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## Special Notice for the February Meeting:

You will want to be at the Club meeting this month. Jutta and Heiko will be presenting a slide show highlighting their summer adventure on our Great Lakes. Not only will the scenery be wonderful, for those of you who followed their progress via their web-site APRS, you will see some of the places they QSO'd from. I personally am looking forward to this because some of the territory I covered growing up in Northern Ontario will be on display.

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## From The Chair in the Shack:

It is hard to believe that we are now over a month into a new year. Somehow, there has been so much to do that time has flown. With respect to the club, there are fewer activities to plan for than in the fall. Let's look at them and see if we can fit them into our schedules.

GOTA, or thinking day on the air, will be on the 26th of February this year. We'll need quite a few operators to make it the success we are used to. Planned are two HF stations, one VHF/UHF station, a packet and an APRS station, a code teaching station and hopefully, a station for introducing FRS radios to the girls. Why FRS? CB is an entry point that many of our fellow hams went through on their way to licensing. The new CB is the UHF service called Family Radio Service. If we show kids what radio can do for them, we have a better chance of attracting them later into our service.

Those stations will require twelve hams. We had that number last year but some are likely to have trouble making it this year sooooo give some thought to joining us even if it is your first time. The girls don't bite and can be fun to interact with. Please let us know if you can make it.

Our Hamfest takes place on April 23rd this year and as always we could use all the help we can get to keep things running smoothly. If you can only afford to volunteer for one event a year, please make it this one. The hamfest is our major source of revenue and it's also an opportunity for us to show other hams that we can put on a good show. We'll need a huge setup crew the night before, a big security crew on the day of the event so that each volunteer can be spelled for some personal shopping, special security to deal with money runs, a talk in person or persons for giving directions on VE3SPA and a tear-down and clean-up crew. Every member who can walk and talk will be expected and welcomed. Please mark your calendar now.

Camp X will be on the air again late this May. This is an excellent opportunity for basic hams to get some experience on the HF bands. It also represents a chance for us to explain our service to all the visitors who drop by. The one biggest thing we do less than perfectly is to show the public what we do and why we are interested in it. Education has the effect of creating public support when it is needed and also of introducing potential new hams to the fun and excitement. Perhaps I'm dreaming but I'd like to see every member put in some time at this event. We are always short of operators and of tour guides when operators are busy. We'll let you know more at a meeting and then we'll likely call you too.

As you know there is a core of members who are present practically every time the club has an event going on. They are not shoving people away, just keener than some. I can tell you that every member who would like to contribute to any club event will be very, very welcome. The truth is that club events are the one thing that the club is all about. I'm not about to tell people who aren't available for events to quit, every member has to take what he or she can from membership. On the other hand, every contribution made by a member of time and enthusiasm benefits the club and the person. Almost every event has one or two hams saying how much they enjoyed the event having come out for the first time. Usually there is time to get to know each other better than at meetings even when things are busy. What a return on investment.

We have three new hams in our midst as of this writing and several more to announce soon as the classes come to an end. Like last year's, this year's students are a varied and very

likeable bunch. Teaching the course has been a ball and seeing new hams emerge is a huge reward to say nothing of the new friends added to my life.

Thanks to all of you members, students, other hams met on-air and at hamfests. Amateur radio has indeed been kind to this old fart.

73 de Pete

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## Don't Forget:

The Bancroft Dogsled races: February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

The GOTA day at Camp Adanac: February 26<sup>th</sup>. (note the change!!!)

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## What you missed at the last meeting:

For those of you who heard about the presentations made at the last meeting and want copies. Let us know. I still have the powerpoint presentations for my 2 contributions.

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Well it had to happen. My wife finally put her foot down. To her credit and my relief I was allowed to voluntarily part with some of the dear old radio carcasses I've collected over time. I'm grateful for the opportunity to accumulate stuff. I have great intentions of making it work someday. My wife knows and understands this. She is always very proud and happy when I make something work and give it away to friends who need it more than I do. I guess the part she's not so happy about is some of the stuff I get donated to my quest. I think the all-time high (or low) point came the day my boss brought in this old Canadian Westinghouse 5 tube (octal) AM – shortwave set he spotted in the trash along Highway 7 near Kaladar.

It was late in the afternoon and it had been part of a yard sale (it didn't sell) so the owner had put it out in the trash, in the rain. The owner was quite happy to have my boss cart it off, gratis. On the Monday morning I was presented with this painted beastie, still quite damp from a thorough soaking. I brought it home (I won't say what my wife said at the time), dried it out and plugged it in. Despite the warped case and broken grill, IT WORKED!!! How could you not love something like this, eh? Over the next little while I'll be parting with some of my "treasures". If you know someone who can give them a good home or use them as donors to bring life to other radios, please let me know.

Your humble scribe.  
Ken  
VE3RMK

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