



### **Nortown Amateur Radio Club**

Minutes of the January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 Meeting

#### **Present:**

John VA3MDJ  
John VA3AAD  
Tom VE3BKA

Frans VE3VNC  
Doug VE3EES  
Ian VE3IJS

Bert VE3ENA  
Jim VE3GRT  
Bernie VE3OTR

#### **Recent member-attendees who were absent:**

Claus VE3PMD  
Sam VA3SEP  
Andrew VA3CRA  
Jost VE3SWI  
Paul VE3PGF  
Vince VE3ELB  
Jal VE3SOC

Bill VE3WHW  
Rej VA3REJ  
Ron VA3CCR  
Vipi VE3PID  
Cyril VA3CJE  
David VE3VNE

Tony VE3XC  
Tom VE3TEG  
Jana VE3BFU  
Tony VE3VME  
Geoff VA3GEG  
Elliot VA3EJF

### ***Old Business***

#### **Repeater**

No change. Elliot, VA3EJF is continuing to work on the Linux IRLP IP address issue

#### **The VE3MHC (SK) 1926 Antique Bremer-Tulley Radio**

No change. Tom, VE3BKA, and Elliot, VA3EJF will try to make another effort to repair this radio, so that it can be sold in working order.

#### **Geoff, VA3GEG's Yaesu FT101E Radio**

Frans, VE3VNC affirmed that \$125 was too low a price at which to let this go and that he would continue to try to sell this for \$160 at upcoming hamfests.

#### **MISSING – The Club's Kenwood 6-meter T-550 Radio**

No change. Through copies of these minutes. Andrew, VA3CRA, and Tom, VE3TEG are asked to search their equipment shelves for the unit. It was last seen at a Field Day, several Years ago. Elliot, VA3EJF will follow up with them.

## **Club Insurance**

John VA3AAD reported that he had managed to reverse a proposed \$75 charge for listing the Club's named-insured with the new insurance carrier.

## ***New Business***

### **Field Day Lightning Arrestors**

John, VA3AAD proposed that the Club purchase four I.C.E. Model 300?U Coaxial Impulse Suppressors for \$40 each, plus grounding rods, copper strip and clamps, for use at field day. The devices can not only provide some protection against high voltage strikes, but also bleed off static build-up that often precedes such a discharge.

<http://www.iceradioproducts.com/impulse1.html>

It is not enough to simply ground the transceiver chassis. (Some years ago one of our members actually lost a radio immediately prior to a storm.) It was agreed unanimously that John should make these purchases.

### **Financial**

He raffle yielded \$9.00 and the coffee collection \$6.00.

### **Presentation**

Tom, VE3BKA gave an excellent presentation (not available for attachment to these minutes, but perhaps will be sent later, but here's a photo) about the development of software-defined radios (SDR's). This was triggered by his purchase last year of a TenTec Pegasus. Although this radio is from an earlier generation of such devices it still functions very effectively.



**Here's a photo from the previous meeting's presentation by Bert, VE3ENA.**



### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Elliot, VA3EJF will give a presentation on how to get Internet access from your phone. Hope to see you there.

John Shepherd, VA3AAD

Ian Shaw, VE3IJS