



Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the May 7th, 2010 Meeting

Present:

John VA3MDJ
John VA3AAD
Doug VE3EES
Frans VE3VNC

Jim VE3GRT
Bert VE3ENA
Elliot VA3EJF

Ian VE3IJS
Tom VE3BKA
David VE3VNE

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

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

Bill VE3WHW
Rej VA3REJ
Ron VA3CCR
Jal VE3SOC
Cyril VA3CJE
Geoff VA3GEG

Tony VE3XC
Tom VE3TEG
Jana VE3BFU
Vipi VE3PID
Tony VE3VME

John, VA3MDJ chaired the meeting.

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

John, VA3MDJ urged members to respond to Tony, VE3VME's request to commit to participation at Field Day, on the weekend of June 26, 27. Please mark your calendars.

Auction of Antique Radios

Elliot, VA3EJF reported that there would be a bulk-lot auction of antique radios to be held on May 16th with viewing the day before. The Empire Auction web site is at:

<http://toronto.empireauctions.com/>

A photographs of some parts of this lot is



I.O.T.A. (Islands-on-the-Air) Activation

John, VA3AAD reminded members that that our guest from Ottawa, Adrien Comeau, VE3IAC, who attended our April 9th meeting, will be operating from an IOTA expedition on an island in the northern St. Lawrence river during the week of May 17th. Details about IOTA can be found at:

<http://www.rsgbiota.org/index.php>

Adrien's web site provides details of the expedition at:

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

Interested Club members may wish to try to contact the expedition.

New Business

QSONET

Further to Elliot, VA3EJF's excellent presentation at the last meeting, John, VA3AAD described a circuit that he had designed (so far, only on paper), that should permit the controller of a ham net to inter-connect (manually) Club members who use QsoNet (over the internet) with Nortown Sunday morning (RF, over the air) net participants. He has ordered parts for this circuit and plans to build and test it as soon as possible. If this works, it will be possible for Club members without stations or without suitable antennas to participate in our net.

For more information, see: last meeting's minutes or:

: <http://www.qsonet.com/>

QsoNet offers a free 90-day trial subscription. It's restricted to amateurs. The sound quality is incredible. Every Club member should try it. On a computer screen, the transceiver looks like this:



Future Presentations

Future presentations will be:

- May 21st Doug, VE3EES (on Field Day technique)
- June 4th (tentatively) IRLP demo, Elliot, VA3EJF and John, VA3AAD
- June 18th, preparation for Field Day (June 26th and 27th)

Financial

The meeting coffee collection yielded \$7.25 and the raffle yielded \$5.00.

Presentation

John, VA3MDJ gave an excellent presentation about the work of Nobel prize-winning Edward Appleton, a British scientist who demonstrated the existence of the ionosphere and how it enabled long-distance RF propagation to occur. Appleton also laid the foundations for radar development. The presentation is attached to these minutes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on May 21th, at the Bayview Community Centre. Doug, VE3EES will demonstrate his efficient field day technique that has enabled him to contribute such high contact scores, year after year. Don't miss it.

John Shepherd, VA3AAD

John Carlisle, VA3MDJ