



Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the October 21st, 2011 Meeting

Present:

Elliot VA3EJF
Frans VE3VNC
Tom VE3BKA

Bert VE3ENA
John VA3MDJ
Bernie VE3OTR

John VA3AAD
David VE3VNE
Geoff VE3GEG

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Tony VE3VME
Doug VE3EES

Vipi VE3PID
Jim, VE3GRT

Ian VE3IJS

Club Vice-President, John VA3MDJ 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.

To date, there has been no reply to our letter to G.E., of September 19. Our check for the licensing fee has not been cashed.

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 4, 2011	Ian, VE3IJS, on APRS.
November 18, 2011	Bert, VE3ENA – On the manufacture of printed circuit boards.
January 6, 2012	Tom, VE3BKA, subject tba.
January 20, 2012	Elliot, VA3EJF, subject tba.
February 3, 2012	John, VA3AAD – on Mixers
February 17, 2012	Doug, VE3EES – subject tba
March 2, 2012	Frans, VE3VNC, subject tba.

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

John, VA3MDJ will place a loose-leaf book in the meeting cupboard that will contain articles from QST "Hands-on-Radio" or "Hints and Kinks" Presentations 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>

Nortown Annual Garage Sale

A number of members brought in several interesting items that were sold, through silent auction, for a total of \$84.00.

Annual Festive Dinner

The annual festive dinner will be held on Friday evening, December 2nd, replacing the Club meeting that would ordinarily be held on that date. John, VA3MDJ printed up tickets, which will be sold at subsequent meetings for \$40 per person..

New Business

Equipment Sale

Frans, VE3VNC announced that he had sold, for \$50, an Eddystone dial that had been donated to the Club by Bert, VE3ENA.

New Member

John, VA3AAD announced that Vince, VE3ELB, who had attended a Club meeting last year, is planning to become an Industry Canada examiner, and will probably be joining the Club.

Markham Hamfest

Frans, VE3VNC reminded everyone that the York Region (Markham) hamfest will be held on Saturday morning, November 5th. This is the largest such event in the GTA.

Financial

The the coffee collection yielded \$5.74. In Jim, VE3GRT's absence, there was no raffle.

Presentation

Because of the Garage sale, there was no presentation.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, November 4th. Bert, the Club Treasurer will be happy to accept cash or checks for annual dues and for voluntary contributions.

Ian, VE3IJS has prepared an interesting presentation on APRS, the Automatic Packet Reporting System.

John VA3AAD