

# North Shore ARC

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## Season's Greetings!

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### Don Amis, WA2ACN

The North Shore Amateur Radio Club has lost a friend. Don Amis, WA2ACN is gone. He will be missed. Don earned the distinction of having checked into our net, on each consecutive Thursday, for almost 20 years. Like most of us, I came to know Don by the net. A number of our senior men have had the pleasure of knowing Don for many years. These men knew Don, in a way I will never know him. They knew his incredible sense of humour, his quick wit and his lightning reparte. Don was respected for his long time loyalty to our club. A club whose many benefits of membership were not his for the taking. Don was a white cane operator. And he lived in Medina, New York. Those who enjoy monitoring radio - were treated to some of radio's greatest conversations, when Don was on the air. One lady from Milton, enjoyed his qso's so much, that she invited him and his qso mates for afternoon tea. Don made his career selling for a powdered milk firm in Quebec. He knew the byways of Quebec like the back of his hand. It is said that he first met some of the Oshawa hams, while passing through this area from his

home while on route to Quebec. Don suffered from high blood pressure. One day, as he was approaching home, his eyesight began to fail him. By the time his day ended, Don would never see again. Don faced his handicap with courage and with the support of his dear wife Anna. He was never known to complain about his handicap. He travelled life's road with dignity. A week ago, Don complained of feeling dizzy. He sat on his bed, and his wife sat down beside him. He slumped into her arms. The North Shore ARC, and many local hams have lost a beloved friend.

73 Don from your friends on the north shore.

Winston, VE3WFS

### January Deadline

Deadline for info to be submitted for the January issue is December 15. See the Info Page for various the methods of submitting articles via internet, mail, etc. NOTE: I HAVE MOVED...CHECK INFO BELOW!!

### Contributors

Thanks to Winston VE3WFS, George VE3UEH and Audrey SWL, Martha VA3SBD, Ivor VE3JMP and Walter VE3FJC for submitting items for this months newsletter.



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## December Meeting

We will be having our annual Christmas Party at the next meeting, the second Monday of December. This year there will be a bit of a twist - the club will be providing a light buffet of cold cuts, pickles, olives, rolls, cheese, crackers, and drink. **Members who are coming are asked to bring one of their favorite deserts such as fruit, cake, fruit cake, cookies, candy, pie, etc. Come on out with your spouse and celebrate the festive season with all your friends!**

## My Soapbox, Please

Well, Christmas and New Years is right around the corner. Please remember in this season of celebration not to forget those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Can you imagine how a parent must feel who is struggling to make ends meet and does not have the resources to purchase even a simple gift for their child or children? Worse yet can you put yourself in the position of the child when they wake up Christmas morning to find nothing waiting for them? I will agree with you 1000% when you say that Christmas has become far to commercialized and the true meaning is nowhere to be found, but how do you explain that to a child. Remember, it truly is better to give than to receive. I challenge all the members of the club to look around your neighborhood and see who could possibly need your help. If you do not see anybody than there are lots of churches, charities, and clubs that are doing toy and food drives that could use your donation or time.

Isn't it funny how your perspective on everything is so much different when you are a kid than when you are older. I remember playing baseball in the backyard when I was little and thinking how big it was and now when I go to my parents house I wonder how I did not break any of the neighbours windows. The same is true for Christmas. Looking back I realize that we were just one of the many middle class GM families that exist in Oshawa so I never got those large

