

Monthly Update

October 2025

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October Meeting

The first regular meeting after the summer break will be on Wednesday October 15, 2025 at 8:00Pm over the Zoom Platform.

NSARC Fall Return BBQ

On Wednesday September 17, 2025 the club had it's fall BBQ at Purple Woods. We had a total of 36 people show up. A few showed up that were not registered and a few that were registered did not show up. A few showed up late after all of the food was gone.

I hope that the people that showed up had a great time and lots of food as there was a lot of food there. The weather was great.

This BBQ would not happen without a few people pitching in on the tasks required for this event. I would like to mention a few of them.

To be able to have this BBQ we needed to have someone organize and purchase most of the food. Unexpectedly, this person also stepped up when our scheduled cook was unable to attend due to an accident. This person was Louise VA3LLF. I would like to thank Louise for her time and effort in making this event a success.

Again, Joe VE3VGJ brought his BBQ and corn equipment so that we could be able to cook the great food that we had. He had a little helper this year, Westley (Nick's son) who was very interested is opening the corn pot and watching Joe's custom corn timer. Thanks go out to Joe for all of his time and effort for also making this event a success and also training his little helper.

Robert VE3IRB and his helper were the people who brought up a lawn mover and weed wacker to mow the grass in the area of the BBQ so that we would not be sitting in high grass for this event. I would like to thank both Robert and his helper for doing this task.

I do not want to forget Laird. He had the very important task of purchasing the corn. No, he did not need to grow the corn, just purchase it at a local supplier. Laird knows the great places to purchase the tasty corn. Thanks, Laird, for purchasing the corn this year.

Also thanks to everyone who brought out their gazebos and folding tables to provide the shade and places for people to eat.

It is so nice when we as club members can come together and have good food and conversation.

Derek VE3TKE





*** Hike or Bike ***

It was a great day to be out working with radios! This was our second year helping out the Marigold Hospice, in Newcastle, with their Hike or Bike fundraiser. The temp was on the frosty side when we arrived at 0700 but we were sweating by the time we left at around 1230. A tip of the hat to all the volunteers that were able to get out and make the radio comms work so smoothly.

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| VA3DCE Doug | VE3WKN Thomas |
| VA3TCN Jan | VA3NLM Quinton |
| VA3NH Neil | VE3IGX Cam |
| VE3QJM Jared | VE3LVE Baron |
| VE3VGJ Joe | VE3PDK Thomas |
| VA3YYC Sam | VA3AMP Alex |
| VA3LLF Louise | VE3NMD Daren |
| VE3TKE Derek | VA3AWT George |

I have been informed that the event raised north of \$100K for the hospice!



Laird VE3LKS

Brock Ride & Stride for Health

I just want to thank everyone for assisting with another new event for NSARC on Sept 28th. The event was called the "Brock Ride & Stride for Health". Hopefully this event will become an annual event. This event was the first time that our club ran communications for an event that had four (4) routes. It was a little bit challenging but despite the challenge, we made it happen.

I also appreciated the assistance with setting up and the tearing down of the Net Control location. Thanks, guys.

There were a few hiccups during the event but since this is the first year of the

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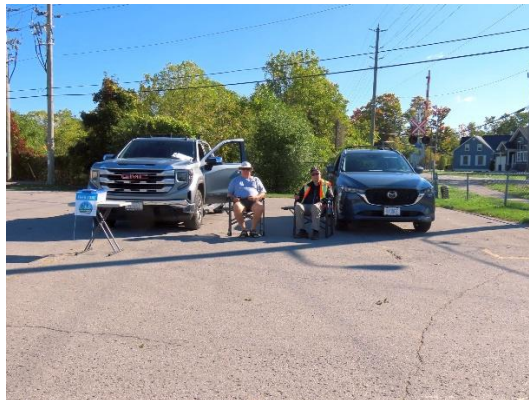
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event, it was expected as everyone was learning. Hopefully next year, we can make it better. We were short a few people for this event but we made do with the number of people that we had.

