

# NORTH SHORE ARC

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### November Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 16 at the RCAF Club at the Oshawa Airport. We had our September and October meetings at this facility and overall it was a great place to meet. As you go into the airport, just after you pass the jet fighter, turn right. If you pass the armoured tank on the left you have gone too far.

No program info as of publishing deadline.

### Lions Club 4th Annual Walk-a-Dog-a-Thon

Nine members of the NSARC participated in the 4th annual Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon which was held on Saturday, October 3, 1998 in Newcastle. The purpose of the walk was to raise money for the LIONS FOUNDATION CANINE VISION TRAINING SCHOOL in Oakville, Ontario (i.e. "seeing eye" dogs) This was the third year the NSARC has helped out by providing communications for this event.

With myself (Gary VE3EPY) operating as the control station, the checkpoints were handled by Mike (VE3VCY), Les (VA3LTB), Glen (VE3LIZ), Joe (VE3VGJ), Peter (VA3PWH), and "Checkpoint Charlie", (Charlie VE3UEM). Alex (VA3AMP), provided "Pedestrian" communications for us by

walking the route with his dog and carrying his handheld. Earl (VE3VGK) walked the route with his XYL and their dog. Earl also brought with him a total of \$122.00 in pledges which he gathered from the club members at the September meeting. Way to go Earl! My contact at the LIONS Club has informed me that they should see about \$13,000 come in this year. This is enough to cover the costs of providing two trained dogs.

Those of you that have read my previous articles here in the bulletin pertaining to this walk may be wondering if the goat was here this year. Unfortunately, the goat was not present, however, a lamb was walked around the course. There was a rather interesting popcorn machine, however, that kept sending out some strange characters on CW. I found out later that the machine was being operated by a LIONS club member who is also a radio amateur. We introduced ourselves and I extended an invitation to him to come out to our meetings. (I don't think he owns the popcorn machine so we won't have any extra snacks when he visits, Hi) What was the popcorn machine sending? I'm not exactly sure but the lamb seemed to be paying a lot of attention to it.

This year's event lasted from 0900hrs to 1200hrs. As you can see, it is not a long event for any of you reading this that might be interested in helping us out next year. (Participating in events like this will help you to be more "emergency communications" ready in case the need surfaces for our club to be involved in some). As was the case last year, there were no instances of any problems or any requirements for emergency services.

Once again, the NSARC club members demonstrated the value of Amateur Radio communications by providing regular reports back to the organizers. Well done team! I received a phone call from my contact expressing a "very big thank you" to our club from the Newcastle LIONS Club. Among her words were "I don't know what I would do without you folks ... you make my job so much easier!" As in previous years, she asked if we would be available again for next year's walk. Be sure to mark your calendars for October 2, 1999 as I told her we would definitely be there! Please remember that anyone is welcome to help out, licensed or not, as we can team you up with a licensed

ham if necessary. Finally, many thanks to the members of the NSARC who helped out. As always, YOU made a difference!

Best 73, Gary, VE3EPY

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## Amateur Surfing

Who said Internet is killing the ham bands? They could be partly right, insomuch as, today's computerphiles - would most likely have been amateur radio hobbyists 20 years ago.

But, for those hams who are online - Internet provides an excellent compliment to the hobby. It brings into today's shack, an incredible amount of information.

For instance, until recently a ham in Finland provided the amateur radio world with a website which told the DX'er, what exotic stations were on the air at any given moment of the day.

Today's amateur with Internet capacities, has at his fingertips, such things as: the most current dxcc list. He can follow the grey line of dawn or dusk, across the earth on his computer screen. Current solar flux numbers are a finger tip away. RS12 satellite downlinking frequencies, are available to help with satellite bouncing. (Yes, you can relay your signal from the bird, with a wire antenna, and a radio equipped to work splits) And, you can prowl around the websites of the RSGB, or ARRL or our own RAC. Today's ham can have instant access to radio catalogues from amateur radio outlets. And, they can see at a glance what is new on the market. And, to ice the cake, 'the net' abounds with dozens of amateur radio operator web pages - many of which are loaded with information or linking features that will propel them into a seemingly unlimited world of radio related information.