ticket items at Christmas, but do you know what? looking back I would not trade any of them for anything. What more could a Canadian kid ask for than to get a goalie net, a couple of Dave Keon #14 hockey sticks, and a pair of Bobby Orr #4 hockey gloves, not to mention the rubber puck and street hockey ball tucked in the sock with other goodies like tangerines and candy. Pinch me, I have died and gone to heaven! Or how about the hockey game with Montreal and Toronto players (I still have mine and will pass it to one of my children someday...I understand they are collector items now!), the "Triple 8" race car set, the Hot Wheels (boy I am glad they are back in style - I dug mine out of my parents attic and now play with them with my boys), the train set that only ran in reverse (the only toy that Dad and Uncle John didn't set up in the garage a month ahead of time to "test out") but was replaced on boxing day, or the aluminum tobaggan. Yes, these represent quite a few Christmas mornings from long ago. There was more, too, like the smell of turkey wafting through the house early in the morning after being slow cooked all night. Dinner could not come soon enough. Did my parents spend a wad of money at Christmas? Probably not. Did that make a difference to me? ABSOLUTELY NOT!. Christmas is a time for giving and I am now trying to pass down to my children the same values that were bestowed on me - giving is a lot more fun than getting. Sure, Luke would like some neat toys for Christmas (some of them I will enjoy "testing" ahead of time) but we are teaching him to "give" as well. There is one little friend of Luke's whose parents are struggling to make ends meet. As a result he does not have many toys and when they play hockey in the driveway Luke shares one of his sticks with him. Anyway, I mentioned to Luke that he might want to get his friend a Christmas gift and Luke said it would be nice if his friend could have a hockey stick of his own so I guess we will be going to Canadian Tire and picking one out. I guess what I am trying



to say in this long dissertation is that I hope we all remember the true meaning of Christmas this season and that is that it is not what you "get" but what you "give" that will make the difference!

Until next month - 73!

Laird, VE3LKS

## Mind Benders- Answers

Here are the answers to the Mind Benders that were in last months newsletter!

1. 57 = HEINZ VARIETIES.
2. 7 = WONDERS of the ANCIENT WORLD.
3. 1001 = ARABIAN NIGHTS.
4. 12 = SIGNS of the ZODIAC.
5. 54 = CARDS in a DECK (with the JOKER).
6. 9 = PLANETS in the SOLAR SYSTEM.
7. 88 = PIANO KEYS.
8. 13 = STRIPES on the AMERICAN FLAG.
9. 32 = DEGREES FARENHEIGHT at which WATER FREEZES.
10. 18 = HOLES on a GOLF COURSE.
11. 90 = DEGREES in a RIGHT ANGLE.
12. 200 = DOLLARS for PASSING GO in MONOPOLY.
13. 8 = SIDES on a STOP SIGN.
14. 3 = BLIND MICE (SEE HOW THEY RUN).
15. 4 = QUARTS in a GALLON.
16. 24 = HOURS in a DAY.
17. 1 = WHEEL on a UNICYCLE.
18. 147 = PERFECT BREAK in SNOOKER.
19. 6 = WIVES of KING HENRY the EIGHTH.
20. 11 = PLAYERS on a SOCCER TEAM.
21. 1000 = WORDS that a PICTURE is WORTH.
22. 29 = DAYS in FEBRUARY in a LEAP YEAR.
23. 64 = SQUARES on a CHECKER BOARD.
24. 40 = DAYS and NIGHTS of the GREAT FLOOD.
25. 20 = QUESTIONS (ANIMAL VEGETABLE or MINERAL).
26. 10 = LITTLE INDIANS.
27. 7 = YEARS of BAD LUCK for BREAKING a MIRROR.
28. 3 = PARTS into which ANCIENT GREECE was DIVIDED.
29. 2240 = POUNDS in a TON.
30. 4 = STRINGS on a VIOLIN.
31. 76 = TROMBONES that LED the BIG PARADE.

32. 3 = SHIPS of CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS (NINA, PINTA and SANTA-MARIA).
33. 3 = LITTLE KITTENS that LOST THEIR MITTENS.
34. 1 = GOOD TURN that DESERVES ANOTHER.
35. 1 = ROTTEN APPLE in EVERY BARREL.
36. 20 = CIGARETTES in a PACKET.
37. 6 = POCKETS on a POOL TABLE.
38. 66 = BOOKS of the BIBLE (in the KING JAMES VERSION).
39. 9 = JUDGES of the SUPREME COURT.
40. 10 = DIGITS in a TELEPHONE NUMBER (including the AREA CODE).
41. 7 = DWARVES with SNOW WHITE.
42. 30 = SIXTY over TWO.
43. 8 = DAYS a WEEK (in the BEATLES SONG).
44. 15 = MEN on a DEAD MANS CHEST.
45. 4+20 = BLACK BIRDS in a PIE.
46. 9 = SQUARES in a TIC TACK TOE.
47. 3 = STRIKES YOU'RE OUT at the OLD BALL GAME.
48. 5 = TIRES on a CAR (including the SPARE in the TRUNK).

