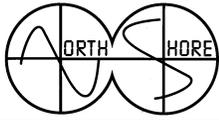


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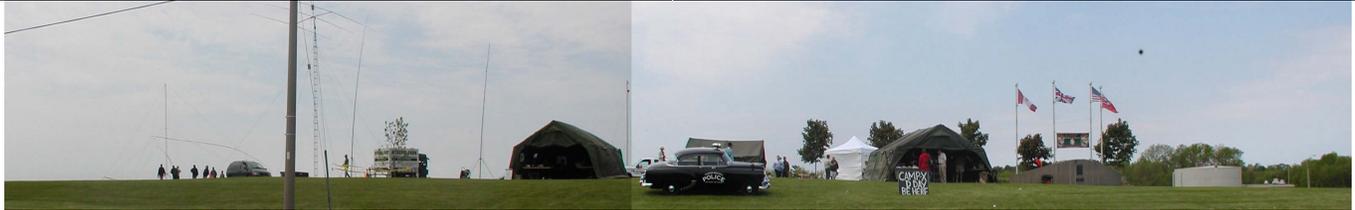


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The Camp X Issue:

For the 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Fortress Europe the Camp X Event tallied the following statistics:

About 3000 visitors attended the event.

Over 200 contacts on the HF bands. Not bad considering poor conditions

1. Our number customer is DND.
2. CFARS has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada (PS&EPC) to provide backup. HF communications for the PS&EPC Provincial/Territorial Regional Directors.
3. Participants are CFARS , DND Communications Reserve , PS&EPC, Transport Canada, Civil Air Search and Rescue (CASARA) Ottawa, etc.
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(CW Operations)

8 contacts on the CFARS (Canadian Forces Affiliate Radio System).

For those of you who may not know CFARS covers the following areas:



(The Camp X Monument)

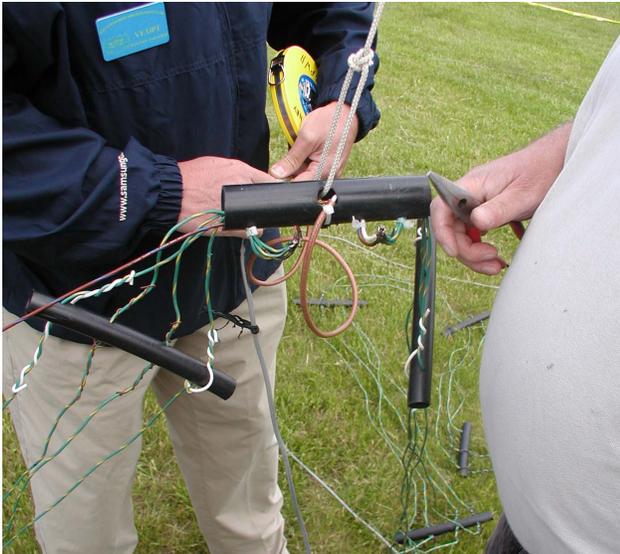
The Camp X Historical Society is a member of CFARS with it's own call sign.

Information provided by Ray VE3OUB



(Camp X operations)

Those of you who are interested should talk to Ray about this. It's a fascinating area of Radio Service.



(Antenna Surgery)

From our Members:

Subject: ares.paker
Date: Tue, 25 May 2004 21:54:44 -0300
From: Howie VE3TYQ

1. ARES HF NET now on 3.743.00 at 8:00 P.M. Wednesdays. Join in, have some input, have some say.
2. Now when you connect to VE3USH on 44.970 Mhz all you have to do is type bbs. It will connect you to VA3VW and not to VA3BBS this was changed by Glen VE3LIZ. This bbs is in Thorold ON, run by Nick VE3DID who does the ON swap shop on 3.755.00Mhz on Sunday evening at 7:15P.M. Also you can look at the swap shop listing on the KWARC web site.

From The Station at the Cottage

With Camp X come and gone, little remains except to remind one and all that your participation at the SPARC Field Day is eagerly sought. Don't be shy. Field day is a chance to operate in contest conditions and show what you can do to collect contacts. Just about every operator from SPARC would like a spell off now and then. If you act fast, you might find that you fill a band opening that has not been filled yet.

"Sparkies" are quite competitive and often the excitement builds as operators find that things are going better than last year or when they realize that they are pulling in contacts where others are failing. Even a seasoned contest hater can find himself or herself wrapped up in the whole process. So get in touch with SPARC and find out the details and plan on being there on the last full weekend of June (as always).

