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Hello everyone, well we are getting into the colder weather and I have heard some rumors that we might be getting a fair bit of snow this winter! I hope everyone has got the antenna work done before the snow flies.

The bands have been pretty quiet these days and I haven't been able to get on the radio much due to some family matters. I did take the weekend and played in the CQWW SSB contest a couple of weeks ago and despite bad band conditions still picked up a couple more countries and 260 qso's , so I guess they are out there with a little effort.



This is a copy of our club badge which comes in either Blue or Red with white lettering.

We have had a few new members join in the last little while and I will be placing an order for these badges hopefully this week. So for all the new people who

have joined us in the last couple of years, please send me the color you want and the name and callsign you would like on this badge at va3tps@rac.ca or see me at the meeting this coming Tuesday.



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Remembrance Day at Camp X –Intrepid Park On Friday November 11,2016 Martha VA3SBD ,Vice-President of NSARC attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at Intrepid Park and represented our club in the laying of our wreath. Also present were Larry VA3FHG, Peter VE3PWJ and Luis VA3TCL. Many thanks to all for being there and representing our club.





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As you are reading this our annual Christmas Pot Luck dinner is fast approaching on Tuesday December 20, 2016. If you haven't already done so, get in touch with Martha (va3sbd@gmail.com) and let her know what you can bring or find out what we need.

This event is very well attended and there is always lots of food and smiling faces and it always nice to see everyone at this time of year. Martha will have a sign up sheet at the November meeting. So I hope to see everyone there and don't forget to check with Martha.



I found this bit of informatin for those that are interested in APRS and the ISS.

ARISS Packet System on Board the ISS Switched to UHF

Due to the recent failure of the Ericsson VHF radio in the ISS *Columbus* module, the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) APRS packet system that normally operates 145.825 MHz has not been available. Crew member Shane Kimbrough, KE5HOD, has activated an ARISS UHF radio that had been in storage on the ISS, and it is now operational on 437.550 MHz. The packet system uses the same protocol as the VHF system. Operators using the system should adjust for increased Doppler shift at UHF. The ARISS team is currently working on Kenwood TM-D710GA models to replace all Amateur Radio transceivers on board the ISS. The target date for delivery is late 2017. -- *Thanks to ARISS*





CANADA 150

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As previously announced at the Dayton Hamvention, Radio Amateurs of Canada has secured permission for all Canadian Radio Amateurs to use special call sign prefixes to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation.

National, regional and local events will take place throughout 2017 to celebrate the anniversary and Canadian Amateurs will let their counterparts around the world know of our celebration by using the following special prefixes:

- Amateurs and clubs whose regular call signs start with VA will be able to use the CF prefix instead of VA (for example, VA3RAC will be authorized to use the CF3RAC call sign).
- Amateurs and clubs whose regular call signs start with VE will be able to use the CG prefix instead of VE (e.g., VE4RAC will be authorized to use CG4RAC).
- Amateurs and clubs whose regular call signs start with VO will be able to use the CH prefix instead of VO (e.g., VO1RAC will be authorized to use CH1RAC).
- Amateurs and clubs whose regular call signs start with VY will be able to use the CI prefix instead of VY (e.g., VY2RAC will be authorized to use CI2RAC).

These special prefixes are optional and Amateurs can choose if and when to use the special prefix vs their normal prefix at any time during the year.



If anyone is looking to add Antarctica to their list of DXCC contacts, they may find this interesting.

Yath Yoshikawa, JG2MLI, will head back to the Japanese Polar Research Syowa Station on East Ongul Island to operate with the commemorative call sign 8J60JARE, marking the 60th anniversary of the



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Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition (JARE) from January 2017 until January 2018. He will operate SSB, CW, RTTY, and digital modes on 40 through 10 meters and will post his logs to Club Log.

CW operator Tony Wanschura, KM0O, will be on the air November 19-28 -- including the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest -- from Vientiane, Laos, as XW0YO. He'll be on CW and SSB (but not RTTY) on 160 through 10 meters. "Fortunately, in this time of low solar activity and weak signals, this particular QTH has virtually zero noise," he said. -- Thanks to KC0W, [The Daily DX](#), [DX-World](#), and the ZL7G team

Upcoming Dates:

November 15, 2016 at 7:00pm – Monthly Meeting –APRS by Laird VE3LKS

December 17, 2016 - RAC Winter Contest(great contest, casual and friendly)

December 20, 2016 at 7:00pm – Monthly Meeting and X-mas Dinner!

January 17, 2017 at 7:00pm – Monthly Meeting TBA

February 21, 2017 at 7:00pm – Monthly Meeting TBA

Saturday April 29, 2017 - Durham Hamfest

 Wednesday Night Net- Don't forget everyone about the Wednesday Night , 2m Net at 7:00pm on VE3OSH. It was Alex Keller VE3ZSH who offered to run with this and he has been giving it a try and I am sure he would love your check-ins. Even if you can't stay just drop by and give a quick hello!



Just want to remind everyone that our yearly membership dues are due now and you can download the membership form from our website at www.ve3osh.com and bring it with you to one of the next couple meetings.



Comment [SM1]:



[Saturday Morning Breakfast](#) –Just a reminder that there is a small group of North Shore members and some other hams from the area that meet Saturday mornings for breakfast. They meet at Mommas’s Restaurant in the 5 Points Mall at Ritson and Taunton Rd’s. They usually arrive around

8:30am and order around 8:50Am, so if you are up early and out and about, drop by and say hello to everyone.

If you have anything in the way of information or upcoming events that you would like me to publish in this newsletter/update, please send it to me at

va3tps@rac.ca.



At this time I would just like to ask that if anyone has some time to spare and would like to help out on the Executive, Laird VE3LKS is wearing many hats and putting in a lot of work, as he looks after our website, he advises our Repeater

Committee on our APRS station at the repeater site and also is our club Secretary and Treasurer. That is a lot for one person along with his family life and work, So if anyone would like to step up and take over the Secretary position please let the executive know. It is not a lot of work and Laird will help you with getting you going.

That is all for now and remember December 20,2016 is our X-mas Pot Luck Diner , so sign up and come out and lets have another great Christmas get together.

73 de Steve

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