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Updated PACKET NODE Information:

From Howie VE3TYQ:

Subject: Fw: Packet Drawing
Date: Mon, 26 Sep 2005 17:11:14 -0400
From: Howard M.Mugford <ve3tyq@porchlight.ca>
To: VE3RMK <ve3rmk@rac.ca>

Ken. Have a look at this & see if you want to send this one out to all club members..ok..thanks Howie.

----- Original Message -----
Fellow Amateurs;

As part of VA3QT Ian Snow's digital project in Simcoe county, I've updated the map of packet nodes in Southern Ontario. URL's are shown below.

Also mentioned is a list of Ontario repeaters.

Regards,

VE3GIH Gord Hewit
District Emergency Coordinator
Scugog ARES District
<http://scugog.areson.ca>
905-886-8279 ext. 21
"Public Service Cooperation, not Competition"

JPG Format:

<http://scugog.areson.ca/download/sopkt.jpg>

Microsoft Visio 2002 format original drawing.

<http://scugog.areson.ca/download/sopkt.vsd>

Adobe Acrobat version

<http://scugog.areson.ca/download/sopkt.pdf>

Completely unrelated to the digital network issue, I have also put together a listing of various Ontario

repeaters, as per the repeater coordination councils and the IRLP group. These files can be found at;

Adobe Acrobat file in frequency sorted order

http://scugog.areson.ca/download/ont_freq.pdf

Adobe Acrobat file in location and frequency sort order

http://scugog.areson.ca/download/ont_locn.pdf

Microsoft Excel original document.

http://scugog.areson.ca/download/ont_sheet.xls

Many thanks to VE3CGR Ron Gibson for his support in getting the Excel spreadsheet to sort properly!!

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Newcastle Lions Club 11th Annual Walk for Dog Guides Saturday, October 1, 2005

Once again, the North Shore Amateur Radio Club provided excellent communications for this event. This was our 10th year assisting the Lions Club. The weather cooperated for the walk this year and we had a great day. The following club members helped out along the 10km route: VE3VGJ, VE3TYQ, VA3LTB, VE3VCY, VA3PWH, VE3OUB, VA3ALN, and VA3BAH who assisted me at the Control Station.

The final figures have not been totaled as yet but early indications are that the amount raised will be in the area of \$18,000! This money is used to help fund the Lions Foundation Canine Vision School in Oakville, Ontario. The school was opened in 1983 to match the blind with dogs

that would then become their eyes. Over the years, the school has expanded to meet the needs of the hearing impaired as well as other special needs cases. Each trained dog costs in the area of \$6000.00. The Lions Club make these trained dogs available free of charge to qualified recipients.

The Lions Club have asked me to extend their sincere appreciation to our members who assisted with this year's event. Many thanks to all who helped out! It was another great success for our club and along with the many other events we do, serves to continue as proof to both the community and the ham radio fraternity as to how dedicated our club members are to helping out in public events. There is no question that our club clearly sets the standard by which other clubs will look to and follow with regards to assisting in public service events!

Thanks again and 73,
Gary
VE3EPY
(Event Coordinator)

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CIBC RUN FOR THE CURE
Sunday, OCTOBER 2nd 2005

From Ralph VE3CRK:

The North Shore Amateur Radio Club's participation in the CIBC Run For The Cure at Lakeview Park in Oshawa consisted of a control station in the first aid tent and eight check points along the Run. All the check points were in place and each had contacted the control station by 9:45 am. The Run started at 10 a.m. and consisted of a 1 km. and a 5 km. Run. We used the simplex frequency 146.58 megahertz for all of our communications. The Run officials estimated the number of runners at over 4000 consisting of men, women and children of all ages. This one day event, to help fight cancer, raised a total of \$500,000 and the organizers think it could go to \$600,000 by the time all the donations are

collected. Mike, VA3MBA, took a lot of pictures of the event and I think he will be showing them at a future club meeting. I thank the following Amateurs for contributing their time and radio equipment for such a good cause.

