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Polar Bear Express DXpedition - VE8A - Akimiski Island

"People disappear there!" These were the words spoken by Matthew, a young Swampy Cree. These words sent chills down my spine, and that of my companions for we new these words rang true. Bob VE3LLE, Ernest VE3NSZ, and I, (John VE3VGI) had just returned from one of the greatest challenges that any of us had faced in a long while.

On August 4 1996, the three of us and our pilot, Allen Zimmer, left Moosonee on board a small Bushland Airways float plane, headed to Akimiski Island. We flew along the west shore of James Bay over vast areas of the James Bay lowlands. It's a land of bogs, marshes, swamps and ponds. Long grasses and lichens alternate with stands of black spruce and tamaracks. Great rivers such as the Albany clearly visible as they flow into the arctic tidewater of James Bay. We crossed James Bay just beyond Kashechewan and sighted the low profile of Akimiski Island. Our plane circled the deepest lake on this 2000 square mile island. It appeared lonely and uninviting. Our pilot Allen, looked at us and asked, "Are you sure you want to land here?" While circling we had spotted what appeared to be a suitable sandy beach with a clearing. Allen touched the plane down and promptly put it on one float to miss a rock! After this initial excitement, we headed for the beach. From the air, strange large foot prints were visible in the sand. About 15 feet out our floats touched bottom. Ernest and I got out of the plane and stood on the back of the floats to allow the plane to get closer. As we moved ahead, we noticed that the whole beach shivered like a big mass of Jello. We brought out a pole to check the bottom. It had none! The footprints, were not those of a large

animal but a goose which had sunk in the mud. With the plane stuck, we didn't have much choice as to what we had to do! One of us had to reach the long grasses that were about 10 feet from the plane. With the other three of our party hanging onto a rope that was attached around my waist, I took a flying leap to our table top that I had thrown between the plane and the shore. I crashed through it into the bottomless bog to the top of my upper thigh, but had enough momentum to reach the shore. A swede saw was thrown to me and a tree bridge was soon built. Equipment was unloaded with a great deal of effort. We tied a rope to the back of the plane and with the aid of a shovel to clear the mud away from the one float, a lot of hard pulling, and the power of the motor, the plane was freed. Allen took off right then, and never looked back.

Here we were... about to activate a new I.O.T.A., a dream for a lot of hams, a dream that would seem more like an nightmare as the time passed. Standing in the long grasses covered in mud, with water oozing around our feet and hoards of deer flies taking chunks out of our hides, we knew we had to find a better camp site. We found one about 1/4 mile away and proceeded to haul our supplies and equipment. This turned into a major effort, as we sank over our ankles into moss and mud. Our next step was to insure ourselves some degree of protection. We loaded the 308 rifle, then placed the fog horns and flares in an accessible spot. These would discourage any polar bears in the area. We started a fire and set up our tents on logs and branches to get them off the wet ground. With this done, we proceeded to set up our equipment. Problems developed. Our 30 foot mast for the 2 element yagi sank into the mud. We placed it on a tree stump to remedy this. Next, our 30 lb., home made, charging system, started to sink! It too, was placed on large logs. Many other small problems were overcome in setting up the rest of the equipment. Totally exhausted, tired,

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dirty and dehydrated, we collapsed on spruce boughs placed near our tent. After a meal and short rest, I had the honour of making the first contact from Akimiski Is. VE3MDQ Dave, at 20:00z on August 4, 1996 was first in the log. From there the flood gates (of SSB) opened, as walls of calls bombarded us. Ernest and I operated the 20 meter station. Signals on this uninhabited island were very strong, as most station were heard at "59". After our required number of contacts and countries, we were given the new I.O.T.A. number NA-207 by Roger Balister, G3KMA, the IOTA Director of the RSGB.

