

Nortown Amateur Radio Club Minutes of the January 18, 2008 Meeting

Present:

Ian VE3IJS	John VA3AAD	Vipi VE3PID
Martin VE3MHC	John VA3MDJ	Jim VE3GRT
Paul VE3PGF	Bert VE3ENA	Elliot VA3EJF
Jal VE3SOC		

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD	Bill VE3WHW	Cyril VA3CJE
Chris VE3CNK	Jeff VE3QBZ	Sam VA3SEP
Reg VA3REJ	Andrew VA3CRA	Tom VE3TEG
Geoff VA3GEG	David VE3VNE	Doug VE3EES
Bernard VE3OTR	Tony VE3VME	Frans VE3VNC

Old Business

Annual Festive Dinner

Ian VE3IJS reported that 17 tickets had been sold. The cost of the dinner was \$639.64 and the prizes cost \$27.50, with the result that the dinner made a profit of \$12.86, because one member had generously bought a ticket, even though he could not attend.

Repeater

Tom, VE3TEG, was not present to report on whether there has been any progress on the Yonge/Sheppard repeater site.

John, VA3AAD, reported that he had had a useful conversation with the building manager at 2 St. Clair West. He was advised that the Club's December 20th request is still under consideration and that the manager would get back to VA3AAD shortly with a definite yes or no.

The manager also stated that no other Club's repeater was operating from the building, even though the lobby receptionist had asked VA3AAD if he was "the gentleman who had access to the roof."

VA3AAD also stated that he had had a conversation with Don, VE3EVZ, who was ready to undertake the installation once we have settled on a site.

Future Presentations:

Schedule for the rest of this year is: Feb. 1 VA3AAD: Feb. 15 VA3MDJ: April 4 VA3EJF: April 18 VE3ENA: May 16 VE3MHC. The following dates are still open: March 7, May 2 June 6.. Volunteers are needed to develop presentations for these dates.

Jal, VE3SOC, gave the Club a 700 MB DVD containing a large collection of photos taken by VK2BHL, some of which relate to Amateur Radio and may be useful in a future presentation.

Filters

John, VA3AAD, reported that he has ordered four filters from Array Solutions, for Field Day – two for 40m, and one each for 20m and 15m, at a total cost of \$396 US, plus shipping and taxes.

New Business

There was no new business.

Presentation

John, VA3AAD showed a hand-held Yagi antenna that he had built, based upon an article in the November 2007 Issue of QST. A copy of the article is attached, along with an additional document containing some information missing from the article. A discussion of Yagi theory ensued, related to the fact that the article's antenna has no reflector element.

Financial

The meeting's coffee collection was \$6.50 The equipment raffle yielded \$7:00

Other

After the meeting, the group discovered that the nearby Swiss Chalet now closes at 10:00 PM. We will have to find another locale for our wide-ranging after-meeting discussions. Suggestions are welcome.

Next Meeting

Will be held at the same location, at 8:00 PM on Friday, February 1st. Over the next ten days, John, VA3AAD, will dig into his files and his junk box and try to develop a suitable presentation. At this point, it would not be predictive to say "Don't miss it".

73's,
John, VA3AAD
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