Some of the quotes we have been looking for have started coming in and it looks like the moving and powering of OSH might cost over sixty thousand dollars. When any of us looks at a figure like that we cringe. On the other hand, granting foundations are used to helping people just like us who have no other way of achieving our goals. As the executive and repeater committee move through the process we are increasingly certain that we meet the criteria for selection. As our very slow moving ball picks up speed toward submitting our proposal, we are both nervous and optimistic. Keep your fingers crossed.

It is true now, and always has been, that people make a club great. It is also true that one gets from a club what one puts in. North Shore has an admirable reputation for public event communications and special event operations. As the Camp X event drew to a close, with the rigs and

antennas stowed there was a visible sense of accomplishment from all the folks. I can only say, well done guys. Despite poor band conditions at times there were lots of contacts made and lots of happy operators. The Historical Society are also pleased that "some 3000 people" showed up for a look.

Those who couldn't make it to the event deserve our sympathy. Sometimes things just don't work out so that everyone can attend. I'm hoping that next year will see almost every member there for at least some time. Not all will operate, not all will be well enough to stay long, but it would be really great to be able to see just about everyone there at some time. Maybe some of the shyer members would be convinced to log and then operate for a while. Imagine what fun we could have.

I would be remiss if I did not mention that most of our newly licensed members and new members were in attendance, were very helpful, were very professional in operating and seemed to enjoy the event. Thanks guys.

73 de Pete

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I have to echo Peter's comments to those of you who missed the Camp X Event. You really missed a good time. Speaking for myself, the 00:00 to 04:00 shift was quiet and I was trying to work 20M to the west. I only got as far as New Mexico before things shut down. I could hear the West Coast and New Zealand / Australia, but couldn't break through. The spookiest thing was right around 03:00 when everything went dead quiet. I thought I'd wrecked the rigs. There was no static, no noise of any kind. I had visions of repair bills dancing in my head (break-dancing). Shortly before 04:00 the noise came back, no contacts but at least I could hear something. Now we have to rally for the next challenge. Field Day is approaching. This will be the last bulletin before the summer break. I trust you will all have a safe and happy summer.

Remember your sunscreen and enjoy the warmest of our seasons. I'm sure everyone knows the four Canadian Seasons: Winter, Still Winter, Not Winter and Almost Winter.

Your humble scribe.

Ken
VE3RMK

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Here are some more pictures of Camp X event for your enjoyment.



(Antenna Support Apprentice)



(Beam Antenna with Support Base)



(The 20M gang)



(The only time I could catch Howard with an empty log page)



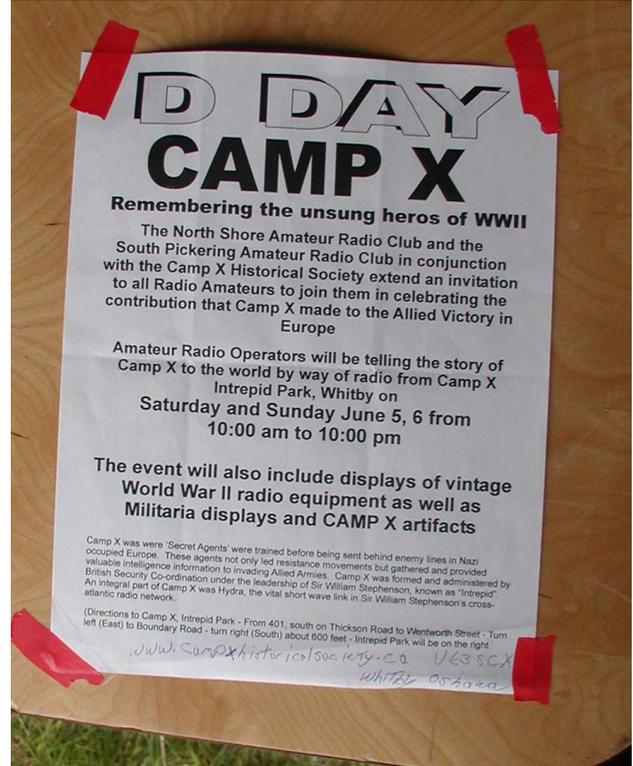
(A proper English Tea)



(The Camp X power pack)



(Camp X style)



(This flyer drew a lot of attention... and started a lot of conversations)



(Multi-band Dipole raising)



(Safety is having both the Army and the Police nearby)