

# NORTH SHORE ARC



## "SPARKS"



April, 1995

### The Year 2000

Is your PC ready to face the changes that the year 2000 will bring as we enter another millenium? Here is a simple test to see if it is.

- 1 Set the date on your computer to Dec 31, 1999 and the time to 23:57 and power off your PC. This has to be done in the CMOS setup NOT by using the Date and Time commands.
- 2 Wait about 5 minutes (for the clock to tick past midnight) and turn your PC back on. The date should be Saturday, Jan 1, 2000.

If your PC does not have the year 2000 then it probably went back to 1980 and thinks that Trudeau is Prime Minister and that there is still Cod in the North Atlantic. The problem is not in the operating system but in the BIOS (Basic Input Output System). If you plan on having this PC after the year 2000 then you can buy a new BIOS chip that will work with the year 2000 but don't rush out and buy one now, wait until 1998 or so. Chances are you will have dumped that PC by then even though you don't think you will right now. Each BIOS is different. Even though it may reset to 1980 on Jan 1 you may still be able to into the CMOS and reset it for the year 2000 and go merrily on your way. Others will not.

What will be affected by not having the year 2000 in your computer? Accounting packages, day-timers, packet systems, etc, anything that requires a date stamp, which is just about everything. Even when you make a file on a wordprocessor it puts a date stamp on the data file so you know when you were last in modifying it. Your packet software will not have the proper date in the window and if you have any automation such as sending a fax after midnight on Jan 3, 2000 it will never get sent.

It is estimated that there are over 70 million PC's out there that will have this problem so you are not alone, but you have been warned. **Laird Solomon, VE3LKS**

### *President's Message*

Hi there everybody, it sure has been a kind winter for most of us we are already half way through March and we are thinking of the Spring weather approaching. Had the barbecue lit the other day, the temp was hovering around 20 Celcius, thought i would be the first on the street to light up, but I was second to last again.

Talking of barbecues, the N.S.A.R.C., has a Chili Day and Fox Hunt on Sunday, May 28, 1995 with a rain day of June 4, 1995, this event is going to be held at the Purple Woods Conservation Area. It will start at 1300hrs through to 1830hrs. There will be a small fee for All you can eat Chili and participation of the Fox Hunt, all proceeds to the club, after expenses.

Get your equipment and loops ready, we going to have some FUN! Just something to ponder: I was reading with interest in last month's S.P.A.R.K.S. bulletin that VE3SBX is on the move to another frequency on April 1st, 1995!!! COULD THIS BY ANY CHANCE BE AN APRIL FOOLS JOKE TO GET US ALL OFF FREQUENCY!!!!

Until next time 73 88's

**Peter Rogers, VE3ZZV.**

### Quotable Quotes...*I didn't say that!*

Did you hear about the couple who got married recently? They looked like a house! She was freshly painted and he was plastered!

Teacher: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?  
Student: Pilgrims! **Laird Solomon, VE3LKS**

## Winston's Wit

Archeologists have found that ancient city walls tell the story of mankind better than parchment documents. City walls tell no lies. The walls of ancient Rome tell of the daily events of ordinary people.

"Claudius, did you get the bread?"  
"Run like hell, the barbarians are coming."  
"Olive oil press for sale - cheap."  
"Want some fun.....32 Tiberius way."

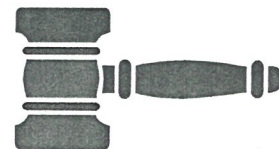
With packet radio, the ancient and the modern worlds become one. When we scan our computer screen, we unscroll time. Our computer monitor becomes one with the ancient city wall.