Ralph Day, VE3CRK, Coordinator and Rover# 4 at Lakeview Park.

Control station
Ray Zambonelli, VE3OUB
Laird Solomon, VE3LKS

Checkpoint #1 Simcoe St. & Harbour Rd.
Joe Stratton, VE3VGJ

Checkpoint #2 Simcoe St. Wellington
Steve Zahorec, VA3SPZ

Checkpoint #3 Waterloo St.
Luis Lopez, VA3TCL

Checkpoint #4 Wentworth St. & Nelson St.
Alex Parker, VA3AMP

Checkpoint #5 Wentworth & Marwood Dr.
Peter Henry, VA3PWH

Checkpoint #6 Marwood Dr. & Farewell St.
Mike MacLean, VE3VCY

Checkpoint #7 Farewell St. & Harbour Rd.
Howard Mugford, VE3TYQ

Checkpoint #8 Harbour Rd. Near creek
Doug Eddy, VA3DCE

Rover #2 Lakeview Park
Mike Cumming, VA3MBA

Rover #3 Lakeview Park
Gary Heagle, VE3EPY

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The new HF rules:

From Peter VA3PWH:

Thanks to RAC Vice President Regulatory Affairs,
Jim Dean, VE3IQ

In response to the RAC Proposal on Morse Code and Related Matters, and in line with the decisions taken at WRC-2003, Industry Canada has removed the Morse Qualification as a mandatory requirement

for access to the HF band below 30 MHz. However, qualifying in Morse still remains an option. The passing mark for both the Basic and Advanced Qualification examinations has been raised to 70%. Some other recommendations from the RAC proposal were also implemented. The necessary regulatory changes have been incorporated by revisions to RIC-2 and RIC-3 (see Issues dated July 2005), which govern operations by Canadian radio amateurs. Every amateur should obtain a copy of these RICs from the Industry Canada web site at:
http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/insmt-gst.nsf/en/h_sf06073e.html

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From The Chair in the Shack:

As fall winds its way to cooler temperatures and the Markham Hamfest looms, the club has just finished a run of public service activities. I don't want to steal the thunder of the organizers but every one was actually overpopulated with operators who obviously enjoyed the activity.

It can only be encouraging to have more operators than one thought would be needed. Certainly activities where hams can work together and share experiences and skills are fun and build club spirit. Thanks to all who turned out. I'll bet you got your money's worth.

One of the things we learn very quickly in these activities is the need for flexibility and preparedness in order to make the communications link work. Operators with experience in these things learn to bring spare parts, batteries and especially, antennas and feed-lines so that difficult conditions are overcome. Something that surprises even us experienced folks is the nature of "sweet spots" in vhf and uhf communications. Bitter experiences in my own driveway in the "black hole" of Oshawa have taught me that even 6 inches can make all the difference. It is a credit to cell planners that there are so few places where the sweet spot is important although most of us users have found the need to locate them for phones as well.

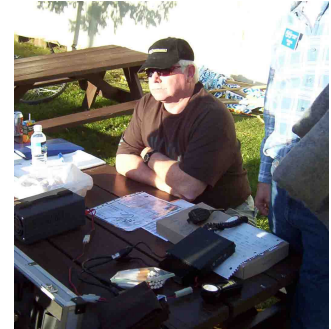
All of these musings are to assure our volunteers that they are not only helping others but learning as well in every event.

73 de Pete

Paul's Dirty Enduro Saturday, September 24th 2005



The Net Controller.



The Event Coordinator

Our off-road mobile Team



Our Operators are standing by



Thanks to Will VA3WEW for the photos.

Time to Renew your membership for 2006.

http://www.osha.igs.net/~Isolomon/nsarc/NSARC_Membership_Application.pdf

It's that time of year again. We look forward to 2006 with great anticipation. A new rig? Your WAS, or DXCC? Maybe you'll write the advanced test or do the Morse Code test. Don't forget your Club. Renewing early is one way to help the executive chart the course for the coming year. Here's what's new on the application. We're asking members to enter the correct information in the following new fields:

RAC Membership Number

Why? Because it will greatly simplify our insurance renewal in April of 2006.

