

# North Shore Amateur Radio Club

## ~ SPARKS ~

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### KA3ZLA

by Winston Seeney, VE3WFS

Bob Simpson stands with his foot on the rung of his big Medstar helicopter. Bob is a man of action. He lives for challenges.

On any given day he might be seen flying at 150 miles per hour over the highways of the eastern seaboard of the United States.



From time to time - when the going gets quiet, Bob has been known to pull into his helicopter bloodied victims of street violence and drug wars.

North Shore Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
P.O. Box 171  
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Club Events Station: VE3NSR  
Repeaters: 2 m VE3OSH 147.120 MHz (+)  
70 cm VE3NAA 443.000 MHz (+)

Bob has been known to sweep down from the skies, in heroic Hollywood style, to snatch victims from terrible traffic accidents. Sometimes his passengers are casualties of accidents on farms or in factories.

You wouldn't call Bob your average pensioner. But then again, it takes a while while for a 56 year old, retired, State Trooper to slow down. When the day at the office is over, Bob drives a 1/2 mile up his driveway into the wooded hills outside of Manchester, Maryland to his log cabin home - which he and his wife built.

Four years ago Bob set out from home for a bike ride. He returned home after crossing his state - some 360 miles later.

When he really wants to unwind, Bob might do some competitive pistol shooting, or some canoeing.

Bob has been a ham now for three years. You won't find him ragchewing with his pals on 80 meters - from a reclining easy chair with a coffee in hand.

I met Bob when he checked into the ONTARS net, on CW one afternoon. The thought that Bob couldn't check in by phone, provided him with the challenge of checking in on CW. But when he learned that he could receive the Heritage Highway Award for working 50 stations along Ontario's highway two.....and that he could do it by key, well that was a different challenge.

## *Poet's Corner*

### *" Just Another Club Member "*

*I sit here at the mike  
on a nice, soft stool,  
And I shoot off my mouth  
like a darned, silly fool.*

*I say what I like,  
and I criticize --  
Though half that I say  
is nothing but lies.*

*I can tell what is wrong  
with this Club of ours,  
And I go on complaining  
for hours and hours.*

*What? Me attend meetings?  
You're out of your mind!  
Of course I can't be there --  
I don't have the time!*

Author unknown,

submitted by  
VE3SVD, Len Nixon

## SWAP SHOP

By Walter Beach, VE3FJC  
tel. 263-2338

**NSARC members only**, please direct all of your Swap Shop business (listings, deletions, or wants) to **Walter (VE3FJC)** on repeater or landline.

**For Sale: Joe, VE3FVH**

2-m antennas (2 units) KLM long-boomers,  
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**For Sale: Casey Coley, VA3KC,  
905-623-0264**

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AC4, MS4, mint. \$500.  
Drake L4B 1kW linear amplifier, mint.  
\$1,000.

### Elections Coming Up!

The club executive reminds us that elections for some of the positions on the Executive, and for several of the club's Co-ordinators' roles are coming up, in time for the 1995 season. Think of some names (including your own!) to throw into the hat.

The position of **Vice President**, currently held by Casey Coley, will be vacant.

**Program Director**, Peter Johns, is stepping down after two years of yeoman service in this capacity.

**Treasurer** Laird Solomon is also finishing his two year term of office.

A **Corn Roast Co-ordinator** is also needed, if this tradition is to be revived next summer.

## Jamboree on the Air J.O.T.A. '94

By Jim, VE3UQZ

The J.O.T.A. event this year for the Scouts of Oshawa is once again here on **October 15-16**. We will be holding it at **Camp Samac**. We will be starting on **Saturday morning**; and it has yet to be determined whether or not we will run the full 48 hours, or just the Saturday.

This event is a way for scouts to be able to contact different places around the globe. We are hoping to expose the scouts to a wonderfully exciting and informative event this year, so any help that you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

We are hoping that all of the Club's members (OLD and NEW) will come out to enjoy a day of meeting people and helping to enlighten young minds to our fascinating hobby.

We are hoping that we will be able to count on you for your support this year, so the scouts will be able to carry on this tradition every year with our club. Your contacting us to lend a hand with some experience that you have from days gone by, or possibly with some fresh blood, will help the youngsters to see the club in action, and like myself, to learn a little more than they knew before.

Contact me (**Jim, VE3UQZ**) at **985-2673**, or **VE3SVM @ VE3DAX**, and I will confirm your contact.

You could also contact **Ries, VE3UEA** at **434-5550**. You can obtain more information on this by reaching either one of us.

73s and thanx !

de Jim, VE3UQZ



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## The Origin of "Ham" . . . it goes something like this:

By Marty Shaw, VE3TJ

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The word "HAM" was first applied in 1908 and was the call letters of the first amateur radio club. Albert Hyman, Bob Almy and Peggy Murray first called their station HYMAN-ALMY-MURRAY, but in code it was tedious so they changed it to HYALMU and a Mexican ship to MYALMO. They decided to use only the first letters of name and identify HAM. In those early, unregulated days, amateurs picked their own frequencies and calls.

Then as now, some amateurs had better signals than some commercial stations. The resulting interference finally came to the attention of Washington, who proposed legislation critically limiting amateur activity.