"I'm Horace, I live in Oshawa."  
What is the temperature in Sheffield today?  
It is three o'clock and I work night shifts.  
Hi Horace, I Claudius and I live in Rome.  
ZOLTAN///CAN ANYONE SEE MY/  
Wheres Oshawa.  
The Mets suck....ever been to Wrigley?  
How's everything down under?  
WHAT TIOME IS IT??? ZOLTAN/PRAGUE  
Do you speak American in Scotland?  
How do I get out of here?  
bye  
b  
quit  
exit  
slash  
Claudius, go to 100.  
Night shift isn't bad. I play radio in the daytime.  
IS THIS WORKING? ZOLTAN. PRAGUE  
close  
b/  
bye  
bye/  
exit/  
quit/  
slash/  
Wheres Oshawa?  
Can anyone help me get out of here?  
BYE  
QUIT  
SLASH  
QUIT  
I'm going to bed, its late.  
Hi Guys. I'm Ralph in Sidney. I just got up.  
So what.  
CAN SOMEONE MY SEE? ZOLTAN PRAGUE  
Do you know a guy named Bob who lives in  
Canada?? Tom...Baltimore.  
SEE ZOLTAN PRAGUE/SPEAK ME  
Help!!! Does\*/\* quit get me out of here?

A proximity of this was also sent to the Canadian Amateur.  
Cheers!

Winston Seeney, VE3WFS

## N.S.A.R.C. March Minutes



The meeting was opened at 19.30 by **Peter, VE3ZZV**, who welcomed all members and guests. **Niels, VE3TEU** introduced himself as a new member as of this evening.

FINANCE...Treasurer **Earl, VE3VGK**, presented the current financial information for the club. A motion to accept the treasurers report as read was proposed by **Bernie, VE3ATI** and seconded by **Laird, VE3LKS** .....CARRIED

### REPORTS

HAMFEST...**George, VE3INB**, reported that only 80 tables remained to be booked and as usual volunteers will be required for setup and security. Anyone interested should contact **George, VE3INB** or **Len, VE3LBN** (formerly **VE3SVD**).

REPEATER COMMITTEE...**Ralph, VE3CRK**, reported that VE3OSH is operating fine and VE3NAA is now up and running. He noted that the main problem was lack of access to the commercial shack.

### NEW BUSINESS.

**Peter, VE3ZZV**, read a letter mailed to **Keith, VE3GDF**, from **Brian, AA2LK**, Lockport, NY. Brian mentioned how he enjoyed the code practice on VE3OSH and handed over \$20 to cover a membership for 1995.

**Bernie, VE3ATI** brought code disks for anyone interested in improving their CW skills.

**Laird, VE3LKS**, gave a short but detailed talk on a planned DXpedition that he is planning to make along with fellow club members **Winston, VE3WFS** and **John, VE3VGI**. The threesome are heading for Belcher Island, NWT, for approximately one week which will include the July 1st. Canada Day contest.

After the break, guest speaker **Fred, VE3TIG**, gave an extensive talk on the operations of the Durham Region Emergency Response Organization, including the recent emergency exercises.

The meeting closed at 22.00 proposed by **Bernie, VE3ATI** and seconded by **Sarah, VE3ZQS**. 34 people attended.

minutes prepared by **George Day, VE3UEH**

## The "Tank"

The "Tank" got its name during World War One when Britain began development of a secret weapon that could end the stalemate of trench warfare. For security purposes it was code - named the "Water Carrier". However the military mania for acronyms turned this into "W.C." or toilet. To avoid this vulgarity, "Water Carrier" became "Tank" and so it has remained.

**George Day, VE3UEH**

## *NORTH SHORE SWAP SHOP*

**Peter VA3XTL (905) 655-5180**

- Yaesu 2m handheld FT 208R with PA-3 car charger, NC9B wall charger, YM24 spr mic, 2 batteries, Immaculate for \$ 200.

- Realistic 200 channel scanner, model Pro 2022 with 800 chip installed \$ 200.

- Archer discone scanner antenna with handbook \$ 50.

- Marine Radio, Uniden Peresident MC 520 \$100.

**Len VE3LDR, (905) 723-6970**

- Yaesu FRG 100 Gen.Coverage Receiver. Still under warranty \$ 550.

Send all listing to **VE3FJC, Walter** at (905) 263-2338, by packet at VA3BBS, or by phone at VE3OSH 2 meter repeater.

