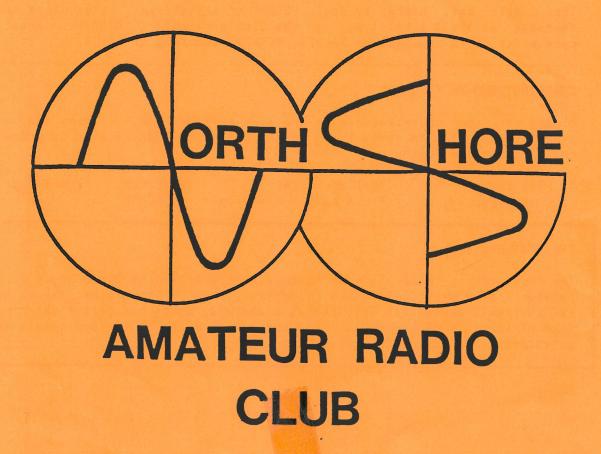




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CLUB NET

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. Great CW 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, feel free to contact the Editor directly. SPARKS goes to press on the 25th of each month.

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THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting takes place on **Tuesday**, **October 14**, at 20:00 hours in the cafeteria at O'Neill Collegiate in Oshawa. Lots of activities: Bwana Neil (VE3KSP) will present an illustrated travelogue about his recent **safari** in **East Africa**. A **club photo** will be taken. And financial commitments will be solicited for the **40th Anniversary Banquet** in November.

SILENT KEY

We are deeply sorry to report the death of long-time member Jack Snider, VE3ABV, of Oshawa. His friends at NSARC will miss him.

VOTE OF THANKS

Many thanks to Frank VE3NIP, and to President Reno and his XYL for producing a fine September issue of SPARKS during the absense of your regular Editor. It was good of them to step in to fill the gap.

FOR SALE

- 1. Kenwood TS520S HF transceiver with built-in power supply, good condition. Price negotiable. Phone Bob, VE3NLW, 728-6452.
- 2. Estate sale of VE3ABV. Brand-new Heathkit 101 HF transceiver and power supply, never used. Beautiful D104 desk mike. Drake TR4 transceiver. IC 22S 2-meter transceiver. GR78 general coverage SWL receiver. Tape decks. Micronta and Triplett multimeters. 12-V power supply. Heath phone patch. IBM electric typewriter. SWR meter. Dwell tachometer. Ham radio magazines, books, speakers, coax, wire, electronic components of all kinds, nuts and bolts, and much more. Agent for the sale is Earl, VE3AZT, phone 434-5740.
- Kenwood AT130 antenna tuner with built-in SWR meter. Mint condition. Call Neil, VE3KSP, 668-4161.
- 4. Yaesu FT208R 2-meter handheld with every accesssory. NC-8A quick charger /AC power supply; FL-2010 linear amplifier; YM-24A speakermic; boom mic/headset; leather case; plastic case; rubber duck; PA3 mobile power supply & mobile mounting bracket. Working perfectly. Prepared to make an attractive deal. Neil, VE3KSP, phone 668-4161.

NEW REPEATER SERVICES IN DURHAM REGION

The DOC has licensed another UHF repeater in Oshawa, and a frequency pair for it has been allocated by the Repeater Council. When operational, repeater VE3RFL will work on 443.575 MHz output and 448.575 input. Interested parties please contact the sponsor, Frank VE3NIP. With our club's 2 meter repeater sometimes unusable this past the summer because of constant kerchunking and terrible intermod, the less-crowded world of UHF sounds like an increasingly-attractive option for the future.

In the realm of 2 meters, the South Pickering ARC is installing a phone patch into the Oshawa exchange on their repeater, VE3SPA. Among their new technical improvements, which will be functional within the next few months, is a link into the regional UHF system. These useful services will be open only to South Pickering ARC members. Congratulations to our sister club for their progressive spirit, which is certain to attract active, new members to their growing club.

LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE

It does not always happen to "the other guy". Our own Glen VE3AEQ had his shack struck by lightning this summer, via the power lines. Serious damage resulted to his transceiver, computer equipment and anything else that was grounded. Also hit by lightning was the ham shack of Mike, VE3DKW.

THE INTERMITTENT INTERMITTENT

By fortunate co-incidence, Fred, 'HE was monitoring our repeater to hear my plaintive cry last month, when I asked to borrow his service manual for a Kenwood TS-130S.

