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Don't forget the Wednesday Evening Net.

From Will VA3WEW and Howie VE3TYQ.

Our Club net is on 147.120 + at 8PM local time every Wednesday. Plan to be there.

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The Meeting Schedule.

Due to the changes in the space allocation at our local Legion the meetings are being held on the following dates:

The 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM

March 20th
April 17th
May 15th
June 19th

Mark them on your calendars.

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Find your grid online.

From TCA and CQ magazines.

Those of you who get TCA and CQ will have read about this little gem. F6FVY, Laurent Haas has created a program that will return a precise Full Grid Location for any spot on earth. It's based on Google Earth.

Take a look at:

<http://f6fvy.free.fr/qthLocator/fullScreen.html>

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Be Prepared.

From: DRARES Gord Hewit VE3GIH

Do you know what words to use to effectively communicate? Would you like to polish your message handling? Take a look at:

<http://www.aresd24.org/prowords.html>

This link will give you a useful review of radio procedure words (PROWORDS).

Stay tuned. We hope to have the lists for ARES Kits and other information available shortly

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Hamfest

Keep April 21st and 22nd open on your Calendar.

We will need all hands on deck for the set up, Friday evening and manning of stations, Saturday morning.

Let the Hamfest organizers know that you can help.

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From the Chair in the Shack

The most recent meeting of Durham ARES proved very interesting. Our new EC, Bob, VE3TFD is highly qualified in the area of Incident Management Systems, which is the organizational model followed in our responses during emergencies. A "table-top" exercise had the members following the progress of an imaginary disaster created as a scenario. We learned how ARES would respond from the first news of a disaster to the callout and then practiced message sending. All in all, very revealing of both the work that has gone into the reorganized ARES and of our skill levels.

I don't want to sound like a broken record but every one of us has to make the decision about whether we want to be part of a solution in emergencies. If the answer is yes, then there are three levels on which we can help.

First - be an active member and attend most training sessions and exercises.

Second - be a reserve member and make it to a smaller number of sessions.

Third - be someone who shows up with little or no training but who can be paired with a trained operator.

We have long known that the number of sites needing communications would place huge demands on the amateur community. Making a choice might allow the amateur operators to enjoy a better reputation and therefore more respect in the towns where we live. If we choose not to be part of the solution we can expect our neighbors to support other uses of the frequencies we now enjoy. Yep, I know that ham radio is a hobby. Nevertheless, think of the stink if you or I refused to let another evacuee into our empty car while fleeing a disaster. Could you blame the public if they were angry about lack of participation?

On another note, I'd like to show you the results of a survey about foundation licensing and the RAC proposal to Industry Canada at our next meeting. As well, I'd like to show you some software that will give a clear picture of who you might contact on any given day and time. It's neat stuff so be at the meeting and see for yourself. Bring a friend who's not a member to share in the information we'll explore.

At a later meeting I'd like to explore the off-center dipole or "Windom" antenna and explain what you can expect if you install one. There are many articles available from which we can pick some insight. The "Windom" is a relatively inexpensive antenna that may well help you on most bands.

73 de Pete

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As the winter slowly fades I can say that I'm looking forward to spring. Not that I'm sorry to see winter end. Everything has its time. Besides, with the taxes we pay, we deserve 4 seasons. Our after income tax income is whittled away by GST and PST. Even elevated fuel prices translate into even more taxes paid to the governments. Now while this may be overly cynical, you can see why they governments aren't more vocal about the price of fuel. I am back from visiting my Son in Vancouver BC. I had a great time. I've included a picture so you can see what I saw.



Yep it rained. This is looking from Kitsilano Beach across the inlet to West-Vancouver. Aren't the mountains beautiful? On the plus side, I was spending time with my Son and soaking up the "west-coast atmosphere". I got to talk with a couple of members of the North Shore Amateur Radio Club out there on VE7RNS. There was a good chat with Ed VE7EF and I checked into the morning net on VE7RNS run by Ivor. I also visited the local "Ham" store. It is a very nice shop. I wish I'd brought some "radio money with me".

Too bad I wasn't able to take pictures at CFB Esquimalt. Even in the rain the Base is really impressive. A friend of my Son is a reservist with the Canadian Navy. Our tour of HMCS Brandon was great. These young men and women deserve our support in their service of our country.

And while on the topic of deserving support, the most recent issue of "The Canadian Amateur" presents or re-presents the thought "Support your local HAM store". We are very, very, fortunate to have an excellent HAM store right on our area. There are a lot of places that can't say that. We should support them in whatever way we can, even if it's just to stop in to say "hi". I've always got the help I've needed there and when my pool of "radio money" has permitted, I feel I've got a very good deal and a fair price.

Finally, I wouldn't want you to think that the weather was damp and rainy all the time. Here is the view from the Vancouver Airport just before I had to get on the plane to come back home. Aren't the mountains beautiful?



Your humble scribe.

Ken
VE3RMK

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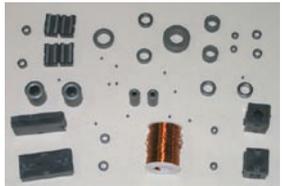


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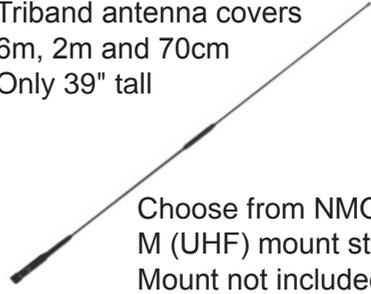
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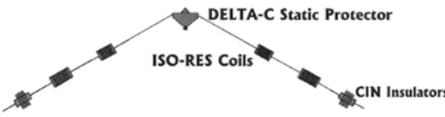
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