This column will provide you with a description of radio related websites. Check them out.... Or, share with them

with our readers - through this column, Your comments are welcome and invited.

AMATEUR RADIO WORLD -

<http://www.mindspring.com/~jjweinb/arworld/arwindex.html>

Jeff, (W0QO), and Michelle Weinburg's (WA4WSP), Colorado based, Amateur Radio World website is professional and attractive. The visitor is introduced to the site, with a sky view of their antenna farm.

Beneath this picture is a radio, which twinkles with such topic buttons as search, hotspots, logbook, clubs, new sites. When you drop by this side, check out their logbook. The logbook, looks like a spiral notebook. It is arranged geographically. A quick check of the dx logbook, indicates that amateurs and short-wave hobbyists from around the world have signed in. The counter indicates that the site has had 73 646 visitors drop by to check it out. A pretty busy place.

Out of curiosity, I clicked on the clubs button - Canada, and found that a number of radio clubs from across Canada had filled out the information cards, telling who was the contact person, providing a club phone number, place and time of meeting, etc. Here in Ontario, the Blue Mountain Club, Nortown, Orillia, and Quinte have added their information. The toolkit button takes you to an index which includes such topics as current solar flux numbers, the DXCC list and rules,

Personally, since I am going to Barbados for a week of hamming in December, I took a look to see if any Bajun ham, had signed the guestbook. I was delighted to see that one had, and I sent him off an e mail letter telling him of my intentions, and asking him if he would be able to liase with me and let me know when and where the Bridgetown meeting takes place - so I can drop by for a coffee and an evening of conversation.

I found Michelle and Jeff's website a visual pleasure to explore. It was uncomplicated and uncluttered. Besides that the font size was large enough to make it easy to read. Drop in on them, and sign their guestbook - or at least check it out. You may find some names of people you recognize.

Winston, VE3WFS

## VE3VGK, Violet & "Kelly" do Walk-a-Dog-a-Thon

Following is a list of the NSARC members who sponsored my dog 'Kelly' and myself in the NEWCASTLE LIONS 'Dog Walk'.

- It looked like a good turnout, lots of dogs, and good support from the community. Free water at various places for the dogs and apples, pears and bottled water for the dogs' owners.



My thanks to all who sponsored me. Kelly and I and my xyl all survived in good condition. I think the last time I walked six miles was on the Bruce Trail about fifteen years ago.

#### **NSARC Sponsors**

Doug BGF (SPARC), Les LTB, Pete PWH, Joe VGJ, Laird LKS, Lyle DXE, Ries UEA, Jean-Paul JPT, Michael VCY, Howard TYQ, Winston WFS, Ralph CRK, Bob LLE, Roy ESS, Alan ALN, Charlie UEM, Cal CAH, Mike DKW, Steve SPZ, Gary EPY, Earl VGK **Total Raised ==> \$122.00**  
73 de Earl, VE3VGK

## Great Places for Great Deals

Some of you know me some of you don't, I'm Doug, VA3BGF and a member of the South Pickering club. I live in Whitby and work in the west end of Toronto as a service tech. Yah...I know, must be crazy....all that driving, traffic jams and the apparent road rage. But that's another story.

During my daily travels, I have the privilege of seeing and exploring a great many areas of the G.T.A. During these travels I've come across stores that were worth exploring! This story although brief, will cover two of them.

The first place is in Mississauga at Dixie & Meyerside. This store is a portable power enthusiasts dream come true. The staff are very helpful & patient (I tend to ramble across various topics). Any way, this store has everything to do with BATTERY POWER! Everything from the smallest button cell up through dry, wet, semi-wet (gell) Ni-Cad, Ni-Mh to the desk sized single cell (amoeba?) lead-acid build-you -a-power-the-city-bank-of-batteries! I mean these are H U G E !! Whhhheeeewww!!! They also carry a comprehensive line of commercial power cell packs for amateur, commercial & cellular applications as well as the portable boosters you've seen on TV for cars.

