



Monthly Update

September 2021

October Club Meeting

When: **Wednesday October 20, 2021 at 7:00pm**

Due to on the going Covid 19 restrictions we will be continuing our monthly meetings by Zoom and we will be holding them on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. These are also the nights of our weekly Virtual parking Lot zoom meetings but on the third Wednesday the first 30 to 45 minutes will be our official club meetings to deal with club business and then carry on with the Virtual Parking Lot. This will start on Wednesday October 20,2021.

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 Tuesday's pop onto OSH and join the conversation. As well, since this is a rag chew, and not a net. We are looking for volunteers to step up and help by being a Net Control Operator. This is not a hard task and is good practice in case you are ever required to run a control situation in an emergency, so whoever is there just needs to write down call signs and rotate through the list twice. You can email **Laird VE3LKS** the list afterwards and I will put the names in the log that we keep. So, make sure you have a pad of paper and a pen or pencil and be prepared to have some fun.



Latest Update is that in recent weeks, **Grant VA3KJI, Aldo VA3AG, John VE3KJI, Laird VE3LKS** and myself, **Steve VA3TPS**, have taken turns at Net Control. I have been selected to try and keep a list of volunteers and dates who are willing to take a turn at Net Control. So check your calendars for Tuesday nights and if you're interested send me an email and I will pencil you in. If we have enough volunteers, you only have to do it once every 6-8 weeks or so and no one person gets stuck doing it all the time...so come on everyone let's help out our club and the members! My email is va3tps@outlook.com

Wednesday Night Virtual Parking Lot



Our Wednesday night face to face is now a Virtual Parking Lot meeting over zoom so make sure **Laird VE3LKS** has your email and he will be sending out the zoom invites every Wednesday morning or afternoon. Before COVID hit there was quite a crew that used to meet at the Tim Horton's at King and Wilson at about 7:30pm every Wednesday. However, that pesky COVID thing has messed that up with not being able to get us all inside so we have adapted. This is what Amateurs do – we adapt. So, we moved our weekly meet-ups outdoors to a lonely parking lot, set up our lawn chairs, and safely distanced at 144MHz (2m) apart and enjoyed some great conversation and show n tells. Then it got cold and dark too early so we adapted, once again, and took to a weekly zoom meeting. **TAKE THAT COVID!** It has actually been quite a success as more people can show up, due to distance or schedules, and yet we can still do show n tells by simply sharing our screens. It is not uncommon to have 20 to 25 participants but we can easily handle more. So, quit complaining about being bored and hop on the Virtual Parking Lot

At our zoom meetings we have Amateurs from around the globe, Hawaii , Labrador, Sudbury ,Kapusking I thought being in Fenelon Falls I was DX but apparently I am just another local ham. So come out and join us on Wednesday's!

R4UW

The annual Ride 4 United Way was held on Sunday September 26. Pictured is our crew at net control (thanks to Joe VE3VGJ for picture). **Ken VE3RMK** was our club co-ordinator for the event and we had 14 club members helping out. It was a nice sunny day and it appeared that the number of riders was down a bit and the United Way were short of volunteers but our club members came through and did a great job!

Your North Shore volunteers were **Thomas VE3PDK, Baron VE3LVE** and **Laird VE3LKS** at control. Out on the points we had **Daren VE3NMD, Steve VA3TPS, Joe VE3VGJ, Alex VA3AMP, Warren VE3WEB, Derek VE3TKE, Doug VA3DCE** and **John VE3KZT**. In the repair trucks we had **Cam VE3IGX** and **Ken VE3RMK**.



White Feather Fun!



On a recent weekend meetup in Raglan we had 19 people show up. So, if you are sitting at home wondering where all the excitement is you don't have to look any further. Heck, we even spotted cash changing hands, equipment being discretely shunted between vehicles, and, of course, there were the fritters. You do not need to be a member of the North Shore to join in the fun. If your club is struggling to do social events we are more than happy to have you join us and promise we won't tell them. ☺ We won't even bug you about membership as we truly feel that if you enjoy our company and events that you will want to join anyway. Details about our White Feather weekly event is right below in the "Saturday Breakfast" section.



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, just south of our repeater site.

