

North Shore Amateur Radio Club

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Our New Look

It's great to sharpen up the ol' **goose quill** and get back into editing the newsletter again! One of the most enjoyable aspects of this job is the ability to change things just for the fun of it. Accordingly, the proverbial club "**Who's Who**" is now on the back page, for the benefit of those who (like me) have misplaced their last three issues. Because we are obliged to remain within the postal weight limit of four sheets of paper (eight pages) this unchanging directory may be omitted some months if there is a lot of new material to print. We're grateful for articles, items for the Swap Shop, ideas, and news about upcoming amateur radio events. Feel free to give me a call at 985-3634 (evenings), or send a fax to my office day or night at 668-8778. (Sorry -- this Neanderthal is not yet on packet!)

Many thanx to Vic, VE3LNX, who retires as Editor after serving for the past couple of years; and to Glen, VE3LIZ, who soldiers on as our Publisher.

-- 73's ! Neil, VA3NH

Goose Patrol !

At the May club meeting, the noted sculptor **Bill Lishman** presented a fascinating talk about his work as an artist and naturalist. In an hour-long discussion, illustrated by color slides, Mr. Lishman talked about some of his amazing metal sculptures, ranging from an uncanny self-portrait, to a full-size model of the lunar module (now owned by a former astronaut) to a 27-foot stainless steel fish, covered by 10,000 separate scales.

He gave us an armchair tour of the unique, energy-efficient and surprisingly bright underground house that he designed for his family on Purple Hill, near Port Perry.

Mr. Lishman has earned fame as a naturalist though his pioneering efforts to teach non-migratory **Canada Geese** to fly south to Virginia in the fall, following his ultralight aircraft. Many of us have seen the film, "Come On, Geese," documenting this achievement. He appeared on the 20/20 television program last month.

Recently, his experiment proved successful when many of the geese whom he had escorted south last fall returned to Purple Hill on their own to spend the summer. It is important to know what migration route they are taking now -- and amateur radio may be able to help.

Thus was founded the **North Shore Goose Patrol**. We will investigate the feasibility of organizing a special event station that could involve Canadian and U.S. amateurs in QSLing transmissions from Mr. Lishman's migrating flock. Laird, VE3LKS, volunteered to co-ordinate this effort. If you want to be part of this, call him at 434-7339 or drop some mail at VE3LKS@BBSOAX. No calls after 21:00 please. ■

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Repeaters: 2 m VE3OSH 147.120 MHz (+)
70 cm VE3NAA 443.000 MHz (+)

Ten Biggest Lies at Dayton

10. "Yea, I saw the Alpha display. Stuff is junk..."
9. "I had one of those Polish sausages, they're real good."
8. "Boy, did I just get a bargain on this old radio..."
7. "No, I can't sell it for that... "
6. "I have more money than that into it..."
5. "Let me go get my money, I'll be right back..."
4. "Give us your best price, and we'll beat it."
3. "It works FB."
2. "The bus will be here in just a minute."

And, the number one biggest lie heard at Dayton...

1. "It's going to quit raining real soon."

Joe, VE3ABG, taken from BBSDAX

PC Tech Notes

The following are the pin configurations for the 9 pin (DB9) and 25 pin (DB25) serial ports that you will find on the back of your PC's. A glossary of the terms follows the pinouts:

