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From the Chair in the Shack.

From Peter VA3PWH

As 2012 truly steams into action there are some things we will be examining. One of the first items is the club survey which is attached to this bulletin email. Please give it your full attention and either mail it to us or email me (va3qw@sympatico.ca) or, best of all, bring it to the next meeting. Your executive needs guidance on things which might help us interest you.

Also up for consideration is the extra cost for insuring Club members who are not members of RAC. As you may be aware, the new insurance plan asks for more than \$10 for each non-RAC Club member for insurance. We must decide how the club is to finance this extra cost. It is worth noting that RAC members also gain individual insurance as part of this plan and they must also be members of an affiliated club to get this insurance. That means that there is no point in quitting the club and joining RAC since the benefit demands both.

I look forward to an exciting year as we move through our events and field day. The sense of teamwork in the club is really quite unusual if one is to look at other organizations. The very fact that 40% of members or more are present for Paul's Enduro is really special.

Your field day team is busy planning already and we hope to have an even better time this year. Please give your answer (a yes please) when asked if you will participate. Anyone who wishes to bring his/her own rig is more than welcome. In fact, since field day is an exercise in emergency preparation, it is entirely appropriate.

I wish fervently to see you all at the February meeting.

73 de Pete

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Who have you talked with lately?


From Ken VE3RMK

I thought it might not be a bad idea to share with the Club interesting QSLs. To kick this off I have the following first...


- first Argentine QSL
- first 17M trans-equatorial QSO

There will be those who might not think that this is such a big deal, but remember this was done with my old ICOM 737, feeding a long-wire antenna at roughly 30 feet via an AH-2 tuner. It just goes to show how well things can work when propagation is working for you.

LW6DG
Daniel Gagliardi
Martin Irigoyen 627
Lincoln 6070 Buenos Aires
Argentina




Rep. ARGENTINA
FF95FD
34°51'17"S
61°32'35"W
cq zone 13
itu zone 14



CFM QSO with: **VE3RMK**

Day	Month	Year	UTC	MHz	2-Way	RST
16	04	11	23:52	18	SSB	59

TNX QSO & QSL,

QSL via EA5KB

So if you have a prized QSL that you'd like to share the news with the Club, send me a JPEG. It can be new or old, a special event QSL, a rag-chew that helped you learn something new. If you've got that type of QSL I'd love to help share the news.

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Welcome to the winter that isn't. While we bask in the autumn or spring-like temperatures remember now is the time for Radio. I've heard stations from the other side of the equator. I just wish I had the antennas to get back to them.. Please take a moment to let the executive know your choice for the Club Membership List. The emails have gone out. If you haven't received the email PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

Your humble scribe

Ken

What's New at Durham Radio - Feb 14th, 2012

If you would like to receive our "What's New" mailing (about once every other month) along with subscriber only deals, visit our [HOME PAGE](#) and add your email address. (bottom right)

Important Announcements & Reminders

Don't forget the Subscriber Specials - You'll only find them here at the bottom of our newsletter.

Ham-Ex Coming Soon! - Brampton hosts one of the largest shows in the country and definitely worth a gander if you haven't been before. Come on out on March 24th and say hi! We can't bring the entire store so if there is an item you plan on purchasing at the show it is **STRONGLY** advised that you call in advance and ask us to bring it for you to pick up at the show, saving yourself the shipping charges. [Event page.](#)

16th Annual Iroquois Fleamarket - Admission is FREE for this show! details [HERE](#). Remember to ask us to bring any item you might like cuz we can't bring it all.

