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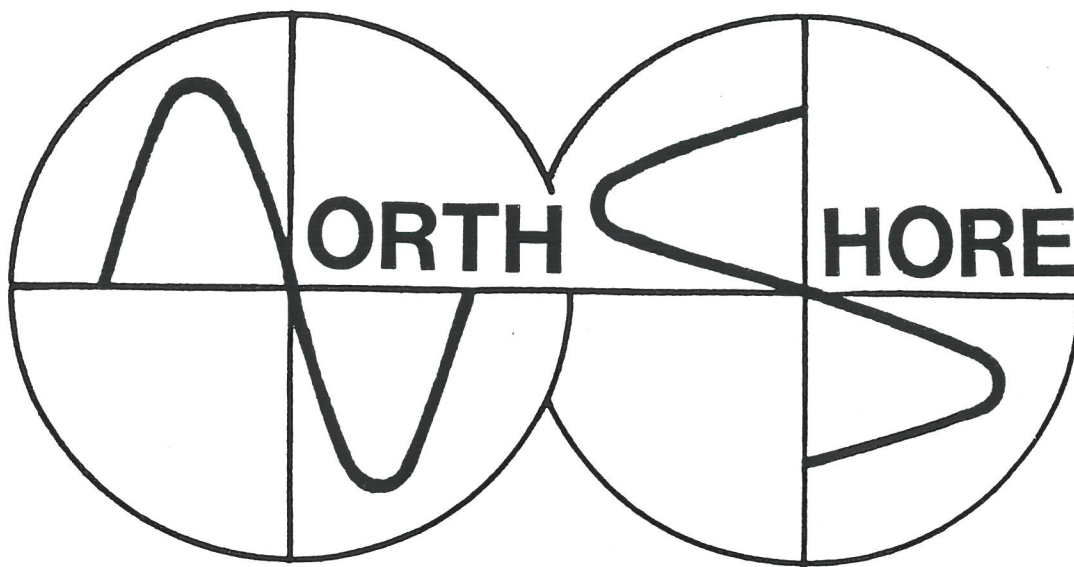
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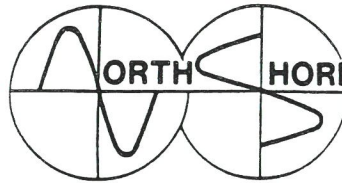
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CLUB STATION VE3NSR
CLUB REPEATER VE3OSH 147.72 MHz in, 147.12 MHz out.

CLUB NET

The 2-meter net, hosted by Roy, VE3AAF or a stand-in, takes place every Thursday at 19:30 local time, on the Club's repeater, VE3OSH. As part of the net, code practice is provided by Bernie, VE3ATI, starting at 20:30.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO "SPARKS"

Please mail your contributions to the club mailbox, or, if they are more urgent, contact the Editor directly. SPARKS goes to press on the 25th of each month. Unless otherwise stated, opinions in SPARKS are those of the writers, and do not necessarily reflect those of NSARC Inc.

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THE NEXT MEETING

Meetings are always held on the second Tuesday of the month at O'Neill Collegiate in Oshawa, at 20:00 hours. The next meeting is on Tuesday, May 13. Regular business will be followed by a coffee break, provided through the courtesy of Martin VE3NSD and his XYL. After the break, Farney VE3BHQ, will present an illustrated technical talk, "What Makes Good Audio On Single Sideband?"

OUR MISTAKE!

Contrary to our erroneous report last month, the **Central Ontario Hamfest** in Guelph is alive and well. Its future was never in doubt, and it will proceed as scheduled in the Colonel John McCrea Legion, on Highway 7 in Guelph, on Saturday June 7.

A completely different fleamarket planned by the Heritage Amateur Radio Club was cancelled because of insurance problems. Our red-faced apologies to the Kitchener-Waterloo A.R.C., organizers of the Central Ontario Hamfest, for confusing these unrelated events!

You may also wish to visit the **Rochester Hamfest** on May 16 and 17.

PROUD PARENTS

Hearty congratulations to Frank VE3NIP and his wife Daryaneh on the birth of their baby girl, Sophia, on April 4th.

MEET THE PRESS

Here's an exceptional opportunity for someone with curiosity and creativity. VE3NIP now finds it necessary to relinquish the job of Community Relations man, finding the two roles of club Secretary and "SPARKS" gofer sufficiently demanding on his limited free time now that there is a new baby in the house.