They will also custom build portable packs/charger systems. They can incorporate DIGITAL READOUTS, and ALARMS for low power indication! The things that Vern & his staff can do is pretty unlimited. It seems that whatever you want in the way of portable power, they can provide it.

New Age Power Products, Vern Sherwood  
(905) 795-1088 Voice, (905) 795-1290 Fax  
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The second store is quite different, in that it deals primarily with re-cycled stuff. It is a place to see, as they have a wide selection of used components, computers, parts motherboards, printers....etc, etc. My recent journeys discovered things like LARGE rheostats, 30 pin simms for older computers, un-interruptible power supplies.....which brings

me to my focus at this store. They get on an irregular basis, gell type cells that have been in use for a year in things like UPS'S, emergency lighting systems, medical equipment...etc. These cells come in such a wide variety of sizes, I can't list them. These batteries have spade terminals for the quick-connect type as well as large lugs for fastening wires with eye terminals to them. They come in 6 as well as 12 volts, all sealed types. I believe 2. Amp to 20 Amp is the range.

A-1 Electronics Parts, John Perez  
718 Kipling, Toronto, Ont, M8Z-5G5  
Phone: (416) 255-0343 Fax: (416) 255-4617

Anybody that wishes to contact me in regards to these stores is more than welcome to. Any how, I'm running out of things to say, soooooo 73 de VA3BGF.

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## Swap Shop

**Howard, VE3TYQ, (905) 579-7466**  
MFJ 1270C TNC - 2 meter & HF, manual, P/S, programs \$100. XT computer keyboard, monitor \$25. 386SX25 4 meg ram, VGA monitor, keyboard, mouse, 43 meg. hard drive, one speed CD rom \$200.

**Walter, VE3FJC, (905) 263-2338**  
FT 890 transceiver with Auto Tuner, Perfect condition, mic manual, box. \$1200. FIRM.

**Gord, VE3UIB, (905) 571 7068**  
• Stripline Filter for 2 meters \$25. Arrow 144 meg. 3 element beam, portable beam \$75. R/S HTX 202 144 meg. handie, manual and charger, battery case \$180. Kantronics KPC-3 Plus, TNC. manuals \$150. Diawa 4 pos. Ant. Switch \$85.

**Josef, VE3FVH, (905) 655-3009**  
One 2inch by 10 feet long fibreglass boom \$110. Kenwood Phone Patch, model PC-1 \$90. Jaybeam MBM 88/70 cm \$60. M2 2MCP14 2m. Crossed Yagi \$150. Kenpro KR-500 elevation rotor & control \$300. Kenpro KR-400 Azimuth rotor & control \$300. Microwave Modules 432 MHZ -100 watt linear \$300. IC471 70cm all mode transceiver, P/S, mike and manual \$750. Landwehr 2m Pre-amp, mast mount \$210. TE-Systems 70cm 100 watt linear & Preamp. \$450. L.L. Grace Kansas City Tracker and Tuner. Package includes PC interface card, interface connector and software \$450.

**Mike, VE3DKW, (905) 723-7674**  
The next list is from the estate of VE3AEQ Glen. Cushcraft 432 mhz. 24 element yagi \$35. 903 meg. loop yagi 33 element \$25.

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

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<http://www.osha.igs.net/~Isolomon/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.

## Club Meetings

The third Monday of every month at 1930 hours we meet at the RCAF building at the Oshawa Airport. Take Stevenson Road north from Hwy 2 to the airport. Give a call on 147.120 for directions.

## NSARC 1998 Calendar

Nov 16, 19:30 - Monthly Club Meeting

Dec 21, 19:30 - 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.

**Please send any updates to this list to Laird, VE3LKS.**