In 1911, Albert Hyman chose the controversial Wireless Regulation Bill as the topic of his thesis at Harvard. His instructor insisted a copy be sent to Senator David Walsh, a member of the committee hearing

the bill. Walsh was so impressed that he sent for Hyman, who went on the stand and described how the little radio station HAM was built, and he almost cried when he told the crowded committee room that if the bill succeeded they would have to shut down because they could not afford the license fees and other requirements set up in the bill. The debate started, and the little station HAM became a symbol of all amateur stations in the country that were crying out to be saved from the menace and greed of the big, commercial stations who didn't want them around. Finally the bill got to the floor of Congress, and every speaker talked about the little station HAM.

That's how it got started. You can find the whole story in the USA Congressional Record. Nationwide publicity identified the station HAM with amateurs. From that time to this, and probably to the end of time, in radio . . . "Every amateur is a HAM."





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## Club Meetings

**NSARC** meetings are the **second Monday** of each month. We meet at the Arts and Resource Centre in Oshawa on Queen Street (except during July and August.) Meetings begin promptly at 19:30 hours local time. SWLs, visitors and guests are always welcome!

## 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:

The first meeting of the new season will be on **Monday September the 12 th**. Al Lowry, VE3AL, will present a **talk on antennas**, just in time for increasing activity on the radio as summer draws to an end and the long, winter evenings set in.

## Executive

<b>President:</b>	Robert O'Toole, VE3VKM	576-4264
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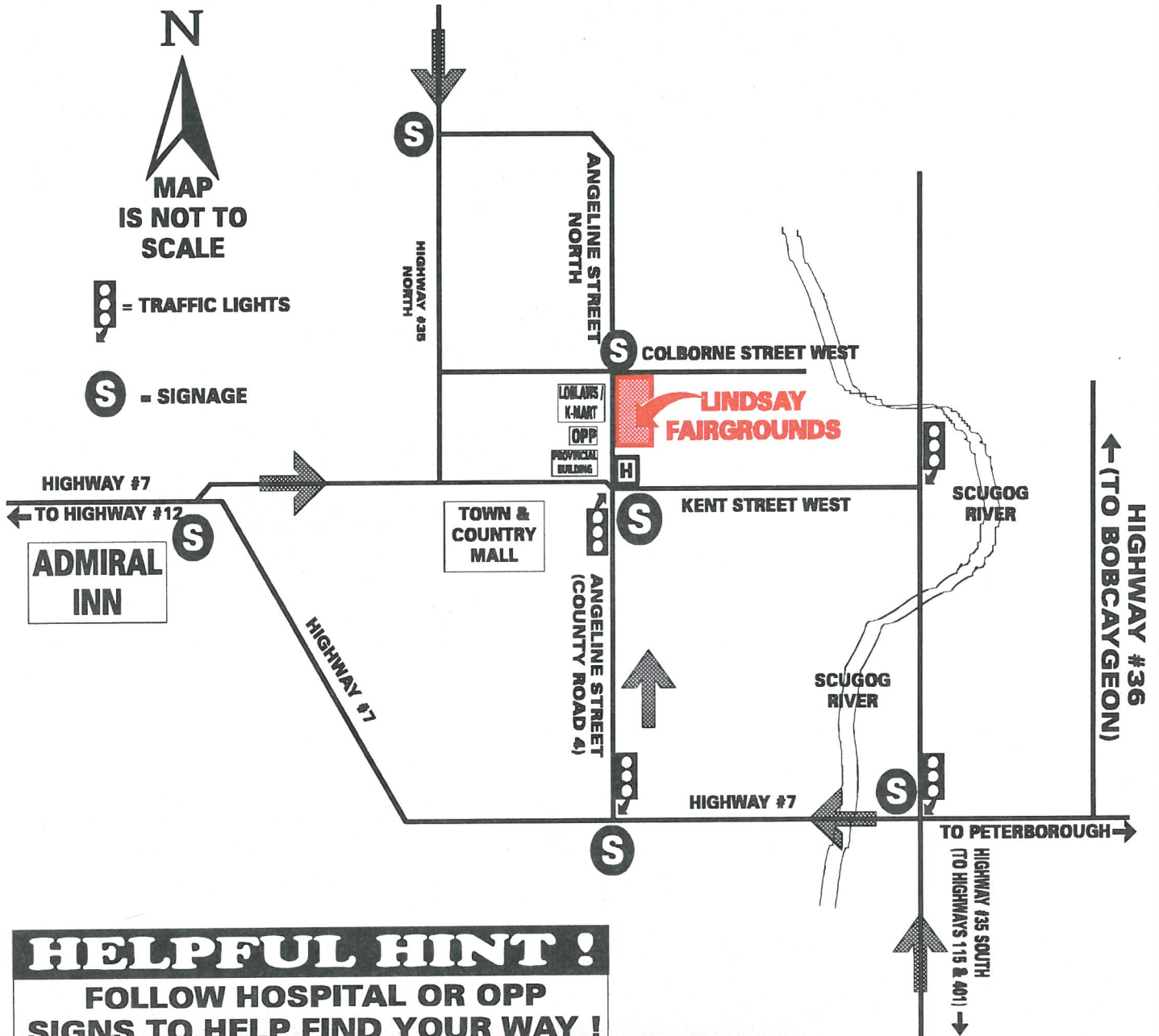
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