We tried to divide our time equally between the Americas, Europe and the rest of the world, in our short time on the Island. Our operating conditions were very challenging, due to losing our table in the bog! We ended up piling equipment bags in the corner of the tent, then sat on an air mattress and filled out the log book that rested on our knees. All the while we tried to fend off the deer flies, that had found a entry in the tent! Many times, after operating for a long period, it took time to straighten our legs out! The rig was placed on a cardboard box on the floor. Bob, VE3LLE, worked Ontario stations on 80 meters on our second rig while conditions were good. This also gave us a link to our Moosonee station XM3P. They passed on information given to them by the Ontario Provincial Police of polar bears sightings in our area and checked to see if we were still brushing our teeth and combing our hair. We learned after that the Ministry of Resources were tagging geese at the north end of the island and had to build a polar bear cage consisting of 10 feet high concrete pillars circled with barbed wire to keep the bears out of their camp. On the same rig, an Alinco DX-70, we called on 50.125 MHz on 6 meters on the hour. We had no replies to our calls during the three days.

Meals were very interesting, especially when the lake water was used for cooking and drinks. It tasted like swamp water with odd lumps floating in it. Most of the foods we ate were of the

dehydrated type that required cooking and prepared foods. Water was taken from the lake and chlorination tablets were added to make it safe for drinking. (yuk) Akimiski Island is an uninhabited 2000 square mile island that has been visited by few people. Little information can be found anywhere about it. The only way we know of to reach the island is by float plane. Very few boats will venture on the turbulent waters of James Bay.

The main problem we faced on this expedition, due to our limited funding, was how to keep our weight under 900 pounds for the one trip. (This included the 3 operators, tent, food, supplies, gas (petrol), amateur radio gear, and power plant). Bob, Ernest, and I spent a lot of time and effort thinking it out. We could not carry the weight of a 60 pound generator and the 50 pounds of gas a small generator would consume. We had to improvise, or lose one operator. After much head scratching, I told Bob and Ernest of my idea of using a car alternator and a gas power engine. Both agreed. Bob, who had to leave town for a few days, told me to use his shop and anything I required. This is a statement he would regret a few days later when he tried to cut his grass for your see, I borrowed Bob's 2 cycle lawnmower engine, and scrounged an alternator from Glen VE3AEQ; added an amp meter; built a frame and presto a power plant capable of delivering a regulated 13.8vdc at 50 amps was ready! Bob and I later refined my crude effort. We found it would almost fully charge a discharged battery on a 1 quart tank of fuel in one hour. That cut our weight back from approximately 110 to just 50 pounds. The three of us wanted to take a beam, so Bob and I built a 2 element yagi with a 30 ft sectional mast, that broke down into 4 foot sections which weighed 27 pounds and was perfectly capable of fitting into a small plane. This turned out to be an excellent antenna for us. We also built various delta loops and dipoles made of wire but had little use for them.

At 02:02z 6 Aug 96 Ernest made our last Akimiski Island contact with K5HUT. We had done the best we could under the

conditions we faced, with the equipment that was available. We had given amateur radio operators a chance to work a very difficult QTH!

On the morning of August 6, 1996 our float plane landed and taxied to a safe spot we had marked. We loaded our equipment and lifted off from this mysterious, remote and uninhabited island realizing first hand it might be quite a while before NA-207 ever appears on the bands again!

John Harden, VE3VGI

Vice President's Message

The summer is over and school has started for another year. We had an interesting summer with all the activities that were running. The July meeting ran fairly smoothly and we had a nice crowd of people at the repeater site. Field Day ran quite nicely and the field day report is located somewhere in this issue of the newsletter. (Editors Note: Field Day report not available due to some technical difficulties - will try to have it for next month) If you get the time you can read it and maybe you'll get interested in helping out with field day next year. From what I know next year will be the last year that I run field day by myself because in the year 1999 I will be in grade 13 and I will be up to my armpits in duties and responsibilities. I hope everything runs smoothly and I will greatly be looking forward to a break from field day preparations.

