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The Stick it on the Fridge Stuff:

By request here are the dates you should be remembering for the Club Meetings.

January 16th 2006
February 20th 2006
March 20th 2006
April 17th 2006
May 15th 2006
June 19th 2006
September 18th 2006
October 16th 2006
November 20th 2006
December 18th 2006

I don't know about the rules at your QTH, but in mine if it isn't on the calendar in the Kitchen then it isn't part of the household reality as we know it.

I'll be writing the dates on the official kitchen calendar. How about you?

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It's that time of year again. Renew your Membership.

Our Membership Secretary is asking that those members who haven't renewed their membership yet complete the attached form or visit our web page at:

http://www.osha.igs.net/~Isolomon/nsarc/NSARC_Membership_Application.pdf

Remember to update your email address and your RAC number.

The January Bulletin will be the last bulletin non-renewing members receive.

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From The Chair in the Shack:

The first meeting of 2006 is very close now. Please encourage any member you know to attend the meeting this month since we will be having a very interesting talk and question period starring our own Ray Zambonelli, VE3OUB. He'll be dealing with propagation and the various measurements that you can check to see what is likely to happen on the bands. He is keen on the topic and I know you'll enjoy what he has to say.

We have several outstanding membership dues to come in so let me remind you that, even after cutting out some of our extravagant spending, dues cover less than half of our expenses each year. Membership seems like a lot until you figure the cost of coffee or other beverages on any kind of a regular basis. In fact, three movies will certainly cost more and they don't maintain repeaters or organize other events for your pleasure. Every paid-up member means less strain on the books and a better chance of seeing the club survive into really old age. It is more than 50 now.

This weather is great for reading about antennas and interfaces and other things that we can build. Yup, it may be too cold to put the antenna up, but you could start collecting ideas and then materials in

advance. There are several great antenna books available locally from several sources including ARRL. Every one is worth a read. And if you want some opinion backed by computer modeling, try <http://www.cebik.com> the site of L.B. Cebik's articles on antennas. Cebik will point out weaknesses and also strengths of various antennas so that you can decide what each really does. He is a past-master at using computer modeling to predict what antennas will do and has shown that they really do those things in real life.

Check out ARRL technical information service on the web at ARRL.org. You'll find you are blocked from some areas but not all. If you've heard about an antenna, check it out at the company web site or find a review at eham.net. Reading and absorbing the information can only make a better ham and one who knows just what to expect when on the air. I know you're probably not retired like me but 15 minutes a day and some bookmarks will raise you ham IQ in a short time.

73 de Pete, VA3PWH

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The Club Policy on Items for Sale:

At the last Club Executive meeting it was decided that Club members can contribute to a "for sale" column that will appear in the bulletins as required. The format of your contributions should be text, with contact information to include email address as a minimum. Phone number information can be included at the member's discretion.

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Well here we are at the start of the New Year. The weather is decidedly unwinter-like. It's almost a shame that I can't get at my extension ladder to adjust the mast at the top of my chimney. It seems that the

only time I have to work on my antennas is when it's freezing cold. Oh well, I can console myself with the knowledge that the walls are finished in the workshop and that slowly things are coming together. Of course the pace of progress isn't fast enough for my wife, but to be fair I've taken month's to do what used to take me weeks. I've suggested that in part its do with to my sons not being around to help with the grunt work. She's not buying it.

On the radio front, my shack is temporarily set up on the table saw (again). I've been trying to copy CW on HF. I'm getting better at it too. I'm seriously looking into a keyer for a bit of practice with my paddle before I key up the rig on CW. Any suggestions on makes and models would be gratefully received.

In the January / February TCA we're challenged to build something this year. I think it's a great idea. I've been looking for ideas for a shack that will be something other than a temporary setup on the table saw. I've seen some dynamite shacks belonging to Club Members. To say that I'm jealous would be an understatement. I'm thinking about a rolling cabinet that I can maneuver out of harm's way so that the other work can get done. If you have any ideas, I'd like to hear them.

Remember the Club commitments to community service this year. There are many opportunities for you to serve your Club, your community and have fun too.

Your humble scribe
Ken
VE3RMK

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