



## Nortown Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Meeting

### Present:

John VA3MDJ  
John VA3AAD  
Tom VE3BKA

Elliot VA3EJF  
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  
Frans VE3VNC

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

Tony VE3XC  
Tom VE3TEG  
Jana VE3BFU  
Tony VE3VME  
Geoff VA3GEG  
Jal VE3SOC

### *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.

#### **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.

#### **Field Day Lightning Arrestors**

John, VA3AAD reported that he had ordered fur I.C.E. arrestors but had not yet been to Home Depot to buy the ground rods and clamps. It was agreed that at Field Day,

members would be expected to bring their own coax jumper cables to hook up the arrestors.

## ***New Business***

### **Restoration of Old Military Radios**

Bernie, VE3OTR asked whether there were any members in the Club who could volunteer to work at restoring old military radios for use by emergency responders. Interested members should contact Bernie at [broche@tcn.net](mailto:broche@tcn.net).

### **MFJ Tunable DSP Filter**

Ian, VE3IJS reported that his “new” (to him) tunable DSP filter is working remarkably well at noise reduction. Members who would like more information can contact him at [igshaw@sympatico.ca](mailto:igshaw@sympatico.ca).

### **Financial**

He raffle yielded \$8.00 and the coffee collection \$7.47.

### **Presentation**

Elliot, VA3EJF (pictured below in his usual good form) gave an interesting live demonstration of the “Magic Jack” method of making local and long distance calls using a laptop with internet access. Further information about the three modes can be obtained from:

<http://www.magicjack.com/6/index.asp>

He also demonstrated how the internet may be accessed by pairing any smart-phone with a laptop with access to wi-fi. This will definitely be of use to the club for future demonstrations requiring internet access.



The next meeting’s presentation will be by John, VA3MDJ, subject tba.

John Shepherd, VA3AAD

Ian Shaw, VE3IJS

