



Monthly Update

October 2021

November Club Meeting

When: **Wednesday November 17, 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.

October Meeting

At our October meeting we had a very good presentation by **Larry VE3LWJ** on his HF antenna using a flagpole that he bought at Cdn Tire. These look great and I will be watching for them to go on sale and pick up one or maybe two. Then **Laird VE3LKS** gave us a great presentation on Cyber Security with a lot of very useful information and a lot I didn't know about. Thanks guys!

Thank You!



As most of you are most likely aware, **Laird VE3LKS** has decided to step down as the president of the NSARC effective in November. **Laird** took over as president when I stepped down and moved up to Fenelon Falls and he has had a great bunch of people on his executive and

been working very hard to keep our club going strong.

These last few years have been a trying and difficult time for everyone with the pandemic raging all around us but **Laird** never slowed down and started the nightly Covid Net Monday to Friday (while streaming it on YouTube). He also setup and continues to organize the weekly Wednesday night Virtual Parking Lot on Zoom and now also our monthly club meetings and the Saturday social distanced WFF (apple fritter) get togethers. **Laird** also represented our club while doing the Last Man Standing special event station and was one of the members instrumental in setting up the Aquino Tank Weekend special event station for its first year (which was a great success). During all of this he has also worked to increase our membership to the highest it has been in a decade!

Laird from all of the members and myself a big Thank You for a job well done!! I think I will make the trip to WFF and buy you an apple fritter and coffee.

Just so you know **Laird** informs us that he is not going any where, just looking forward to getting on the radio and doing some POTA activations and he will still be helping out in several roles within our club.

73 de Steve VA3TPS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

According to **Thomas VE3PDK**, our membership secretary, and **Bob VE3HIX**, our treasurer, this is the most wonderful time of the year! We are making your membership renewal even easier this year. **Step 1:** [click here](#) to go the membership section of our club page and submit the online form. **Step 2:** send **Thomas** an e-transfer to thomas@schitka.com or give either **Bob** or **Thomas** your fees in cash. **NOTE** – if you are claiming that you are a RAC member make sure you check with RAC to make sure your membership is paid up. We have to double check this for our RAC insurance policy so please do not try to claim this if you are not a current RAC member.

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

We need YOU to be our next president!

So, get off your duff and let the executive know you are interested!



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 and Kapuskasing. I thought being in Fenelon Falls that I was DX but apparently I am just another local ham. So come out and join us on Wednesdays!

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.

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/25, 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.manuallib.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. If interested please call Grant VA3KJI 289-685-6875 email grabutcher2@gmail.com

Editor's Note

Just a shout out for anyone that might want to help out our club by taking over as president. No experience necessary and you have a great executive to help you out and I know that **Laird** will be around to ask for advice. If you have some time and are interested, get hold of **Laird** or any other member of the executive to let them know.

CQWW - The 2021 CQWW SSB contest is coming up on October 30 and 31st and runs from 8PM EST Friday October 29 to 7:59PM Sunday October 31. This contest is the largest Amateur Radio contest and there is always a lot of DX stations on the air. It will be a good chance for all you people with those new radios and antennas to get on the air and give them a workout and have some fun with DX stations.

73 de Steve VA3TPS

QRM from the Shack

Where does time go? It literally just feels like yesterday that **Steve VA3TPS** was stepping down as your president and passing the responsibility over to me. To be honest, I was quite worried that I would not be able to live up to the level of leadership that **Steve** had brought to the club and I have never liked to do things haphazardly. As well, I never really wanted to be president but there were several people who would just not get off my case 😊. I have always been quite content playing a supporting role in our club but when I found out who else had stepped forward to fill the other vacancies on the executive many of those fears melted away. **Steve** also promised to be just a quick phone call, 2m repeater chat or an email away and, believe me, I called and emailed him a lot! As history shows, I finally relented and you have now been stuck with me for almost four years. Even now we have a strong executive so whomever steps forward will be surrounded by a core of great people.

With the help of a lot of the club members, the North Shore ARC has continued to grow over the years when other clubs are sadly dwindling and fading away. Your enthusiasm in sharing with others all the fun things that we are doing, and inviting them to join in, is one of the factors driving our success. Just like any product, the president of the company can tell you why you should get their widget but when someone you know personally gives it a good endorsement you are more apt to get one. Well, the same thing applies to clubs. A big tip of the hat to those who shamelessly promote the North Shore ARC. Keep up that great work and keep your club growing!

As this will be the last newsletter, that I will be writing a column for as president, I want to thank all of you for your support over the last four years. It sure has been fun serving for this great group of radio enthusiasts. Those who actively stepped up to help out, time and time again, with events sure made the job a whole lot easier.

Finally, at this time no one has yet officially come forward to put their name up for nomination. Maybe you, yes I mean you, need to seriously consider stepping up to help your club continue moving forward. This may mean that you will have to venture slightly out of your comfort zone but you have a great supporting crew and it will not be as overwhelming as you may think.

73 de Laird VE3LKS

