

# Monthly Update

October 2018

## September Club Meeting

When: Tuesday, Oct 16, 7:00pm  
Where: White Cliffe Terrace Retirement Residence

**Bob Cowley VE3HIX** will be our guest presenter this evening. Bob will be showing and demonstrating various types of Morse code keyers and will even have a decoder handy so you can take a crack at sending code and see how well you do. It is interesting that since Morse code is no longer a requirement in a lot of jurisdictions that it is becoming more popular. Just goes to show that if you are forced to do something you probably won't like it but if it is voluntary then people will want to try it out. If you have a key feel free to bring it along to show the group and to try it out on the decoder.

## Sermon on the Mount



It was great seeing everyone, 40+ of you, out having a great time at our annual Sermon on the Mount corn roast and BBQ. I sure hope I do not miss anyone but I am going to try to list all those who went a step further to help make this event another success. **Joe VE3VGJ**, **Doug VA3DCE**, **Carl SWL**, **Peter VE3PWJ** and wife **Diane**, as well as **Dianne VE3JAW** and **Vic VE3JAR** did an awesome job at keeping us well fed. They brought the BBQ, the corn roasting equipment, the corn, husked and cooked the corn, cooked the burgers and dogs, and made sure that no one went hungry. **Martha VA3SBD** made sure that we had plates, utensils, serviettes and condiments to compliment all the great food. **Clint VA3KDK** spent a lot of time in the repeater shack explaining our setup to interested parties. Of course a good picnic would not be a good picnic without people so I thank everyone else who came out, both visitors and members, to help make this a great evening. Check out the website as pictures will be posted there.

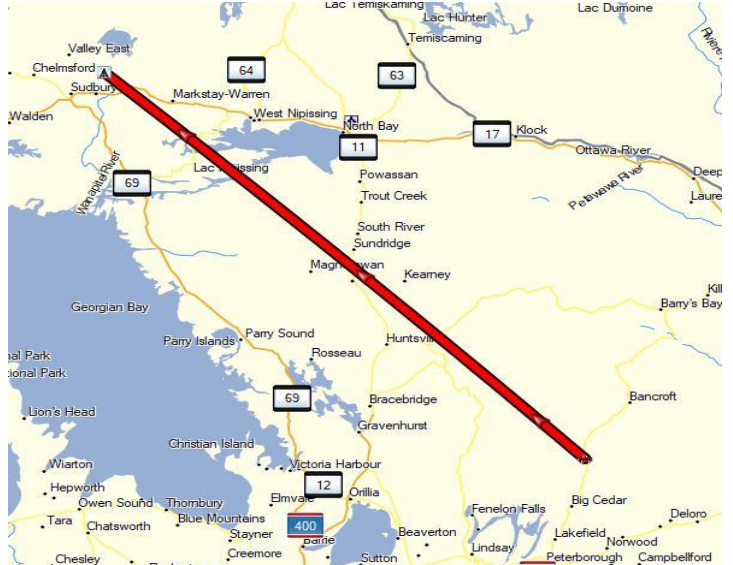
## Repeater Update – Internet Issues

For the last month internet issues have been plaguing us again at the repeater. We tried removing devices, replaced a few devices, and got to the point where we only had one PC connected to one router which was connected to our ISP. Even with just that simple connection everything was running at a snails pace. After a couple of calls to our ISP we discovered that somehow we had been assigned the same IP as another customer. When you have two IPs on the same network things do not work too well. We now have a new static IP address and everything is working great once more. You will be able to use IAXRPT again and the morning net should be connecting once again. If we are lucky **Michel VE6HEM** will connect with us again from that frozen tundra known as Alberta! Tnx to **Clint VA3KDK**, **Thomas VE3PKD**, **Jimmy VE3SOI**, **Bob VE3HIX**, **Jeffrey VA3RTV** and **Joe VE3VGJ** who all gave a hand in the shack as well as with good suggestions. I will go into a bit more detail at our October meeting.

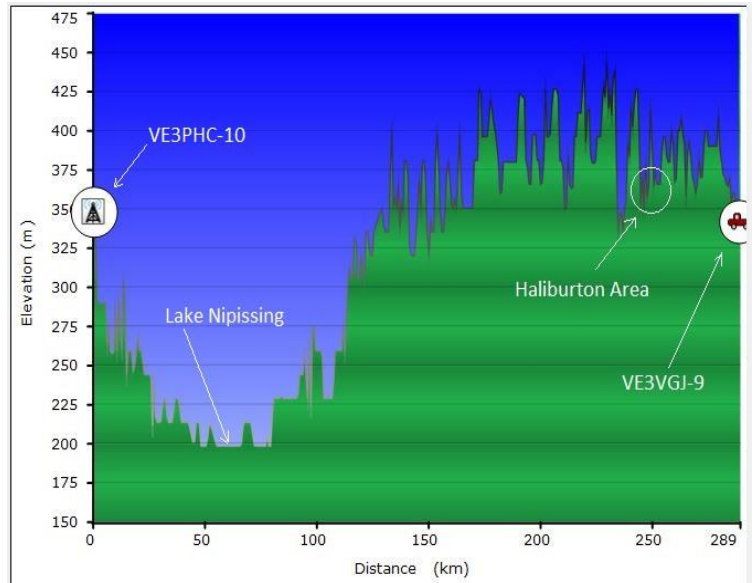
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## Ping of the Month – Follow Up

This is a follow up on the article **APRS Ping of the Month** in the September Update. For the fun of it here is more information. The APRS radio was set to transmit at 20 watts. The distance was 289 km.



