



Nortown Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of the March 2nd, 2012 Meeting

Present:

Ian VE3IJS
John VA3MDJ
Tom, VE3BKA

Bert VE3ENA
Doug VE3EES
Jim, VE3GRT

John VA3AAD
Frans VE3VNC
Ron VA3GRE

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Tony VE3VME
Vince, VE3ELB
David VE3VNE

Vipi VE3PID
Elliot VA3EJF

Geoff VE3GEG
Bernie VE3OTR

Club President, Ian, VE3IJS chaired the meeting.

Old Business

Repeater

No change. Elliot, VA3EJF has new IRLP software and had expected to be able to test it by now.

Ian, VE3IJS reported that he had received a letter from GE offering to reduce the proposed leasing fee from \$250 per year to \$200 per year. After some discussion of alternatives, it was agreed that the Club would accept the offer.

The VE3MHC (SK) 1926 Antique Bremer-Tulley Radio

Bert, VE3ENA confirmed that the radio has not yet been picked up by Jeff, VE3RTF. The meeting agreed that he should scrap the radio if it is not picked up within a reasonable time.

Upcoming Presentations

The schedule for presentations is:

March 16, 2012

John, VA3MDJ, tentatively, Hands-free Mobile Update.

April 6, 2012

Bert, VE3ENA – subject tba

April 20, 2012`	John, VA3AAD – subject tba.
May 4, 2012	Ian, VA3IJS – subject tba.
May 18, 2012	John, VA3AAD – subject tba.
June 1, 2012	Jim. VE3GRT - video
June 15, 2012	Tony, VE3VME – Field day (June 23, 24) Preparations

A volunteer is now needed for the September 21st meeting.

Remember that there is a loose-leaf book [our Presentation Binder] containing articles from recent QST “Hands-on-Radio” or “Hints and Kinks” columns and some Radcom issues. It’s now kept in the Club meeting cupboard for use by members wishing to develop presentations. These need not be complicated or lengthy, and can be on any radio-related topic. ARRL members (only) can access all except the most recent issues at: <http://www.arrl.org/experiments-1-through-10>. Members are requested to bring in and give to John, VA3MDJ old copies of QST and Radcom so that he cut out and file useful articles in the Binder.

Sunday Morning Net

Ian, VA3IJS reminded members that the frequency is 28.550 MHz. for the Sunday 11:00 to 11:30 AM Net. Recently, as many as five or six members have checked into this net.

Nortown Web Site

No change. John, VA3AAD had noted that the web site shows an incorrect location for the repeater and an incorrect Net frequency along with numerous other errors. Elliot, VA3EJF will make corrections.

Club Elections

Ian, VE3IJS reminded the group that Club elections will be scheduled for the first meeting in May. Most of the current executive have been in their positions for two years, which is the maximum permitted under the Club Articles of Incorporation. The immediate past president (John, VA3MDJ) has the unenviable job of arm-twisting volunteers who will agree to participate in the official slate and run for election. The composition of the slate is to be announced at least one month before the May election. Further nominations will be accepted up until the May meeting.

New Business

There was no new business

Finances

The coffee collection yielded \$9.60 and the raffle \$10.00.

Presentation

Frans, VE3VNC demonstrated a pair of “portable” WWII military AM radios from his extensive collection. The operator had to carry a heavy battery pack strapped to his back with the heavy radio and its eight-foot long vertical antenna slung from his shoulder.

Frans also showed photos taken from a recent visit to the world's largest hamfest at Friedrichschafen in Germany.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, March 16th. John, VA3MDJ is on tap for the presentation but had not yet decided upon the subject. Whatever it is, no member will want to miss it.

John, VA3AAD

Ian, VE3IJS