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Swap Shop

For Sale

Yaesu MLS-200-M10 Speaker, good condition. Moisture and dust protected, 10ft shielded cord. Handle up to 8watts .35mm 3conductor mini plug, 4 ohms (Note: speaker is wired to the tip (+) and ring (-) of 3 conductor mini plug and may not work with all radios) asking \$20 Steve VA3TPS va3tps@outlook.com

Kenwood TM-2530A 2m mobile, 5w/25w, Microphone with Up/Down buttons Cigarette lighter plug asking \$125 or best reasonable offer.

Not sure if I ever had a manual or mobile mount but will do some digging. I ran this as my Igate for several years. Check out more info at

<https://www.manualslib.com/manual/86424/Kenwood-Tm-2530a.html> Contact Laird VE3LKS at VE3LKS@yahoo.ca

Icom IC-728 HF transceiver - with Icom AT-160 auto antenna tuner. Comes with stock mic and all cables needed for connecting. Just plug an HF antenna in and away you go. \$500. Contact Laird VE3LKS at <mailto:VE3LKS@yahoo.ca>

Sangean ATS-803A Short Wave receiver. FM - 87.2-108MHz. AM - 150 -

29999KHz (LW 150 - 281KHz, MW 520-1620KHz, SW 11-120m). Requires 6 - D and two 2 - AA batteries. Can also run with an external power adapter that you can source online.

Have two of these radios. \$75.00 each.

Contact Laird VE3LKS at

VE3LKS@yahoo.ca



Uniden BC75XLT handheld scanner asking \$80

Alinco DJ-V17 2m 5w handheld, battery is weak, radio is awesome, asking \$35

Arduino experimenting kit, includes breadboard, many components and input/output devices, including a board with 8 separate relays. Really has way too much to list. Asking \$100. Contact Grant VA3KJI at 289-685-6875 or email

grabutcher2@gmail.com

Editor's Note

Well everyone fall is here, cooler weather and hopefully some better propagation on the air waves. I personally am glad the fall is here.

We had lots happening this fall with the Tank Aquino on the Air, **Laird VE3LKS** will give us an update on that.

Don't forget that the Scouting Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) is on the weekend of October 15-17. So, if you have some time jump on the air and chat up a few of the JOTA stations.

73 de **Steve VA3TPS**

Aquino Tank Weekend



The weekend of Sep 17 to 19 sure was a blast! Literally! As you know we had been asked by the Ontario Regiment Museum if we could put on a display of Amateur Radio. To make it even more fun, Airmen's Park had recently been designated a historical site and, since that is where our display was going to be, we approached POTA and they assigned the park VE-5535. We were the first ones to activate it.

I want to thank the other three members of our organizing committee who helped put this all together. **Larry VA3FHG** was our liaison with the Ontario Regiment Museum. If we had questions or needs **Larry** got us the answers and solutions.

Website - ve3osh.com

Bob VE3HIX headed up the CW station and display that was centered round the WWII Chevy communication truck that the ORM placed at our location. BTW, that Chevy was built right here in Oshawa and is serial number 00001. **Thomas VE3PDK** worked on logistics, organized the volunteers, and was our quartermaster. Geez, you could call him our very own Radar O'Reilly...without the incoming choppers. Me? I just had to stand around and let these guys make me look good!

An event of this magnitude does not just happen without a lot of volunteers over the weekend. Some were able to come and work the entire weekend and others had shortened or limited time due to personal schedules. All were valued greatly and as a TEAM we were able to pull this off.

GJ VE3GEJ brought all sorts of light wave capturing equipment with him to the event and went around taking over a thousand pics of the event. If you have not been to the Aquino section of our website to see the pics for our QSL card or the time lapse of our setup as well as some of our operation I would highly recommend it. **Robert VE3IRB** was busy working his magic and interacting with the crowds explaining Amateur Radio. He also had a world map set up and whenever we worked a new province, state or country he would place a sticker on the map. It was funny when I worked Germany as Robert looked at his map and then turned back to me and asked "East or West?" Apparently his map was from the mid 70s! **Warren VA3WEB**, our POTA expert, got busy on the radio and racked up quite a few contacts. **Derek VE3TKE**, **Brian VE3IK**, **Daren VE3NMD**, **Grant VA3KJI** and **Mark VA3BLV** not only worked the radios and logged calls but were also right in there helping us get setup in the mornings and packing up gear in the evenings when available. That old saying about many hands makes light work was truly exemplified by this group. Of special mention is a spy, you could call her our own version of Laura Secord, who was able to finagle her way through the checkpoints and delivered fresh, warm White Feather Farm fritters to the crew that were working tirelessly on Saturday afternoon. Yes, our darling **SWL Lois** made everyone's day with that surprise appearance.



