

# Monthly Update

## November 2021

### December Club Meeting

When: **Wednesday December 15, 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.

### November Meeting

At our November zoom meeting we had a good turnout as it was **Laird VE3LKS** last night as President of our club and we were picking a new President.

Our new President was nominated by **John VE3KZT** and he accepted the nomination and was acclaimed by everyone on the meeting and he is **Derek VE3KTE**. Welcome aboard **Derek** and I look forward to working with you.

A couple of minor issues with our digital repeaters were discussed and our great committee is going to have a look at them hopefully this weekend.

### Morse Code Training

I received the following from **Bob VE3HIX** :

Melvyn Robinson KN4GB has created videos of his 10 part Morse code classroom course for hams and placed them on YouTube starting at:

[Morse Code Class 01](#)

Melvyn is an ex-marine radio officer who is easy to understand. Each class is from 1 to nearly 1.5 hours in length, but you can stop and start the viewer anywhere. The price is right (free). His students on the videos ask the type of questions we all have.

While on the subject of CW, I was recently talking on air to a fellow ham and he recommends another YouTube Morse code training called [Lockdown Morse](#).

Recently on our Wednesday night Zoom meeting there was a discussion from some members on getting back into CW and improving their speed. So, if you are interested in updating or learning CW have a look at those YouTube classes and pop into a Wednesday Night Zoom and maybe we can set something up for our club members using the clubs Zoom account.

### 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

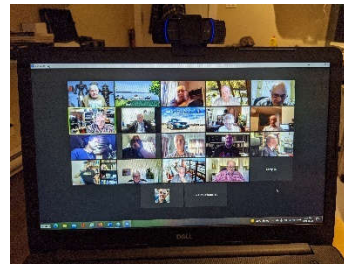


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**Laird VE3LKS** the list afterwards and he will put the names in the log that we keep, also please forward a copy to **Derek VE3TKE**. So, make sure you have a pad of paper and a pen or pencil for backup and be prepared to have some fun.

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](mailto: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 and Kapuskasing 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!

### 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](mailto: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

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## White Feather Fun!



On a recent weekend meet up in Raglan on November 6 (Thx for the photo Joe VE3VGJ). 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 Club 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 as we now sit outside in the parking lot. 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. **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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:VE3LKS@yahoo.ca)



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For Sale:

An uniden handheld scanner BC75XLT asking \$80

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

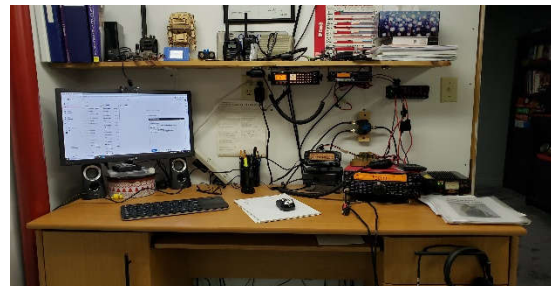
An Arduino experimenting kit, includes breadboard, many components and input/output devices, including a board with 8 separate relays. Really has way too much to list. asking \$100

If interested please call Grant VA3KJI 289-685-6875 email [grabutcher2@gmail.com](mailto:grabutcher2@gmail.com)

## Station of the Month

### Editor's Note

Our first Shack of the month is from **Grant VA3KJI**:



I love rag chewing on 2m and also on HF

I do not contest much, but I do try to help folks get their multipliers.

I also am slowly getting into POTA with my FT-891.

This fall I am busy working on my Advanced Qual and after Christmas maybe get working on relearning the CW.

We would like to feature a different members station setup's each month. Either the base, mobile or both. Send a picture of your setup with a brief description to **Steve VA3TPS** at [va3tps@outlook.com](mailto:va3tps@outlook.com).

### RAC Winter Contest

The annual RAC winter contest runs for 24hrs on December 18, 2021. It is on the HF bands as well as 6m and 2m and is a lot of fun. So, fire up those new radios and hop on the air and let all those US stations chase you around the bands.

**73 de Steve VA3TPS**

## From the President.

I would first like to acknowledge Laird Solomon, VE3LKS for all of his hard work, and time that he spent as our President. Laird has been our President for several years now and has decided that he has had enough and would like to relax a bit. Laird will be a tough act to follow.

Laird has advised us that he is not going very far and will continue to be a club member, the club's web master and be a member of the executive as Past President. Laird will also assist me as a resource. I certainly will appreciate his assistance at least until I get fully up to speed.

As Laird resigned as of our November 17, 2021 club general meeting there was a call for a new President. For some reason, we all heard crickets. I did not understand that one of the senior members of the club who has been a member for a few years or more did not jump at the opportunity. Anyways, after a few minutes of listening to the crickets, John VE3KZT stated that he would like to nominate me. Others may not know that John previously spoke to me about this and planted the seed. I advised John that I would think about this but did not want to stand in the way of any senior members opting for the position. I would let him and others know at the members meeting.

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The rest is now history, I accepted the position as President of the club.

I would like to thank all of the members that were on-line (Nov 17, 2021) attending our November monthly meeting and voted to have me as the new President of the North Shore Amateur Radio Club.

One thing I will state in the beginning that the success of the club is a group effort. It's not about what one person can do but more about what a group of people can do. Executive as well as members. Hopefully, I will be able to engage everyone in some way for the overall goal of having a successful club.

A bit about me. I am a new amateur radio operator who received his "Basic with Honors" certificate of proficiency in April of 2021. So, you may need to hold some of those highly technical questions for a while as I also learn. I am retired as of September 2021 so I do have time available to dedicate to the club.

Early in my career, I owned and operated my own Security business. I operated for about ten years then wanted to settle down a bit so I joined the corporate world as an employee. I moved up over the years in the corporate world and became a General Manager of a Security company which gave me a lot of experience managing a medium sized corporation.

During the time that I was a General Manager, I was also a member of the Canadian Security Association (CANASA). After a number of years of being a member, I was asked to join the board of directors for the association. I have held positions on the Toronto Board, Ontario board and the National board. While on the Ontario board, I reached the position of Vice-President.

Going forward, I would like to reach out to each of the members by email message or on-line poll to ask them a few questions about them and the club. I am hoping that all members will respond and provide the much-needed feedback. More details will be provided in the near future.

My first task as your new President is to change the name of the President's column in the monthly newsletter. It is currently called "QRM from the shack". I will now call the column "From the President" as it will be information and comments from your new President.

**Derek Christian – VE3TKE**