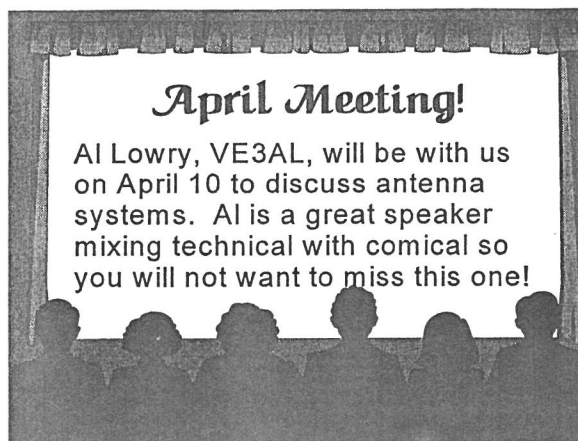
## Bulletin Deadline!

Please have any articles or items that you would like to see in the bulletin delivered to the editor before 6:00pm on Wednesday, April 19. Due to space limitations not all articles may be published that month and editing for size may be necessary. You can send info via the following:

PBBS	VE3LKS-1 from USH
Packet	VE3LKS@VA3BBS
CompuServe	75121,3105
Internet	75121.3105@compuserv.com
Snail Mail	171 Thornton Rd N. Oshawa, L1J 6T4

**NOTE:** the CompuServe address has a comma separating the two sets of numbers and the internet address uses a period!

I prefer to receive information via the above methods but if you must call, **please do not call after 9:00pm.** (5:00am comes pretty early!!)



## Thanks From the Editor

The following are the people that helped to make this months newsletter more interesting. As editor it is hard to come up with all the articles and bits of info that go in to making SPARKS a reality by myself and so I rely on YOU, the reader, to supply me with info as well. The following people contributed to this months edition.

**George Day, VE3UEH** - meeting minutes, hamfest info, The "Tank"

**Peter Rogers, VE3ZZV** - Presidents Message.

**Walter Beach, VE3FJC** - Swap Shop

**Winston Seeney, VE3WFS** - Winston's Wit

**Margaret Jeffery, VE3BNN** - cartoons

Next month I would like to be able to list more people as contributors to the newsletter so get out your keyboard and start firing off the articles to me via E-mail or packet. If worse comes to worse then you can even use the postal system! You can find my various addresses in the Bulletin Deadline article. See you at the next meeting.

**Laird Solomon, VE3LKS**

## Coming in May!

Dave Hefford, VE3AJY, will be with us to discuss satellite communications. Dave actually tracks and uses satellites as they pass over with some basic equipment. He had his station set up at the recent JOTA event and was a great hit. Thanks in advance for the good evening we will enjoy Dave!

# The Info Page

## Executive

<b>President</b>		
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	Glen Goslin, VE3LIZ	725-1545
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	Rick Gibson, VE3ASH	434-2886
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<b>J.O.T.A.</b>		
	Tom Rogers, VE3BTR,	640-5549
<b>Club Inventory</b>		
	Howard Mugford, VE3TYQ	???-????

## Club Repeaters

2m	147.120	VE3OSH	Voice
70cm	443.000	VE3NAA	Voice
2m	144.970	VE3USH	Packet

## Net and Code Practice

Club Net every Thursday at 1930 with CW practice at 2030 followed by more Net at 2130.

EMO Net every Wednesday at 2030 on VE3OSH.

## Informal Nets and Gatherings

Evenings at 2130 hours local time on 3740 +- a few kc you will find a bunch of local rag chewers.

Saturday mornings, 0930, at Mama's Restaurant in the Five Points Mall you can devour some breakfast, coffee, or both and have a chit chat with some of the locals. This is an informal event and discussion topics are totally up to you. Great time to chat about equipment problems, software, etc.

