



Nortown Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of the November 5th, 2010 Meeting

Present:

John VA3MDJ	Jim VE3GRT	Bert VE3ENA
John VA3AAD	Doug VE3EES	Elliot VA3EJF
Bernie VE3OTR	Tom VE3BKA	David VE3VNE
Frans VE3VNC	Ian VE3IJS	

Recent member-attendees who were absent:

Claus VE3PMD	Bill VE3WHW	Tony VE3XC
Sam VA3SEP	Rej VA3REJ	Tom VE3TEG
Andrew VA3CRA	Ron VA3CCR	Jana VE3BFU
Jost VE3SWI	Jal VE3SOC	Vipi VE3PID
Paul VE3PGF	Cyril VA3CJE	Geoff VA3GEG
Vince VE3ELB	Tony VE3VME	

Old Business

Repeater

Elliot, VA3EJF reported that he is encountering problems with Linux programming of the IRLP computer when trying to change its IP address. He has put out enquiries over the net and may also try to contact Tom, VE3TEG for his advice.

Presentations

Teeth were pulled in order to establish a schedule for future meeting presentations, as follows:

November 19, 2010 First Annual Nortown Garage Sale

(for details, see these minutes, below)

January 7, 2011	Bert, VE3ENA
January 21, 2011	Tom VE3BKA
February 4, 2011	Elliot VA3AAD
February 18, 2011	John, VA3MDJ
March 4, 2011	Bert, VE3ENA

March 18, 2011	John, VA3AAD
April 1, 2011	Ian, VE3IJS
April 15, 2011	John, VA3AAD
May 6, 2011	Frans, VE3VNC
May 20, 2011	Doug, VE3EES
June 3, 2011	TBA (need one more “volunteer”)
June 17, 2011	Field Day preparation

Annual Festive Dinner

After some discussion, it was decided that the dinner will be held this year at the Sierra Grill but that Ian, VE3IJS would speak the manager to arrange for more time and space for participants to congregate before sitting down for dinner. Ian thanked Doug, VE3EES, for his generous offer to use his house for a catered dinner, but it was felt that it would be better to have all of the group seated in one room.

Date will be Friday, December 3rd. Tickets will be on sale at the next meeting with confirmation of time and place..

Sale of Surplus Equipment

After some discussion, it was determined that many members have two kinds of surplus parts or equipment that they would like to sell or otherwise dispose of, but which are more substantial in value than the individual lots usually raffled off at Club meetings:

These are:

1. More valuable items from which Club members would like to realize some cash: items that are perhaps worth more than \$40 or \$50, and
2. Less valuable items, or collections of items, that members would like to donate to the Club for auction..

Solution:

1. It was agreed that members with items in the first of the above categories should provide a list of these to the Club Secretary (John, VA3AAD) . He will distribute the list along with the meeting minutes, so that they can be circulated to the wider community receiving the minutes. Along with an accurate description of each item, the list should show an asking price and include the telephone number of the seller. If they wish, members can display such items that they wish to sell at Club meetings.
2. Items in the second category should be packaged into lots and brought to the next Club meeting, on November 19th, for the **First Annual Nortown Garage Sale**, with each lot labeled with a suggested minimum starting bid price. Jim, VE3GRT, our Club raffle guru, will organize a display of the items that have been brought in and will set up a silent auction where members can write in their bids during the meeting. Instead of a presentation at the end of the meeting, results of the auction will be announced, money collected and winnings distributed, all to enthusiastic applause.

The VE3MHC (SK) 1926 Bremer-Tulley Radio

Tom, VE3BKA, and Elliot, VA3EJF reported that they had spent one session working on this radio, in an effort to get it operating, but without success. They intend to make another attempt and will report on their findings at a later date.

New Business

Geoff, VA3GEG's Yaesu FT101E Radio

John, VA3AAD enquired about the whereabouts of this radio. Frans, VE3VNC reported that he has the unit and will be taking it to the York Region Hamfest on November 6th, in an attempt to sell it. If he is successful, proceeds will go to Geoff, less 10%, which will be remitted to the Club.

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

Elliot, VA3EJ reported that although the Club's asset list shows him as having possession of this radio, he does not know who has it at the present time. Recipients of these minutes are asked to scour their shacks and advise Elliot if they have it.. .

Financial

The meeting's coffee collection yielded \$8.27 and the raffle \$10.00.

Presentation

John, VA3MDJ projected an Industry Canada Spectrum Management video showing consumers how to track down sources of RFI. He also provided the attached list of web sites that can provide useful information for radio amateurs.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on November 19th. Instead of a presentation, we will hold the **First Annual Nortown Garage Sale**. Please go through your stash of stuff that you no longer need, package it up into lots, label it with suggested minimum bid prices and bring it to this meeting along with lots of cash so that you can bid on more stuff. Don't miss this once-a-year opportunity.

John Shepherd, VA3AAD

Ian Shaw, VE3IJS