Take the opportunity to get involved in an interesting and very useful activity of vital importance to the future of NSARC. Meet the press and the other local media. Play a major role to give amateur radio the high public profile it deserves -- and which it needs to attract new members and survive. With creativity, you can make something significant of this job, and do us all a favor in the process. See Frank, or any of the other Directors.

FLEA MARKET BIG SUCCESS

Preliminary results indicate that this year's Durham Region Amateur Radio Flea Market was a bigger success than ever, with greater total attendance than last year, and proportionately greater profit for the two co-operating clubs. All the available tables were sold out. Many thanks to our friends in our sister club in Pickering, and in NSARC, who worked so hard to make the day such a success.

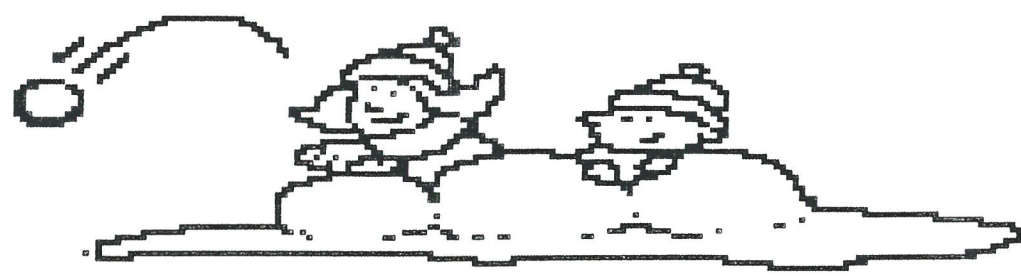
Carpenter Curly was diligently sorting a huge keg of 4-inch nails into two neat piles when his pal, Larry, and Moe the Foreman passed by.

"What are you doing that for?" Larry demanded.

"Look! Half these nails are no good -- they got the head on the wrong end!" Curly explained in exasperation.

"Numbskull!" roared Moe. "Those are the nails for the other side of the building!"

Parade Beat



-by Parade Communications Co-ordinator Ralph Day, VE3CRK

The North Shore Amateur Radio Club was asked by the Parade Marshals Association of St. Catharines to supply radio communications for the Santa Claus Parade, held in Oshawa, last year. We had only two weeks to prepare for this event. This is the first time our club has been involved in this parade and I am happy to say that we had nineteen amateurs respond to the call for help.

Our club was set up and ready to go but the Parade Marshals had not arrived yet, therefore, causing some tense moments, as the floats were arriving in the marshaling yard. The Marshals finally arrived about thirty minutes later than expected, but by all working together we were able to start the parade on time. Our headquarters was a van donated by Roy, VE3OHN and driven by his daughter, Lisa. Headquarters was staffed by Roy, VE3OHN, Phil, VE3DQK, and Roy's daughter, who was a great help. Headquarters ran three radios, one on two meter simplex for the marshaling yard, the second two meter set through VE3OSH for the parade route, and the third a G.R.S. set to communicate with St. John's Ambulance and the tow truck. The amateurs in the marshaling yard are to be congratulated for a job well done under trying conditions due to the lateness of marshals. Also, lets not forget the amateurs on the parade route who kept us up-to-date on the progress of the parade.

The organizers of the Santa Claus Parade were very happy with the communications they received and were quick to ask us back again for this year. To the following members a big thank you for participating in the parade: Roy OHN, Phil DQK, Ron AIY, Ray OUB, Gord OHK, Bob ADJ, Terry GTS, Bernie ATI, Ed FRM, Frank NIP, Bob LLE, Martin GMM, Roy NLV, Keith MUA, Glen LIZ, Dave GUD, Neil KSP, and Lorn DJT. Also, Charlie IBO and Dave LEW who monitered at their homes in case emergency phone calls had to be made.

I attended a planning meeting for the 1986 Santa Claus Parade on March 24, held by the Jaycees, the new parade committee. Our club has been committed to supplying communications for this parade. I can tell you that this committee is well organized and I think that it will be a good parade. I am looking for your support in 1986.

FIELD DAY -- JUNE 21

The Flea Market is over, meaning that now it is time to make plans for this year's Field Day! At time of printing, a Field Day manager (or managers) has (have) yet to be named. Those among us who are interested in such things may want to organize something.

