



## Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Meeting

### Present:

Elliot VA3EJF  
Frans VE3VNC  
Tom VE3BKA

Bert VE3ENA  
John VA3MDJ  
Doug VE3EES

John VA3AAD  
Ian VE3IJS  
Jim, VE3GRT

### Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Tony VE3VME  
David VE3VNE

Vipi VE3PID

Bernie VE3OTR

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, VA3AAD read out a letter that he had sent to GE on September 19<sup>th</sup> requesting that the repeater agreement be extended for another three years. To date, there has been no reply.

#### **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:

October 21, 2011	The Second Annual Nortown Garage Sale Extravaganza.
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 16<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, April 20<sup>th</sup>, May 4h, May 18<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ian, VE3IJS stated that presentations need not be complicated or lengthy, and can be on any radio-related topic. He suggested that members look at QST “Hands-on-Radio” or “Hints and Kinks” articles for ideas on presentations. ARRL members (only) can access all except the most recent issues at: <http://www.arrl.org/experiments-1-through-10>

### **Nortown Annual Garage Sale October 21**

Ian, VE3IJS reminded members that the Club garage sale is for the smaller items that members wish to donate to the Club. There will be a silent auction for these during the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, with all of the money raised going to the Club. Unsold items will be collected by Jim, VE3GRT, and raffled off at future Club meetings.

Other, more significant items for which members wish to recover some of their investments can be consigned to Frans, VE3VNC, who will endeavor to sell them at hamfests. Ninety percent of realized selling prices will be returned to the consignor, with ten percent going to the Club.

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

### **Annual Festive Dinner**

It was agreed that the annual festive dinner will be held on Friday evening, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, replacing the Club meeting that would ordinarily be held on that date. Ian, VE3IJS will make a reservation at the Sierra Grill, where the event has been held in previous years. John, VA3MDJ will print up tickets, which will be sold at subsequent meetings.

### ***New Business***

#### **Back Issues of QST**

Elliot, VA3EJF gave John, VE3MDJ a complete set of back issues of QST for the year 2009. John will clip out pages of “Hints and Kinks” and “Hands-on-Radio” and will make them available to any member who wishes to prepare for a meeting presentation.

#### **Signal Hound Spectrum Analyzer**

As a follow-up to last meeting’s presentation, John, VA3AAD stated that he had just received a copy of a recent review of the analyzer, published in “Radcom”. A copy is attached to these minutes.

#### **Financial**

The raffle yielded \$12.00 and the coffee collection, \$8.80.

**Presentation**

John, VA3MDJ gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation about station grounding, illustrating how to avoid ground loops that can inject RFI into station equipment and nearby radios and TVs. A copy of this is attached to these minutes.

***Next Meeting***

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, October 21st. Bert, the Club Treasurer will be happy to accept cash or checks for annual dues and for voluntary contributions. The Second Annual Garage Sale will replace the presentation that would normally be held at this meeting.

John VA3AAD

Ian, VE3IJS