



Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the November 4th, 2011 Meeting

Present:

Ian VE3IJS
John VA3MDJ
Geoff VE3GEG

Bert VE3ENA
David VE3VNE

John VA3AAD
Bernie VE3OTR

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Tony VE3VME
Doug VE3EES
Frans VE3VNC

Vipi VE3PID
Jim, VE3GRT

Tom VE3BKA
Elliot VA3EJF

Club President, Ian, VE3IJS chaired the meeting.

Old Business

Repeater

No change. Elliot, VA3EJF is continuing to work on the Linux IRLP IP address issue and hopes to have this resolved who knows when.

John, VA3MDJ suggested that perhaps a different group might be prepared to try to solve the problem by getting advice from the IRLP community. He has a low-powered Motorola radio available and stated that he would be willing to convene a meeting to start this work.

John, VA3AAD reported that GE has replied to our September 19th letter by offering to extend the agreement for another three years, but by increasing the annual fee from \$100 per year to \$250 per year. Ian, VE3IJS will telephone the leasing coordinator to try to get this fee reduced.

It was agreed that Club members with mobile UHF equipment will participate in a call-in chat on the repeater frequency, prior to Club meetings.

The VE3MHC (SK) 1926 Antique Bremer-Tulley Radio

No change. Elliot, VA3EJF will move the radio to Bert, VE3ENA's QTH. Hopefully, our most experienced construction expert will be able to get it working.

Upcoming Presentations

The schedule for presentations is:

November 18, 2011	Bert, VE3ENA – Manufacturing printed circuit boards.
January 6, 2012	Tom. VE3BKA - subject tba.
January 20, 2012	Elliot, VA3EJF - subject tba.
February 3, 2012	John, VA3AAD –Mixer demo and theory
February 17, 2012	Doug, VE3EES – subject tba
March 2, 2012	Frans, VE3VNC, subject tba.

Six Volunteers are still needed for March 16th, April 6th, April 20th, May 4^h, May 18th and June 1st.

John, VA3MDJ brought in a loose-leaf book containing articles from recent QST “Hands-on-Radio” or “Hints and Kinks” columns. The book is 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>

Annual Festive Dinner

The annual festive dinner will now be held on Monday evening, December 5th, in a private room at the David Duncan house (Don Mills Road, just North of York Mills), replacing the Club meeting that would ordinarily be held on December 2nd. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at the next meeting. For directions, see:

<http://www.davidduncanhouse.com/>

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New Business

Club P.A. System for Sale

John, VA3AAD brought in the Club’s PA system which is no longer needed and which is taking up needed garage space at his home. The system consists of:

One Realistic 32-1221 Wireless FM microphone system 49MH2 Rcvr./Xmtr

One Realistic 32-2027 35W solid state Power Amplifier

One Optimus 33-3030 Dynamic Microphone

Two – Sony Passive double speakers (12:" X 15" box)

It was agreed that the system could be sold to a Club member through a bidding process with a minimum acceptable bid of \$50.

Members who are interested may email bids to John, VA3AAD to john@eternalchaos.com on or before the next Club meeting on November 18th.

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Sunday Morning Nortown Net

It was observed that the 10m band has opened up recently and is now subject to interference from European, as well as North American stations. John. VA3AAD will survey net participants by email to determine what other band possibilities exist.

Financial

The coffee collection yielded \$5.00 In Jim, VE3GRT's absence, there was no raffle.

Presentation

Ian, VE3IJS gave an interesting PowerPoint presentation on APRS, the Automatic Packet Reporting system that shows vehicle position and allows one to track a vehicle. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, November 18th. Bert, the Club Treasurer will be happy to accept cash or checks for annual dues and for voluntary contributions.

Bert, VE3ENA has prepared an interesting video that show how printed circuit boards are manufactured.

John, VA3AAD

Ian, VE3IJS