## NSARC 1995 Calendar

Apr. 8	Fleamarket
Apr. 10	General meeting
May. 08	General meeting
Jun. 12	General meeting
Jul. 10	Sermon on the Mount (Fun at the repeater site!)
Aug. 14	Corn roast
Sep. 11	General meeting
Oct. 09	General meeting
Nov. 13	General meeting
Dec. 11	Christmas party



## D.R.A.R.E.O.

**Randy Elliot, VE3JPU** (905) 427-6853 - Coordinator  
**Fred Bengel, VE3TIG** (905) 576-4839 - Asst. Coord.

Meaningless bits of information - this newsletter is laid out using WordPerfect 6.1 for Windows and the original copy is printed on a Brother HL-660 laser printer. Also, if you happen to have any complaints you are more than welcome to become the next bulletin Editor. Seriously, all constructive criticism will be accepted and treated accordingly. If you would like to see more technical articles then get the lead out and get writing. I can write till I'm blue in the face about computers and some of it you can apply to Amateur Radio but it would be nice to see some technical stuff as well.

# Upcoming Hamfests

Apr. 08 Durham Region Amateur Radio Hamfest. Metro East Convention Centre, Brock Rd., Pickering, ON.

Apr. 08 Brownsburg ARC Hamfest, Club Du Sportif. 146 Route 148, Phillippe, PQ. Talk in on 146.865-

Apr. 28, 29 & 30 Dayton Hamvention 95. Hara Areana, Dayton, Ohio.

May 07 Smith Falls, ON,

May 13 Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club, McNab Arena, Percy St. Ottawa, ON. Talk in 147.300+



*"How is it you can hear a whisper half way around the world but you can't hear me calling you for supper?"*

May 13 Quinte ARC Hamfest, Dick Ellis Arena, Harder Drive, Bellville ON. Doors open 08.30....Talk in on 146.835-

May 13 Parry Sound ON. Parry Sound Optimist Centre, Smith Crt., Parry Sound. Talk in 145.490 - VE3RPL. Doors open 9.00 am.

May 19-21 Rochester NY, Monroe County Fairgrounds, Route 15A, Rochester, NY. Talk in 146.280+

May 28 "Hamfest Du Quebec" Sorel-Tracy. The Curling Club, Tracy, Quebec.

Jun. 03 Central ON Amateur Radio Fleamarket. Bingeman Park, 1380 Victoria Street North, Kitchener, ON. Talk in on 146.970-, 145.210- and 146.520

Jun. 03 Rome, NY.

Jun. 11 Lancaster, NY.

Jun. 15-18 Central Alberta Radio League, Picnic and Hamfest, Red Deer Alberta. Talk in 147.150+ & 146.520

Jul. 14 Genesee Amateur Radio Club, Alexander, NY.

Jul. 15-16 Three Forks Montana, 61st. International Hamfest. Sponsored by Waterton, Alberta and East Glacier, Montana, Radio Clubs.

Jul. 15-16 Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Hamfest, Mission City, British Columbia.

Jul. 28-30 South West ARC, Swift Current, SK. Campfest 95, Lac Peltier Park (30 miles south of the city).

Aug. 05 Jefferson County ARC, Clayton Municipal Arena, Clayton, NY.

Aug. 04-06 Fredericton ARC, New Brunswick.

Aug. 12 Ithica, NY.

Aug. 19 Brantford ARC, Burford Fairgrounds, Burford, ON. Hwy. 53 (15km west of Brantford). 8.00 am till 1.00 pm. Talk in 145.150 or 443.025

Sep. 09 Victoria-Haliburton ARC, Lindsay Fairgrounds, Lindsay, ON. Talk in 147.195+

Sep. 09-10 Manitoba ARC, Manitoba Agricultural Museum 53 miles East of Brandon on Hwy. 1, 60 miles North of USA border on Hwy. 34.

Sep. 09 Erie, Pennsylvania.

Sep. 17 Buffalo, NY.

Oct. 07 Hamilton ARC, Ancaster Fairgrounds, Hwy. 53. Opens 9.00 am. Talk in 146.760-

Oct. 21 Greenwood ARC, Greenwood Community Centre, Greenwood, Nova Scotia, Talk in on 147.240+ 73 for now, CUL, **George Day, VE3UEH**



*"Stop complaining and pretend you're trimming your antenna or something"*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	North Shore ARC Monthly Meeting - Arts & Resource Centre					
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