I spoke to the event organizer and she was pleased with what we did and how the Net Control communicated with her keeping her informed of what was going on out in the routes. I gave the organizer a GMRS handheld and Thomas at Net Control had the other GMRS handheld radio for communication with her. Our volunteers were:

Derek VE3TKE	Thomas VE3PDK
Baron VE3LVE	Peter VA3PSU
Richard VE3LSZ	Daren VE3NMD
Ken VE3RMK	Keith VA3CWL
Vic VE3JAR	Neil VA3NH
Joe VE3VGJ	Doug VA3DCE
Steve VA3TPS	Jared VE3QJM
Cam VE3IGX	Grant VA3KJI
Jan VA3TCN	Peter VA3PKM
Alex VA3AMP	Quinton VE3NLM

(If I missed anyone, I apologize...**Steve VA3TPS**)



Thank you to **Derek VE3TKE** for the information and **Neil VA3NH** for the pictures.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

According to **Thomas VE3PDK**, our membership secretary, and **Nick VA3NPW**, our treasurer, this is the most wonderful time of the year! We are making your membership renewal even easier this year. Step 1: go to the membership section of our club page and submit the online form. Step 2: send Thomas an e-transfer to treasurer@ve3osh.com or give either Nick 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.



As most of you are no doubt aware, **Derek VE3TKE** has stepped down as President of the NSARC as of September 30, 2025. **Derek** became President almost 4 years ago and since then our club has had a very busy several years. Our Repeater tower came down in a storm that fateful May afternoon and **Derek** spent countless hours making phone calls, sending and responding to emails and attending meetings working on getting the tower back up again, and anyone who has dealt with large corporations and other government branches know how frustrating and time consuming that can be. The club-sponsored Basic Ham Course for the last few years; Hamfest (still one of the best around); Aquino Tank Weekend; Canoe the Nonquon; the Fox Hunt; Field Day; Summer and Fall BBQs; Newcastle Hike or Bike; Cannington Ride and Stride; are behind us now. NSARC Members continue to participate in a wide variety of services and activities both for the club and individually -- our repeater committee, POTA, and Emergency Communications training, are examples of the work Derek and the executive have been busy with. NSARC has established a good working relationship with the Central Ontario Amateur Radio Club (COARC), with links to their repeaters that greatly increase the coverage of VE3OSH. **Derek** has worked hard for our club while working with his executive members and the committee volunteers to make our Club successful and increase the membership of our club.

All of these people deserve a big **THANK YOU** and Job well done!

At this time, I would also like to say a big Thank You to the two new members of our executive whom have stepped up, **Brian VE3IK** as Vice-President and **Justin VA3BIU** as Secretary.

Steve VA3TPS



Minister of Emergency Preparedness Jill Dunlop Visits RAC Headquarters !



August 20 was a remarkable day at RAC HQ as Jill Dunlop, Ontario Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, met with RAC President Allan Boyd, VE3AJB, and RAC VE3RHQ Station Manager Mike Kelly, VE3FFK, and explored the wonders of Amateur Radio.

Jill Dunlop @JillDunlop1 · Aug 20

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From providing GPS services, satellite phones and communications support in remote regions of the province, it was a pleasure to see this Ontario Corps ...

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White Feather Fun!

Some of the club members meet up on Saturday morning at **White Feather Country Store**. 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 join the gang in the south east corner of the parking lot. Make sure to bring a lawn chair as we sit outside in the parking lot even when it's cold or raining. 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.

Below is a recent picture from the September get togethers at Whitefeather. (thx **Derek VE3TKE** , Photo by **Jeanette**)



The good book mentions something about where two or three are gathered. Well, three of us were at Coffee Time this morning. Great breakfast and awesome company with Larry VE3LWJ and Vic VA3JAR! We are now meeting there weekly as well as White Feather. Just an option for the cooler weather.



Swap Shop

We are looking for items for sale!

If you have items for sale or if you have items that are free for the pick-up, feel free to list them here in the club swap shop.

Station of the Month

If you would like to share your setup, send your pictures and info to Steve VA3TPS at va3tps@outlook.com

Editor's Note

Don't forget I am looking for articles for the bulletin or any special events or information Ham Radio related.

We haven't had any members shack or mobile setup pics in a while. There must be some out there so send them to me with a short description of your station and setup.

Thank you to **Laird VE3LKS** and **Derek VE3TKE** for their articles.

Upcoming Events

October Monthly Meeting – October 15,2025

Will be on the Zoom Platform on Wednesday October 15,2025 at 8:00Pm.

November Monthly Meeting – November 19,2025

Will be on the Zoom Platform on Wednesday November 19,2025 at 8:00PM

CQWW Contest (SSB) -October 25 0000hrs to 2359 hrs **October 26,2025**

The CQ WW is the largest Amateur Radio competition in the world. Over 35,000 participants take to the airwaves on the last weekend of October (SSB).it is great time to pick up a few more DXCC contacts.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As you know, NSARC's President and Vice President resigned at the end of September. This left vacancies on the corporation's Board of Directors that had to be filled immediately.

When volunteers were requested, Members stepped up to fill the gaps.