You're probably wondering why I am writing a vice-presidents message but the reason is a few months ago I got really short-tempered because nobody was volunteering for anything. I got really disgusted because I couldn't do anything. Finally I decided that if I wrote a message and started a reality check on you guys you would smarten up and get off your hands and volunteer. A club has two major components, (as far as I know) these components are members and a board of directors. But a club won't last on just members and a board of directors,

the members of the club have to volunteer for certain jobs or the club will fall apart. We have a club but the members of the club aren't volunteering. I think this is pathetic. As you already know after next year I will be looking for an assistant manager for field day. This assistant manager will be helping me arrange field day and take on some of the jobs. The following year that person will be full manager because I won't be in the area I will, with all likely chance, be off at college or university so I won't be able to do the work of field day manager. I have noticed one thing about this club ever since I joined nobody does nothing unless they feel obligated to. At the November meeting we will be looking for two, possibly three, new members on the board of directors. I know that definitely one person won't be renominating himself because of his job but I also know that I don't want to see anyone sitting on their hands. This club won't survive if people don't start volunteering so I'm telling you now I would like to see the club survive for another 50 years and possibly longer. You might think I'm talking to all of you and yes I am but specifically I am talking to those newly licensed amateurs who haven't gotten involved at all yet. The only way our club will last is if people start volunteering and those people who haven't taken on a certain job yet need to get involved. Don't just help out take a risk and go for it you will feel a lot better when you do. When I was first licensed I felt the urge to get involved and that is exactly what I did. I became your field day manager before I was even licensed and look at me now I am also vice-president of the club. You probably don't realize but I get involved I am helping out with emergency services organizations by being net control station on the open line net, accepting traffic into Whitby, Oshawa, Pickering, Ajax, Port Perry, and St. Catherines. I check into Ontars and the Ontario Phone Net and many other nets and I get involved in emergency service groups.

Well I better close this message off. You've probably heard me enough already so I'll say 73's and 88's to all of

you out there and I'll talk to you again next month.

Martha Dinsmore, VA3SBD

Great Use For Old Magazines

Recently, Volunteer Services of Memorial Hospital Bowmanville posted a message on the internal e-mail requesting magazines that were no older than one year for patients to read. You may want to check with your local hospital, nursing home or seniors centre to see if they could use your past issues of Amateur Radio, computer, electronics, woodworking, sports, or any other type of magazine for use in their facility. If anyone has any magazines that they wish to donate you can bring them to the next meeting and I will be glad to take them to the two hospitals that I work for - Memorial Hospital Bowmanville and Ajax-Pickering General Hospital.

Laird, VE3LKS

November Deadline

Deadline for info to be submitted for the July/August issue is **October 15**. See the Info Page for various the methods of submitting articles via internet, mail, etc.

Contributors

Thanks to John VE3VGI, Les VA3LTB, Martha VA3SBD, Ivor VE3JMP and Walter VE3FJC for submitting items for this months newsletter.

Membership '97

With the change in the weather, shorter days, and cooler temperature upon us once again, it's that time of year to renew your club membership. By completing the Membership Form it helps the club Executive which you elect, to better serve you and it may come up with some new ideas for 97. The executive have to know what you the members want for 97 so please fill out the form along with your cheque and mail as detailed on the bottom of the form.

Les Burgess, VA3LTB

Swap Shop

Ries, VE3UEA, (905) 434-5550

Nye Viking morse straight key, like new \$25.

Two 5 1/4" 1.2 meg half high Floppy disk drive \$20. PC power supply works but a bit noisy \$15. Shack Desk 5 ft. wide, two shelves, gray colour, like new \$40. Steel Shack Desk, 5 ft. wide with pedestal cabinet \$75. Two comfy swival chairs with arm rest, blue, Great for Ham shack \$20 each. Handy Finder for fox hunting. Plugs into 2m HT. \$45.

WANTED....Bencher Chrome Morse Paddles.

Walter, VE3FJC, (905) 263-2338

TRADE Yeasu 708R 440 HT for Yaesu FT 208R 2 meter HT. Commodore 64 Keyboard and P/S \$20. Commodore 1541 Disk Drive \$20. Commodore 1526 Printer \$20. Commodore 1702 Colour Monitor \$65. or will sell as a package price.

