

#### **Nortown Amateur Radio Club**

Minutes of the January 21st, 2011 Meeting

# **Present:**

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

# 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	Vipi VE3PID	Tony VE3VME
Paul VE3PGF	Cyril VA3CJE	Geoff VA3GEG
Vince VE3ELB	David VE3VNE	Elliot VA3EJF
Jal VE3SOC		

# Old Business

# Repeater

No change. Elliot, VA3EJF is contimuing 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 law 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**

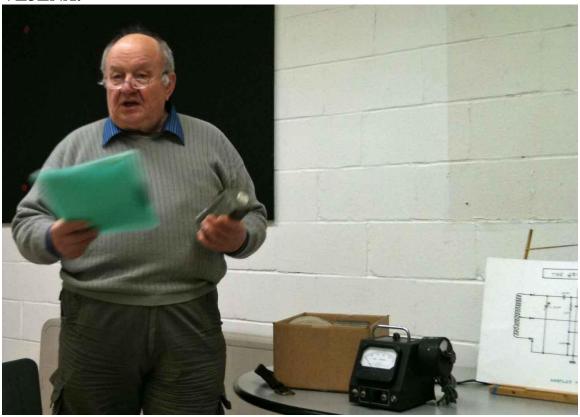
He raffle yielded \$9.00 and the coffee collection \$6.00.

# **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