

Monthly Update

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September Meeting



Our September meeting was the bringing back of the Sermon on the Mount Corn Roast (first one since 2019). Thank you to **Laird VE3LKS** for the story and pictures

What a great evening for the 2022 Sermon on the Mount corn roast and BBQ! Lots of familiar faces and some that we have not seen to often the last few years. The food was good, the service was excellent and the camaraderie was priceless. We even got to celebrate the president's birthday!

Well, now we are back to having just plain old radio meetings for the next couple months until December when we break out our culinary talents and do what the North Shore does best - EAT!

A tip of the hat to everyone that made last night's event a resounding success. I will not mention names, as I am good at forgetting someone, but they all know who they are.



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October Meeting

Our monthly meeting on Zoom will be on Wednesday October 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm and we will have a presentation by **Allan Boyd VE3AJB** VP of RAC on an update about RAC and the possible changes coming in the Canadian Amateur radio Callsigns.

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 2000 hrs on Tuesday's pop onto VE3OSH 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 **Derek VE3KTE** the list afterwards and he will put the names in the log that we keep. So, make sure your computer is working and you have an Excel or equivalent program to enter data in the supplied spreadsheet. You can also use a pad of paper and a pen or pencil instead of the computer. Pen and paper is also a good backup. It's also a good test of your 2m radio equipment. Be prepared to have some fun. To see who will be the net control operator for any given Tuesday night you can check the club calendar on www.ve3osh.com website

Latest Update is that in recent weeks, **Grant VA3KJI**, **Aldo VA3AG**, **John VE3KZT**, **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

Virtual Parking Lot meeting over zoom so make sure **Derek VE3KTE** has your email address. **Derek VE3KTE** 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 7:30 pm 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 shown 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 shown 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.

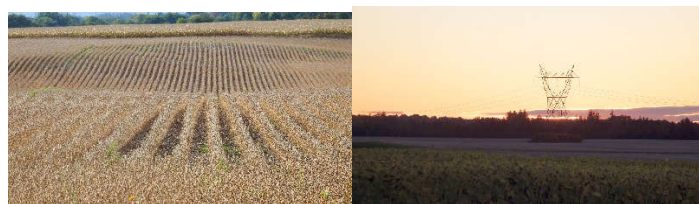
At our zoom meetings we have Amateurs from around the globe, Hawaii, Labrador, Sudbury and Kapuskasing and Australia. I thought being in Fenelon Falls I was DX but apparently, I am just another local ham. So come out and join us on Wednesday's!

I wonder from what country our next guest will be from? So, try to remember Wednesday nights and drop by our Zoom VPL and say hello and see who is visiting from around the globe. It starts around 7:00 pm and last until the last die-hard leaves but you can pop in anytime and say hello and stay as long or short as you want.



White Feather Fun!

Here are pictures from Sept 24, Oct 1st and 8th 2022. The soybeans have been harvested, sunflowers are good for seed. Cooler weather is here last Saturday some had gloves and toques on and even sandals were exchanged for running shoes. Was asked were the name White Feather Farms came from. So asked Hubert and was told when his father started the farm back in the 60's the chickens were all white.



Thank you to **Joe VE3VGJ** for the story and pictures.

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

(from Larry VA3FHG SK Estate)

Alinco DJ-G5T/E dual band hand held. Includes manual, drop-in charger, cigarette power adapter, spare battery, mic and antenna. Was tested and working on VE3OSH. **\$150**



Wilson 1000 10/11 mag mount antenna. **\$50.**

Diamond SG-7200 dual band VHF/UHF mag mount antenna. **\$50.**

Daiwa CN-460M UHF/VHF SWR meter. Did not test the lamp but SWR is confirmed working. **\$80.**



Kenwood TM-D700A dual band, APRS ready. Includes mic, display separation kit and display mounting bracket. No manual but it can be downloaded for free from the Kenwood site. Tested and working on VE3OSH. NOTE – does not have a GPS so one will need to be connected if you want to use it for sending out beacons while mobile. **\$350.**



Garmin GPSMAP 60CSx gps. Includes manual, Trip and Waypoint CD, City Navigator North America CD, cigarette power adapter and USB cable for updating. Tested and working. **\$150.**

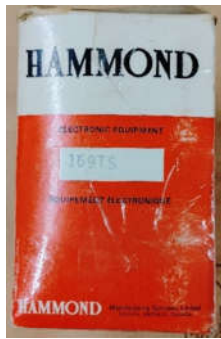


TigerTrak TM-1+ Trackin Module. APRS tracler. Untested and no GPS or cables but from what I have read you would need to make/buy one based on your radio. \$15.



