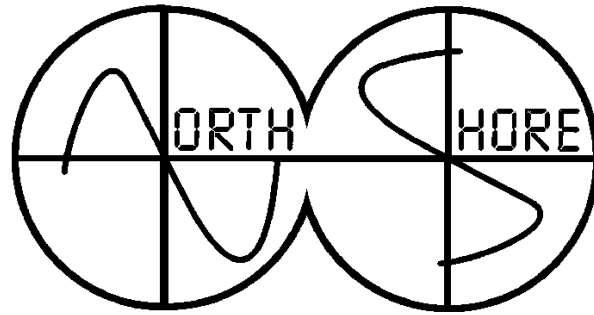




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Happy New Year everyone and welcome to 2017. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and holiday season.

As I am writing this I have just received a phone call from White Cliffe Terrace and they are currently experiencing an outbreak and have cancelled all activities at their building and have had to cancel our booking for Tuesday January 17. So, we will have to cancel our regular monthly meeting on Tuesday. I have had a couple of members say they were going to go to the Tim's on Hwy 2 just east of White Cliffe Terrace sometime after 7:00Pm for coffee and a chat.

We had our annual Christmas Pot luck dinner on December 20 and we had a great turn out with a lot of food and goodies. It was great to see so many of our members and guests.

I would like to thank all of our members who helped setup the dinner and everyone who brought all of the great food.



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**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 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!



**Wednesday Night Net** - Don't forget about 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!



**UpComing Dates:**

January 17,2017at 7:00pm – Monthly Meeting **CANCELLED**

February 21, 2017 at 7:00pm – Monthly Meeting TBA

March 21,2017 at 7:00pm - Monthly Meeting TBA

April 18, 2017 at 7:00pm - Monthly Meeting ,Hamfest Prep and Presentation from Tim Speed of Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum

April 15 and 16, 2017 - 1800Z April 15 to 0500Z April 16, and 1200Z to

1800Z April 16 - Ontario QSP Party

Saturday April 29, 2017 - Durham Hamfest



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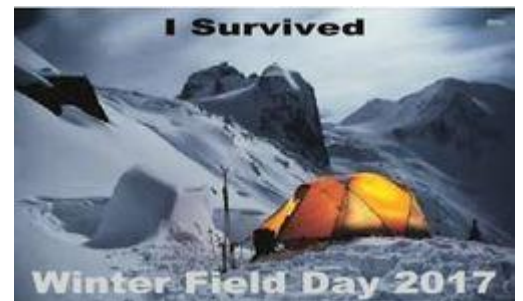


I have had a request from a Ham from Turkey, TB5DY his name is Mert Kilan email address is: [mertkilan@gmail.com](mailto:mertkilan@gmail.com) Mert is looking for a used Yaesu VX8-DR and if anyone has one for sale or knows where to get one, he would appreciate it if you emailed him with the information.

### **Winter Field Day is Just Ahead** (from ARRL Bulletin)

Field Day is not just for summertime anymore. Winter Field Day, sponsored by the Winter Field Day Association ([WFDA](http://WFDA)), will take place over the January 28-29 weekend, and it can be a terrific time to prep for ARRL Field Day in June. The annual event's stated purpose is to encourage emergency operating preparedness in the winter, but it's also an excuse to get out of the house and enjoy the great outdoors. According to the WFDA, getting ready for emergency communication in a winter environment is just as important as the preparations and practice that take place each June during ARRL Field Day, and -- let's face it -- it's not cold and snowy everywhere during the winter months. Your local climate could be quite the opposite.

"Don't let those winter doldrums keep you locked up in the house," the WFDA says. "Get out and play some radio!" The WFDA said it believes that maintaining operating skills should not be limited to fair-weather scenarios.



The event, which got its start in 2007, is not restricted to North America. All Amateur Radio operators around the world are invited to participate, and there are three entry categories -- indoor, outdoor, and home. The [rules](#) are similar to those for ARRL Field Day. Operation will take place on all HF bands except 12, 17, 30, and 60 meters, as well as on VHF, UHF, and satellite. The event runs 24 hours. US and Canadian stations exchange call sign, operating category, and ARRL or RAC section.



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The WFDA encourages both group and solo operation, and if you're not up for an outdoor winter adventure involving Amateur Radio, you can operate from the comfort of your shack. As the WFDA says on its [Facebook page](#), "The object is winter fun!"



### **2017 41<sup>st</sup> Durham Hamfest**

The Durham Hamfest is on April 29, 2017 again at the Pickering Rec Centre on Valley Farm Rd. We already have some volunteers from our Club but if you haven't spoken to Alex VE3ZSH yet and would like to help out, drop him a line and let him know. Don't forget to pass on this date to any and all the hams you might be talking with!



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John ,VE3FGL has a complete run of QST magazines right from the very first one to present day and he is looking for good home for them. John also has a 58' ROHN foldover tower. The tower is in good shape and needs to be taken down. Also on the tower is a Wilson 4 element 20m beam. John believes the beam will need some work and there is a Ham IV rotor with it.

He is looking for a reasonable offer for the tower and beam.

If you're interested or have any questions, get hold of John by email at [jhpluister@bell.net](mailto:jhpluister@bell.net).

That is all for now and I hope to see everyone at our February meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>!

73 de Steve

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