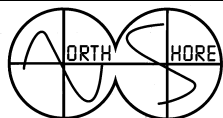


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Fondly Remembered Sorely Missed.

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A new time for the Wednesday Evening Net.

From Will VA3WEW.

Our Club net is on 147.120 + at 7:30PM local time every Wednesday. Plan to be there. This will allow those who are able to check in to Our net and Our next door neighbours net in Lindsay, Ontario, 8:00pm

on VE3LNZ 147.195MHz. Let's try to get to both.

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From the chair in the shack.

As I write this, the dust of three public service events and the loss of Howard, VE3TYQ is settling. Howard will be missed by me as a friend, fellow radio enthusiast, welcome addition to the "radio weekends" at my cottage and a host of other ways in which he entered my life. To even begin to sum up Howard is the stuff of novels but I am sure that every person who ever bumped into him in any capacity was struck by our unusual buddy.

One thing about Howard that struck many of us was his interest in just about anyone he met. Garth, the new president of the South Pickering Club has taken on Howie's cause and is trying valiantly to encourage clubs from Scarborough to Lindsay to join in a common cause. He'd like to see us get together both socially and at our various radio events to discuss the situation of amateur radio today and how to gather new hams (or make them).

With that in mind, he has invited all comers to the next meeting at which Eric Meth, a ham and Icom representative will show off D-Star, a digital mode created for all manufacturers to freely adopt and which can support such things as voice and packet at the same time. That meeting will take place on October 11 at the Pickering

arenas, East End at 7:30. Come and join in, should be interesting. If you like to think of yourself as open-minded, come, see, then criticize if you like.

Something I noticed at both the CIBC Run for the Cure and the Newcastle Lions Dog-walk-athon was the increased presence of cell phones amongst the organizers. While this may not mean a lot, it could also signal a reduced need for us at these events. Only time will tell. On the other hand, the Paul's Enduro takes place in an area where ham is supreme.

Certainly the nature of the service/hobby is changing and one wonders just what it will look like before long. Give it some thought and see what you think might change and what might remain constant.

73 de Pete

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It's that time of year when we need to think about our membership renewal. Your Club like many others things needs some of you time, talent and treasure. One of the strengths of a Club is the level of activity by the members. I think we're doing well in all regards. If you think you can help the executive or you'd like to serve your fellow Club-members please talk to someone in the executive. Let us know how you would like to help.

And speaking of help, one way that you can help is with your ideas and presentations. If you have pictures of a recent Club outing, I for one would love to see them. I'll bet that the same goes for other members in the Club too. Would you like to put together an article for the bulletin? Let the executive know. Do you have an event that needs coverage? Do you know of an opportunity for the Club to share Amateur Radio with others? Let the executive know. By now you have probably figured out very few of us "know all and see all". I for one know

that I don't. And if it looks like I might be forgetting that fact, my Wife reminds me.

You are the Club's eyes and ears. You can make a big difference in the Club and our community at large. Give it some thought.

Finally, some medical work, which my doctor says is going to become routine, offered me a chance to sit still for an extended period of time. To occupy my time I picked up the most recent copy of CQ magazine. Here is something of a challenge for all of us from the pages of CQ magazine, the October 2007 edition. In the article "Take your Ham Station to Camp", Barry Cohen K2JV offers this 5 part definition of a "True Ham".

A true ham is a person who:

- 1) has a license
- 2) has ham equipment
- 3) gets on the air
- 4) talks to strangers, and
- 5) supports the system by joining a club.

Our friend and colleague Howie exemplified this.

Let us follow this example.

Your scribe,

Ken
VE3RMK

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