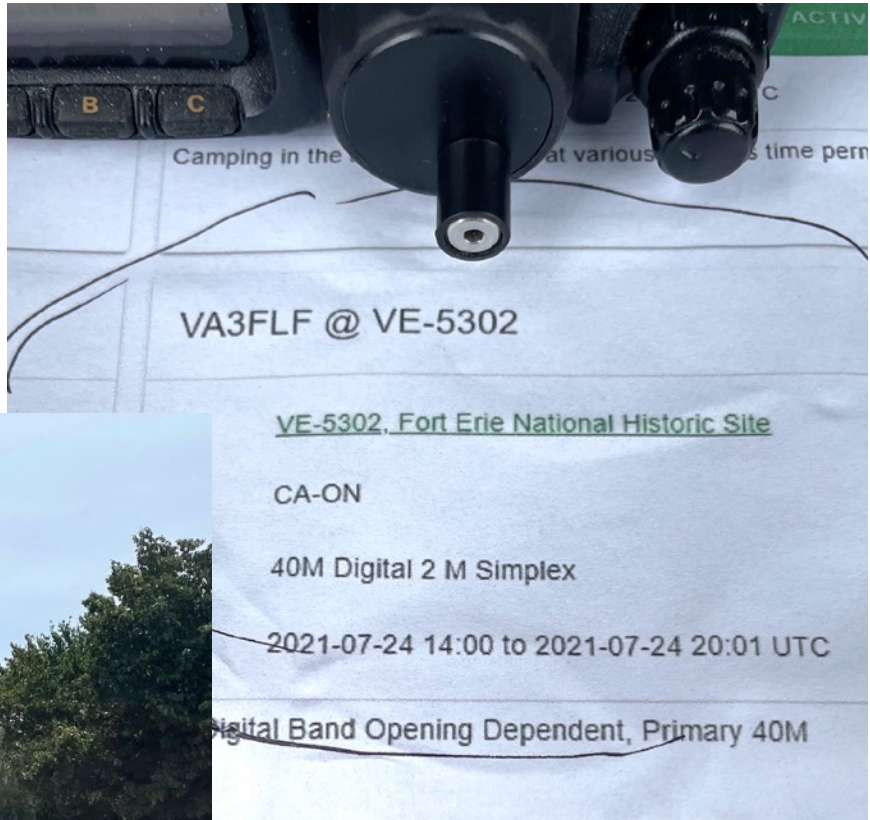
[April Lewis, out-going Secretary](#)

VA3FLF GOES PORTABLE

President Steve, VA3FLF, has been setting a good example and operating portable as recently



recommended by RAC. As mentioned, you can set up portable at any location and submit your information to RAC for scoring. This differs from POTA or Parks on the Air. You can go to their website to get information on how to activate a federal or provincial parks in our area at parksontheair.com Being able to operate portable away from your home station provides insight and practical experience for the amateur radio operator. Whether you operate from a picnic table beside the road or backpack lightweight QRP gear up a steep hill, get out of your shack and get on the air!



Average Decodes	
Freq	Message
644 ~	CQ POTA VA3FLF
644 ~	CQ POTA VA3FLF
644 ~	CQ POTA VA3FLF
1168 ~	VA3FLF KB3BB FN2
644 ~	KB3BB VA3FLF +08
1168 ~	VA3FLF KB3BB R-0
644 ~	KB3BB VA3FLF RR7
1168 ~	VA3FLF KB3BB 73
644 ~	73 ORP 5W

NIAGARA AUXILIARY COMMUNICATION SERVICES

Henry Jarzyna Stepping Down

The time has arrived to hang my badge of EC and enjoy my second retirement of EC. I will continue to be involved and assist the group in the new mandate of AuxComm. Jack Benes VE3ZPW is your new leader starting September 1st, 2021. Jack is deeply involved in getting AuxComm off the ground. He is spending many hours every week in Virtual meetings with groups from across the country. Definitely there will be Fall SET exercise on October 30, 2021. You may read some of details in the new September, October edition of TCA. I like to take this opportunity to Thank Everyone for supporting me as your leader in the last 7 years. I could not have done it without you.

Henry VA3OV

Dennis Laliberty VE3MFP SK

It is with great sadness and a very heavy heart to announce the passing of Denis George Laliberty on August 25, 2021, at Hospice Niagara. Beloved partner and best friend of Jeanette Larocque for 30+ years. Son of the late George and Irene Laliberty. Proud father and grandfather to Michael and Jennifer Laliberty (Zachery), London, ON and Darcy and Jessie Laliberty (Ella and Declan), Whitehorse, YT. Brother to the late Fern and her late husband Trevor Newell. Brother to Alan. Stepfather and uncle to many nieces and nephews. Denis will be especially missed by the Larocque and Coplen families. Denis loved to travel with many trips across Canada and was an avid fifth-wheel camper. He was a regular at the annual NPARC Big Event and was a member of the club for a brief time according to his longtime friend, Dale Sackfie, VE3LVW. Donations to Hospice Niagara would be appreciated (what a great team). Cremation has taken place. No visitation (as per his wishes).



Treasures in the Trunk

9am SATURDAY, SEPT 11, 2021

Black Creek Community Association
Parking lot - COVID protocol in effect.

Vendors contact [Kevin ve3rrh at gmail.com](mailto:Kevin.ve3rrh@gmail.com)

OVER TO ME

With this issue I'm beginning my fourth year as the NPARC Feedline editor. Since my first issue in September 2018 many of you have helped by writing stories and snapping photographs of projects for me to publish. I thank you and encourage others to contribute. My email is feedline@nparc.ca

One indispensable helper is proof reader David Jarman, VE3RNF. David ferrets out the English blunders I make. The few times I forgot to send him the draft newsletter, the results were disastrous. Poor syntax, spelling and erroneous call signs littered the page.

During the Covid19 pandemic our executive have done their very best to keep the club intact. Monthly Zoom club meetings included presentations by remote guests, the 9am neighbourly checkin on the RAF repeater, updating members through the groups.io email portal and the Zoom bi-monthly live breakfast hour, are just a few things that come to mind.

And this month they have planned a safe out-of-doors club meeting on Sept. 9th in Chippawa Park, Welland. If that is not enough, they are staging a flea market Sept. 11 in the Black Creek Community Association parking lot in Stevensville. This is literally beside the QEW at the Netherby Rd. exit, between Niagara Falls and Fort Erie. Kevin Lemon, VE3RRH, is the man, and I'm sure Lynn, VE3FNY, will assist with booking tables if you wish to sell some lesser needed ham radio items.

Speaking of projects. I have a cellar full of non-operational test gear and tube receivers. I even traded a working 4X5 Press camera for an almost working Heathkit HW-101 transceiver. When you become a ham, some of us become, "I can repair that", type of individual.



I was gifted a beautiful Hallcrafters TW 2000 multiband radio by a workmate several years ago. They thought I would provide a good home for their father’s classic receiver similar to the Zenith TransOceanic. There dad was a big SWL back when they were kids. I never met the father but could picture him smoking a pipe and listening to news broadcasts from the far corners of the world in the 1950’s. Luckily there is a half hour YouTube video of this radio being restored. Standby, as they say, wouldn’t it be nice if I could carve one notch on my soldering iron and say it’s fixed! Otherwise it will just keep gathering dust on a shelf.

Denis Cahill VA3ONO Feedline Editor

POSTED ON AN EMPTY CHAIR DURING 2021 FIELD DAY.

