

Monthly Update

Jun 2019

June Club Meeting



When: Tuesday, June 18, 6:00pm
Where: Purple Woods Conservation Area

It's BBQ time baby! The North Shore will be providing the burgers and dogs and we ask our club members to bring a small salad, veggie plate or dessert to round the meal out. Someone has already volunteered to bring drinks. As well, make sure you bring a lawn chair so you can take a load off while partaking of some sustenance and chatting with friends. Invite other local Amateurs or radio enthusiasts to come and join us. They do not need to bring anything but an appetite and a lawn chair. This year we will have access to the restrooms in the CLOCA building so no need to run off early if the call of nature beckons you. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

May Meeting – Fusion Radio



Cam VE3IGX, Aldo VA3AG, Daren VE3NMD and Jeffrey VA3RTV expounding the benefits of Fusion radio.

Our May meeting was quite enjoyable as **Aldo VA3AG** along with **Cam VE3IGX**, **Daren VE3NMD**, and **Jeffrey VA3RTV** gave an interesting and educational overview of Fusion radio. Hey, maybe we should come up with a name for these guys like The Four Fusions or Aldo and the Fusionaires! Ok, enough of the bad humour. They did an awesome job explaining how it all works, what we have available in the area, and what equipment would be needed if you wanted to make the jump into Fusion. Thanks, Aldo and team, being willing to share with us.

Old North Shore Bulletins

As mentioned last month we have digitized all the old bulletins that **Ralph VE3CRK** donated. If anyone would like these for their collection please notify **Laird VE3LKS**. If there are no takers by the end of Field Day they will be put out for recycling.

Field Day!

Well, Field Day is upon us. **Daren VE3NMD**, our Field Day coordinator, has been working with a small group to get everything organized and it looks like everything is ready to go. Setup will be Saturday morning at around 9am and tear down will be Sunday at around noon. It is always good to have extra hands for the setup and tear down so if you can make it up to the site your presence will be appreciated. Everyone is welcome to come up to the site during Field Day and do some operating or just enjoy some sweet radio listening. If you do venture up it is requested that you give a call on the repeater and see if there is anything that the Field Day crew need from town to save them from having to drive all over the countryside.



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Celebration of Life for

Dave Logan

VA3RLP/KA6RLP

Just a reminder that there will be a Celebration of Life for Dave Logan on Sunday, June 23, from 1pm to 4pm at the Shriner's Hall on Simcoe St. north in Oshawa. This will be a social gathering with friends dropping in, visiting and reminiscing about the good times they had with Dave and the impact he had on their lives. Please mark this on your calendar and we hope to see you all there.



Repeater News

Since we were not sure when the last oil change was done on the generator at the repeater site a team went up a couple of weekends ago and put a tick mark on that task list. Many hands made light work and before long the job was done. Well, OK, **Bob VE3HIX** did most of the work and several of us just watched in amazement and handed him tools and equipment as needed. We wanted to get this maintenance item taken care of as we plan to use the generator for the entire Field Day this year. We will still have some other generators on standby but we want to give our main generator a good test to see how well it performs.

Speaking of performance, some of the Repeater Committee crew were curious as to what the AC signal looked like coming out of the generator. Lots of discussion was had at White Feather Farms, over coffee and fritters, as to what the signal would look like with many different theories coming into play. Before we did the oil change we let the generator do its weekly self-test run and during that time a scope was put on the output and the results were actually a lot better than anyone had surmised. Some generators put out such a lousy signal that you need to have some method to condition it so as not to fry any delicate electronics that are connected to it. The team was content that this would not be needed for our site as the signal was really quite good.

D-Day as the BBC Reported it on Radio News



This month commemorated the 75th anniversary of the Allied invasion on D-Day. The link below will take you to a BBC article with the transcript and reading of the message that was broadcast by radio all over Europe. It is only about five minutes long but well worth the time to listen to.

Those were the days when people would gather around the radio in the parlor or living room, watch the warm glow of lights emanating from the display, and listen to words spoken hundreds or thousands of miles away. It was a different time but radio played such an important part getting the news out to those in Europe that help was coming and that they would soon be released from their oppressive occupation. It is sad to think of all the young lives that were lost that day, and throughout the war, but it is heartwarming to think that these brave young men and women went into an unknown situation and put their lives on the line so others could be free.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-48525818/d-day-as-the-bbc-reported-it-on-radio-news>

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Tuesday Night Rag Chew



This is not a formal net but rather a lively roundtable. Some can only stick around for a few minutes while others are there from start to finish. We never know what the topic de jour will be but someone always comes up with something. So, if you are available between 1900 and 2000hr on Tuesdays pop onto OSH and join the

conversation. As well, since this is a rag chew, and not a net, feel free to step in and moderate the group should one of the regulars not be there. All you have to do is jot down who is on and rotate through the list so that everyone gets a chance to participate.

