



Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the June 3rd, 2011 Meeting

Present:

Elliot VA3EJF
Frans VE3VNC

Bernie VE3OTR
John VA3MDJ

John VA3AAD
Ian VE3IJS

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD
Sam VA3SEP
Andrew VA3CRA
Paul VE3PGF
Vince VE3ELB
Tony VE3VME
David VE3VNE
Bert VE3ENA

Bill VE3WHW
Rej VA3REJ
Ron VA3CCR
Cyril VA3CJE
Jal VE3SOC
Jeff VE3RTV
Doug VE3EES

Tony VE3XC
Tom VE3TEG
Jost VE3SWI
Geoff VA3GEG
Vipi VE3PID
Jim, VE3GRT
Tom VE3BKA

Club President, Ian, VE3IJS chaired the meeting.

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. Evidently, Tom has the necessary equipment and Elliot has the second head that is supposed to “be better than one”.

MISSING – The Club’s Kenwood 6-meter T-550 Radio

No change. It was last seen at a field day. Through copies of these minutes, Jal, VE3SOC the remaining suspect, is asked to search his equipment shelf for the unit. It was last seen at a Field Day, several Years ago. When he can get around to it, Elliot, VA3EJF will follow up with Jal.

Field Day is June 25/26 Weekend

Five members have now committed to Field Day but quite a few more will be needed if we are going to be able to use our towers to put up any effective antennas. Please email Tony, VE3VME at carrollt@istar.ca to confirm your participation.

New Business

Annual Garage Sale

It was agreed that another “garage sale” will be held early in the Fall as last year’s event was so successful. The date and *modus operandi* for the event will be established at the Sept. 16th meeting.

Pan-Am Games, 2015

Bernie, VE3OTR, who is also an emergency coordinator for York Region, noted that planning for this major event, due to be held within the Golden Horseshoe, has already started. Some 17 municipalities will be involved. He suggested that the amateur community, if it were effectively organized, could make a significant contribution to the communications effort that will be required. Two major problems however, were noted:

- Police and Fire departments will be the first to be consulted by Games organizers. These organizations will probably recommend types of commercial equipment that they already use.
- The amateur community currently lacks any Golden Horseshoe organization that could coordinate such an effort.

Although some members present expressed an interest in participation in an amateur initiative, this topic will be discussed further in the Fall.

Upcoming Presentations

The schedule for presentations is:

June 17	Tony, VE3VME - Field Day Preparation,
September 16	John, VA3AAD – The Signal Hound spectrum analyzer

Financial

The coffee collection yielded \$6.80. In VE3GRT’s absence, there was no raffle.

Presentation

In an interesting talk, Ian, VE3IJS described how APRS works (Automatic Packet Reporting System), in conjunction with a GPS display. He brought with him a 2-meter radio with a terminal controller attached and showed how the signals are processed to display the location of a moving vehicle on a map. A PDF version of his presentation is attached.



Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, June 17th

Tony, VE3VME will lead the discussion of plans for Field Day, the weekend of June 25, 26.

John Shepherd, VA3AAD
Ian, VE3IJS