LED Lighting - I have noticed that consumers are being duped into thinking that LED lighting will save them money when generally speaking this is not the case. Compact fluorescent lighting (CFL) is dirt cheap and a lot more reliable than it was when they were first introduced. Unfortunately, these bulbs contain hazardous mercury. LED lights are still in their infancy and the price per lumen is significantly higher than that of a compact fluorescent. Initial costs aside, there are still several reasons to switch to good LED lights. They are mercury-free, produce less heat (and less RF noise) and will last longer than a CFL. We now offer a 4W LED bulb (equivalent to a 25W incandescent for about half the price of big box stores. [Our LED bulbs](#) come with a 2-year warranty whereas the big box stores may only offer 30 days to one year. (See this [Scientific American article](#) for more info on Mercury and Compact Fluorescents.)

More Lower Prices - Yep, we've done it again! If you'd like to see the full list of recently reduced regular prices, click [HERE](#).

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Amateur Radio

Kenwood MC90 Desk Mic



For TS570DG, TS590S, TS2000S and more. DSP compatible. Has built-in low frequency cut off switch. Comes with interchangeable heads for DX or broadcast quality.

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LP350A Surge Suppressor



The LP350 protects against damage from electrical surges. Low insertion loss. 300W power handling.

[More Info](#)

LDG AT1000PROII 1000W Auto Tuner



2000 fast memories, power and SWR bargraphs and a built-in antenna switch make this a top-of-the-line tuner. Covers HF and 6m.

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UCGC Ground Clamp



For direct attachment of Alpha Delta Model ATT/TT3G50 series broadband coax surge protectors to your ground rod.

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Internet Based 12 VDC Power Distribution



The RR4005i features an integrated web server for monitoring and control of your 12V devices. Independent on/off control and user configurable current trip point from 1A to 40A on all five outlets.

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Alinco EDS10 Mic Adapter



Modern Alinco transceivers use just a single pin plug for both external speaker and mic connections. This adapter allows you to use an old two-pin standard style speaker mic on a new a radio. Works on DJV17/DJV57 & DJG7.

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AM/FM Radios

WR2CL Desktop Radio with a Clear Case



See the inner workings of this great sounding radio through it's clear case. Complies with correctional facility regulations. [More Info](#)

Wall Plug for CC Solar Observer



Optional wall plug for the [C. Crane Solar Observer](#) emergency radio.

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CB Radio

BC880 New-Style CB



A full-featured CB with a large digital SRF/CAL/SWR meter, 7 color display & weather.

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Right Angle Mic Connectors

Do you keep breaking your mic cord because it has to make such a sharp turn on the way out of the radio? These 4, 5, and 6 pin connectors also allow you to point the cable up, down, left or right to keep it out of the way. [More Info](#)



Scanners

BC125AT Full-Featured Handheld



If you haven't purchased a new scanner in a long time you will be shocked at the features you get with this scanner for such a low price.

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DJ-X11K Full Coverage Scanner

Wide all-mode coverage from 500kHz to 1.3GHz. 2 VFO's for simultaneous RX. IQ signal output that can be used with 3rd-party software to operate as a SDR. Built-in bug detector.

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Miscellaneous

WRTH2012 World Radio TV Handbook



The definitive source of broadcast radio information. This invaluable annual provides the latest information on mediumwave, shortwave, FM broadcasts and broadcasters. TV section has details of the main terrestrial national broadcasters.

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MHRAAA4

Extra high-capacity PowerEx NiMH batteries by Maha. Huge 1000 mAh capacity.

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CSolar Powered Battery Charger



CRANESOLARCHARGER high powered solar charger charges two NiMH rechargeable batteries of the same type and size (D, C, AA, AAA)

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Battery Powered Lock De-Icer

It's a keychain. It's a flashlight! It's a battery powered lock de-icer. No harsh chemicals and no scraping involved in getting at the lock.

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TV

CM7001 HDTV Tuner



Tune ATSC (Antenna) or clear QAM (unencrypted cable) signals for televisions, displays and projectors that do not have built-in tuners. Has HDMI and component

video outputs.

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HD301 HDMI Switch

Connect up to three high definition video sources, such as satellite systems, HD DVD players, computers etc. Use the included remote to switch between them on your TV or monitor.

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