



Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the October 16th, 2009 Meeting

Present:

John VA3MDJ
John VA3AAD
David VE3VNE

Ian VE3IJS
Bert VE3ENA
Elliot VA3EJF

Vipi VE3PID
Frans VE3VNC

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD
Sam VA3SEP
Andrew VA3CRA
Jost VE3SWI
Jal VE3SOC
Doug VE3EES
Tony VE3VME

Bill VE3WHW
Rej VA3REJ
Ron VA3CCR
Cyril VA3CJE
Geoff VA3GEG
Jim VE3GRT
Tom VE3BKA

Tony VE3XC
Tom VE3TEG
Jana VE3BFU
Bernie VE3OTR
Paul VE3PGF
Martin VE3MHC

John, VA3MDJ chaired the meeting.

Old Business

Repeater

No progress was made in setting up the ILP connection. Elliot, VA3EJF, Martin, VE3MHC and John, VA3AAD will not be able to collaborate on this project until December, at the earliest..

RAC Insurance:

John, VA3AAD reported that details on insurance changes are still not yet available on the RAC website.

Ontario Bill 118 (mobile handsets ban)

John, VA3MDJ confirmed that October 26th is the deadline to stop using “hand-held wireless and entertainment devices”. Although there is a three-year grace period for federally licensed and commercial operators (see our last meeting’s minutes), he

suggested that members would be well-advised to carry in their cars a copy of their wallet-sized certificates of proficiency.

John will bring a plastic laminator to the next meeting so that members can use it to make their certificates more permanent.

December 4th Annual Festive Dinner

Dinner tickets will be available at the next two meetings. Price will be the same as last year (\$42 per person), with the difference that the dessert will now be optional and extra., Please email Ian, VA3IJF at igshaw@sympatico.ca if you cannot attend the one of the next two meetings and wish to attend the dinner, so that he can reserve a place.

Please note that there will be no Club meeting in December.

Future Presentations

Ian, VA3IJS will give the presentation at the November 5th meeting, and Bert, VE3ENA will give the one on November 19th.

Members are urged to put on their thinking caps now, to prepare for presentations in the New Year.

Financial

The meeting coffee collection yielded \$9.00. There was no equipment raffle.

Presentation

John, VA3MDJ, gave an interesting and comprehensive PowerPoint history of radio, including a sound narrative, along with his additional comments. An informative pdf version, without the sound track, is attached to these minutes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on November 5th, at the Bayview Community Centre.

Ian, VA3IJS, will give the presentation (subject to be announced) sharing with us his expertise in some interesting facet of our hobby.

Hope to see you there.

John Shepherd, VA3AAD
John Carlisle, VA3MDJ