



Monthly Update

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June 2026

June Meeting – Summer Kick-off BBQ



When: Wednesday June 17 ,2026 at 6:00pm

Location: Purplewoods Conservation Area (Our Repeater site)

NSARC Summer Kick-off BBQ

Wednesday 17 June at 6:00 PM

At the repeater site

Purple Woods Conservation Area

Corner of Simcoe Street and Coates Road

RSVP is required by June 14th. Please use the link to the online form <https://tinyurl.com/NSARCSummerBBQ2026>

For more information, to volunteer, or to bring food items, contact Louise VA3LLF. lou.f@me.com

POTA FUN FACTS by Nick Field - VA3NPW

I pulled all the POTA stats for every member of the club.

Here are the Fun Facts:

45% of our membership have participated in POTA
436 Activations done by club members
14,931 Activator QSOs by club members
11,180 Hunter QSOs by club members

55% of the club's POTA participants Activate parks
45% of the club's POTA participants only hunt

Top 6 Activators by number of Activations:

Call	Activations
VA3NPW	150
VE3IGX	84
VA3YYC	44
VA3LLF	41
VA3PYN	33
VE3UQZ	18

Top 6 Activators By QSOs:

Call	Activator QSO
VA3NPW	4652
VE3IGX	3379
VA3YYC	966
VE3LKS	808
VA3LLF	695
VE3UQZ	563

Top 6 Activators by number of parks activated:

Call	Activator Parks
VA3NPW	42
VE3UQZ	18
VA3PYN	18
VA3YYC	14
VE3IGX	12
VA3LLF	11

Top 6 Hunters by number of parks hunted:

Call	Hunter Parks
VA3TPS	1287
VE3RMK	1006
VE3LKS	973
VA3YYC	842
VE3UQZ	440
VE3IGX	434

Top 6 Hunters by QSOs:

Call	Hunter QSO
VA3TPS	2471
VE3LKS	1527
VA3YYC	1516
VE3RMK	1460
VE3IGX	665
VE3UQZ	573

And finally, to compare, our Silent Key John Smith VE3KZT had the following POTA stats:

Total Activations: 579 (143 more activations than all current members of our club combined)
Parks Activated: 73
Activator QSOs: 24,339 (9,408 more Activator QSO's than all our current members combined)

Hunted Parks: 1,585
Hunter QSOs: 3,354

All POTA stats were collected 2026-06-06 15:00 ET

Nick VA3NPW

Photos from recent events:

Joes VE3VGJ sent me a couple of photos from the digging and testing soil for the new tower at the repeater site.



Joe also sent a couple of pics on Saturday June 6 after the Canoe the Nonquon was cancelled due to the dangerous wx. Neil VA3NH took everyone out for a coffee at Tim's:



Many thanks to Joe VE3VGJ for the pictures and to our President Neil VA3NH for treating everyone for a coffee that morning!



Good day,

As you know this is a very busy month for NSARC.

Field Day 2026 is right around the corner. 27 to 28 June 2026

The Club will be operating from Purple Woods again this year.

If you are interested in participating at purple woods, please RSVP through the google form below:

<https://forms.gle/QSdKNwiCFKUgWbSJ8>

The club will be providing food as we did last year. Louise (VA3LLF) is going to be our amazing chef once again! THANK YOU

Setup will happen Saturday morning, Timings to follow.
I will be sending out a lot more info to the people who RSVP.

You can also reach out directly to me at VA3NPW@VE3OSH.COM

Nick
VA3NPW

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.

Item Wanted:

Aldo VA3AG is looking for a 500 pf 5 to 10 kv door knob capacitor.
If you can help him out give him a call at (905) 429-7320

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 **Joe VE3VGJ** and **Nick VA3NPW** for their 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

NSARC Summer Kick off BBQ – June 17,2026

See information above. Email has been sent already to Members requesting RSVP.

ARRL Field Day – June 27 to June 28 ,2026

Information in article above, and email has also been sent to Members.

NSARC Fall Return BBQ -September 16,2026

More information will be available soon.

September 27th,2026 - Cannington, Brock Ride & Stride

Emails have been sent by **Derek VE3TKE**

September 27th,2026 - Newcastle, Hike or Bike for Clarington Hospice.

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

October Monthly Meeting

Our first monthly meeting after the summer and fall BBQ is on Wednesday October 21st,2026 at 8:00pm over the Zoom platform.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Tower Project

Shovels in the ground for NSARC's new tower! The Engineer, the Contractor and our tower committee met recently at the Purple Woods repeater site to dig exploratory holes to determine the exact depth and dimensions of the existing concrete tower base, for which no plans exist.

With this data the Engineer is preparing proper plans for a base that will support the new, stronger tower for several more decades.

Bike for Guide Dogs

On May 31st NSARC volunteers for the Bowmanville Lions Club Bike for Guide Dogs enjoyed a Sunday in the countryside in beautiful weather, providing comms for that event.

Once more, Joe's (VE3VGJ) ingenious portable repeater trailer did yeoman service keeping distant checkpoints in touch with Derek VE3TKE and Justin VA3BIU at Net Control, located at the start/finish line.

The only mechanical breakdown during the whole day was a flat tire -- on the President's car. Fortunately, the hapless vehicle was parked at a checkpoint while its tire gently deflated, so this minor inconvenience did not affect the bike-a-thon.

A "Dry" Run?

You can't win 'em all. Early Saturday morning on June 6th NSARC set up for the annual **Canoe the Nonquon** event in Port Perry under threatening skies.

By 7 AM our Net Control, Joe's portable repeater (operating as VE3NSR) and all the checkpoints along the race route were unpacked and operational. But the weather did not cooperate.

Five minutes later, with wind, rain and fog so thick you couldn't see a hundred meters offshore, and with the additional threat of lightning pending, organizers of the event judged conditions unsafe for small craft. For the first time in its 56 year history, Canoe the Nonquon got cancelled.

Setup and teardown were smooth and quick, so at least this was a good exercise for portable operations in a future emergency under suboptimal weather conditions. With our spirits only slightly dampened, and in need of a caffeine fix after a very early start to our day, NSARC members repaired to a local coffee shop.

More to Come

Lots more is planned for the summer. As outlined elsewhere in this Update, and per previous emails to our members, we look forward to the **summer BBQ, Field Day** and **Aquino tank weekend**. Then **two public service charity events** (Cannington and Newcastle) are scheduled (simultaneously) on September 27, so we will need all hands on deck.

See you at one or more of these, down the log.

73 de Neil, VA3NH

Dr. Neil McAlister, VA3NH,
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(Above) Joe VE3VGJ has built this ingenious **portable repeater tower** that has already seen a lot of service this summer, and which is certain to be used for more events before the season is out.

(Below) Another picture of the engineer and contractor digging a test hole at the tower site, courtesy of **Neil VA3NH**.



The Static Section

This section of the Newsletter is for information that seldom changes.

Club Executive
President – Neil VA3NH
Vice President: Brian VE3IK
Secretary: Justin VA3BIU
Treasurer: Nick VA3NPW
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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

Year round, 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. **Resuming in October**, on the third Wednesday night of each month the club will have its Members Meeting on the Zoom platform at 8 PM, and after that meeting is finished, the Virtual Parking Lot can resume 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 to say hello and see who is visiting. It starts around 7:00 pm and lasts until the last die-hard leaves; but you can pop in anytime and say hi, and stay as long or short as you want.