

Monthly Update

December 2020

News Flash!

We have a new monthly bulletin editor! **Laird VE3LKS** has been doing our monthly bulletin for a while now along with his other roles as President, Rag Chew net controller, Meetings co-Ordinator and so on and so on. So, I have volunteered to help out by working on our monthly bulletin for him.

For the few that do not know me I am **Steve VA3TPS**. I took the basic and Morse code class put on by the club in 2005 and have been having a great time enjoying our hobby of Amateur Radio since. A couple of years ago I moved to the summer cottage in Fenelon Falls and now live up here all year round.



I will be looking for articles and information to help fill in the pages of the bulletin. Even if you come across some interesting Ham Radio websites send me the links to them and I will put something together. Also let us know what you're up to. A new shack, new radios or operating events like POTA or special events you operate in. Just send a couple of lines and even a photo and we will have lots to read in our bulletin. My email is va3tps@outlook.com

At this time I would like to wish everyone and their families a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This will be a Christmas season like no other we have experienced but by being safe and following the guidelines hopefully we can all get through this and put it behind us.

New in January 2021

Starting in our January 2021 bulletin I am going to start up a Swap Shop for the members of NSARC and our friends. We will try this for a few months and see if we can help some of our members out. If you have something to sell just send me an email with the item's information, your information and email or contact info. We will not include photos at this time but I suggest you take a couple of your item in case someone contacts you. Also, if you're looking for an item, one of those weird connectors, patch cords or what ever we can post that too. A lot us have items laying around we don't use anymore.

So, send that info to my email: va3tps@outlook.com. Don't forget the price you're asking and your email or contact info. Please try and have your information into me by the 14th of each month.

73 de **Steve VA3TPS**

December Club Meeting

When: Sunday, December 20, 7:00pm

Where: your place

Once again, we will be utilizing Zoom video conferencing to conduct our meeting this month. **Laird VE3LKS** will be hosting the meeting and you will receive an invite to the meeting in the next few days. At this time, we are still needing some presentations so please let **Laird** know if you have any fun or interesting items that you would like to share with the group. Meetings will only be interesting if **YOU** help make them that way!



November Meeting

On our last Zoom club meeting we had another good turn out. **Grant VA3KJI** gave a show n tell about his new Xiegu X5105 QRP HF Radio. As well, **Stan VE3ILU** did a live presentation on how to properly roll up cables so that they do not tangle when you need to unroll them.

Membership Time

Yes folks, it is that time of the year that gets our treasurer, **Bob VE3HIX**, giddy with delight and we're almost there so let's help keep **Bob** in a good mood and pay your dues. Membership fees are staying the same this year and we are making it easier for you to renew. If you are a member of RAC your North Shore fee is \$30. If you are not a member of RAC then it is \$40. The difference in fees is that if you have a RAC membership you are already covered for insurance. If you are not a member of RAC the club has to pay a \$10 premium for you on our club insurance. Now, to the easy part. Without even having to leave the comfort of your home you can send an etransfer to **Laird VE3LKS** at VE3LKS@yahoo.ca. If you prefer old school you can send a cheque, made payable to "North Shore Amateur Radio Club Inc" to **Laird's** home address. (NOTE: if sending a cheque it MUST be made payable as written here. If it is not then the bank may refuse it.) With proper ID you can give cash to **Laird** at any meetup, such a White Feather or East Mall. Please send an email to Laird with your name, call, email, address, cell and phone number.

Tuesday Night Rag Chew

This is not a formal net but rather a lively roundtable. Some can only stick around for a few minutes while others are there from start to finish. We never know what the topic de jour will be but someone always comes up with something interesting. So, if you are available between 1900 and 2000hr on Tuesdays pop onto OSH and join the conversation. As well, since this is a rag chew, and not a net, feel free to step in and moderate the group should one of the regulars not be there. All you have to do is jot down who is on and rotate through the list so that everyone gets a chance to participate...