At special Board meetings, Neil McAlister VA3NH agreed to become Acting President. He vacated the position of Secretary, which was filled by Justin Wood VA3BIU. Brian Holmes VE3IK was appointed our new Vice President.

The three unelected appointments to Directorships were unanimous Board decisions required to fill the positions quickly. The appointees will serve as Acting Directors until NSARC Members vote at the next Annual General Meeting in January 2026 to choose club Directors in open elections for full, two-year terms of office.

Nick Field VA3NPW remains club Treasurer; and Thomas Schitka VE3PDK continues as Membership Director.

Smoothing the transition, Past President Derek Christian VE3TKE stays on, ex officio, as a non-voting Board member in an advisory capacity, and continuing his work on the tower project.

As 2025's slate of activities draws to a close, NSARC looks back on a successful and enjoyable year. The club-sponsored 2025 Basic Ham Course; Hamfest; Aquino Tank Weekend; Canoe the Nonquon; the Fox Hunt; Field Day; Summer and Fall BBQs; Newcastle Hike or Bike; Cannington Ride and Stride; are behind us now. NSARC Members continue to participate in a wide variety of services and activities both for the club and individually -- our repeater committee, POTA, and Emergency Communications training, for examples. NSARC has established a good working relationship with the Central Ontario Amateur Radio Club (COARC), with links to their repeaters that greatly increase the coverage of VE3OSH.

A club is no better than the combined efforts of its members, so hearty thanks to all who contribute to our collective achievements and enjoyment. The value of social connections available to us through our shared experience of Amateur Radio cannot be overstated.

With a full Board of Directors in place, this club hasn't missed a beat as we continue into the future with confidence and optimism. NSARC looks forward to lots more success, fun and public service in the months and years to come. It's a pleasure sharing this wonderful hobby with you.

73 de Neil

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Acting President,
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The Static Section

This section of the Newsletter will be for information and will not change.

Club Executive

President – **Neil VA3NH**
Vice President: **Brian VE3IK**
Secretary: **Justin VA3BIU**
Treasurer: **Nick VA3NPW**
Membership Secretary: **Thomas VE3PDK**

Committee's

Repeater & Technical -Trustee: **Daren VE3NMD**
Website: **Laird VE3LKS**
Club Examiner: **Aldo VA3AG**
Newsletter: **Steve VA3TPS**
Net Manager: **Steve VA3TPS**
RAC Representative: **Ken VE3RMK**

Repeaters

2m VHF FM Repeater – **VE3OSH**

Frequency: 147.120 MHz
Input Tone: 156.7 Hz
Input Offset: +600 kHz

70cm UHF Fusion/FM Repeater – **VE3NAA**

Frequency: 443.000 MHz
Input Tone: 136.5
Input Offset: +5 MHz

70cm UHF DMR Repeater – **VE3LBN**

Frequency: 443.9875 MHz
Colour Code: 3
Input Offset: +5 MHz
DMR ID: 302340

APRS iGate – **VE3OSH**

Frequency: 144.390 MHz

Tuesday Night Rag Chew



The club's weekly Tuesday Night Rag Chew starts at 7:00 pm. Our current net controllers are: **Aldo VA3AG, Grant VA3KJI, Derek VE3TKE, Neil VA3NH** and **Steve VA3TPS**.

This is not a formal net but rather a lively round table. 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 2000 hrs on Tuesday's pop onto VE3OSH and join the conversation.

A big thank you to all our Net control operators for stepping up!!

If anyone would like to give Net control a try one week, let me know and we will fit you in as a guest net control.

Just a reminder to everyone that our Net Controllers are doing a great job volunteering and are there for us every Tuesday at 7:00pm so that we have a Net, so how about dropping by and checking in and say hello. It only takes a few minutes and the Net Control operators will appreciate it.

Wednesday Night Virtual Parking Lot

The club has a weekly Virtual Parking Lot (VPL) meeting on the Zoom platform starting Wednesday night at 7:00 pm for members and guests. Everyone is welcome to attend. On the third Wednesday night the club has its member meeting on the Zoom platform first and after the meeting is finished, we have our virtual parking lot for those who are still on-line.

If you would like to attend our weekly VPL send an email to **Neil VA3NH** at president@ve3osh.com. Our club Secretary **Justin VA3BIU** will be sending out the Zoom link prior to the Wednesday meeting time. It has actually has been quite a success as more people can show up, due to distance or schedules, and yet we can still do show & 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 also remember that you can also ask questions of the group as well.

At our Zoom meetings, we have Amateurs from around the globe.

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 lasts until the last die-hard leaves but you can pop in anytime and say hello and stay as long or short as you want.