

Monthly Update

December 2021



January Club Meeting

When: Wednesday January 19, 2022 at 7:00pm

Due to on the going Covid 19 restrictions we will be continuing our monthly meetings by Zoom and we will be holding them on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00Pm. These are also the nights of our weekly Virtual parking lot zoom meetings but on the third Wednesday the first 30 to 45 minutes will be our official club meetings to deal with club business and then carry on with the Virtual Parking lot.

We will also be holding club elections for Secretary and the Treasurer so if you are interested let **Derek VE3TKE** know. We will also have a presentation on SOTA activations (see the President's message). The will have the presentation first then we will have the annual general meeting after. May not have time for the VPL on this night.

December Meeting

At our December zoom meeting our game show host extordinair **Grant VA3KJ** conducted his (now) annual Christmas Trivia. It was a lot of fun and was very close with the lead changing a few times and it got pretty confusing and exciting but rumour has it that **Robert VE3IRB** was the winner.

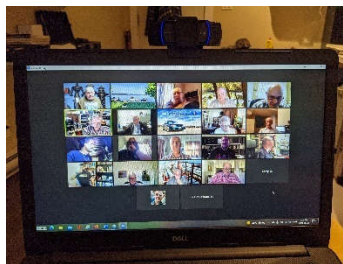
Tuesday Night Rag Chew

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 interesting. So, if you are available between 1900 and 2000hr on Tuesday's pop onto OSH and join the conversation. As well, since this is a rag chew, and not a net we are looking for volunteers to step up and help by being a Net Control Operator. This is not a hard task and is good practice in case you are ever required to run a net control situation in an emergency, so whoever is there just needs to write down call signs and rotate through the list twice. You can email **Laird VE3LKS and Derek VE3KTE** the list afterwards and they will put the names in the log that we keep. So, make sure you have a pad of paper and a pen or pencil for backup and be prepared to have some fun.



Latest Update is that in recent weeks, **Grant VA3KJ, Aldo VA3AG, John VE3KJ, Laird VE3LKS** and myself, **Steve VA3TPS**, have taken turns at Net Control. I have been selected to try and keep a list of volunteers and dates who are willing to take a turn at Net Control. So, check your calendars for Tuesday nights and if you're interested send me an email and I will pencil you in. If we have enough volunteers, you only have to do it once every 6-8 weeks or so and no one person gets stuck doing it all the time...so come on everyone let's help out our club and the members! My email is va3tps@outlook.com

Wednesday Night Virtual Parking Lot



Our Wednesday night face to face is now a Virtual Parking Lot meeting over zoom so make sure **Laird VE3LKS** has your email and he will be sending out the zoom invites every Wednesday morning or afternoon. Before COVID hit there was quite a crew that used to meet at the Tim Horton's at King and Wilson at about 7:30 pm every Wednesday. However, that pesky COVID thing has messed that up with not being able to get us all inside so we have adapted. This is what Amateurs do – we adapt. So, we moved our weekly meet-ups outdoors to a lonely parking lot, set up our lawn chairs, and safely distanced at 144MHz (2m) apart and enjoyed some great conversation and show n tells. Then it got cold and dark too early so we adapted, once again, and took to a weekly zoom meeting. **TAKE THAT COVID!** It has actually been quite a success as more people can show up, due to distance or schedules, and yet we can still do show n tells by simply sharing our screens. It is not uncommon to have 20 to 25 participants but we can easily handle more. So, quit complaining about being bored and hop on the Virtual Parking Lot

At our zoom meetings we have Amateurs from around the globe, Hawaii, Labrador, Sudbury and Kapuskasing. I thought being in Fenelon Falls I was DX but apparently, I am just another local ham. So come out and join us on Wednesday's!

White Feather Fun!



On a recent weekend meetup in Raglan on December 18th the snow was flying, JP actually had on boots not sandals and Robert didn't need a jacket. If you are sitting at home wondering where all the excitement is you don't have to look any further. Heck, we even spotted cash changing hands, equipment being discretely shunted between vehicles, and, of course, there were the fritters. You do not need to be a member of the North Shore Club to join in the fun. If your club is struggling to do social events, we are more than happy to have you join us and promise we won't tell them. We won't even bug you about membership as we truly feel that if you

enjoy our company and events that you will want to join anyway.

Details about our White Feather weekly event is right below in the "Saturday Breakfast" section.

