

Nortown Amateur Radio Club Minutes of the November 16, 2007 Meeting

Present

Jim VE3GRT	John VA3AAD	David VE3VNE
Ian VE3IJS	John VA3MDJ	Vipi VE3PID
Doug VE3EES	Martin VE3MHC	Bert VE3ENA
Elliot VA3EJF	Frans VE3VNC	

Recent member-attendees who were absent

Claus VE3PMD	Bill VE3WHW	Paul VE3PGF
Chris VE3CNK	Jeff VE3QBZ	Sam VA3SEP
Reg VA3REJ	Andrew VA3CRA	Tom VE3TEG
Cyril VA3CJE	Jal VE3SOC	Geoff VA3GEG
Tony VE3VME		

Old Business

Repeater

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

Elliot VA3EJF reported that he has contacted Stephen Canney, who said that he would pass our request along to technical personnel at CFRB, to try to get the repeater re-admitted to the Yonge/St. Clair site.

John, VA3AAD, has not had a reply to his November 2nd letter to the Canadian Manager of GE Real Estate, requesting permission to reinstall the repeater at our former Yonge and S. Clair location.

Annual Festive Dinner

Ian, VE3IJS, reported that so far, he has sold 14 tickets for the dinner. The December 7th meeting will be the last opportunity to purchase tickets (at \$40 per person). Members who want tickets but who cannot attend the next meeting are asked to telephone Ian at 416-443-1818, because he will have to confirm numbers to the restaurant.

The event will be at the Sierra Grill in Bayview Plaza (same location as last year) on Friday evening, December 14th.

Sunday Net Frequency

Martin, VE3MHC, reported that the 28.300 MHz frequency seems to work satisfactorily and encouraged members to join in at 11:00 AM. Members can also monitor the Scarborough Club net on 28.730 MHz., that starts at 10:30 that same morning. There are at least 8 or 10 check-ins on that net, from locations east, west and north of Toronto, from as far away as Hamilton.

John, VA3AAD is planning to work with Vipi, VE3PID, to set up a 10m wire antenna, for use on our net.

Field Day Band Pass Filters

John, VA3AAD noted that no one seems to have access to a spectrum analyzer for tuning band pass filters. Several members felt that it should not be too difficult to accomplish this using an MFJ259 signal source and an oscilloscope. Accordingly, he will attempt to build one filter and enlist assistance to adjust it.

Future Presentations

On December 7th, John, VA3MDJ will do a presentation about the PL-259 connector. Frans, VE3VNC will present at the January 4th meeting about restoring boat anchors. Presenters are needed for all subsequent dates. Those who have volunteered (VE3IJS, VE3GRT, VE3MHC and VE3ENA) are asked to book their dates with VA3AAD.

Club Email:

Elliot, VA3EJF, reported that he has changed internet providers but and is still working on figuring out how to enlist members that use a secondary address, such as “call.sign@RAC.CA”. In the meantime, VA3AAD is sending out minutes from his own address-list of active members. Out-of-town members, however, are not receiving any communications from the Club..

New Business

Sale of Equipment:

Frans, VE3VNC reported that he has sold the monitor donated by Paul, VE3PGF, returning \$25 to the Club.

Presentation

Elliot, VA3EJF gave an excellent presentation of lightning protection and grounding, which was followed by an excellent round-table discussion.

Financial

The meeting's coffee collection was \$8.09. The equipment raffle yielded \$10.00..

Next Meeting

Will be held at the same location, at 8:00 PM on Friday, December 7th.

73's,

John, VA3AAD

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