DB9

- 1 - DCD
- 2 - RXD
- 3 - TXD
- 4 - DTR
- 5 - SG
- 6 - DSR
- 7 - RTS
- 8 - CTS
- 9 - RI

DB25

- 1 - GND
- 2 - TXD
- 3 - RXD
- 4 - RTS
- 5 - CTS
- 6 - DSR
- 7 - SG
- 8 - DCD
- 20 - DTR
- 22 - RI

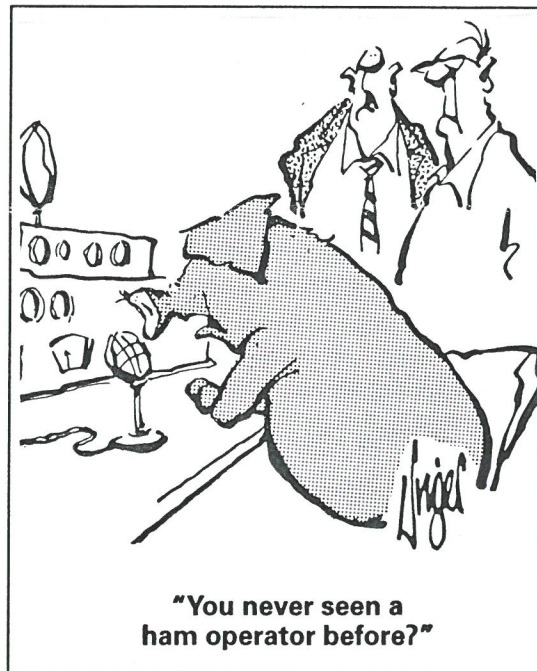
- GND - ground
- TXD - transmit data
- RXD - receive data
- RTS - request to send
- CTS - clear to send
- DSR - data set ready
- SG - signal ground
- DCD - data carrier detect
- DTR - data terminal ready
- RI - ring indicator

Submitted by Laird, VE3LKS

Do You Just Belong ?

Are you an active amateur --
the kind who would be missed?
Or are you just content
that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings
and mingle with the crowd?
Or do you only stay at home
and crab both long and loud?
Is your input ever acted on
to make things better tick?
Or do you leave things to the few
then grump about the clique?
And do you take an active part
to help all hams along?
Or are you satisfied to be
the kind to "just belong"?
There are many things that happen
that mean success, if done.
It can be accomplished easily
with the help of everyone.
So attend the meetings regularly
and be heard with voice and heart.
Don't be just a member --
but take an active part.
Think this over, fellow hams.
Are we right or wrong?
Are you an active member --
or do you "just belong?"

Author Unknown - submitted by Glen, VE3LIZ



Coming Events

Saturday, June 25 to Sunday, June 26 - Field Day - Does life get much better than Field Day?! This is RF heaven for a full 24 hours. Come out and work HF, packet, and CW. This is a good time to bring out a friend since they will be able to operate the equipment. For the Basic licences this is a great time to experience HF and motivate you to start working on that code. The location is the Harmony Valley Conservation Area. "Big Tom" Rogers, VE3BTR, co-ordinates it. Those who want to participate can contact him at 640-5549.

Mon., July 11 - Sermon on the Mount - our annual pilgrimage to the repeater site to enjoy an evening of giant hot dogs, coffee, pop, star gazing, repeater tours, chit chat, and general socializing.

Monday, August 8 - Corn Roast - our annual get-together at Harmony Valley Conservation Area to feast on corn, hot dogs, etc. Another great time to socialize with those you chat with on the air.

Fleamarkets / Hamfests

JUNE 4 Kitchener, ON
JUNE 18 QUINTE ARC,
Belleville, ON
JUNE 18 Cornwall, ON

JULY 2 Montreal, Longueuil, PQ
JULY 9 Milton, ON
JULY 10 Alexander, NY
JULY 29/30 RAC Calgary, AB

AUG 5/6 Vernon, BC
AUG 13 Brantford, ON

SEP 10 Lindsay, ON
SEP 10 Erie, PA
SEP 17 Buffalo, NY

NOV 8 Hamilton, Ancaster, ON

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Help!

Velora Gibson, SWL, needs communications for a program at her church on Saturday, June 25. Velora gives freely of her services in preparing the feast for the Christmas Party -- so the least we can do to thank her is to help her out. Contact Velora or Rick, VE3ASH, at 434-2886.

