



## Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Meeting

### Present:

John VA3MDJ  
John VA3AAD  
Elliot VA3EJF

Jim VE3GRT  
Bert VE3ENA  
Doug VE3EES

Ian VE3IJS  
Tom VE3BKA

### Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD  
Sam VA3SEP  
Andrew VA3CRA  
Jost VE3SWI  
Paul VE3PGF  
Tony VE3VME  
Bernie VE3OTR

Bill VE3WHW  
Rej VA3REJ  
Ron VA3CCR  
Jal VE3SOC  
Vipi VE3PID  
David VE3VNE

Tony VE3XC  
Tom VE3TEG  
Jana VE3BFU  
Geoff VA3GEG  
Cyril VA3CJE  
Frans VE3VNC

John, VA3MDJ chaired the meeting.

### **Old Business**

#### **Repeater**

No progress has been made in setting up the IRLP connection. Elliot, VA3EJF and John, VA3AAD are now hoping to be able to complete this installation before the end of March.

#### **Martin Costa, VE3MHC, SK - Equipment**

John, VA3AAD reported that the "Little Tarheel" portable antenna has been sold to Bill, VE5AAR for \$120, less \$19.20 for postage and a shipping box. The antenna had been donated to the Club in by Martin in July 2009 but was missing its controller box.

### **New Business**

#### **Email Distribution List for Minutes**

Ian, VE3IJS asked that Jeff Golde, VA3RTV be added to the distribution list. Jeff lives in Whitby and frequently attends the Club annual festive dinner.

## Field Day

John, VA3AAD reported that Andrew, VA3CRA will probably be joining us at Field Day this year. It will be held on the weekend of June 26, 27. Please mark your calendars.

## Caribbean Cruise

Ian, VE3IJS reported that he had recently been on a cruise along with a party of 23 US hams (including their significant others) who had set up and were operating from two stations at the stern of the ship.

## Club Elections

These minutes constitute a formal notice that elections for the next fiscal year's executive will be held at the next Club meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

John, VA3AAD, as immediate past President, stated that he had convened a nominating committee that is putting forward the following members' names, all of whom have agreed to stand for election:

President	Ian Shaw, VE3IJS
Vice-President	John Carlisle, VA3MDJ
Treasurer	Bert Oitzl, VE3ENA
Recording Secretary	John Shepherd, VA3AAD
Corresponding Secretary	Elliot Fraser, VA3EJF

Additional nominations can be submitted to John at [john@eternalchaos.com](mailto:john@eternalchaos.com) or at the meeting on or before April 9<sup>th</sup>. Nominees must be Club members in good standing and have agreed to stand for election.

## Future Presentations

Future presentations will be:

- April 9<sup>th</sup> Frans, VE3VNC, (subject to be determined)
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> Elliot, VA3EJF, (subject to be determined)
- May 7<sup>th</sup> John, VA3MDJ (subject to be determined)
- May 21<sup>st</sup> tentatively IRLP demo
- June 4<sup>th</sup> Doug, VE3EES (on Field Day technique)
- June 18<sup>th</sup>, preparation for Field Day (June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>)

## Financial

The meeting coffee collection yielded \$9.75 and the raffle yielded \$8.00. Sale of equipment yielded \$100.80 (see note above under old business).

## Presentation

John, VA3MDJ showed two videos. The first was a WWII newsreel-style promotional video about the training received by armed forces radio operators and their key contributions during battle. The second was an interesting biographical video about Nicolai Tesla, probably put together by a memorial society, depicting his life and work.

Of particular interest was an explanation about the operation of the poly-phase (brushless) induction motor and the Tesla coil, along with photographs of some of the equipment from his laboratories, now housed in a museum in Belgrade.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on April 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Bayview Community Centre. Frans, VE3VNC, currently enjoying the sun in Florida, will handle the presentation, and is no doubt working on it at this moment, subject to be announced.

John Shepherd, VA3AAD

John Carlisle, VA3MDJ