

June 2013



North Shore ARC



UPCOMING JUNE DATES

June 18th

Monthly club meeting

7pm start

June 22nd & 23rd

ARRL Field Day
Demo: Purple Woods
Conservation Area



Behind The Mike

Hi Everyone!!

Here's the June issue of the Club bulletin!! I hope you all enjoy the read. Well I would say Spring is here and we'll definitely see summer show up on June 21st just in time for Field Day. Hopefully we won't be playing around like the ducks do this year and have a nice sunny but breezy weekend at Purple Woods Conservation Area and a wonderful turnout by all. If you are interested in helping out with North Shore's Field Day setup please don't hesitate to give our trusty temporary leader Steve VA3TPS a call or drop him a line to express your interest in getting involved. The plan is to run 3A this year which means 3 transmitters running on generators the whole time.

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Hopefully those who are interested in being a weather spotter for CANWARN were able to attend one of the training sessions listed in the April newsletter and had a really good time. I was able to attend along with a group of other North Shore ARC members at the CANWARN session held on Saturday May 4th at Environment Canada. If you didn't make it to that session maybe you attended the one on the Tuesday evening or another one of the sessions in the area. On the CANWARN note I have included an article that I found again on Twitter that ARRL Posted on the way HAM's played an active role after the EF5 tornado touched down in Moore Oklahoma. So far since the tornado season started there's been several in the United States and we have had a few touch down here in Ontario as well. As of May 24th the total number of confirmed tornados in Ontario was at 4. Here's where they have hit. On April 18th an EF1 tornado touched down in Shelburne ON. On Tuesday May 21st an EF2 tornado touched down in the small community of Cambray near Fenelon Falls. The last two tornados I have heard of confirmation for were both EF0 tornados near the communities of Elmvalle ON and Dalston ON. I also had the pleasure of talking to Mark Robinson from the Weather Network (aka the StormHunter guy) during the break that morning. He told me he was going to Tornado alley along with Jaclyn Whittal from the Weather Network and a few other meteorologists as well. They are on their way back north now I've been following them on the Weather Network and on Twitter and they are safe and heading back north. They were down in Oklahoma when Moore got hit.

Here's the link to how HAMS helped out with the aftermath of Moore Oklahoma
http://www.arrl.org/news/view/amateurs-in-oklahoma-respond-to-storm-aftermath?utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=twitterfeed

Don't forget about the meeting on June 18th at Whitecliffe Terrace Retirement Residence. If you are a member in good standing please do the best you can to attend this meeting. The reason I am mentioning this is we are going to be voting on making a few changes to the club bylaws at this meeting and in order to do that we must meet quorum which at this point in time means have 20 members in good standing attend and vote or send in their proxy to Laird ve3lks or Steve va3tps and have their vote included that way. If we don't have quorum we won't be able to do the bylaw amendments to make the bylaws we have in place current and up to date. The way it stands some of the bylaws are outdated and we would like to see the outdated bylaws get changed. In order to do that we need to have quorum to make the changes.

The 2nd order of business will be a guest speaker we are going to have present at our meeting. I will talk about that later in the newsletter and the bigger the crowd we have out for that the more fun and exciting the meeting will be. That's it for me enjoy the photos I have included in here from the May 4th CANWARN session, and the information I have provided on the many different things that will be happening over the summer months as well as a few other articles from you the club members as well.

73's & 88's

Martha
va3sbd

At the Helm

Hello everyone, it's that time of year again and summer is here.

It has been a busy spring for our club and we have gone through some big changes and your new executive has been busy adjusting to their new roles and trying to get everything done. On behalf of your executive I would like to thank everyone for their patience as we adjust to the new changes.

Field Day is just around the corner and we will only be operating a 3A , but don't forget to drop by and say hello, and maybe grab a mic!

Our next meeting is Tuesday June 18,2013 at 7:00pm and I just want to remind everyone that we will be voting on the Resolution to amend some of our by-laws and hopefully you have all received the e-mail with all of the information. Included is a Proxy Vote and I would encourage everyone to come out if possible but if you can't make it that night PLEASE forward your proxy to a member of our executive or have another member bring it to the meeting.

Our September meeting will be a barbecue again this year just not sure yet if it is going to be a sermon on the mount or at one of our members but we will give you lots of notice and some reminders.