The elevation (ground) of VE3PHC-10 is 351 meters and VE3VGJ-9 is 350 only a meter difference, not including antenna towers, with elevated areas of almost 100 meters between.



As well as all the above information, the natural curvature of the earth puts an additional bulge of 1.638 km in the middle.

by **Joe VE3VGJ**

## VE3Very Good Jokes

Did you hear about the yagi antennas that got married?

The ceremony was terrible but the reception was amazing!

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Steve VA3TPS sent me this diagram depicting what his new radio shack at the cottage is going to look like. It appears that he may not be putting up as many antennas as he originally planned!

## Tuesday Night Rag Chew



Our Tuesday night rag chews are still continuing through the summer. This is not a formal net but rather a lively roundtable. Some can only stick around for a few minutes while others are there from start to finish. We never know what the topic de jour will be but someone always comes up with something. So, if you are available

between 1900 and 2000hr on Tuesdays pop onto OSH and join the conversation. As well, since this is a rag chew, and not a net, feel free to step in and moderate the group should one of the regulars not be there. All you have to do is jot down who is on and rotate through the list so that everyone gets a chance to participate.

## Wednesday Night Face-to-Face

As well as the Tuesday night rag chew on the repeater there is quite a crew that meet at the Tim Horton's at King and Wilson at about 8pm every Wednesday. It actually gets quite crazy as we discuss all things radio, update our digital radios with the latest code plugs, show any new gadgets that have been acquired and generally have a good time. If you are in the area on Wednesday night, and have a few minutes to spare, we would definitely enjoy your company. This is open to anyone whether you are a member of the North Shore ARC or not.

## Saturday Breakfast

If you are not tired of chatting or meeting up with club members during the week then you will be interested to know that there is a small group that meets on Saturday morning for breakfast at Johnny's Original Eatery. The restaurant is located in the plaza on the northwest corner of King and Thornton. Members and families usually start to arrive at about 8:30am.



As well, if there is work to be done at the repeater site on a Saturday morning, you will quite often find a large crowd at White Feather Farm, which opens at 8:30am, enjoying coffee, breakfast and maybe even one of their amazing, freshly baked, apple fritters. Just give a shout on the repeater between 8:00 and 8:20 to see if anyone is heading up that way and come and join us if we are. White Feather Farm is located at the corner of Simcoe St and Raglan Rd in Raglan.

## Yearly Membership

Yes, it is that time once again when annual membership dues are, well, due. If you are a member of RAC, Radio Amateurs of Canada, membership is \$30. If you are not a member of RAC then membership is \$40. The difference is due to our club insurance policy that we have through RAC. We will be taking membership dues at our October and November meeting. We can also take them at the Christmas Potluck but it would be nice to give the membership chair a break and be able to enjoy the Christmas party too. Cash is king but if you do bring a cheque it MUST be made out to "North Shore Amateur Radio Club Inc" as the bank may not take it otherwise. Also, bring a completed membership form. Thank you.

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Excellent news! Doug VA3DCE has volunteered to help out and bring the snacks for the regular monthly meetings at White Cliffe. However, it would be great if someone else would volunteer to help lighten the load and be able to cover off for

Doug if he is not available. It is an easy job as all you have to do is stop by a grocery store, pick up a couple packs of fresh cookies or the like, and bring them to the meeting. Just give the receipt to the treasurer and you will be reimbursed promptly.

## QRM from the Shack



If you have not heard yet, Larry Whitney aka Tall Larry, who was an SWL now has his licence and his call is VE3LWJ – Larry With Joan. Congratulations Larry on this accomplishment and it was great chatting with you on the Tuesday night Rag Chew.

As well, we have several new members in our club and one of them is a new Amateur as well.

Mark Dempster VE3DKW recently wrote and passed his exam and has decided to join our club. Now, if you think that his call sounds familiar you are correct. A lot of you will remember Mike Sherba, silent key, who had that call and was also a member of the North Shore ARC. If you were out at the Sermon on the Mount you would have met Mark and his young son and they may be at our October meeting.

Peter Melnik VE3PLM has been joining us at our meetings and Wednesday night meet ups at Tim Horton's for a few months now. Way back in the late 80's Peter was my very first contact on CW which served as a multiplier in the Winter Contest. I worked Peter that day with a KW Electronics KW-2000B HF radio that he had sold me. Peter has been an amateur for quite a while and has recently gotten back into the hobby. You will quite often here him chatting on OSH or RTR.

Anne VE3KWI and Bob VE3ADJ Jones are no strangers to the North Shore. They were members of the club for many years until they moved out of the area. If you were at the Sermon on the Mount you would have seen them. Anne and Bob are always so upbeat, full of life and have contributed to the advancement of Amateur radio since I have known them. They are still living a bit north of us but hopefully they will grace us with their presence at more of our functions.

George Laketa VA3AWT will be a new name for most of you but I think I have known George for about 20 years. His son and my youngest son were classmates in elementary and high school so George and I ran into each other quite often and would chat about Amateur radio. I think I actually met George before that when he was working for a company that I did IT service for. If I remember correctly George is quite interested in HF but not sure if he has an antenna up yet. If not we may have to help him get one up so he can get back on the HF bands. George is good with CAD drawings and design so we may be able to put his talents to good use.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all these new and returning members. We are a very social group with vast interests in the hobby. I am sure that you will make new friends and we will benefit from your friendship too.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday evening. Remember, if you have a Morse code key bring it along.

73 de Laird VE3LKS

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