



Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the November 16th, 2012 Meeting

Present:

John VA3MDJ
John VA3AAD
Bert VE3ENA

Frans VE3VNC
Doug VE3EES
Jim VE3GRT

Ian VE3IJS
David VE3VNE
Tom VE3BKA

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Geoff VE3GEG
Vipi VE3PID

Vince VE3ELB
Ron VA3GRE

Tony VE3VME
Elliot VA3EJF

John, VA3MDJ chaired the meeting,

Old Business

Repeater

John, VA3AAD reported that Elliot, VA3EJF and Vince, VE3ELB had completed programming the CAT-200B controller. We are now waiting for a replacement lightning arrester that had disappeared from the chiller room during a recent renovation. Hopefully, the original repeater will be re-installed within the next three weeks.

John pointed out that Vince's, VE3ELB, QTH, north of St. Clair and Dufferin, is well within the "shadow" of the taller building to the immediate west of our repeater antenna. This makes it necessary for Vince to use his directional (Yagi) antenna to connect our Echolink node to the repeater. His omni-directional vertical does not work. It was agreed that we need to try to find a better location for our repeater.

Echolink

A successful net, with six participants, was held Monday evening at 9:00 PM with excellent audio from those connected either through the repeater or through Echolink. The net will now be scheduled every Monday evening at this time, See the November 2nd minutes for Echolink instructions.

Hopefully, out-of town members and others who have lost touch will also be inclined to join in occasionally.

There will be no Nortown Net Monday evening December 3rd, as most of our membership will be at our annual Festive Dinner.

Fox Hunt

A reminder that six members - VA3AAD, VE3IJS, VE3ENA, VA3MDJ, VE3VNC and VA3EJF have already agreed to participate, with VE3EES being the fox.

Doug, VE3EES will organize a group construction project for a meeting in mid February or early March. Elliot, VA3EJF will assist Doug in designing the logistics of the hunt, to be held before mid May, 2013.

Holiday Festive Dinner

The dinner will now be held at the David Duncan House on Monday, December 3, 2012. Arrival time is between 7:00 PM and 8:00 PM, with dinner served at 8:00 PM. Tickets cost \$45 per person and will be available at the next meeting. Dessert, wine and coffee will be extra and will be billed at the dinner..

Ian, VA3IJS has already sold fifteen tickets.

There will be no Nortown Net that evening.

December Club Meetings

There will be no Club meetings on December 7th or December 21st.

Future Presentations

January 4, 2013 John, VA3AAD, - Cavity Resonators.

Mid-February or early March 2013

Doug, VE3EES Construction of a 70cm fox hunt antenna

Members are urged to take turns preparing presentations. John. VA3MDJ reminded everyone that a loose-leaf book with scores of potential topics is kept in the meeting room cupboard. Several members are available who can coach members in the rudiments of PowerPoint preparation, which is really quite easy and intuitive..

New Business

Sale of Equipment from VE3MHC (SK, Jan 2010)

Frans, VE3VNC reported that after having tried to sell it at numerous hamfests, he had finally found a buyer who was willing to pay \$110, for an SGC Model MAC-200 Master Antenna Controller (original cost \$350). He gave the cash to Club Treasurer Tom, VE3BKA, who will forward a check for this amount to Margit Costa.

Financial

The meeting coffee collection yielded \$5.55, the raffle \$10.00..

Presentation

Tom, VE3BKA gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation about Quad and Moxon antennas for use where space is at a premium. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Next Meeting

There will be no meetings in December.

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on Friday, January 4th, at the Bayview Community Centre. John, VA3AAD is preparing a talk on cavity resonators, but instead may talk about how radio waves were discovered. Neither of these topics are awe-inspiring, but after the hustle and bustle of the holiday, you might as well join the group to have coffee and listen to what he will have to say.

John Shepherd
VA3AAD
and
John Carlisle
VA3MDJ