

Nortown Amateur Radio Club Minutes of the November 2, 2007 Meeting

Present

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

Recent member-attendees who were absent

Claus VE3PMD	Bill VE3WHW	Paul VE3PGF
Chris VE3CNK	Jeff VE3QBZ	Elliot VA3EJF
Sam VA3SEP	Reg VA3REJ	Andrew VA3CRA
Tom VE3TEG	Cyril VA3CJE	Jal VE3SOC
Geoff VA3GEG	Frans VE3VNC	Tony VE3VME

Old Business

Repeater

A report from Tom, VE3TEG, was read, stating that the building managers were going to be changed and that he was still working on obtaining permission to install the repeater.

Elliot VA3EJF was not present to report on his effort to contact Stephen Canney.

John, VA3AAD, has written a letter to 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, announced that the ticket price will be \$40 per person and that he was starting to collect money. John, VA3MDG will print out tickets.

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 he had been monitoring a Scarborough club Sunday morning net on 10m and was able to count 16 participants. Since the 40m and 15m bands are not usable, it was decided to try 28.300 MHz.

Note: A survey taken 18 months ago indicated that at least 13 Club members were able to transmit on 10m. Members are invited to join the net each Sunday morning at 11:00 AM.

Note: A test of 10m on Nov. 4 showed that VE3EES (on a vertical) could be heard at Q5 by VE3AAD (on a vertical), VE3MHC (on a vertical), VE3RSM (on a wire) and VE3PID

(on a wire). EES could hear only AAD at Q5. None of the other stations could hear PID. AAD will assist PID to erect a wire antenna tuned to 28.300, in order to determine whether this improves reception.

Field Day Band Pass Filters

VA3AAD noted that he, VE3IJS, VE3VME and VA3CRA had volunteered to build band pass filters. He referred this group to the May and June 1998 QST articles showing how to build these devices. Final adjustments require either a spectrum analyzer or a swept frequency generator and logarithmic frequency detector, as described in two QEX references at the end of those QST articles. **He is asking all Club members, through the distribution of these minutes, to contact him if, they own or have access to a spectrum analyzer.**

Future Presentations

On Nov. 16th, Elliot VA3EJF will give a talk about the repeater. 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.

New Business

Club Email:

John, VA3AAD noted that Elliot, VA3EJF, has changed internet providers. Although our web site is now up, the email services are not yet operative. In the meantime, VA3AAD is sending out minutes from his own address list of active members.

Presentation

Three short videos were shown, courtesy of VA3MDJ's laptop. One was the famous Jay Leno CW/test messaging contest, the others were about intensive contesting.

Financial

The meeting's coffee collection was \$6.90. The equipment raffle yielded \$8.00..

Next Meeting

Will be held at the same location, at 8:00 PM on Friday, November 16th.

73's,
John, VA3AAD, www.eternalchaos.com