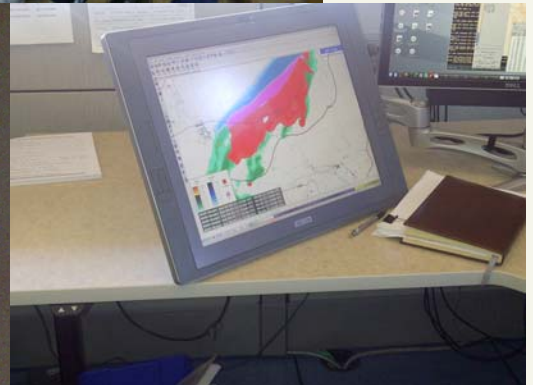
During the summer months I encourage everyone to look ahead for what might be in store for our club. We are always looking for ideals and help on meeting nights for topics and presentations.

And don't forget we will have our elections in the fall and were always looking for a few good people!

I hope everyone has a great summer, be safe and good DX!

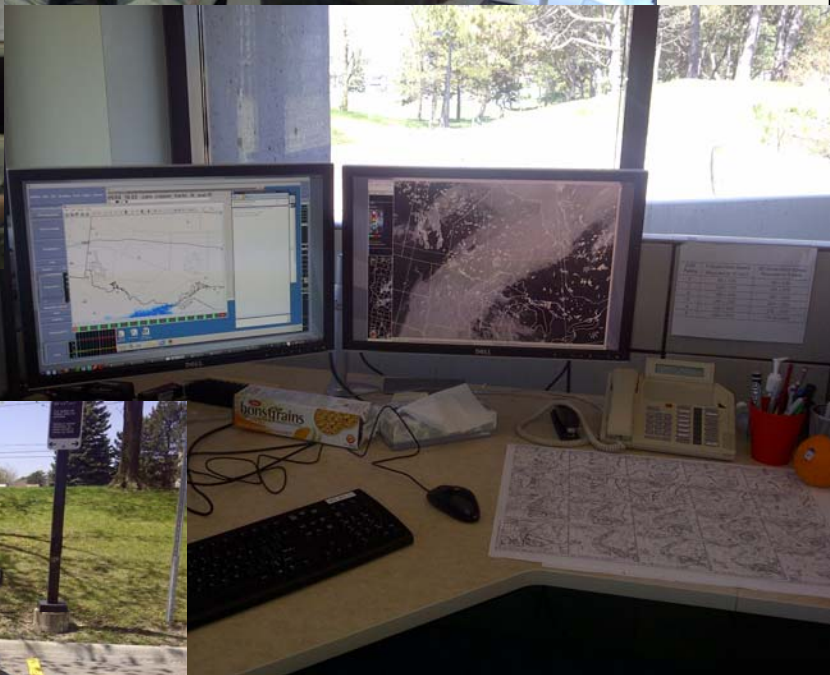
Steve McEdwards
Vice-President, North Shore Amateur Radio Club

CANWARN PHOTOS





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Names of People in CANWARN Photos

Page 3 top group shot: L to R

Ralph **VE3CRK**, Luis **VA3TCL**, Clint **VA3KDK**, Martha **VA3SBD**, Pete **VE3PWJ** Tommy **SWL**

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Geoff Coulson Environment Canada meteorologist, Ward Kennedy **VE3WGK** coordinator for South Central Ontario amateur radio volunteers , fellow CANWARN volunteers

Page 3 bottom right photo computer monitor in the Ontario Storm Prediction Center

Page 4 top photo L to R

Pete **VE3PWJ**, Tom **VE3BTR**, Ralph **VE3CRK**

Page 4 middle left photo L to R inside Ham Radio Station Room

Fellow CANWARN volunteer, Ward Kennedy **VE3WGK**

Page 4 middle right photo computer monitors in the Ontario Storm Prediction Center

Page 4 bottom left Storm Hunter guys vehicle



Dates To Remember



Aug 25th– Ride 4 United Way

Sign up with Larry **VA3FHG** for this event

Sept 17th– NSARC Fall BBQ & Corn Roast

Talk to Martha **VA3SBD** for details

Sept 21st– Pauls Dirty Enduro

Sign up with Joe **VE3VGJ** for this event

Oct 6th– CIBC Run For the Cure

Sign up with Steve **VA3TPS**

Oct 15th–Monthly Club meeting 7pm

Nov 19th–Monthly Club meeting 7pm

Dec 17th–NSARC Christmas Potluck

in lieu of a formal meeting



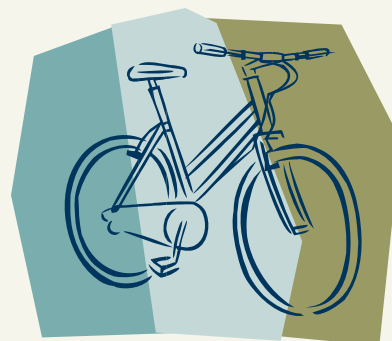
june meetings Guest Speaker



KT and Rick from Bloomfield Bicycle Company are going to be at our June meeting to talk to all of us about the wonderful things happening in the world of Paul's Dirty Enduro. If you participate in that event, which happens on September 21st, or are new to the club and want to get your feet wet and help out with that event then this meeting is for you. Please make the attempt to come on out here our wonderful and fabulous "Fashion Diva" (as portrayed in this photo) and her sidekick Rick as they talk about Paul's dirty enduro and the new changes that are happening this coming year. It will be a meeting you definitely don't want to miss.



