



## **Nortown Amateur Radio Club**

Minutes of the June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Meeting

### **Present:**

Elliot VA3EJF  
Frans VE3VNC  
Jim, VE3GRT

Doug VE3EES  
John VA3MDJ  
Tony VE3VME

John A3AAD  
Ian VE3IJS

### **Recent member-attendees who were absent:**

Claus VE3PMD  
Sam VA3SEP  
Andrew VA3CRA  
Paul VE3PGF  
Vince VE3ELB  
Jeff VE3RTV  
Bert VE3ENA

Bill VE3WHW  
Rej VA3REJ  
Ron VA3CCR  
Cyril VA3CJE  
Jal VE3SOC  
David VE3VNE  
Bernie VE3OTR

Tony VE3XC  
Tom VE3TEG  
Jost VE3SWI  
Geoff VA3GEG  
Vipi VE3PID  
Tom VE3BKA

Club President, Ian, VE3IJS chaired this last meeting of the fiscal year..

### ***Old Business***

#### **Repeater**

No change. Elliot, VA3EJF is continuing to work on the Linux IRLP IP address issue and hopes to have this resolved before the end of summer.

#### **The VE3MHC (SK) 1926 Antique Bremer-Tulley Radio**

No change. Tom, VE3BKA, and Elliot, VA3EJF will try to make another effort to repair this radio, so that it can be sold in working order. Evidently, Tom has the necessary equipment and Elliot has the second head that is supposed to “be better than one”.

#### **MISSING – The Club’s Kenwood 6-meter T-550 Radio**

Elliot, VA3EJF has followed up with Jal who does not have the unit. After some discussion, it was agreed that the issue should be closed and the radio removed from the Club asset list.

## ***New Business***

### **Martin Costa, VE3MHC (SK) Estate**

John, VA3AAD reported that Margit Costa had found some additional radio parts (that have now been donated to the Club). Although most of these are best suited for meeting raffles (via Jim, VE3GRT), an Autek VM-1 antenna analyzer in good working condition is being held by Frans, VE3VNC for resale at hamfests. The original cost of this unit was \$200. Members who might wish to acquire this unit can submit a bid to Frans at [f.huizinga@sympatico.ca](mailto:f.huizinga@sympatico.ca).

### **Upcoming Presentations**

The schedule for presentations is:

September 16	John, VA3AAD – The Signal Hound spectrum analyzer
October 7	John, VA2MDJ - Subject tba.
October 21	The Second Annual Nortown Garage Sale Extravaganza.
November 4	Volunteers needed, tba

### **Fall Garage Sale October 21**

It was agreed that Club members who may not be able to attend the garage sale, but who have parts or equipment that they would like to donate to the Club for the sale, can arrange to have the material picked up by emailing the Secretary at [john@eternalchaos.com](mailto:john@eternalchaos.com).

### **Field Day is June 25/26 Weekend**

Tony, VE3VME led the discussion of plans for Field Day for the weekend of June 25, 26.

Doug, VE3EES; John, VA3MDJ; Elliot, VA3EJF; Frans, VE3VNC; Ian, VE3IJS; Tom, VE3II, (the site host); John, VA3AAD; and Tony, VE3VME; (a total of eight members) will attend, for all or part of the weekend.

Participants will try to arrive at the site no later than 10:00 AM on Saturday, (with the exception of VE3IJS) in order to be set up to start operating at 2:00 PM.

We will operate four stations:

- Elliot and John S. on 15m phone, with a band-pass filter. Set up first
- Frans and Tony on 20m phone, with a band-pass filter
- Ian and Doug on 40m phone, with a band-pass filter. Antenna south of driveway
- Tom on 80m CW
- John C. will be floating back-up and coffee-server.

Tony handed out a map to the site (attached), a list of Yagi dimensions and a checklist (attached) of useful items to bring.

Band	Will Bring Radio	Will Bring Lap-top	Will Bring Wire Antenna
15m	Elliot	Elliot	Elliot
20m	Frans	Frans	Elliot
40m	Doug (+ Ian)	Doug	Doug (inverted V)
80m	Tom (home station)	Tom (home station)	(home station)

Important other equipment will be brought or arranged by:

#### Elliot

- Arrange for Porta-Potty
- Gas for generator
- Club's guy-ropes,
- Club's power cables
- Club's lengths of coax
- Club's wire antenna sling shot (from Ian)

#### Ian

- Club's wire antenna sling shot (to be given ahead of time to Elliot)

#### John C

- Club's MFJ antenna analyzer

#### John S

- Club's band-pass filters
- Club's grounding rods with lightning arrestors
- Spare lap top
- Spare MFJ antenna analyzer.
- Club's giant coffee-maker with plastic cups, coffee and half/half – for Doug.
- Club's check book

#### Everyone

- Short jumper lengths of coax with male SO-239 connectors, for connections to band-pass filters and lightning arrestors.
- Short lengths of grounding wire to connect transceivers with grounding rod clamps.

### **Financial**

The coffee collection yielded \$5.75 and the raffle \$9.00

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The Club Treasurer will be happy to accept cash or checks for annual dues and for voluntary contributions at that meeting.

John VA3AAD

Ian, VE3IJS

Tony. VE3VME