Betty Wyard-Scott, (905) 723-5758

Morse code key \$10. Archer SWR Meter \$15. Power supply 2.3 amp 13 Volt \$20. Small Dummy load, (Quart CAN type \$15. Panasonic Electronic typewriter \$25. Knight RF. Signal Generator KG-650 \$10. 2 meter 1/4 wave mag. mount ant. \$15. Misc. Commodore Programs, Best offer. Older B/W Portable TV. Best offer. Desk Light \$20.

Bill VE3BFZ, (905) 623-1754

Kenwood TS 430 Transceiver with P/S. FM board \$600.

Frank Reader, (905) 430-6115

Kenwood mobile 2 meter transceiver model# TM 2570A for \$350. A 40 foot tower and Ringo "2" for \$100. A 40 foot mast for \$25.

Tony, VE3VGF (905) 986-4956

WANTED - Schematic Dia. for a Knight R 100-A receiver(sold by Allied Radio).

Len, VE3LBN (905) 985-7120

Kenwood Transceiver Model TR 8400 440 meg. 10 Watt, New in box. \$400. Model TR 9000 2 meter all mode transceiver cw/ssb/fm . 1 -10 watts

output, mic and manuals. \$375. Firm ICOM IC 28H 2 meter 45 watt transceiver, T.T. mic, very clean \$300. Yaesu FT 227R 2 meter 10 watts, mobile brkt. Up-down mic. 4 memories \$150. Kenwood TH 78A Dualband Handi, Quick charger, 5/8 whip. \$450. HF mobile Ant. colis for 10 15 20 20 meters \$25. KW Balun 3-30 meg. \$10. 2 meter gutter mount mobile ant. 5/8 \$ 10.00

Howard, VE3TYQ (905) 579-7466

IC 701 HF Transceiver 10 -160 meters, plus the IC 701 Power Supply & speaker, IC SM 2 Desk mic for \$500. Smith Corona Typewriter, Model XL-1800 & acc., auto memory correction, word eraser, auto center, bold letters, excellent condition \$100 obo.

Keith, VE3MZB (905) 728-8676

Reg Power Supply 12 Volts \$18.

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

The Club

The meaning of "club", in accordance to the dictionary, is a heavy stick, usually thicker on one end. A stick or bat used to drive a ball, in various games. In today's terminology, a security system for a vehicle. That is not the meaning of the club I am thinking about. **The Club** - a group of persons organized for a social, political, or other purpose, to unite, join together.

The North Shore Amateur Radio Club

A club with 50 years of proud history behind it, and a limited future in front of it unless we as members unite and work together as a team. Constructive criticism is an accepted and valuable means of improving the operation of our club, be it negative or positive. The hardest thing about passed history is being humble enough to learn from mistakes, thus enabling us to proceed and improve performance in the future. Then young always learn from the old, or in the case of Amateur Radio, seasoned members teach the new hams the

fascinating hobby of Amateur Radio. There is never a stupid question only a stupid person for not asking the question that he or she did not have the answer to. Remember you voted and approved not only the committee but for all the motions that were addressed during the monthly meetings. You say "I was not there", well whose fault is that? The fall election time is upon us and if you don't like the way things are run YOU can volunteer to be the next President or some other chair of the committee.

Les Burgess, VA3LTB

Early Days of Wireless - Part I9

This issue of "Early Days of Wireless" is going to take you back to 1950, and zero in on happenings in Northern Ontario.

"NORTHERN NET":

In December, 1949, the Northern Net was organized and put into operation. This net was composed of member stations throughout Northern Ontario and Northwestern Quebec. The purpose of the Net was to have an East-West trunk line in the North to handle traffic that was building up at various points. The AFARS and the Ontario Phone Nets in the southern parts of Ontario and Quebec were at times difficult to copy in the North. Sudbury, however, had little difficulty in direct net contact and several stations were active nightly on the southern nets. The Net was started with member stations in Perron, Val d'Dor, Amos and Lasarre, Quebec; Cochrane, Iroquois and Twin Falls, Timmins, South Porcupine, Kirkland Lake, North Bay, Sudbury, Bruce Mines and Sault Ste. Marie. Toronto direct outlet was member station VE3YD of Scarborough Bluffs. The Montreal outlet and member was VE2AEG. Now we had a smooth working system which was divided into four areas. Each area provided a Coordinator whose duty it was to see that a station from each town in his area had a station active on each evening of net operation. In cases where more than one station from one town was a member of the net, the net control rotated in order

