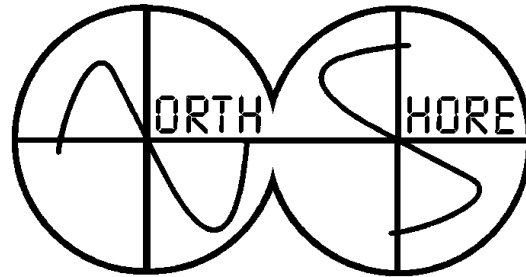




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**AMATEUR RADIO  
CLUB INC.**

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Hello again everyone, we just finished our February meeting and we had a great turnout and some great discussions along with an informative presentation about SDR Radios by Alex VE3ZSH.



One of the discussions that came up is about the new YAESU Fusion Repeater DRX1 which covers both the new Fusion C4FM Digital mode and Analog. I believe this is a Dual Band Repeater and has many features, too many to go into on here but you can go to this link and read up on it there: [www.yaesu.com](http://www.yaesu.com). Yaesu is currently offering this Repeater at a very reduced price to Radio Clubs and Co-ordinated Repeaters of \$600us, this repeater normally will sell for around \$1500us. This offer is currently only valid till 31March2016 and has been extended a couple of times already.

Some members have suggested that we consider replacing our repeaters with two of these. Currently our Repeaters are 20 to 30 yrs. old but both are working exceptionally well thanks to our great Repeater Committee. There are a lot of things to consider in making these purchases, currently our Club is financially sound and we can afford this and it would also bring our Repeater and Club into the modern Digital world. But on the other hand do we need to spend the money on these at this time. Just a note on that, one of our members at the meeting asked me “what else do we spend our money on?” good question!



Our Repeater Chair Lex VE3LEX and Dave VE3EAB have been asked and agreed to get all of the information on this Repeater and present it to us at our meeting on March 15, 2016. There will be a discussion and a motion to purchase these or not so please have a look at the information on the Yaesu Website, talk to other members and come on out and discuss this a vote on the matter. This decision should be made by the Club not just your Executive or Repeater Committee! If you can't make it out send your proxy and/or opinion with a member of the executive or any member by email.

Upcoming Dates:

[March 15, 2016](#) at 7:00Pm – Monthly Meeting, Presentation by Phil McBide, Ontario South Director of RAC and discussion and motion on New Yaesu repeater

[April 16, 2016](#) starting at 9:00Am – Durham Region Hamfest

[April 19, 2016](#) at 7:00Pm – Monthly Meeting – Presentation on Smart Homes 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



[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!





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.

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 McDonnell St., Peterborough

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

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



[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



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**Durham Region Hamfest** The 40<sup>th</sup> edition is coming on Saturday April 16, 2016. Doors open at 9am and vendors will be allowed in at 7:30am and it is done by about 1:00Pm.

Your Hamfest committee is looking for volunteers to help out, even if you can't stay there till the end, any help will be appreciated. This is a major fund raising event for both our club and SPARC so if you have some free time that Saturday get in touch with Alex VE3ZSH or myself and let us know. We are getting near the date and we still need volunteers so if you haven't already offered to help and you have some spare time on April 16, please step up and talk to one of the members of the committee.

Well , looks like spring is just around the corner and the weather is warming up nicely so it will soon be time to check out , fix and/or replace some of our outside antennas. If working on your antenna or a fellow hams antenna please remember Safety First!

That is all for now and I hope to see most of you at the upcoming meeting this Tuesday March 15.

73 de Steve  
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