I had been suffering with an intermittent on transmit for more than a year. I would switch on the rig, tune it up to an SWR of 1.6 or so, and half way into the first "CQ" the transmitter would conk out, with the receiver functioning normally. I'd wait thirty seconds and try again. Things usually proceeded OK from there, with occasional unpredictable and embarrassing shutdowns right in the middle of QSOs! As John Crosby might say, compared to the troubles of the Third World (where it is hard to get a transceiver in any condition) it was hardly a serious problem -- but it was annoying.

A highly-skilled and compassionate fellow amateur, VE3AZ, spent two months babysitting this rig, trying to repair it. At the charity rate he charged me, the kind fellow probably got no more five cents an hour for all his trouble! While he thoughtfully replaced a couple blown panel lights and tightened up a few loose odds and ends, he couldn't locate the source of the intermittent. Heck, he couldn't even <u>find</u> an intermittent. Like the patient whose symptoms have disappeared by the time he gets to the doctor's office, my ailing transceiver staged a miraculous recovery and stayed fit as a fiddle while it was away visiting VE3AZ. The problem didn't appear again -- until I took the rig back home. Thinking this was surely a clue, I checked out my antennas, and even tried replacing the coax, but without success.

Because this thrifty Scot had purchased the rig both used and cheap some years ago, it didn't owe me a great deal financially-speaking. I therefore began considering sacrificing it "as is" to a bargain-hunting technician type who might know how to fix it. Still, before throwing in the sponge, it seemed sensible to give it one last try: Hence the call to borrow VE3HE's service manual.

The much-travelled Fred was unable to oblige immediately, having left said manual in his trailer in Florida. But he did ask a few questions, for it seemed to him that the shutdowns might conceivably represent <u>normal</u> functioning, not an abormality. Could it be that transmitter was automatically shutting off as it was supposed to do under conditions of high SWR or overheating? Sure enough, my rig ran a lot hotter than his 130 -- probably something to do with the enclosed shelf on which mine sat. I moved my rig out in the open, where it could breathe lots of fresh air.

Second question: How long was the cable between the transmitter and the antenna tuner? Having recalled that someone, somewhere had once advised

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the shorter the better, I had chopped it as short as possible -- a little more than a foot.

"Too short," quoth the Hungry Eskimo authoratatively in his mellifluous basso tones.

Obediently, yours truly added two more feet of coax betwixt transmitter and tuner to make this resonant stub more tunable. I tweaked the dials -- now achieving an SWR around 1.1 -- and tried what Roy 'OHN (overhearing our conference on the repeater, and probably smelling the results of the ensuing experiment 20 miles away at his QTH in Bowmanville) wryly referred to as the "smoke test": key down, full power, for 15 minutes. No complaints from the transmitter, though maybe a few choice words from the one or two other hams on 15 meters!

The TS130S that I almost dumped at a bargain-basement price has worked perfectly ever since. Sorry, it's not for sale!

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FIELD DAY 1986: SIC TRANSIT GLORIA MUNDI by Evan, VE3IND

While driving home from the 1986 North Shore "Field Day", this phrase came to me from out of the misty past. I have been happy to share some great hours with our club on nine previous Field Days. Some were delightful circumstances, but others were cold and/or wet and/or -- you name it!

It seems like the wind whistling through the "little wooden hut" on Ground Hog Hill was more than offset by the steaming coffee and good fellowship in the garage (thanks, Eric!), and by the friendly "Haggis Basher's" banter. On another occasion the perpetual war with the bomber-sized mosquitos was forgotten at the magnificent spread put on by Dave 'LEW's folks at the Myrtle QTH. (Thank your family again, Dave!)

There was always lots of work and roughing it, but always a lot more friendship. Isn't that what Field Day is all about? -- testing your equipment and your own ability, and getting to know your fellow hams. I remember one year when we had a tent staffed by Muriel '3LQH (now '7LQH) and several other very green YL hams. All of these ladies are fine, seasoned ops now.

I can close my eyes and see the glorious mid-summer sunrise; smell the Field Day chili bubbling in the middle of the night; watch Powerful Tom nursing his noisy generators in the early morning mist. For several of those years, North Shore placed first in some Canadian classes of the contest. And win or lose, we always had FUN.

For two fine years I was honored to be Field Day Manager. It took a big effort to get a full crew. No doubt there were those who were unhappy with me -- but THEY WERE THERE WHEN IT COUNTED. We had good tower crews, and one year we were 5A Ontario. I remember Milt VE3QN, hunched over a transceiver in a damp tent when he should have been at home: and "Horizontal Eddie" 'AZV coming out to visit us; and others too numerous to mention. Sure, many of us are not able to do what we used to do -- but

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where was everyone this year?