that each member of the entire net should become familiar with the procedure of the NCS. A great deal of traffic was passed over the entire Net System. The Northern Net became a permanent fixture on the 75 meter phone band at 3842 KC. So effective was it that the Air Force Amateur Radio System Co-ordinator at Rockcliffe Air Station at Ottawa, S/L G. J. Bury, invited the Net as a complete operating unit to become a member net of AFARS. All members of other AFARS Units, who also operated on the Northern Net, would have immediate transfer to the new "Northern Squadron" AFARS. The members were asked to give their views on the switch, and it was agreed that the change to AFARS was desired. Then came the "Blackout", propagation conditions became most unstable on the lower frequency bands. The band was out at the regular net roll call time, summer was dawning in the minds of the members, and preparations for the garden, the summer cottages and the boat, and so forth, made the net appearance a secondary consideration. So it was temporarily halted for the summer season with a few of the "faithful" still monitoring 3842 each evening, in case some traffic would have to be passed. Squadron Leader Bury contacted the writer, from Ottawa, and expressed a desire to come to Kirkland Lake with another Air Force Officer to discuss the operation of the Net. When this meeting takes place, all members will be advised when the first night of Northern Squadron AFARS will be scheduled. In the meantime, we will see you all at North Bay Hamfest and will be seeing S/L Bury at that time and he will give us further details on the AFARS system and its benefits.

"SPLATTER":

We hear that the FREDERICK Boys, Hal and Gil, will be leaving Kirkland Lake with the family, and will reside in Peterborough, Ont. We will be very sorry to have the boys leave. That will reduce our ham population by two. Good Luck Boys. (My call then was VE3EAA).

The above is from "Break-In", July, 1950 - published by K.A.R.L.

(Kirkland Amateur Radio League - VE3BAT) in Kirkland Lake, ON.

The Late Victor, VE3LNX

My Soapbox, Please

Sorry folks but between work, writing articles about the Polar Bear Express DXpedition, a few construction projects, helping a couple of friends move, and still unpacking myself I did not have time to put down in words any of the thoughts that came up this month. Until next month - 73!

Laird, VE3LKS

Editors New Address

As many of you already know, I have moved. My new address is as follows:

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Net Controller Needs You!

Steve, VA3SPZ, our new net controller would like you to give him a call if you are able to assist him in running the net and code practice. You can reach Steve at the following:

623-3868
VA3SPZ@VA3BBS

Early Days of Wireless - Part 20

Back we go to Northern Ontario - circa 1949-1950 From "Break-In", newsletter of the Kirkland Amateur Radio League (K.A.R.L., with callsign VE3BAT), we glean the following:

Executive for 1949:
President - Alex Snider, VE3PA
Vice-President - H. E. Archibald, VE3BNI
Secretary-Treasurer - Hal Grover, VE3BJE
Activities Manager - Dawson Hoadley, VE3ANH
Past President - A. Murphy, VE3BGI

Ted Barker, "the Angel", VE3ALU announced the code practice schedule on 7050 KC. (except as noted below). In those days, we were all on crystal-control (homebrew VFOs were just starting to come into vogue), so I am shown as "Tue. EAA 7098" because I did not have a crystal for 7050. But 40m code classes were held every day of the week; at 6:45 p.m. except Sunday (when it was 9:30 a.m.) Alex Snider, 4PA, looked after the Sunday practice session.

