



Monthly Update

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May 2026

May Meeting

The May monthly meeting will be on Wednesday May 20 2026 at 8:00 PM over the Zoom Platform.



Some pics from our big event - the Durham Hamfest! If you missed it, you missed a lot of fun. Prelim reports indicate that attendance was up again this year keeping our year-to-year trend continuing in an upward direction.



Editors Note: To view more pictures available from our Hamfest , check out the VE3OSH North Shore ARC Facebook page. **Steve VA3TPS**

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.

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

Thank you to Laird **VE3LKS** for his article and pictures.

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.

Upcoming Events

May Monthly Meeting – May 20,2026

Our May Members Meeting will be on **Wednesday May 20,2026** at **8:00 PM** on our usual **Zoom** platform.

Bike for Guide Dogs - May 31,2026

The Bowmanville Lions Club asked NSARC to provide comms for their "Bike for Guide Dogs" charity ride on May 31. Past President Derek VE3TKE is coordinating this activity for our club, and already he has asked for volunteers and lined up sufficient resources for us to proceed with this new club event. If anyone still wants to help, please contact Derek at ve3tke@ve3osh.com

Canoe the Nonquon - June 6, 2026

Details of this event are completed, A full slate of Volunteers has been notified by email from the organizer, **Neil VA3NH**.

Aquino Tank Weekend – June 12 to June 14,2026

More information available soon from **Laird VE3LKS**

NSARC Summer Kick off BBQ – June 17,2026

More information will be available soon, watch your emails for updates coming soon.

ARRL Field Day – June 27 to June 28, 2026

More information available soon.

NSARC Fall Return BBQ -September 16, 2026

More information will be available soon.

September 27, 2026 - Cannington, Brock Ride & Stride

Emails have been sent by **Derek VE3TKE**

September 27, 2026 - Newcastle, Hike or Bike for Clar-ington Hospice.

Emails have been sent and **Laird VE3LKS** is looking after this event and will supply more information soon.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Tower Project Launched

With a lease from landowner, CLOCA, signed, the tower committee (Daren VE3NMD, Brian VE3IK, Derek VE3TKE) have been hard at work with the tower project. The club is very grateful for all their combined expertise and leadership.

Detailed plans and budget were approved by NSARC Members at the regular monthly meeting in April. Engineering and contracting schedules are being organized. Regular updates will be provided at club meetings and in the Update newsletter.

Improving Security

NSARC is welcoming a new phase in our club's life by cleaning up, repainting, reorganizing and securing our repeater shack at Purple Woods.

Over many years changes were made to equipment in the shack from time to time. Some of that gear was installed without the club's official knowledge and approval; often without central documentation; and sometimes ignoring electrical safety standards.

Undocumented radio gear in the shack is not the only problem. Leftover snacks and garbage inside the building invited a rodent infestation last year -- a dangerous health risk for hantavirus, now resolved and hopefully never to be repeated.

We recognize the need for some simple rules. Access to the repeater shack, and changes or adjustments of anything within the building must be done only with authorization and supervision by the repeater committee and the NSARC Board of Directors. Food and garbage shall never be taken into the building. While the repeater committee may choose to stock needed electrical supplies inside the shack, it shall not be used as a general purpose storage locker.

Besides these common sense safety precautions, the possibility of criminal activity could be a very distressing issue. (In 2023 the Cambridge Amateur Radio Club had its shack vandalized and its equipment stolen.) With this danger in mind, it is alarming that NSARC has effectively lost control of access to our own repeater shack. No record exists of who might have made copies of keys to the building in past years, to whom such keys may have been loaned or given, or which keys were lost and forgotten. NSARC is taking action to change the lock to a modern, electronic mechanism that will render all existing mechanical keys useless.

Club Activities

The annual Durham Hamfest was a great success. Arrangements have already been made to secure the same premises for next year's event.

As publicized in this Update and by emails from NSARC, as well as discussion at our Members Meetings, we are enjoying a full slate of activities this season. Many are related to public service and worthwhile regional charities. Sincere thanks to Members organizing these events and to all the volunteers who are signing up to lend a hand. See you soon at some of these activities.

Best 73 de Neil - VA3NH

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The Static Section

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

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Committee's

Repeater & Technical -Trustee: **Daren VE3NMD**
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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 of the month the club has its Member Meeting on the same Zoom platform at 8 PM, and after the Meeting is finished, our virtual parking lot may continue 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.

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