



## Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 Meeting

### Present:

John VA3MDJ  
John VA3AAD  
Doug VE3EES  
Frans VE3VNC

Jim VE3GRT  
Bert VE3ENA  
Tony VE3VME  
Bernie VE3OTR

Ian VE3IJS  
Tom VE3BKA  
David VE3VNE

### Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD  
Sam VA3SEP  
Andrew VA3CRA  
Jost VE3SWI  
Paul VE3PGF  
Elliot VA3EJF

Bill VE3WHW  
Rej VA3REJ  
Ron VA3CCR  
Jal VE3SOC  
Cyril VA3CJE

Tony VE3XC  
Tom VE3TEG  
Jana VE3BFU  
Vipi VE3PID  
Geoff VA3GEG

John, VA3MDJ chaired the meeting

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### *Old Business*

#### **Repeater**

No progress has been made in setting up the IRLP connection. John, VA3AAD and Elliot, VA3EJF are continuing to try to get this project completed,

#### **Field Day**

Tony, VE3VME reported that six members are now confirmed for field day, with the possibility of a seventh participant. We'll set up Saturday morning June 26<sup>th</sup>. The event will run from 2:00 PM EDST that day until 2:00 PM the following day. The site is only 45 minutes North of Toronto at Tom, VE3II's property (see the attached map). Members who can't stay overnight are welcome to participate for as long as they can. Please mark your calendars.

In view of the Club's improved financial condition, it was agreed unanimously that this year we will not collect from Field Day participants the usual \$20 cost-defrayment fee.

### **I.O.T.A. (Islands-on-the-Air) DXpedition**

(Late addition, since the meeting)

Our guest from Ottawa, Adrien Comeau, VE3IAC, who attended our April 9th meeting, has reported on his IOTA expedition on an island in the northern St. Lawrence River during this last week. The group made 214 contacts on PSK and SSB, many of which were from Europe.. Details found at:

<http://acomeau.blogspot.com/2010/04/iota-activation-of-na-128-by-ve3iac2.html>

## ***New Business***

### **QSONET**

John, VA3AAD, reported that he had built a switch-box to inter-connect his transceiver and laptop but had been unable to get it to work properly. He has temporarily put aside the project but hopes to get it working later this summer.

### **Auditor**

Tony, VE3VME volunteered to audit the Club's fiscal-year-end books before they will be turned over to Bert, VE3ENA, the incoming treasurer, in September. John, VA3MDJ thanked Tony for this commitment.

### **MFJ-616 Speech Enhancer**

John, VA3AAD reported that neither he nor Bert, VE3ENA had been able to obtain a circuit diagram for, or repair the unit that had been obtained from VE3MHC's estate. As its original cost was approximately \$200 it was felt uneconomic to send it to MFJ for repair. Accordingly, it was added to the meeting's equipment raffle.

### **Future Presentations**

Future presentations will be:

June 4<sup>th</sup> John, VA3AAD, subject "More on the Vector Network Analyzer".

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 \$7.20 and the raffle yielded \$12.00.

## Presentation

Doug, VE3EES gave an outstanding presentation about achieving maximum contact-efficiency on field day. The attached file is well worth saving for review prior to Field Day.



## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on June 4th, at the Bayview Community Centre. John, VA3AAD will again discuss some of the features of his new Vector Network Analyzer. He'll understand if you're sick of hearing about this and want to leave early.

John Shepherd, VA3AAD  
John Carlisle, VA3MDJ