



Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the February 5th, 2010 Meeting

Present:

John VA3MDJ
John VA3AAD
Frans VE3VNC

Ian VE3IJS
Bert VE3ENA
Elliot VA3EJF

Jim VE3GRT
Tom VE3BKA
Doug VE3EES

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD
Sam VA3SEP
Andrew VA3CRA
Jost VE3SWI
Jal VE3SOC
Vipi VE3PID

Bill VE3WHW
Rej VA3REJ
Ron VA3CCR
Cyril VA3CJE
Geoff VA3GEG
Bernie VE3OTR

Tony VE3XC
Tom VE3TEG
Jana VE3BFU
David VE3VNE
Paul VE3PGF
Tony VE3VME

John, VA3MDJ chaired the meeting.

Old Business

Repeater

No progress has been made in setting up the ILP connection. Elliot, VA3EJF and John, VA3AAD are hoping to be able to complete this installation by the end of this month.

Bert, VE3ENA gave John, VA3AAD an assembly of non-inductive resistors to build a T attenuator for the 40 watt GE Phoenix transmitter that will be located in John's basement. Less than 5 watts will be needed to access the repeater from John's QTH..

New Business

Martin Costa, SK - Equipment

John, VA3AAD reported that Margit had asked him to handle the sale and disposal of Martin's radio equipment. Based on the Club's established policy for members, it was agreed that the Club would attempt to sell these items, at hamfests, over the next year. For major items, the Club would retain a ten percent commission. A number of Martin's minor items have been donated to the Club. Attached is a list of all of the items showing

“fair” or “reasonable” estimates of value that have been established by Frans, VE3VNC and John, VA3AAD.

All of the items were on display at the meeting. Club members, and individuals on the email list for these minutes will have until February 18th to submit a bid for any item by email to john@eternalchaos.com. Only bids at or above the established “reasonable” values will be accepted. In case of tie bids, those individuals will be given a chance to re-bid. John will not be bidding on any of the items. Unsold items will be put into the Club inventory of items for sale. Sometime during 2011, any items that are still unsold will be auctioned off through the Club email list, or sold through a local internet swap listing.

It was agreed that the Club will purchase Martin’s MFJ 269, HF to UHF SWR antenna analyzer. This will be used on the Club repeater, on Field Day antennas, and will be available on loan to Club members. A new instrument would cost \$390. A “fair” or “reasonable” estimate of value has been set at \$200.

A large number of recently-published antenna books and some small odds and ends were given to Jim, VE3GRT to be raffled off at future meetings.

Future Presentations

Future presentations will be:

February 19th, Tom, VE3BKA, (Subject to be determined)

March 5th, Elliot, VA3EJF, (Subject to be determined)

March 19th, tentatively a video evening.

April 9th (Frans, VE3VNC, Subject to be determined)

April 23rd (open)

May 7th (open)

May 21st (open)

June 4th (open) (tentatively, Doug, VE3EES on Field Day technique)

June 18th, preparation for Field Day (June 26th and 27th)

Volunteers are still needed for the open meetings

Financial

The meeting coffee collection yielded \$7.25, the raffle yielded \$12.00..

Presentation

Bert, VE3ENA gave an excellent presentation on the 555 timer chip and its application in a switching delay device for protection of mobile transceivers. The circuit was based upon a QST article, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on February 19th, at the Bayview Community Centre. Tom, VE3BKA will give the presentation, subject to be announced.

John Shepherd, VA3AAD

John Carlisle, VA3MDJ