Wednesday Night Virtual Parking Lot



As well as the Tuesday night rag chew on the repeater there is quite a crew that meets on a Zoom meeting that we have named our **Virtual Parking Lot** on Wednesday evenings. The quick history behind this is that we used to meet at Tim's on Wednesday evening for

coffee. Then COVID came along and we could no longer meet inside so we met in the parking lot of the East Mall, dragged out our lawn chairs, sat 2m apart and had a good chat with some show n tells. Then the cold set in and the days got shorter so we adapted once again. Now we have a Zoom meeting on Wednesday night from 7pm to 8:00pm...ish. They tend to go longer. It is NOT a club meeting format but just a chance to see each other, chat, ask questions, show projects or other interesting tidbits with the group, and just have fun. I think it is safe to say that those that have been attending have been having a great fun and informative time. **Laird VE3LKS** will be **sending** out an email with an invite to the Zoom meeting so if you're not on **Laird's** email list let him know so he can add you. **TAKE THAT COVID!**

Saturday Breakfast

Our Saturday morning meet ups at **White Feather Country Store** has morphed a bit thanks to this COVID annoyance. They had to close their dining area but you can still get take out from the counter. So, if you need your fix of a steamy hot beverage, as well as a hot fritter, pop up to **White Feather Country Store**, which opens at 8:30am, and then join the gang in the south east corner of the parking lot.



Make sure to bring a lawn chair. Just give a shout on the repeater between 8:00 and 8:20 to see if anyone is heading up that way and come and join us if we are. **White Feather Country Store** is located at the corner of Simcoe St and Raglan Rd in Raglan.

Solar Cycle 25

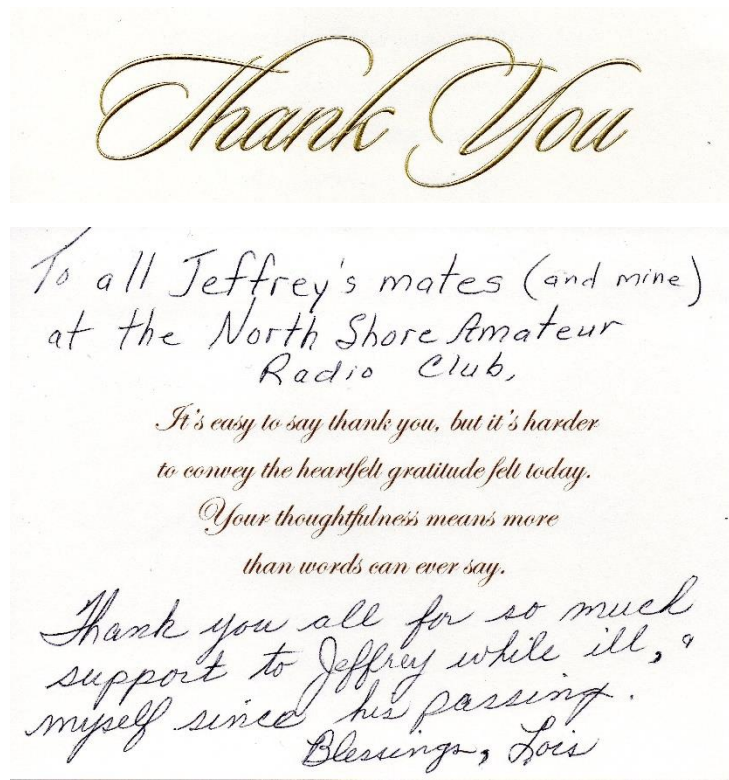
Cycle 25 is here and some of the experts are predicting a good solar cycle 25. I have heard anywhere from the best conditions in 50 years to just a lot better than Cycle 24. Hopefully it will be somewhere in between and the numbers will improve and bring back the propagation. This is a presentation to the Front Range 6 Meter Group by Dr. Scott McIntosh, Nov 11, 2020 on this upcoming Solar Cycle 25. It's a fascinating look at how using 22-year Hale Cycles and their Terminators, we can better predict an upcoming solar cycle intensity like cycle 25 which could be in the top 5 since records began.

