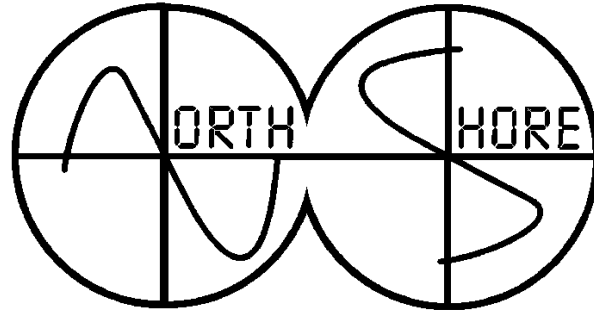




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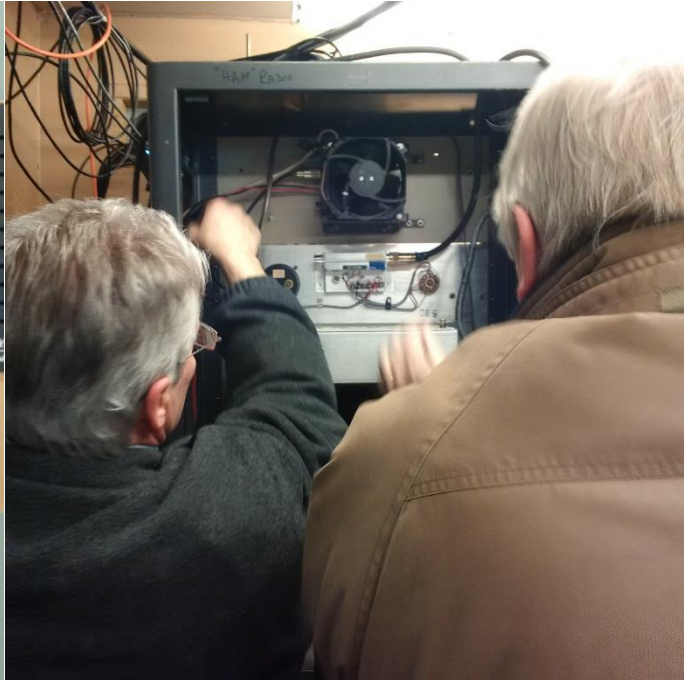


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Hello everyone , well we had another good turnout at our March meeting with a presentation by our RAC Ontario south director Phil McBride and a presentation by Lev VE3LEX our Repeater Chair on the new Yaesu Fusion repeater. Immediately following these presentations we had a vote on the purchase of two repeaters which passed unanimously in favour. These were ordered two days later and I'm pleased to say they arrived on March 29 and are now in the hands of our fine repeater committee to begin the work for the installation.

On Wednesday April 6 three members of our Repeater Committee and yours truly attended our Repeater site with one of the new Yaesu Repeaters. I am glad to say that with little fuss and only a bit of cussing VE3NAA is now up and running on 443.000mhz with a Yaesu Fusion repeater.





Lex VE3LEX, Colleen, Bob VE3HIX and Jeffrey VA3RTV.



And that wasn't all for this week as it has been exciting with lots happening in our club. Our Basic Course finished up on April 3 with the exam and I am happy to announce that Sabrina Skoczylas is now VA3FDT, Tom Ware is VE3TGW and Robert (Bob) Bell is VE3IRB. Congratulations to our new hams!! A couple of the other people missed the mark by a bit but are still working on it and hopefully we will have them on board soon!!

Looks like a GOTA Station for Field Day Martha!!

Upcoming Dates:

[Sat April 16, 2016 09:00to 14:00hrs](#) - 40th Annual Durham Hamfest at the Pickering Recreation Centre.

[April 19, 2016](#) at 7:00Pm – Monthly Meeting – Presentation on Smart Homes(unconfirmed) and on World War One and Radio communications.