Hope everyone had fun, as we did, 73,  
George, VE3UEH & Audrey, SWL

## November Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by Martha, VA3SBD. Martha welcomed visitors Chuck and Joseph to the meeting.

**Treasurers Report** - Earl VE3VGK informed the members that there was a balance of \$6,800 in the reserve account plus a small balance in the checking account. Giving the club a total of about \$7,260. A motion to accept the report as read by Anne VE3KWI and seconded by Laird VE3LKS was carried.

**Repeater Report** - Ralph VE3CRK reported that all system were working quite well and that the local link improvements were still a future consideration. He added that the antenna had already been installed on the tower ready to go.

Martha VA3SBD informed the members that two executive positions had to be filled and asked for nominations. As usual, no volunteers were evident. Fred

VE3TIG tried to convince the members that it was not a difficult job but his words landed on deaf ears. Martha asked the members present to think about it until the next meeting.

Steve VE3SPZ asked for volunteer code sender to assist Howard VE3TYQ. Howard suggested that we change the format slightly to have 30 minutes of code ranging from 5wpm to 12wpm then have a swap shop for 30 minutes. Steve ammended the motion to have a phone net from 1930 to 2100 then 30 minutes of code and 30 minutes of swap net. Motion by Steve VE3SPZ, seconded by Joe VE3VGJ, carried.

Ralph VE3CRK informed the members that the late Harry Westwood's wife had donated Harry's entire station and lots of other radio equipment to the club. Some of this equipment would be offered to the members for sale and other relevent repeater gear would be kept. Glen VE3LIZ has suggested that the club try to keep Harry's call, VE3QG, for the future link repeater. Motion by Glen VE3LIZ, seconded by Howard VE3TYQ, carried.

**Hamfest Report** - Joe VE3VGJ reported that there has been two meetings so far and another meeting is planned for November 26 at the Golden Griddle in Whitby at Hwy #2 and Gerrard Rd. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info give Joe a call. Letters are being sent out to various dealers to keep them informed including Radio Shack, Icom, and others.

Anne VE3KWI told the members that flowers had been sent to Don Amis's family and also a donation sent in Elmer Lintons memory.

The Christmas meeting was discussed with regard to the usual supper for this special evening. After many different suggestions, Laird VE3LKS volunteered to oversee the buying of cold cuts, buns, etc, with other desert dishes to be furnished by the members. Other more permanent plans should be considered for the future, however. This motion was seconded by Harold VA3KDK, carried.

Martha VA3SBD informed the members that Steve VE3SBD was no longer able to be the R.A.C. co-ordinator due to his new job. Winston VE3WFS has kindly offered to take on this responsibility, there being no objections. Our thanks to Winston for stepping into the breach. It was also stated that Steve would also have to relinquish his club membership. We wish Steve every success in his new endeavours and wish to thank him for his past efforts.

Fred VE3TIG told the members that he has advertised our club meetings on the Rogers cable 10 TV network and also had some printed articles put into the Oshawa Durham newspaper. This could be a great consideration for future events. Although Fred hasn't been replaced as Special Events co-ordinator yet he has decided to step down due most decidedly to other time consuming situations he is presently involved with. Fred, I know, will be sadly missed, but we graciously respect his decision.

Fred also mentioned that he had looked into arranging alternative meeting facilities as our present rent has been increased recently. He has sent out several letters, including the city, asking for a review since it is felt that we could provide a service in the event of a special emergency. He mentioned that the Red Cross facility at the Oshawa Centre is available at no charge, but we would need to move to Tuesday's for our meetings. There is a TV and other related equipment we could use. I had a look at the facility and I think it should be considered.

