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The Club Christmas Party.

Pictures by Michel VA3DUR





Don't let the clean tables fool you. There was lots for everyone. A most enjoyable evening. Plan to be at the next December meeting.

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The Club addresses the Membership List

On behalf of the Executive

The issue of whether or not the Club would re-institute the Club membership list has been rumbling around for a while now. The events of the recent past in the Region of Durham which prompted the stringent security rules over personal information held by organizations had cast a pall over sharing member's details. The fact that these events also prompted a class-action lawsuit didn't help matters either.

At the Christmas meeting the Executive was approached by Club members asking that we address the membership list issue and decide as a Club what would be done.

The Executive agreed that a membership should be re-instituted and that at the January meeting the matter would be presented to the members present for discussion and a vote.

The discussion at the meeting was animated but always cordial. The assembled members have agreed that the membership list should contain the member's call sign, name and phone number along with a space for individuals to add additional pertinent information. It was noted by the

Membership Secretary and accepted by all present that members could have their phone number excluded from the list. Please refer to the section of the membership form shown below.

 In accordance with government regulations covering privacy and protection of your information, the applicant agrees that call sign, name and phone number information can be shared with fellow club members. The applicant can request that phone number information be omitted from the shared information.

It was moved and seconded in the meeting that the executive prepare the list from the Club membership information. The motion passed unanimously.

It was also moved that the Club members be contacted by the executive to confirm the election made on the membership form and that the list be produced after the March 2012 meeting. The motion passed unanimously

So we have good news. There will be a Club Members list and it will be available as soon after the March Club meeting as the Executive can manage

It should be pointed out to those who have not renewed their membership for 2012.that there is a have a bit of time left to take care of this.

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One wonders looking out the window what has happened to our winter. It is actually above freezing! Can we still lay claim to “the Great White North”? All we can muster is dead grass and patches of mud. Where is the snow?? Because it is so warm everyone is either getting a cold, has a cold or is getting a new cold because the old cold is just about over. Where is the -20 degrees with the bright, clear skies and that hint of wind?

One benefit of this unusual winter is that it is easier to work on your antenna when it is above freezing than when it is below freezing. And with all this rain vehicles are a lot cleaner.

That being said I for one miss the cold. I miss it because I still have to go to work each day and see my colleagues who are in the various stages of colds and flu. I haven’t succumbed yet, but there have been a couple of close shaves. I miss the cold because it is still warm enough to work outside on some things, which of course means less radio time. I heard a W1 station working a VK station a couple nights ago. I have no idea how big the amplifiers were, but I could make out the VK end of the QSO just above the noise. Too bad I was in the middle of looking for some wood screws for another project.

Oh for a cold snap!

Your humble scribe

Ken