https://youtu.be/IRNJPkQPo_g

RAC Winter Contest

The RAC Winter Contest is coming up on Saturday, December 19 from 0000 to 2359 hrs UTC. This is a fun 24 hr contest and all the American hams are looking for us for multipliers. There are also a lot of local Canadian hams around to say hi to. I have included the link to the website: <https://www.rac.ca/rac-canada-winter-contest-2020/>

Laird VE3LKS received this Thank you note from Jeffrey VA3RTV's wife Lois.



YOUR article could easily have gone here!

Please support our new editor and submit things like Amateur Radio activities **YOU** are doing, pics of **YOUR** shack or mobile installations, antennas, etc., etc. **YOUR** club will only be as good as **YOU** make it.

Website – ve3osh.com

Margaret Jeffery VE3BNN SK

It is with a sad heart that I have to report the passing of one of our club's long time members **Margaret Jeffery VE3BNN**. When I first joined the club I remember meeting her and **Nick** and they were always friendly and helpful to the "newbie". When being around Margaret she always put a smile on my face and she will be missed. I offer my condolences to **Margaret's** family and friends and especially to **Peter VE3PWJ** and his wife **Diane** who I know were very close to **Margaret**. I have included her obituary below.



Passed away peacefully at Hillsdale Estates on Saturday, December 5, 2020 in her 87th year. Beloved wife of the late Nick van den Hoek. Marg will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her dear friends Sarah Collins, Diane and Peter Johns and Corry Van Lith all of Oshawa. Marg enjoyed spending her time with friends and was an active volunteer for the Heart and Stroke Foundation and Whitby Legion. She was a past member of the North Shore Amateur Radio Club where she was affectionately known as "VE3 BNN"

73 & 88 my friend de **Steve VA3TPS**

QRM from the Shack

First off, a huge THANK YOU needs to be extended to a few special members this month. **Steve VA3TPS**, our former awesome president and regular check-in on the Rag Chew from Fenelon Falls where he now calls home, has taken on the responsibility of doing the monthly Update. This is **Steve's** first month and I think he is doing a bang up job! Two other members, **Thomas VE3PDK** and **Grant VA3KJ** have agreed to put their names forward for the position of Membership Secretary. We will vote one of these fine gentlemen into office come January. A big round of applause and appreciation to **Clint VA3KDK** who was our Membership Secretary but with his new career, and being on the road a lot working long hours, found that it was very difficult to handle those responsibilities. We have not let him sneak away from the Repeater Committee though! We are still looking for someone to step forward and take on the Meeting Co-ordinator position. This person would be responsible to line up presentations and guest speakers for our eight monthly meetings. Go to your mirror and you will find just the person we are looking for.

It is always great when we have new members join our club. We all know the lovely **SWL Lois, Jeffrey VA3RTV's** XYL. **Lois** has always been an active participant in our club and has now taken out membership as well. She insists that it is not to be able to keep track of the likes of **Bob VE3HIX, John SWL** or myself and keep us in line but I am not so sure about that. **Lois** was the driving force behind us getting a new source for our club badges and is continuing to be our contact person. Thank you, **Lois**, for everything you have done, and are doing, for the North Shore ARC. You certainly have a special place in many of our hearts. As well, we have a newly minted Amateur who recently passed the exam and has his BASIC with Honours. A big welcome to **Baron VE3LVE!** **Baron** is the son of **Thomas VE3PDK** and as I find more information on this young man I will report back to the club. **Thomas**, it looks like you have to expand your radio equipment inventory now as I am sure you may be having a bit of a struggle getting an opportunity to get on the air now that someone else will be using your radios. A huge welcome to both **Lois** and **Baron!**

Looking forward to seeing you all on the Zoom meeting this Sunday!

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