[May 17, 2016](#) at 7:00PM – Monthly meeting - Presentation on Balloons and low power radio

[June 21, 2016](#) -Monthly meeting at Repeater site with Barbecue - Field Day briefing and site inspection, also a presentation and demo on Drones(not confirmed yet)

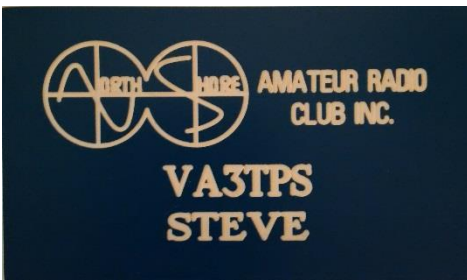
[June 25 and 26, 2016](#) – Field Day at Purple Woods

[July 1, 2016](#) – RAC Canada Contest –This contest begins at 8Pm on Thursday June 30 and goes for 24 hrs. This is a great time to jump on some of the bands including 2m and HF and make a few contacts in a friendly contest.

[July 9 to 10 – 1200z to 1200z](#)- IARU HF Championship Contest – Another great contest especially if you want to pick up a few more countries for your DXCC.



[Saturday Morning Breakfast](#) –Just a reminder that there is a small group of North Shore members and some other hams from the area that meet Saturday mornings for breakfast. They meet at Mommas’s Restaurant in the 5 Points Mall at Ritson and Taunton Rd’s. They usually arrive around 8:30am and order around 8:50Am, so if you are up early and out and about, drop by and say hello to everyone



This is a copy of our club badge which comes in either Blue or Red with white lettering. We have had a few new members join in the last little while and I will be placing an order for these badges- hopefully before May so for all the new people, please send me the color you want and the name and callsign you would like on this badge. va3tps@rac.ca



Spring and summer are fast approaching and along with the nice weather comes the chance of Severe Weather. Canwarn Severe Weather spotters are a valuable part of Environment Canada alerting people to impending severe weather .If you have not taken this seminar(one day course) you should consider it this year , it is time well spent. They have just released the dates for this year’s Training and they are listed below. These are just the dates for Toronto and east and there are many more north and west of Toronto.



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May 7 – Toronto – 9 AM – Environment and Climate Change Canada Headquarters, 4905 Dufferin St., Toronto

May 10 – Toronto – 7 PM – Environment and Climate Change Canada Headquarters, 4905 Dufferin St., Toronto

May 14 – Rama/Orillia – 9 AM – Rama Fire Hall, 7454 Williams Road, Rama

May 19 – Peterborough – 7 PM – Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club, 577 McDonnel St., Peterborough

May 25 – Markham – 7 PM – venue to be confirmed

May 28 – Belleville – 9:30 AM – Belleville Public Library, 254 Pinnacle St., Belleville



[Wednesday Night Net](#)- Don't forget everyone we have started up the Wednesday Night , 2m Net at 7:00pm on VE3OSH.It was Alex Keller VE3ZSH who offered to run with this and he has been giving it a try and I am sure he would love your check-ins. Even if you can't stay just drop by and give a quick hello!



Well everyone with all that has been happening this letter is getting long so I will save the Hamfest story for next month. I will say though that we have, to date, sold more tables this year than we have the last two years so it is looking like a great event!



We have had a great couple of months with lot's happening in our club. Our new UHF Repeater is up and running and the VHF is not far behind. But more importantly we have added three new hams to our ranks and that is awesome. My congratulations to all of them and I look forward to the other students joining us soon.

Again many thanks go out to all of our Repeater Committee and a special thank you to Alex VE3ZSH and Sabrina VA3FDT as they have not only been working hard on the Basic Course learning and teaching but also doing a lot of work for the upcoming 40th Hamfest.

I have always believed that any organization is only as good as the members, and here in the North Shore A.R.C. we have an outstanding group of people who take the time out of their lives to contribute and help out. It is this dedication and little bit of work that will always keep our club strong and moving forward. So keep your thoughts and suggestions coming and hope to see everyone at the 40th Durham Hamfest on Saturday April 16.

73 de Steve
VA3TPS