Our Saturday morning meet ups at

White Feather Country Store has

morphed a bit thanks to this COVID

annoyance. They had to close their dining area but you can still get take out from the counter. So, if you need your fix of a steamy hot beverage, as well as a hot fritter, pop up to **White Feather Country Store**, which opens at 8:30 am, and then join the gang in the south east corner of the parking lot. Make sure to bring a lawn chair as we now sit outside in the parking lot. 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. **White Feather Country Store** is located at the corner of Simcoe St and Raglan Rd in Raglan, just south of our repeater site.



NOTE: Do to Christmas on Saturday, the group has decided to go out to WFF on Friday December 24. We will also be meeting on Friday December 31 instead of the Saturday as no one will want to get up that early after New Year's. Both dates will be at the same time so drop on by for a Christmas Apple fritter!

Swap Shop

For Sale

Kenwood TM-2530A 2m mobile, 5w/25w, Microphone with Up/Down buttons

Cigarette lighter plug asking **\$125** or best reasonable offer.

Not sure if I ever had a manual or mobile mount but will do some digging. I ran this as my Igate for several years. Check out more info at

<https://www.manualslib.com/manual/86424/Kenwood-Tm-2530a.html> Contact Laird VE3LKS at VE3LKS@yahoo.ca

Icom IC-728 HF transceiver - with Icom AT-160 auto antenna tuner. Comes with

stock mic and all cables needed for connecting. Just plug an HF antenna in and

away you go. \$500. Contact Laird VE3LKS at VE3LKS@yahoo.ca

For Sale:

Ranger RCI-5054DX 6m transceiver. AM/FM/SSB/CW. 25W. Comes with mounting



bracket, microphone and power cable with cigarette plug. \$160 OBO. Contact Laird VE3LKS @ VE3LKS@yahoo.ca

For Sale:

A Uniden handheld scanner BC75XLT asking \$80

An Alinco DJ-V17 2m 5w handheld, battery is weak, radio is awesome, asking \$35

If interested please call Grant VA3KJI 289-685-6875 email grabutcher2@gmail.com

Editor's Note

Christmas Past



Well, it is that time of year again the Christmas holidays are upon us and everyone (especially the kids & grandparents) are getting excited. For a second year in a row, we have had to cancel the NSARC Christmas Pot Luck Diner and for the new members in our club this was one of the best Christmas dinners and get togethers out there, lots of food, people, food, and well you get the picture. I can honestly say this is one of the events that Covid has cancelled that I miss the most. Hopefully we will be able to celebrate Christmas next year with this event, so start planning where and what you're going to bring...hi hi. (The pictures are from 2017 & 2018)

At this time, I would like to wish everyone and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and a happy and safe holiday season!

73 de **Steve VA3TPS**



Station of the Month

December's Shack of the month is from **Andy VA3KL**:



Andy VA3KL is active on the HF Bands with FT8.

Thanks **Andy**, I need some more pictures of your Radio Shacks so send the picture and info to **Steve VA3TPS** at va3tps@outlook.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

According to Thomas VE3PDK, our membership secretary, and Bob VE3HIX, our treasurer, this is the most wonderful time of the year! We are making your membership renewal even easier this year. Step 1: click here to go the membership section of our club page and submit the online form. Step 2: send Thomas an e-transfer to thomas@schitka.com or give Bob, Thomas or Derek your fees in cash. NOTE – if you are claiming that you are a RAC member make sure you check with RAC to make sure your membership is paid up. We have to double check this for our RAC insurance policy so please do not try to claim this if you are not a current RAC

From the President.

Well it's been a month now as your new President. I am currently still reviewing club documents to obtain a general understanding on what the club has been doing and who the members are. While I review documents, I am also trying to spend some time listening to the CW audio file that Aldo has made for the CW learning class.

Speaking about the CW learning class. Due to the holidays, the class has been postponed until January 7th, 2022. So there is still time to register for this class. You just need to be a 2022 paid up member to join. The class will be held on Friday nights from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on a weekly basis.

At the January 19th, 2022 Annual Member Meeting, we will have a presentation on SOTA (that's Summits on the Air). Mr. Paul Mower VA6MPM will show and talk about some of his adventures. The presentation will start at 7:00 pm. The Annual Member Meeting will follow after the presentation.

We will also be having an election for the Treasurer and Secretary positions within the club. Both Jackie and Bob have advised that they will stand for re-election. If anyone is interested in running for Secretary or Treasurer, let me know before the January meeting.

As this year is coming to an end, I would like to say Happy Holidays to everyone and hope that 2022 brings health and prosperity to you.

Derek Christian – VE3TKE



May all your gifts be the Ham Equipment you have been waiting for!