



## Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the January 22, 2010 Meeting

### Present:

John VA3MDJ  
John VA3AAD

Ian VE3IJS  
Bert VE3ENA

Jim VE3GRT  
Tom VE3BKA

### Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD  
Sam VA3SEP  
Andrew VA3CRA  
Jost VE3SWI  
Jal VE3SOC  
Vipi VE3PID  
Tony VE3VME

Bill VE3WHW  
Rej VA3REJ  
Ron VA3CCR  
Cyril VA3CJE  
Geoff VA3GEG  
Bernie VE3OTR  
Elliot VA3EJF

Tony VE3XC  
Tom VE3TEG  
Jana VE3BFU  
David VE3VNE  
Paul VE3PGF  
Frans VE3VNC  
Doug VE3EES

John, VA3MDJ chaired the meeting.

### *Old Business*

#### **Repeater**

No progress has been made in setting up the ILP connection. Elliot, VA3EJF and John, VA3AAD should be able to collaborate on this project soon, once Elliot's new basement has been completed.

### *New Business*

#### **Martin Costa, VE3MHC SK**

John, VA3AAD reported that Martin had passed away on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, after a protracted battle with cancer. He had been a past president of the Club and was proficient in the use of software-defined radio. He will be missed by his many friends in the hobby. The Globe and Mail obituary is attached..

## IRLP Attenuator

John, VA3AAD, is building an attenuator for the 40W IRLP transmitter, which will be located in his workshop. He is asking whether any members have surplus high wattage (>2W), non-inductive resistors that could be donated to the Club for this project. Individual resistances should be in the range of 2Ω to 20Ω. Members are asked to email John at [john@eternalchaos.com](mailto:john@eternalchaos.com) if they can be of help.

## Future Presentations

Future presentations will be:

Bert, VE3ENA, February 5<sup>th</sup> (A protection device for mobile transmitters)

Tom, VE3BKA, February 19<sup>th</sup> (Subject to be determined)

March 5<sup>th</sup> (open)

March 19<sup>th</sup> (open)

Frans, VE3VNC, April 9<sup>th</sup> (Subject to be determined)

April 23<sup>rd</sup> (open)

Volunteers are still needed for six subsequent meetings

## Financial

The meeting coffee collection yielded \$7.00, the raffle yielded \$10.50..

## Presentation

John, VA3MDJ, gave an excellent presentation on the adaption of “Bluetooth” technology to mobile ham radio, so that mobile hams can be in compliance with the recent Ontario legislation. The presentation is attached.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on February 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Bayview Community Centre.

Bert, VE3ENA will describe a protection device for mobile transmitters, built around the 555 timer. Hope to see you there.

John Shepherd, VA3AAD

John Carlisle, VA3MDJ