As I said at the beginning, "Thus passes away the glory of this world." What has happened to the North Shore ARC's spirit?

This year, Powerful Tom was still supplying the power. Bill 'MLW had his wire antenna tied to a flagpole. Ruby 'NLR was there, and so were 'LLZ and 'KSP, and a few others (to whom I apologize for not remembering names). BUT WHERE WAS THE VE3NSR FIELD DAY EFFORT???

Let's forget Field Day 1986. I have heard many theories about what went wrong, for our club was not alone with its problems. Whatever was wrong, let's put it behind us and really make up for it next year. Let's start by choosing a Field Day Manager NOW. Start planning for 1987 the way we did the year we had CW classes all winter. Powerful Tom says he will be there. Bill says he will be there. The Good Lord willing, I will be there. Will YOU be there? -- 73 de Evan, VE3IND.

NSARC'S AMATEUR RADIO COURSE BEGINS

Joe, VE3IHS informs us that NSARC's Amateur Radio course for beginners will hold its first class on Wednesday, October 8th at Eastdale Collegiate. The course will run for 20 weeks, from 7 to 9 on Wednesday evenings. If you can help with teaching, or if you know a beginner who wants to get his or her ticket, contact Joe at 623-4069. The Directors commend and thank Joe for his extraordinary effort to recruit new members to our organization!

WARNING! CROOKS HAVE SCANNERS TOD!

Roy, 'OHN warns us against advertising vacation plans on the air: You could be inviting a break-and-enter by telling burglars, listening on Radio Shack scanners or stolen ham gear, when you will be away. Under no circumstances should we talk about somebody else who is absent from home. If you want to risk your own house and possessions, it's your business -- but please don't impose a similar risk on someone else through thoughtless gossip about his holiday schedule on the local repeater.

NEWMARKET FLEAMARKET & RSO CONVENTION, NOV. 8

The York Region ARC invites you to attend the tenth annual Newmarket Fleamarket, on Saturday Nov. 8th at Huron Heights Secondary School in Newmarket Ontario, from 09:00 to 15:00 hours. General admission is \$3 (children under 12 free). Vendors: access at 0630; for tables at \$5 apiece, contact Geoff Smith, VE3KCE, at 727-6672 after 18:30 evenings. Refreshments available on-site, and doorprizes hourly. Talk-in on VE3YRA 146.52 simplex, and repeater VE3YRC 147.225 output/147.825 input.

As an adjunct to this fleamarket, the Radio Society of Ontario (RSO) convention seminars take place the same day, starting at 16:00 at St. Andrew's College, 300 Yonge Street, Aurora, Ont. -- a ten minute drive from the the fleamarket site. Following the seminars there will be a banquet at the college. For info call Evan, VE3IND, at 757-4284 after 16:30 evenings.



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Net Directory

BY NORM WALTHO VE6VW =

Here is your 1986 CARF net directory. If you find any omissions, please let me know, help me to complete the list.

It would be better if the net times were all in local. Again, please help. Let me know the times at which your net meets, and if there are any changes with the seasons. Write, phone or radio. me (Box 1890, Morinville, Alberta, TOG 1P0, 403-939-3514) with corrections or additions- Norm.



Besides this directory and the CARF repeater directory, an Amateur's car should also carry a fire extinguisher, a first-aid kit, and a few flares. While on the road, the driver or passenger should know the frequency of the nearest repeater and the exact location of the care, that is, the highway it is travelling, the number on the last kilometre post, or the miles in km from the last town.

If you come across what appears to be an accident, appraise the situation quickly. Make radio contact before getting out of the car, especially if there are people walking about. Don't get out of the car unless you are sure it is safe to do so.

The information the police will want is, first, the exact location of the emergency. Tell the officer where you are as closely as possible. "Ten miles west of Regina," "Just past the 607 kilometre post on the 401," "half-way up Rogers pass." "Between Stellarton and Truro."

Then tell him how serious it is. Is it property damage (PD) only, or, more important, are there persons injured (PI)? If so, will an ambulance be needed? Is there spilled fuel, needing the fire department's attention? Is a tank truck involved? If so, what is its cargo? Is the road blocked? Is a wrecking truck needed?

If there are persons walking about, be seen to be using your radio.

If you are staying until the emergency is secured, park well off the road, and be ready to tell the police of any changes in the situation.

If the road is partly or completely blocked, place flares in the middle of the road 1000 yards in metres in both directions, if needed.

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ham Doug Area Hinton, VE3BGY, will operate portable in DU land (the Philippines) from approximately the middle of this month of October. He will use a yetunknown DU call. Listen for him on the HF bands!

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