Martha asked the members present to observe a minutes silence for recent silent keys, namely Harry VE3QG, Elmer VE3PXY, Don WA2ACN, as well as for the father of George VE3INB. We cherish their memory.

Our guest presenter for the evening was Ike VA3IKE. He gave all of us a very interesting and enlightening demonstration about getting the best from the internet, which most definitely seems to be the way of the future. He made it

both interesting and entertaining, even for guys like myself who are computer illiterate. I did learn, however, that the higher amount of RAM is most important - something to do with storage capacity and speed I think. From this writers point of view, I am too old to learn now I feel. We thank Ike for giving us his time and I am sure that we all enjoyed his presentation.

As there was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2200 hours.

Ivor Picton, VE3JMP

## Swap Shop

**Jean Paul, VE3JPT, (905) 723 1811**  
2 HF WW II Marconi CSR-5 Rcvrs, 85 KHZ to 30 MHz. One with power supply, One without copy of original manual \$135 for the First, \$95 for the second. Heath Apache & Mohawk with SB-10 SSB adapter, manuals \$300. Looking for best offer or trade for old AM. gear, tube revrs., military equip. WW-II. Old Mics. etc.

**Martha, VA3SBD, (905) 571-4716**

Isopole Antenna, Brand New, for 2 meters, \$100.

**Ries, VE3UEA, (905) 434-5550**

Nye Viking morse straight key, like new \$25. Two 5 1/4" 1.2 meg half hight 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**

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.

**Frank Reader, (905) 571-4572**

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.

**Len, VE3LBN (905) 985-7120**

P8A Vertical, 8 band antenna, \$175.  
MFJ 1270C Packet Controler \$150.  
Yaesu FT 470 Dual Band HT. 2 battery packs, wall charger, manual \$400.  
Kenwood Transceiver Model TR 8400 440 meg. 10 Watt, new in box. \$400.  
ICOM IC 28H 2 meter 45 watt transceiver, T.T. mic, very clean \$300.  
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. XT computer 720 & 360 Drive, 43 Meg Hard Drive, Colour Monitor \$150. Compaq computer 286 E 3 1/2 HD plus 1.2 HD 5 1/4 43 Meg Hard drive, VGA Monitor, mouse, windows 3.1, Dos 6.20 \$350. 386SX25 computer 43 Meg Hard drive, 3 1/2 HD drive, VGA monitor, 5 meg Ram, mouse, Dos 6.22 Winddows 3.1 \$500. 2 Desks to go with the first two computers sold at no charge.

**Keith, VE3MZB (905) 728-8676**

Reg Power Supply 12 Volts \$18.

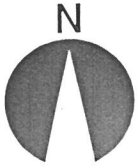
Send all listings to **VE3FJC, Walter** at (905) 263-2338, by packet at VA3BBS, or by phone at VE3OSH 2 meter repeater.

## Vice President's Message

Hello once again. Here's my message for the month of December. There is only a few things that I can remember about the month of November and well one of those things most people remember. Firstly all you veterans out there probably remember Remembrance day. Honouring all those people out there who died in one of the world wars is well respected around here. For all of you americans you probably remember it as Veterans' day. Anyways anyone who has served their country in one of the world wars is worth showing recognition for. War is a terrible thing to talk about but we have to deal with it everyday. War gets mentioned in the newspaper all the time and war is a common thing today. People are always fighting but for what is hard to understand. Some of the most well remembered wars are World Wars 1 & 2, the Vietnam War, the Korean war, the Persian Gulf war and most recently the dispute in Bosnia and Hertzgovenia. Anyway anyone who fought in any war should have recognition. Hats off to all you veterans out there.