Our meetings were held at the Wright Hargreaves Meeting Room (this gold mine no longer exists), and at each meeting, those who knew taught those who didn't. We had Ohm's Law one evening, and lessons on oscillators, electrical theory, etc. Any member could raise a subject, questions were asked, and the 'experts' were the ones to give the answers, sometimes using a blackboard that was placed at the front of the room. Basically, our meetings were to learn theory so that we could upgrade our skills and licence class. The club bulletin "Break-In" was published every 2 weeks, and the postage to send it? 1 cent! My brother Hal received his call, VE3DEI, and came on air at our house with our 14 watt rig (6V6-6L6). We needed a good antenna, so our dad (who had previously helped me out immensely by buying me a Hallicrafter S-40A in New York during his trip down there for a Lions' Convention a year earlier) contacted the local hydro chief, and had the whole crew come one evening after their shift to install two 50-ft. telephone poles (we bought them) - one in our side yard, right in the middle of the lawn; the other down the lane about 150 ft. away. We had already prepared the pulleys at the top, so it was easy to pull up our long end-fed copper-clad antenna after the poles were up. And did it ever work well on 40.

And it was once again a time to get excited about the up-coming North Bay Hamfest (1950). From Jerry Halliday, the President of Gateway Amateur Radio Club, came the following announcement: Friday night June 30th at 8:00 p.m. Beach party at Ted's Auto Court on Sunset Park Beach (on the shore of Lake

Nippising), VE3BOV - Leo is the host. Saturday July 1st at 2:00 p.m. Registration at the Tourist Information Booth at 513 Main St. E. Fee is \$2.00 per person, 50c for children. Then proceed to Trout Lake, 6 miles east of North Bay on Highway 63 - the route and spot will be marked out - and you can't miss it. At the spot, Eats and Drinks and Balloons for the Kiddies, games and fun for all, with many stunts planned. The Place will be McCoy's Hotel. The dinner starts at 6:00 p.m., at 7:30 p.m. the Prize draws will take place, ending up with the grand draw for the RECEIVER. Sunday will be touring day and visits to all the gang. O yes, big Social Evening Saturday at McCoy's. I was there, and I can tell you I really enjoyed that weekend.

The Late Victor, VE3LNX

October Meeting - Polar Bear Express DXpedition!

Members of the Polar Bear Express DXpedition will be on hand for the October meeting. There will be a video presentation, photographs, and lots of stories about the event. See you all there on October 14!

Don Amis - WA2ACN - 20 Years of Checking In

In August of 1997, Don Amis will have the distinction of checking in to the North Shore ARC net, without missing a single net, for 20 years. It's great hearing you in there Don and hope you check in for many more years. My only question is, how many mics have you gone through in all these years?

September Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Martha VA3SBD, in Steve's absence, at 1930hrs on September 9, 1996.

Treasurers Report: Earl VE3VGK was somewhat concerned about our financial condition which showed a balance of

about \$300 with more bills on hand. He added that there was an emergency balance of over \$6,500 but more on this subject was to be discussed under new business later. A motion to accept the report as read by Les VA3LTB, seconded by Laird VE3LKS, was carried.

Repeater Report: Ralph VE3CRK informed the members that the equipment had been inspected and repaired where necessary, and seemed to be ok. More discussion about site location for the proposed repeater link is ongoing. If anyone can help in this regard it would be welcomed.

Packet Committee Report: Charlie VE3UEM told the members that he had been on it recently and that everything was working fine. There had been a problem with VA3BBS but not with our VE3USH.

Winston VE3WFS thanked all the members who assisted him with the C.N.E. event, claiming it was a great success as always.

New Business: Gary VE3EPY was unable to commit to teach the Basic radio course at Eastdale full time, and without some assistance it was decided to forget it for this year.

To help promote Amateur Radio, it was suggested by Fred VE3TIG that a demonstration table might be set up at local fairs, perhaps a booth at the Canada Day event down at the lakeshore, etc. might be considered. Anyone wishing to help set up such an event would be welcomed.

After careful consideration and lengthy discussion over income from annual dues it was decided, by a vote, to increase membership fees to \$30 for full membership. The reason being higher cost for the repeater site and increased hydro cost for this service. Increase in meeting room facility fees was also a consideration. Farncombe VE3BHQ moved that it be accepted, seconded by Joe VE3VGJ. Carried.