Contact **Laird VE3LKS** at VE3LKS@yahoo.ca for info on these items

For Sale:



Hammond 169TS Transformer – never used. \$80 new at Hammond. Asking \$25. Proceeds go to the club. Contact **Laird VE3LKS** at VE3LKS@yahoo.ca

For Sale:

A uniden handheld scanner BC75XLT asking \$80

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

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

For Sale

for sale a Comet SBB7 VHF/UHF mobile antenna in almost new condition Looking for \$ 80.00 with NMO mount.

73 Aldo VA3AG

For Sale:



1. Kenwood MC-50 desktop microphone. 4 pins, with an 8-pin adapter included. Barely used.
2. Astron RS-10A power supply. (Linear, 10 amps.) Never used at all.

Neil VA3NH, is asking \$100 each for these items. He is donating the money to the NSARC, so get hold of **Neil VA3NH** at nhmalisterMD@protonmail.com and make him an offer and help out the club at the same time.

For Sale





SWL Lois has two Grundig 800 Satellite Millennium Shortwave Receivers. These radios have great reviews and considered better than some of the new stuff for sale now. Lois is asking \$400 each but if you're interested give her a shout and work out a deal.

The Nordmende Glovetraveller IV is an older classic shortwave receiver and you don't see these around for sale, asking \$200.

These are from a SK estate so if interested give Lois a shout.

Her email is goldegrove@rogers.com and her phone number is: 905-576-3468.

Station of the Month

I have run out of pictures of our members Shacks, so no Shack of the Month. Over the summer if you haven't already, send me a few pictures of your Shacks, POTA Activations, or mobile setup. Here is your chance to show off your stations and ham shack.

Don't forget I need some more pictures of your Radio Shacks so send the picture and info to Steve VA3TPS at va3tps@outlook.com.

Editor's Note

In the Swap Shop section, Neil's VA3NH is donating the money to our club so spread the word if you know some interested in these items and put them in touch with Neil.

Lois is an SWL member of our club and has lots of stuff to slowly get rid of so again spread the word and let's help her out.

Don't forget I am looking pictures of your Radio setups, home or mobile and also some articles or ham radio related stories, just send them along to me at va3tps@outlook.com.

CQWW Contest

The CQWW SSB contest is coming up on October 29-30 (From Friday evening till Sunday). This is one of the largest contest and there will be all kinds of good DX stations on the air, so fire up your rigs and have some fun!

From the President.

Welcome back to our fall set of member meetings, VPL & Rag Chews. I Hope everyone had lots to do this summer to replace all of the club activities that you did not have. I was certainly kept busy with tasks both personal and club related. I will be discussing some of the club items at our upcoming member meeting on Wednesday October 19th, 2022. Hope to see everyone at this first member meeting of fall.

One item to think about that I will be asking about at the members meeting is do we want to return to in-person meetings. Most businesses and organizations are returning back to work in offices and meeting halls. Yes, they project an increase in problems this fall with Covid variants but we do need to get over this Covid thing. Anyone concerned can still wear a mask.

If we return to in-person meetings, we would still have the zoom meeting for those out of town members & guests (facility permitting) that we now have. We can call this a Hybrid type of meeting. The club would need a dedicated person that attends the meeting, to be our Zoom coordinator and liaison between zoom members and in-person members. In-person members would be able to watch the zoom members on the screen. This person would come to the meeting early and setup a screen and a projector and connect to their laptop with facility Wi-Fi. I feel we will need a remote USB web camera to be able to view the in-person members for the zoom crowd.

Tom (VA3TGW) has loaned me his data projector (Benq Model MS510) and his 5' screen. The only problem is the screen does not have a stand. So if anyone has a screen stand or has a screen that has a stand, please let me know. Otherwise we may need to purchase a screen if the facility does not have an on-site screen.

If we decide to meet in-person, we would need some time to look for suitable facilities that could meet our physical and financial requirements and has on-site Wi-Fi and screen for us to use suitable for a zoom meeting.

I will be take a poll at next week's member meeting asking if the members would like to attend in-person meetings in the near future. So plan to attend the member meeting to cast your vote.

See you at the member meeting next week.

Derek – VE3TKE