Summer Fun Events



This section will talk about all the club events happening between the end of June and the end of September. The Club does not hold monthly meetings during July and August so all the events are listed and described here for those two months as well as anything that happens after our June club meeting and the month of September. If you are interested in helping out with any of these club events please take the time to contact the person in charge of organizing that event and they will see to your name getting added on to the sign up sheet.

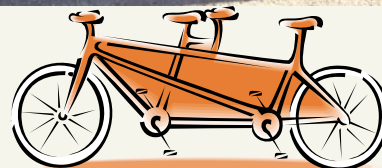
ARRL Field Day: Saturday June 22nd through to Sunday June 23th

Field Day is hosted by the ARRL down south and it is an emergency preparedness demonstration of amateur radio. Basically it's just as it sounds. You go out into a field, setup your radio station, power source, and antenna and try to make as many contacts as possible from 1400hrs Eastern time on Saturday June 22nd nonstop till 1400hrs Eastern time on Sunday June 23rd. We, the North Shore Amateur Radio Club, are going to be doing just that at Purple Woods Conservation Area running as 3A which means 3 transmitters running on a generator that weekend. Setup for our display is going to start on Friday, time will be announced at the club meeting, and we will begin operating at 1400hrs on Saturday June 22nd and going nonstop till 1400hrs on Sunday June 23rd. If you are interested in helping the club out by logging, operating, setup, teardown, doing PR work for our special dignitaries, or anything else please contact Steve McEdwards **VA3TPS** and he will gladly add your name to the list for that weekend.