Wednesday Night

Face-to-Face

As well as the Tuesday night rag chew on the repeater there is quite a crew that meet at the Tim Horton's at King and Wilson at about 7:30pm every Wednesday. This is a great time to get together to chat about radio or anything else that is on your mind. If you are in the area on Wednesday night, and have a few minutes to spare, we would definitely enjoy your company. This is open to anyone whether you are a member of the North Shore ARC or not.



Saturday Breakfast

If you are not tired of chatting or meeting up with club members during the week then you will be interested to know that there is a small group that meets on Saturday morning for breakfast at Johnny's Original Eatery. The restaurant is located in the plaza on the northwest corner of King and Thornton. Members and families usually start to arrive at about 8:30am.



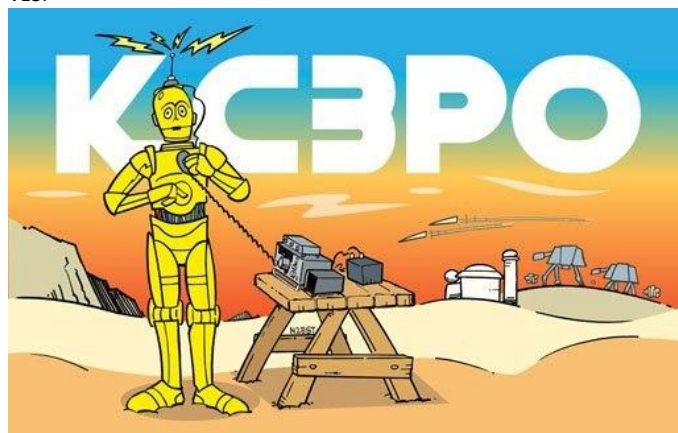
As well, if there is work to be done at the repeater site on a Saturday morning, you will quite often find a large crowd at White Feather Farm, which opens at 8:30am, enjoying coffee, breakfast and maybe even one of their amazing, freshly baked, apple fritters. Just give a shout on the repeater between 8:00 and 8:20 to see if anyone is heading up that way and come and join us if we are. White Feather Farm is located at the corner of Simcoe St and Raglan Rd in Raglan.

Help Wanted - Program Coordinator

It would be nice if someone would be willing to take on the responsibility of organizing the guest speakers for the monthly meetings. In the past this has been a regular position within the club and I think it would be a good idea to make it a regular position again. So, if this is something that you think you would like to do for the North Shore please get in contact with one of the executive. Thank you!

Out of this World QSL Card

I came across this QSL card while doing some internet browsing today. For a Star Wars fan this is a major score. If our calls were only VC3 here in Ontario instead of VE3.



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QRM from the Shack



It is hard to believe that a month has come and gone so quickly. It definitely was not because of the weather though. At one point I do believe I saw animals walking up Adelaide hill two by two and seven by seven. Thank goodness we did not need the Ark as it is currently in dry dock in Kentucky. Hmmm, I wonder if it has a radio room?

Our June BBQ is coming up this week. "I sure hope that Diane does not bring too many deviled eggs again this year" **said no one...EVER!** This is always a fun event getting together with friends and having the opportunity to make new ones. Please do not hesitate to ask other area Amateurs or radio enthusiasts to join us. I promise that I will not pressure anyone into becoming a club member. I strongly believe that you are all great ambassadors for the hobby, and our club, and that people will join on their own accord as they want to be a part of it too. Plus, it doesn't hurt that we have three meetings each year where we enjoy culinary delights.

We get a few days off after the BBQ and then we are back at it again with Field Day. We will have access to the site Saturday morning, not before, and Daren VE3NMD has indicated that they plan to start setting up at 9:00am. That will give us plenty of time before the official start at 12:00 noon. If you have never operated HF this is a great time to come out and give it a try. Invite friends who are interested in radio as well as anyone can operate the radios during Field Day because we are there to supervise. We have actually gained some members over the years just because they came out to see what it was all about, got behind the mic, and went out and got their ticket.



Not sure what everyone's plans are for the summer but **Bob VE3IRB** thought it might be a good idea to see about getting a tour of the Ontario Regiment here at the Oshawa Airport. As you may recall they had a thundering rolling display of many of their restored military vehicles, including tanks and other tracked vehicles, last year for our local Remembrance Day ceremony and they are becoming quite well recognized nationally and internationally. Maybe we can have a bit of a discussion about this at the BBQ and make plans if it is something that enough of us are interested in.

Well, looking forward to seeing you at the BBQ this week and hopefully at Field Day next weekend. Normally we do not have a bulletin during the summer months but if you have information that you would like to get out to the club let me know. I can always send a quick email blast to everyone and if we have enough for a bulletin we can whip a summer edition up.

73 de Laird VE3LKS

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