

THE NORTH SHORE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.

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NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will highlight the annual Wine and Cheese Party at Branch 43, The Canadian Legion Hall on Simcoe Street South in Oshawa; starting time will be 8:00 p.m.

Election of officers for the coming year will be held and those who have expressed a desire to run are:

Gord AMQ	Don HYW
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NEWS:

- There will be a raffle at the next meeting for 100 feet of the very desirable Hellax Cable, courtesy of Don GEN - tickets 50 cents each or three for one dollar. Proceeds will go into the club treasury.
- There will be no code practice ahead of the December meeting. Watch the January bulletin for further code practice details.
- There is a need for equipment which can be loaned for the ARES installation at the Oshawa General Hospital.
- Jamaica has joined the ranks of countries permitting third party traffic.
- Gunter LHM assisted by son Richard, has kindly consented to publish the club bulletin 'Sparks'. Mac IKG has offered to help as well. They will start with the January issue and would appreciate any items of interest that the members may have.

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NEWS cont'd

- The following list of repeater tips is from the ARRL. We should all read them again as I'm sure if some operators didn't have a call to repeat, they would have nothing to say.

DO'S

Do keep all transmissions short. Emergencies don't wait for monologues to be finished. If you talk to hear your own voice what you want is a tape recorder, not an fm rig.

Do think before you transmit. If you can't think of anything worth saying, don't say anything.

Do pause a couple of seconds between exchanges. Someone with a high-priority need for the repeater may want to break in; also some repeaters are configured so that a brief pause in transmissions is necessary to reset the three-minute timer.

Do identify properly. You must give your call at the beginning of a contact and every 10 minutes thereafter. At the end of the contact you must also give the call of the station with whom you were in contact.

Do be courteous. A repeater is like a telephone party line, and requires the same kind of cooperation in its use.

Do use simplex whenever possible. Leave the repeaters available for those who need them.

Do use the minimum power necessary to maintain communication. Not only is this an FCC requirement, it's also common courtesy.

Do support your local repeater club even if it doesn't require all users to be members. Maintaining a good machine is an expensive undertaking, and you should do your share.

DON'TS

Don't abuse autopatch privileges. Business messages are not permitted in the amateur service. Don't force the control operator to terminate your call in order to avoid a violation.

Don't break into a contact unless you have something to add. Interrupting is no more polite on the air than it is in person.

Don't forget that amateur radio is allocated frequencies because it is a service not just a hobby. Don't neglect the public service aspects of Vhf-fm communication, such as accident reporting, emergency preparedness, etc.

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DON'TS cont'd.

Don't try to prove what a great operator you are by criticizing the operating techniques of others on the air. Instead, set an example which others will be proud to follow.

Don't monopolize a repeater. The best repeater users are the ones who do a lot of listening, and little transmitting.

REMEMBER, WHAT YOU SAY OVER A REPEATER CAN BE HEARD OVER THOUSANDS OF SQUARE MILES by anyone with an inexpensive 'public service band' monitor. These people are potential hams; if they like what they hear on the air, they will want to get licenses and join us. Don't leave them with a bad impression of our hobby by making thoughtless or off-colour remarks.

FROM THE SQUIRE OF BROOKLIN:

This report of TWO METRE NET activities will be brief. Participation held up very well during the month despite many other competing happenings, the average weekly attendance being 43.6 per night. As promised, the code practice sessions were started on November 22nd, and are well received. It does seem the presence of punctuation marks in the middle of five-cipher groups will 'test your skill and knowledge'. However, they are proving to be very helpful. Our thanks to Bob VE3HNH, Eric VE3HMG and all concerned for doing a good job.

On behalf of the Two Metre Net, and club membership in general, I wish to express a sincere and hearty vote of thanks to Glen VD3AEQ for having served as Editor of Sparks since July 1977, when he took over from Bernie VE3ATI who had filled the post from February 1974. Previous to that my file of bulletins only goes back to 1972 when I first joined the club, and the Editor's name was not shown on the bulletins. Glen, you have done a first-rate job.

The demands made on the Editor are exacting - the bulletin, to sustain interest, must be newsy, reflecting the interests of all members - repeater activity, news from local Nets - 160 to 10 metre operation both C/W and phone - teletype - micro-processors - and finally SSTV, etc., and Packet Radio. While this may seem an ambitious outlook for a local club bulletin, primarily it requires one basic ingredient ... INPUT FROM CLUB MEMBERS!! As I have already written, previous Editors have done a remarkably good job in the face of very little input from club members on the whole. It is hard enough for the Editor to take care of the mechanics of 'getting out' the bulletin, meeting time schedules, finding time, carrying out his/her other responsibilities, etc., without also having to create informative news. Attending the Executive Meetings is a must, with the follow-up necessary to verify announcements of upcoming events. Our members can help very much by providing 'followup' reports of events promptly after they have taken place. Also there are our day to day news items - the field for day to day news items is large - what have we just finished building? - how did we succeed in tracking down that pesky intermittent? - what did we do to cure that case of TVI on ten? - who has a stock of widgets at give-away prices? - etc., etc. We now have a new Editor coming along, Gunter VE3LHM with the

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assistance of Mac VE3IKG and possibly others. Congratulations, and a very warm welcome, fellows. Let's all dig in and keep the news items coming in in a manner that will require the least amount of editing time to publish.

And to close - a most sincere 'thank you' to Lillian Sharp for her very helpful work in getting out the bulletin, once Glen had laboured to compose it. THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE OUR CLUB BULLETIN SHOULD REMAIN THE BEST - LET'S MAKE SURE IT DOES!

And while a little early, A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

73 & 88 from your Net Controller  
PERCE, VE3AEX

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In conclusion I'll use an R.C.A.F. 'X' code signal -

X1001 - 'I'm climbing down my trailing antenna.'

73,  
GLEN AEQ