



Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the June 19th, 2009 Meeting

Present:

John VA3MDJ
Ian VE3IJS
Jim VE3GRT

Elliot VA3EJF
Bernie VE3OTR

Tony VE3VME
John VA3AAD

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD
Sam VA3SEP
Andrew VA3CRA
Jost VE3SWI
Martin VE3MHC
Cyril VA3CJE
Frans VE3VNC

Bill VE3WHW
Rej VA3REJ
Ron VA3CCR
Vipi VE3PID
Jal VE3SOC
Bert VE3ENA
Doug VE3EES

Tony VE3XC
Tom VE3TEG
Jana VE3BFU
Tom VE3BKA
Geoff VA3GEG
Paul VE3PGF
David VE3VNE

John, VA3MDJ chaired the meeting.

Erratum: The June 5th meeting's minutes were incorrectly dated May 15th, 2009

Old Business

Repeater

Over the summer, Elliot, VA3EJF and Martin, VE3MHC will undertake to set up a repeater-to-IRLP connection.

RAC Insurance:

John, VA3MDJ indicated that there was nothing new to report about his earlier letter to RAC. It will probably take the new RAC president some time to get around to addressing this issue, if it ever does get addressed. In the meantime, our objections to that (presumably dead?) proposal have been well established.

Ontario Bill 118 (mobile handsets ban)

John, VA3MDJ noted that today (June 19th) was the last day that public comments could be posted on the Ministry web site (see our June 5th minutes). He expressed the hope that members had submitted their comments. He will continue to monitor this issue.

RAC Licensing Issue

Doug, VE3EES, was not present to report on this issue.

New Business

Future Presentations

The first presentation for the 2009/2010 year will be:

September 18, 2009 Elliot, VA3EJF, subject t.b.a.

Financial

The meeting coffee collection yielded \$8.00. The raffle yielded \$5.00



Presentation Field Day

Tony, VE3VME stated that all members and any guests are encouraged and welcome to participate. Directions to the site, along with a checklist of items to bring are attached to these minutes. To see a google map of the site location, click on:

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php>

and key in the Club call sign, VE3NAR

The following stations will be set up:

15m phone, Tony, VE3VME and Elliot, VA3EJF

40m phone, Doug, VE3EES

40m CW, Frans VE3VNC

??m CW, Tom, VE3II

20m phone, Jal, VE3SOC and Ian, VE3IJS

Backup and gofor duties will be provided by John, Va3AAD, John, VA3MDJ and Paul, VE3VNH along with any other members and guests who care to participate.

Elliot, VA3EJF will arrange to rent a porta-potty and VE3II's generator. He will also bring generator gas and the Club's inventory of rope, coax and electric cable.

Elliot, VA3EJF, Doug, VE3EES, Frans, VE3VNC, TomVE3II and Ian, VE3IJS will supply HF transceivers.

We will need one laptop for each transceiver – providers were not detailed.. Elliot, VA3EJF will bring the software.

John, VA3AAD will bring the Club's four band-pass filters for 40m(2), 15m and 20m. Hopefully, they will reduce inter-station interference. **Note: If you use a filter, do not transmit on any other band than the band for which the filter is designed, or you will fry this \$125 device.**

John, VA3MDJ will bring a surplus G5RV antenna wire for conversion to a 20m wire antenna.

John, VA3AAD will bring his MFJ259 SWR tester.

Ian, VE3IJS will bring VE3MHC's antenna slingshot.

For call-in we'll use the VE3TFM/VE3RPT repeater, at 147.060 (+)

On the site, we'll use 70cm simplex at 443.650

As was done in previous years, each participant will be asked for a \$20 "donation" to help defray costs.

Suggested time of arrival on the site: 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM

Contest starts at 18:00 UTC (14:00 EDST) and runs for 24 hours.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on September 18th at the Bayview Community Centre.

Hope to see you there.

John Shepherd, VA3AAD

and

John Carlisle, VA3MDJ

and

Tony Carroll, VE3VME