Moving on its December and who knows what's around the corner but Christmas and Jolly Old Saint Nick. Everyone's a kid a Christmas. Winter's on its way and Santa Claus is coming to town so all you boys and girls better be good or you're going to get a lump of coal in your stocking this christmas. I know I've been really good. All of you older boys probably want the most expensive radio with all the bells and whistles but it's highly unlikely that you're going to get it. My dad (the president) wants a lot of stuff. Some of these things he wants are a DX 70, a sailboat and a bunch of other things. Me on the other hand I want quite a few things but I don't have enough space to list it all here so I'll list it later in the newsletter. (Editors note - sorry but we ran out of space) Anyways I better sign off 73's, 88's, and 33's to all you members out there and I'll see you next month

Martha Dinsmore, VA3SBD



# 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"/> | 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 |                          |                          |                                 |
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 Please list any topics you would like to see presented at our monthly meetings:

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

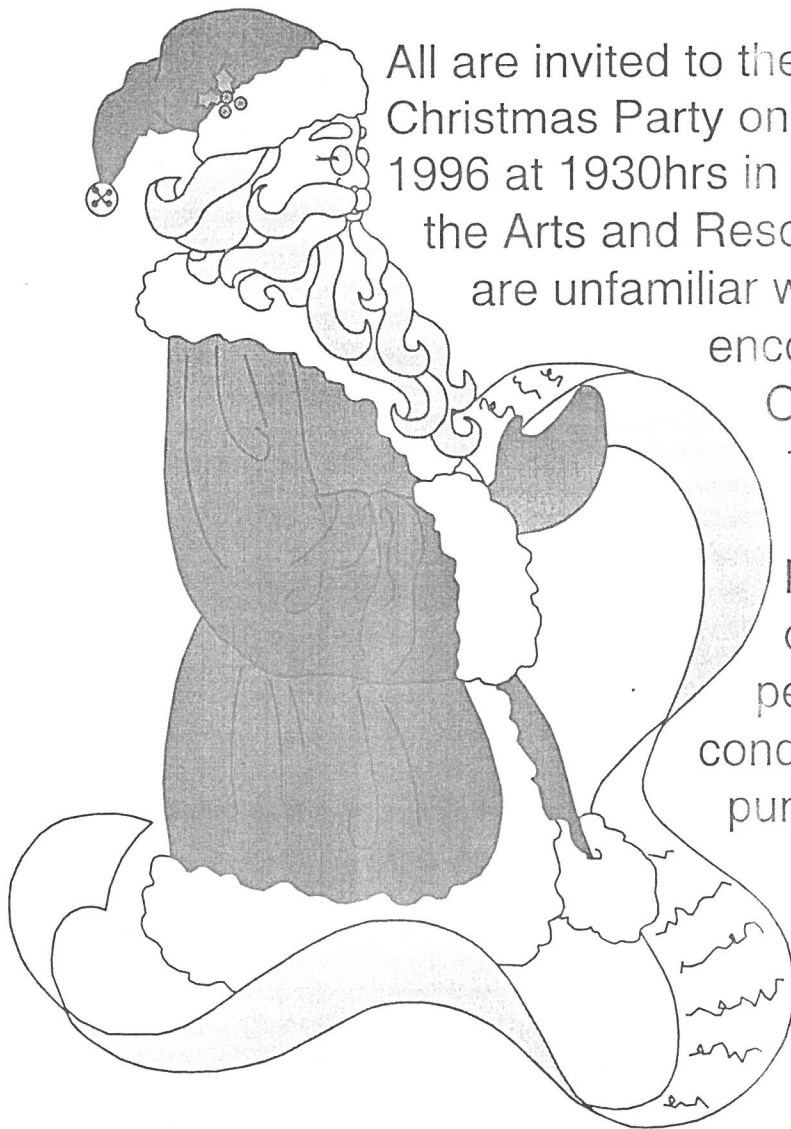
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North Shore ARC

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

# *Season's Greetings*

*from the North Shore ARC!*



All are invited to the North Shore ARC Christmas Party on Monday, December 9, 1996 at 1930hrs in the Green Room of the Arts and Resource Centre. If you are unfamiliar with the area you are encouraged to call in on Oshawa repeater at 147.120.

Please bring a desert or treat to serve 8 people. Sandwiches, condiments, and fruit punch will be provided.