As a lot of you have seen on our website, the VE3NSR page at QRZ or on our Virtual Parking Lot we have, what I think, is a freaking amazing QSL card. At the time of my ramblings here it appears that the Aquino team (all volunteers have been polled) are leaning towards doing something outside the box and

making the QSL card a very unconventional 5.5" x 8.5" w. As **Larry VA3FHG** and **Brian VE3IK** commented when asked - "go big or go home". The hope is that word will get around about the size and quality of the card and next year, if we are invited to do this event again, there will be even more Amateurs out there hunting us for our second QSL card. It is also great advertising for the ORM. Just so you know we are requesting those who request a QSL to send \$5usd if they live outside of Canada and \$5cnd if they are in Canada. As long as we get somewhere between 40 to 50 people requesting a QSL we will break even taking into account costs of printing, envelopes, labels and postage. Any more and we will start to build a donation fund for the Ontario Regiment Museum. So far I have received five QSL cards but since most of our contacts were from the USA it wouldn't surprise me if my mailbox starts to overflow next week as, you are probably aware, mail from the US can take a while.



Considering the abysmal band conditions that weekend we were able to get around 470 contacts. I would credit almost all of these contacts to those out there that chase POTA parks. We did spot on sites, like DX Summit, but whenever we spotted ourselves on the POTA site the radios would go crazy. Before the event our QRZ page was sitting at around 1600 hits and, as I type, we are at 2350. People are checking us out, seeing what the North Shore ARC is all about, and it is all because of this group of volunteers who made this a very successful event. When you see these guys make sure you give them a huge thank you as they are making **YOUR** club look **GREAT!**

73 de **Laird VE3LKS**

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QRM from the Shack

Time sure does go by quickly. It just seems like yesterday we were doing Field Day and, whammo, it is October and in the last two weekends we did the Aquino Tank Weekend and Ride 4 United Way. If you did not volunteer for either of these events you sure missed out on a lot of fun. Next year when they roll around please do not hesitate to volunteer. Being active in your club brings a lot of satisfaction. I would also like to challenge you to take a look at the events over the last few years where we needed volunteers to fill roles. If your name is not showing up as one of the participants then you need to ask yourself why not? I realize that there are a handful that, due to limitations, are unable to help out. However, the mass majority do not have those limitations. Please, take this challenge to heart and the next time a request comes out for volunteers step forward. **Warning: it could be addictive!**

As mentioned in the previous newsletter we had a couple of new members join us. Well, we now have another one! So, going back a bit I would like to introduce **Marc VA3BLV (BeLieVe)**. Marc has been on the Virtual Parking Lot a few times and is quite a tech expert. He has a Radioddity G90, like myself (hey, he can't be that bad right??), and we have been comparing notes and working on configs. He also has a very similar sense of humour as I do so be forewarned! ☺ **Jon VA3ZOJ** is another new member. **Jon** is working towards getting his code endorsement so hopefully soon he will be paying a visit to **Aldo VA3AG** and tapping his way to working HF. Finally, if you have been on the Virtual Parking Lot you probably already know **Nathan VO2NC** from Labrador. **Nathan** recently got his licence, worked some Field Day with a couple other operators from Labrador, and even stopped by one Sunday afternoon for a visit with a bunch of the North Shore gang when he was passing through with his tractor trailer. Welcome to the North Shore gentlemen!

Now, I have to inform you that as of the November meeting I will be stepping down as president. I have served in this position for the last four years and think it is time for a change, both for myself and the club. It was not an easy decision to make but one that I feel needs to be done. It has been fun and rewarding being able to serve as your president. I was very fortunate to assume the role from **Steve VA3TPS** four years ago. **Steve** had the club running very nicely so it made the transition quite smooth. I think, and hope, that I am doing the same for whomever steps up to this challenge but that will be a determination that they will have to make. Please keep in mind that you will have the support of a good group of Amateurs. I know that I will be more than happy to answer questions and offer support to the new president as I am sure **Steve** and others on the executive will do as well. So, between now and November, I would ask that all parties who are interested in assuming this role make your intent known to myself or any other member of the executive. If you know someone who would make a great candidate please encourage them to step forward and contact us. Please do not ask us to contact them as prompting comes better from the person who has the idea. The only limiting criteria for selection is that the person must already be an existing North Shore ARC member.

73 de **Laird VE3LKS**



If it were only the case



Fitting for this month