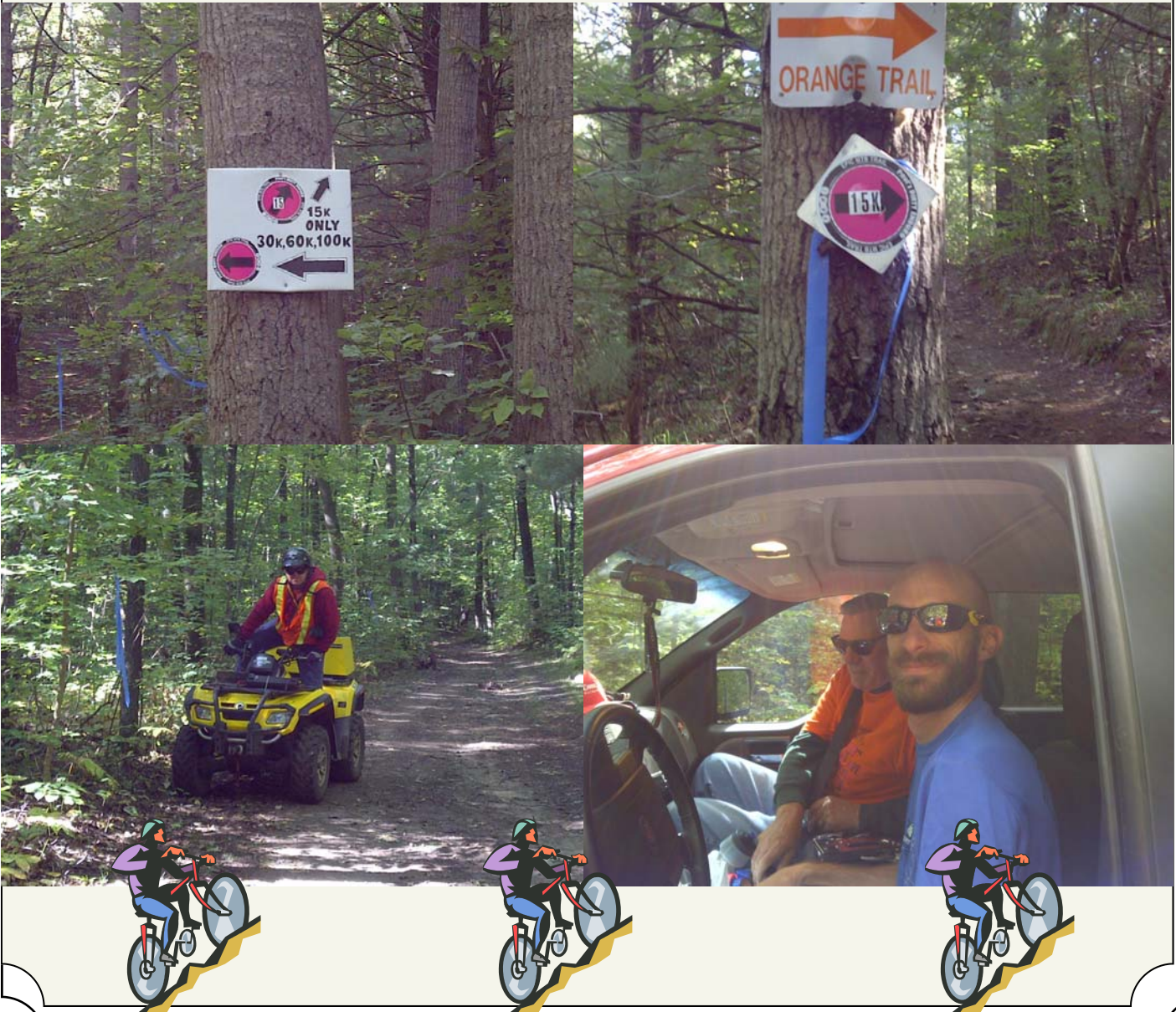
Ride 4 United Way: Sunday August 25th

The Ride 4 United Way is just as it sounds. A bike ride starting at the Garnett B Rickard Complex in Bowmanville Ontario and ending at the Rickard complex as well. It's a whole day event and depending on where you get located as your checkpoint will determine if you are done at your checkpoint early in the day or later in the day. For this event all you need is yourself, a handheld radio at a minimum that can hit the VE3OSH repeater, a lawn chair possibly, and anything else you may want to bring along such as snacks, water, PowerAde, etc. If you happen to own a mobile rig that can be plugged into a cigarette outlet and a magmount external antenna bring that along too because there's always a minimum of 4 to 6 vehicles that we are situated in to go out onto the course as well. The courses consist of several different lengths which means there's a lot of checkpoints out on the course as well. If you are interested in helping out with this event, a minimum of 15 to 20 volunteers is needed for this event, please don't hesitate to get a hold of Larry Goucher **VA3FHG** and let him know your interested.



Pauls Dirty Enduro: Saturday September 21st, 2013

Pauls Dirty Enduro is the last event of the summer you could say. This event is another all day event out in the Gannaraska Forest providing communications, using a cross band repeater, throughout the entire forest. Pauls Dirty Enduro is a mountain bike race raising money for the Canadian Mental Health Association. Paul, who the race is named after, committed suicide in the forest and as a tribute to him and to help raise money for mental illness his friends started this race to raise money in his memory. For this event once again all you need as a minimum is a handheld with an antenna. If you have a mobile rig that can be plugged into a cigarette outlet and a magmount external antenna bring that along. It could be used in one of the mobile trucks that goes out in the forest as well to keep the different checkpoints stocked up with food and water and bring back DNF riders. In past years the group who participated in this event would meet up at the 5th Wheel Truck Stop in Bowmanville for breakfast and the pre-event meeting and then head out to the forest center and their various checkpoints. This year we have a new organizer Joe Stratton **VE3VGJ** and as of this time I hadn't heard from him as to whether that is changing or not but once I know I'll include those details in the July or August issue of the club bulletin. If you are interested in joining the group who participates in this event, we need a good number of volunteers I can't remember exactly how many from last year but I will put those details in later as well, don't hesitate to get a hold of **Joe VE3VGJ** and express your interest to him.