SWAP SHOP

For Sale - Walter Beach, VE3FJC - 263-2338

- 1 - Hustler Mobile HF Antenna - 80,40,20m resonators, mast and ball mount - \$70
- 2 - Hustler Mobile HF antenna, 80,40,20,15,10 m, ball and mast, \$100
- 3 - MFJ Frequency Standard - 25,50,100Kc - \$25
- 4 - Astatic D104 mic with "E" stand - \$50
- 5 - Hi Gain Vertical HF antenna - IBAVT/WB - 80-10m - \$100
- 6 - Heath Monitor Scope - SB610 - \$115
- 7 - Larsen 70cm Mag Mount - \$50
- 8 - Commodore 64c computer, 1541 disk drive, P/S, green monitor, manuals - \$175
- 9 - Astron 20amp P/S model RS20a - \$150
- 10 - Heath Desk Mic - high impedance - \$40

For Sale - Laird Solomon, VE3LKS - 434-7339

- 1 - Commodore 64 computer, amber monitor, disk drive, P/S - \$150
- 2 - 286 PC clone - 12mhz, 5.25 DSDD floppy, amber monitor, XT style keyboard, no hard drive - \$150

For Sale - Clare, VE3CXX - (905) 433-8937

- 1 - AEA CPI & CP100 rty, CW interface with software. Call!
- 2 - Heath SA-2500 2KW autotuner, \$350 or b/o
- 3 - Heath SB610 monitor scope, \$110 or b/o
- 4 - IC-271A 2 meter all mode, with ALL options installed. Call for more info.

For Sale - Gary, VE3CNO - (905) 576-1664

- 1 - CSI Private Patch autopatch with full docs., \$400 or trade.

Canoe the Nonquon

Glen, VE3LIZ, is looking for help from members with mobile or portable rigs, for this annual event in Port Perry on June 4th. It's a relaxing way to spend a pleasant day out in the country.

Exerpts from May NSARC Minutes

The meeting was opened at 19:33 by Robert, VE3VKM, who welcomed members and guests. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Laird, VE3LKS, gave the monthly statement, which showed a balance of \$5563.96.

FLEA MARKET: George, VE3INB, announced that he had handed over a cheque to the club from the Flea Market for \$4632.24. This was after holding back \$1,500 to cover running expenses for the 1995 Flea Market, which will be held at the same location (Metro East Convention Centre) on April 8th, 1995. Terry, VE3RNO, was on hand from the South Pickering ARC, and helped in the question session that followed. Ralph, VE3CRK, thanked George and Terry for the huge amount of work and effort that they have put into the project. They were given a hearty round of applause by the membership.

CORN ROAST: Ron, VE3AIY, has decided to retire from managing the event he has run so successfully for several years. A replacement is urgently needed for the August feast. Ron has all the information to carry on the tradition.

OTHER BUSINESS: Glen, VE3LIZ, was asked to come forward by Robert, VE3VKM, and was presented with an award in appreciation for the work he has put in as Publisher of the club newsletter.

GUEST SPEAKER: Members were entertained by Mr. Bill Lishman, of Blackstock, who gave a most interesting talk ... Bill also mentioned a desire to involve amateur operators in tracking ... geese in flight. Winston, VE3WFS, presented a motion, seconded by Bill, VE3LNK, to make it a club project to help Bill. The motion carried easily.

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Executive

Club Meetings

As always, NSARC meetings are the **second Monday** of the month. We meet at the Arts and Resource Centre in Oshawa on Queen Street except during July and August, when we have the "Sermon on the Mount" and the "Corn Roast". Meetings begin promptly at 19:30 hrs local time.

Net and Code Practice

Club net every Thursday at 19:30 hours local time, with CW practice (starting slow and working up) at 20:30. More net for the nightowls starting at 21:30.

Next Meeting: Bring 'n' Brag

On **June 13** *you* are the speaker! Winston, VE3WFS, has offered to be M.C. for a "**Bring 'n' Brag**" session that promises to be lots of fun. Bring your photo albums, or your favorite ham stories. Recall your experiences with the hobby at home and in DX-land. Dust off that home-brew project, your portable packet station, or your rare, antique key. Tell us newcomers about earlier days when amateurs had to build their own rigs. Dig out that rare QSL card from the now-extinct Principality of Lower Slobovia that you spent five years and \$50 in postage tracking down.

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