Volunteers for next years Hamfest was requested in our joint effort with Pickering Amateur Radio Club. Joe VE3VGJ, Charlie VE3UEM, Laird VE3LKS, and Winston VE3WFS were all willing volunteers so perhaps the club is in quite good shape after all. Of course more members would be welcome.

Farncombe VE3BHQ requested volunteers to assist the blind with a radio communication system for a dog walk in Newcastle on October 5th. Charlie VE3UEM, Gary VE3EPY, Les VA3LTB, Martha VA3SBD, Fred VE3TIG, and Glen VE3LIZ all volunteered and I am sure the cause will be worth the effort. It is sponsored by the Land Foundation School in Oakville under the direction of Jean Graham.

Steve VA3SPZ still requires net controllers and especially code senders for the Thursday night net. Please give him a call if you can help out.

Winston VE3WFS suggested a special event station marking the clubs 50th anniversary. It was thought that a special station might be arranged on Canada Day. Fred VE3TIG offered his services in this regard. Anyone wishing to help can give Winston a call.

Winston VE3WFS asked that Don Amis WA2ACN of Medina, NY might receive special mention for regularly checking into the net. As it was determined that he was already a life member a special thank you from the club might suffice.

A special thank you also to Al Todgham SWL and his wife and daughter who took the time to make a 50th Anniversary cake for our September meeting. It was a very nice gesture and, I might add, a very nice cake.

Earl VE3VGK displayed some information about F.I.S.T.S. a CW club on the internet. Anyone wishing to find out more about it can give him a call.

Fred VE3TIG talked briefly about the recent Polar Bear Express DXpedition. He told the members that a video and

other information and photographs were being compiled for a future event. He also displayed a direction finder and antenna built from a Ramsey kit he purchased from Durham Radio.

Marth VA3SBD passed around a collection of SWL cards she is very proud of. Well done Martha and keep up the good work.

There are three positions available on the executive for next year. Anyone who would like to run for office should be at the November meeting as well as those who wish to make their vote count. Get involved.

Howard VE3TYQ requested a copy of the club bylaws for all members. Discussion followed and it was decided the cost of printing was a burden. Gary VE3GLM amended the motion to have a copy on hand at all meetings with the option to purchase the same. This was seconded by Les VA3LTB. Carried.

Glen VE3LIZ motioned to adjourn at 2200hrs and seconded by Howard VE3TYQ.

Ivor Picton, VE3JMP

The Info Page

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Field Day		
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Lists and Labels		
Les Burgess, VA3LTB	571-1458	
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Club Inventory		
Howard Mugford, VE3TYQ	579-7466	
Club Photographer		
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NSARC Web Site

<http://www.osha.isg.net/~lsolomon/nsarc.htm>

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 1996 Calendar

October 14	Polar Bear Express DXpedition
November 11	Elections
December 9	Christmas Party



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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.



North Shore ARC

Membership Request Form



Please Print!

Name: _____ Callsign: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Prov/State: _____ Postal: _____ Phone: _____

Membership Required: Full \$30 Family \$15 Associate \$25

- Full Full member privileges including monthly newsletter.
- Family Full member privileges but no monthly newsletter. One member of the household must have a "Full" membership.
- Associate Monthly newsletter and a warm hearty welcome to all our meetings/events.

Donations: General Use \$ _____ Repeater \$ _____

I am interested in helping or leading out in the following:

- | Help | Lead | Activity | Help | Lead | Activity |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sermon on the Mount | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Corn Roast | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Guides On The Air (GOTA) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Christmas Party | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | EMO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Field Day | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dxpeditons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Net Controller | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Canoe the Nonquon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Code Sender | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | CNE Station (Air Show Saturday) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sysop a packet node/BBS | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Kit building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hamfest security/setup/take down | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Newsletter articles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Executive - President/Vice/Treasurer/Secretary/Program Director | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other _____ | | | |

 Please list any topics you would like to see presented at our monthly meetings:

I am willing to make a presentation on one or more of the topics listed above!

Please send cheque payable to:
North Shore ARC

c/o Les Burgess, 1456 Tampa Cres., Oshawa, ON, L1G 6V2