Septembers Meeting

Date: Tuesday September 17th, 2013

Location: To Be Announced

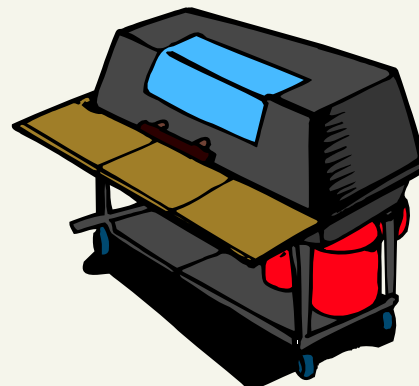
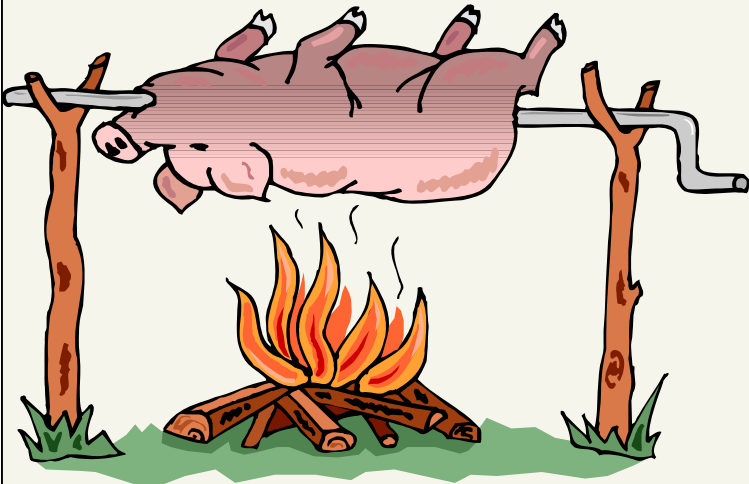
Times: 1900 hrs till whenever

Details: Our annual Club BBQ and Corn Roast

Club will be providing the burgers, hot dogs, sausages, and necessary fixings for those items. Corn is being supplied by a club member and all the fixings for the corn as well.

If you want to bring a salad, dessert, beverages, some kind of appetizer, or have any questions please get a hold of Martha by email at va3sbd@teksavvy.com and let her know.

Other than that all you need to bring is yourself, your spouse, any off-spring's if applicable, your lawn chair, and your appetite.





Announcements



#1 Last year the club purchased a wreath from the Bowmanville Royal Canadian Legion Branch to place at the cenotaph at Whitecliffe Terrace Retirement Residence. The Tuesday following Remembrance Day I went to pick it up from the reception desk inside Whitecliffe Terrace and was advised by the manager of the retirement lodge that another club member had already picked it up on our behalf. I have talked to the members who I knew were present at the remembrance day ceremony as well as past executive members and none of them have picked it up. If any club member knows the whereabouts of the wreath in question can please see that it gets returned to a current club executive member in order for us to be able to lay it at this years Remembrance Day service.

Thanks in advance for all your help.

#2 Ralph VE3CRK received an email about a memorial service for a ham that some of you may know. He was asked to pass this on to all the other club members and if any of you did know him you are more than welcome to attend the memorial service. You will find the details included below:

Gord Dorion asked if I would let hams know about a memorial -nothing formal for his father in law the late Dell - VE3DZU. It will take place at Dells home on Saturday June 15 2013 at 2 pm. Everyone is welcome. A light lunch is being served and you are asked to bring something to sit on if possible. The location is 2717 Taunton just east of Liberty St. Liberty runs north out of Bowmanville up to and north of Taunton. Any further information please contact Gord Dorion at 289-404-3721. If you could maybe send this out to the Oshawa club members it would be appreciated. Please let me know if you can do this. Bill VE3LJ / 905-263-2969

#3 Just a reminder that there is no meetings at Whitecliffe Terrace Retirement Residence for the months of July, August, & September. The next meeting at Whitecliffe Terrace is Tuesday, October 15th, 2013 at 1900hrs. Septembers meeting is a bbq/corn and as soon as the location is finalized that will be announced in either the July or August Bulletin.

#4 If you are planning to assist with Ride 4 United Way, or Pauls Dirty Enduro please let Larry Goucher VA3FHG and Joe Stratton VE3VGJ know as soon as possible. Larry is organizing Ride 4 United Way and Joe is organizing Pauls Dirty Enduro. Once they hear from you they will add you to their list of volunteers for these two events. Both events require a large number of volunteers so the more who sign up the better for each.





The Members Post



This is a very handy webpage for those who like to do DX work, contesting, or work the HF bands regularly. Ray **VE3OUB** talks about it all the time so I'm including it in the newsletter for everyone else to enjoy it as much as he does. He's passed this webpage on to me **VA3SBD** and Clint **VA3KDK** for us to use when we're on HF and I'm sure there's many more people out there who have been enlightened with his knowledge on this topic as well. What I am talking about is the Propagation reports. You can find them on the internet and they are a useful tool. Without Ray **VE3OUB** having mentioned the webpage to us I might not know about it. So on behalf of Ray **VE3OUB** may the rest of the club enjoy this link and the propagation reports as well. Hopefully it will be beneficial to you as much as it is to me, Ray, and many other hams out there.

<http://dx.qsl.net/propagation/propagation.html>