



Monthly Update

January 2022

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Club Executive

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Net Manager: **Steve VA3TPS**
Presentation Coordinator: **TBA**
RAC Representative: **TBA**

January Club Meeting

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

Due to on the on-going Covid 19 restrictions we will be continuing our monthly meetings on Zoom and we will be holding them on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 Pm. These are also the nights of our weekly Virtual parking lot zoom meetings. On club meeting nights, the first 45 to 60 minutes we will typically have a presentation then followed with our official club meeting. After the club meeting, we will carry on with the Virtual Parking lot.

This month at the club meeting, we will be starting with 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. Then we will be holding club elections for Secretary and the Treasurer so if you are interested let **Derek VE3TKE** know.

The club will also be looking for members to take on some new positions:

- Presentation Coordinator – Looking for someone to organize presentations for the monthly club meetings.
- RAC Representative - As the club is affiliated with RAC we should have a representative that can keep the members updated with what's going on with RAC, RAC events & Contests. Also to show non-RAC members some of the benefits of joining RAC.

There will also be a request for the establishment of a club by-law review committee as the club needs to update the by-laws to meet the new not-for-profit requirements.

Website – ve3osh.com

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 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** the list afterwards and he will put the names in the log that we keep, also please forward a copy to **Derek VE3TKE**. 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 VA3KJI**, **Aldo VA3AG**, **John VE3KZT**, **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 7:30pm 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!

On Wednesday January 12 our VPL welcomed a new guest from Australia, **Graham VK4GRA**, I wonder from what country our next guest will be from? So, try to remember Wednesday nights and drop by our Zoom VPL and say hello and see who is visiting from around the globe. It starts around 7:00 Pm and last until the last die hard leaves but you can pop in anytime and say hello and stay as long or short as you want.

Email – info@ve3osh.com

White Feather Fun!



Well to say it politely it was fresh this January 15, A stiff north wind had us move around to the south side of the building and with strategically parked vehicles we were somewhat sheltered from the gusts. The sun was out but didn't make much difference when it's -24C or -11F. Jackie and Bob showed up after the picture was taken.

I think if they were going to make a sequel to the movie "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest" and were having auditions we all would have had leading roles. (thanks to **Joe VE3VGJ** for picture and story)

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 8:30am, 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.

Swap Shop

I am looking for items for sale or wanted by anyone to put here in our Update. If your cleaning out your shack and trying to get rid of some stuff put it here in the update before you get rid of the items and also if you're looking for any items, cables, connectors, antenna's and so on we can put it in here and hopefully some one might have what you need. With the Hamfest's put on hold due to Covid, this is a good way to give away or sell some of those boxes of great stuff you don't need or use.

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

RAC Update:

We have a new board of directors at RAC, the new President is Phil A. McBride, VA3QR/VA3KPJ the former Ontario south Director and some of you might remember he attended one of our meetings a few years back. The link below shows all of the recent change

www.rac.ca/changes-to-rac-board-and-executive/

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 etransfer to thomas@schitka.com or give either Bob or Thomas 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

Station of the Month

January's Shack of the month is from **Lois SWL**:



Lois is well known to most of us. Thanks to **Bob VE3HIX** who set up her SWL station for her. Very nice setup there, keep studying Lois!

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

From the President.

Steve and I are reviewing the monthly update to see what other information can be added that would provide benefit to our members and friends of the club. One idea that I had is why not have a section on antennas and antenna related items.



Can you imagine having this happen to you?

Send Steve your pictures on your antenna setup with a brief description on what is being shown.

If you have ideas on what else you would like to see in this newsletter, send Steve VA3TPS and email. If you would like to assist Steve with the newsletter, send Steve an email.



Hi everyone, as you can see, I have made a few changes to the Update and we are working out the kinks on some additions and timing so please bear with us as we get these done. We are also looking for articles from anyone (send them to me at va3tps@outlook.com). I am also interested in any ideas of what you might want to see in our monthly Update so let me know and I will try to accommodate your requests. Hopefully we will have everything back to normal soon and Thank You for your patience.

73 de Steve VA3TPS