Address / Phone and Email

Why? Because it allows us as a CLUB to contact you if we need to. It also allows us to proactively assist RAC in keeping the callsign database up to date. All HAMS are required to notify Industry Canada of an address change within 30 days. Just like gravity, it's the law. One of our goals is to show that OUR CLUB is 100% up to date, or as close as we can manage.

Signature and Date:

Why? Because changing government requirements mean we have to have your official "okey-dokey" on the paperwork to say that you know that we know your name, callsign, address, etc.

By the way, if you don't want certain information widely known, then just write in on the application form which information you wish to have removed from any CLUB communications.

We are asking all members to fill out all the fields. If a field doesn't apply, for example email address or RAC Membership number, then please write in N/A

For your convenience we've posted the membership application form on the Club web site. Les has copies of the application form as well.

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After a successful day at Paul's Dirty Enduro, there was time for recovery, which would of course be Sunday... I also had time to pause and reflect on the sound reasoning given by a member of our club

as to why one of my ideas was "not so good". A club member with senior experience stopped by to help me look for a way to get an 80M dipole in the air. He came up with a good and workable plan. He also pointed out, free-of-charge that where I wanted to put my shack would only cause me grief. Now having 2 kids in post-secondary education and being part Scottish, not having to part with money if I don't have to is near and dear to my heart. We all know that dust is a killer. I also was reminded that every good idea deserves a second look. At work we call this the "Second Set of Eyes Test". On top of the satisfaction of doing a good job for the community at large, to have someone do a good deed for you is a great comfort. Thanks to that member of our club.

Your humble scribe.
Ken
VE3RMK

North Shore Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Application for Membership:

Callsign: _____ RAC Membership Number: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City / Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Options:

FULL Membership: \$30.00
(newsletter, right to vote, attend meetings & functions)

ASSOCIATE Membership: \$25.00
(newsletter, attend meetings & functions)

FAMILY Membership: \$15.00

(full member at same address, no newsletter, right to vote, attend meetings & functions)

DONATIONS: \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Please mail the completed application form along with your cheque made payable to;

North Shore A.R. C.
c/o VA3LTB
Les Burgess
1456 Tampa Cres.
Oshawa. On.
L1G 6V2

Note: In accordance with the Government Regulations covering privacy and protection of your personal information, the applicant agrees that call sign, name and phone number information can be shared with fellow club members. The applicant can request that phone number information be omitted from shared information.

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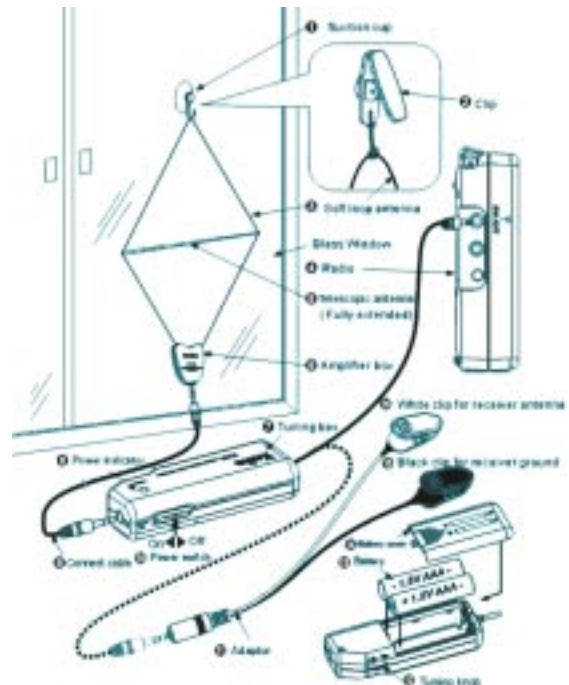
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