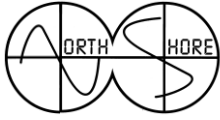


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The 2012 CIBC Run for the Cure.

There may be some who think that this hobby is dull and boring or that there is no opportunity to do new things or interact with the community.... Take a look at this.



This was the start finish line



Some of the crew.



Some of the participants

This is an ideal practice for public support should we be called in an urgent or emergency situation. This is also a great way to get out in the fresh air and show what we can do. A new Club Member might be there waiting to have a chat.

Have you renewed your membership for 2012 – 2013 yet?

The changes to the 'insurance year' for RAC and when we have to submit our Club affiliation fees, means that we will be starting to finalize our Club Roster for the 2012-2013 season in the next couple of weeks. Our Executive will be working on the insurance submission and Club affiliation in the coming weeks. We have to get it in the mail to RAC HQ by the 14th of December to keep our coverage gap-less.

Please keep this in mind.

From the Chair in the Shack

From Peter VA3PWH

As the fuzzy feelings from successful events buoys us up, I write to all members in hopes that this year will see several new initiatives come to pass.

First is the revitalization of our ARES group. It is planned to have a meeting with executives of the three local clubs and the assistant emergency coordinators of ARES in order to decide what we want to do about training, who we feel we can serve, how to get new members and lastly who will be our new Emergency Coordinator. Wish us all luck in this project.

Next is the issue of VA3NSR 443.800. Here are a few facts.

- a. The water supply is now stored in a new reservoir further up Harmony from which gravity feeds most homes. This means that the generator at the pumping station at Grandview might not run full time as before when pumps kept up the pressure in the system. If fuel is to be saved, then this location may not supply the emergency power that it once did.
- b. The present repeater does not provide the coverage we expected and predicted due to the presence of the metal roof on the building.
- c. The repeater is seldom used.
- d. UHF frequency pairs are in short supply in the GTA and perhaps we should relinquish that pair so someone might pick it up and use it more.
- e. It is possible that a frequency in the 6 m band might give us more range to the extremes of the region.

While there is not a great rush to move on this issue, Your consideration would be appreciated in order to give us guidance.

Another issue which we should be considering is the addition of extra features to the VE3OSH repeater complex. We did ask for input but many who answered the survey seemed to be in favour of everything. Your executive needs your guidance about what your first priorities are. Think of the one thing (or two) that you would most like to see. Let us know.

Last, the November meeting will include nominations and election of a replacement for Luis who has served us very actively as membership secretary and who has decided that he must step down. Our thanks go to Luis for his hard work. Get thinking about who you would like to see in his place.

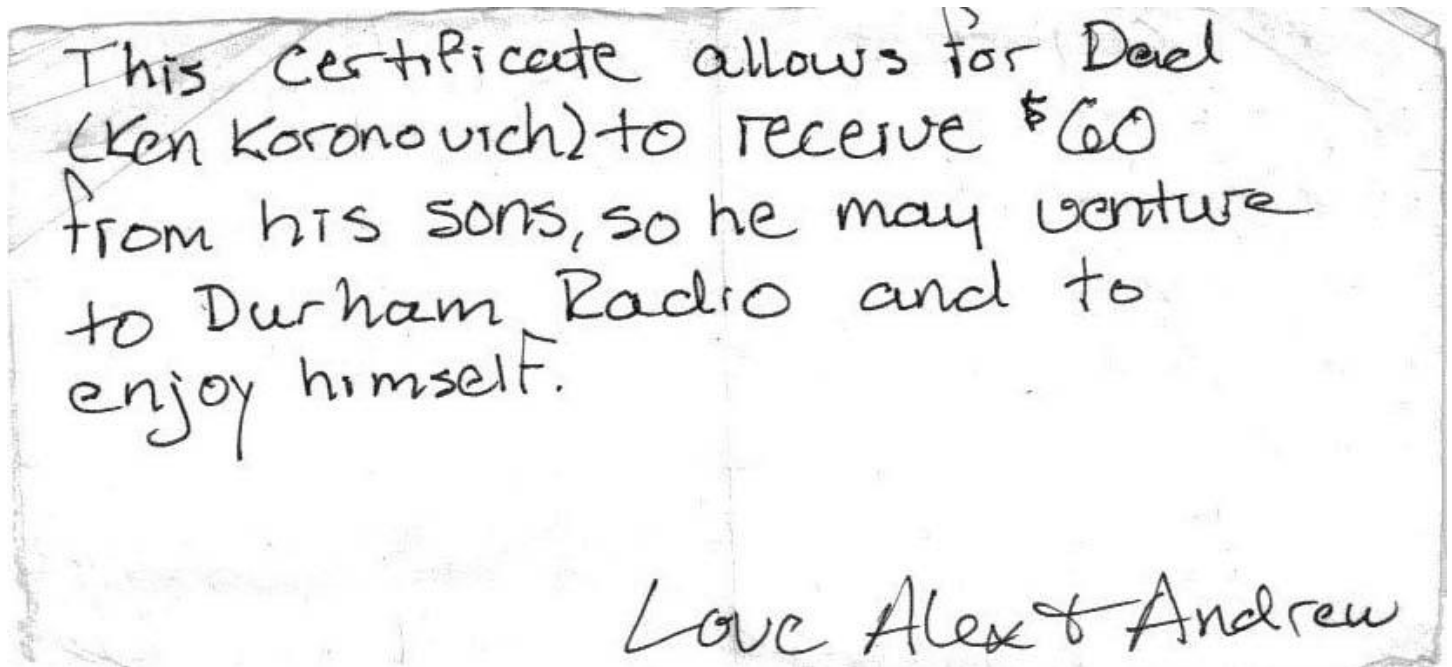
November's meeting will also include a video interview of the Section Emergency Co-ordinator for Southern New Jersey recorded just days before Sandi hit. Clint will be updating us on some repeater topics and Martha has some good news about our standing in the Field Day race. We will also have to start the ball rolling on the Christmas celebration.

Lots to do, so please don't miss this one.

73 de Pete, VA3PWH

Thinking about the Christmas Season

There was a time when the kids relied more heavily on the 1st National Bank of Mom and Dad more than they do today. It seems to be our lot to live in a time when it is harder and harder for them to get out, on their own AND standing on their own 2 feet. I was looking through my wallet the other (no, not for money) and came across this.



Of course the boys were younger (so was I) and they really wanted me to get something that I would like for my 'radioing'. Needless to say it was a great, guilt-free way to get something that would help me enjoy Amateur Radio that much more. I was both pleased and happy to show it off to the good people at Durham Radio Sales and I am happy to share it with you. We try to raise our children to think about others. We try to get them to think of others and what would make for a special event for those others.

When it comes right down to it, we are all very fortunate. What we consider basics are in fact luxuries in many other places. We have a great deal to be thankful for.

In these times of uncertain costs and knowing we are likely to have others in our family circles who wish us well, it may be prudent to mention to them something like a RAC membership, a subscription to one of the many Amateur Radio magazines or a gift certificate for our local radio store would be really nice. It could be something that you might not buy for yourself, but that you would use and enjoy.

Your humble scribe

Ken