COMPUTER CENSUS TAKEN

At the April meeting, Bob VE3LLE, passed around a census concerning computer usage in the club. He collected a surprisingly-large number of names and computers. If you want to contact colleagues who also have systems like yours, give Bob a shout -- he might be able to aim you in the right direction.

REPORT FROM FLORIDA -- Dick, KA2KNZ

The colder weather here did not hamper the northerners from coming down south anyway. We had a fair number of Canadian hams visiting. Bill Baker VE3FOF and his wife Norma were here for the winter, and of course we were in contact with them quite often. They were enjoying their manufactured home. Bill Fortune 'NTI was also here, and we had a good visit with him and his wife Mildred.

Ron Wragg VE3AIY and his XYL got here too, and we enjoyed a long hookup from Madera Beach near Clearwater. Was unable to see them, but appreciated the call, as we have made several contacts on 20 m. Graham from Font Hill was at a meeting the other night, and we had a short visit too. His call is VE3SI.

Talked to VE3NZD Doug Kilpatrick and his dad John VE3JOK on the phone. There are several others whom I have heard on the net here, but have not been able to contact personally. Glen VE3AEQ has a sched that we have kept once a week. Have made several contacts on 20 m with Libby VE3IOT at Thorhill.

What we lack here is the comradeship that we enjoyed on the Oshawa repeater. The close-knit group you have up there is really "one of a kind", and I doubt that I shall ever find nicer or more considerate men and women as those who frequent VE3OSH.

NOTES OF THANKS

Mrs. Boynton sends a note thanking club members for their floral tribute to our recently-deceased member Jack, VE3KZM.

An appeal for funds for the University of Toronto's "China-Canada Friendship Award" scholarship in last month's "SPARKS" has already resulted in additional support for our visiting Chinese student. Thanks. -- VE3KSP

POST OFFICE SETS SPEED RECORD -- BUT "SPARKS" GOOFS! -- VE3KSP

I sent my mother-in-law a small parcel a couple weeks ago, mailed from the Whitby post office at 10:00 o'clock on a Wednesday morning. Amazingly enough, she received it by noon the very next day. It wasn't even a special delivery. But what's really incredible is that she lives in Edmonton, Alberta!

Service from the post office has improved greatly. At any rate, we cannot blame the posties for several of our long-time members failing to receive their April issues of "SPARKS". Alas, gremlins got into the computer that makes the address labels and deleted several names at random. Frank and his slaves -- I mean, his children! -- applied every label they received, and they even caught some of the omissions, but they couldn't catch all the mistakes among 120 issues to process. Our apologies to members who were inconvenienced.

THE LAST WORD -- Reno, VE3KQE, President of N.S.A.R.C.

I am pleased to announce that the fifth annual Durham Region Amateur Radio Flea Market has been a great success, even bigger and better than last year. The attendance as well as the income was an improvement over last year, and from what I could see and hear, everyone enjoyed himself/herself and had a great time. Some of us went home with some great bargains, some with small ones, and some others with no bargains at all. I know for a fact that not everyone was there to buy or sell, though a great many came to see old friends or to meet new ones and have a rag chew over coffee and doughnuts, reminiscing about the good old times or that wonderful new rig that can do everything -- including warming up the cold cup of coffee that is sitting on it.

All this could not have been possible without the great efforts of many members of both the Pickering and North Shore clubs. These are in fact the unsung heroes, the ones that made it all possible, the ones who sacrificed some of the best hours of their time so the rest of us could enjoy the flea market with minimum inconvenience. I could name them all, but I do not have enough room in this article. So, on behalf of the North Shore and Pickering Radio Clubs I thank you all for the superb effort and the unselfish attitude that you have shown.

I know that there are some areas that need improving, and perhaps some re-arrangments that could be made to make this annual event almost perfect; we have a whole year to work on that, and I am confident that we will achieve this goal in the coming year.

Let me add a note here regarding Field Day. As of now we still do not have a firm committment from any of our members for a Field Day Manager (or two or more co-managers). I know that there are two or three of you out there somewhere who are thinking about it, so don't "think" any longer! Get on the phone, dial up any of the Directors, and let them know that you are willing to serve as a Co-Manager. I assure you that the club will appreciate your efforts (and courage!)

73s 'til the next meeting!