

# Monthly Update

## January 2023

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### Club Executive

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Newsletter: **Steve VA3TPS**  
Net Manager: **Steve VA3TPS**  
Presentation Coordinator: **John VE3KZT**  
RAC Representative: **Ken VE3RMK**

### December Meeting

At our December meeting we had a zoom presentation from **Joe VE3VGI** who gave us a very informative talk on his home-made End Fed antenna and also **Brian VE3ik** gave us some of the technical information on this antenna.

### January Meeting

Our Annual Member meeting on Zoom will be on Wednesday January 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm and we will have a presentation by **Allan Boyd VE3AJB** on the D-Star Digital mode. With **Aldo VA3AG** D-Star repeater coming on line this could be informative for our members.

### 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 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 VE3TKE** 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



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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 [VE3OSH.com](http://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](mailto:va3tps@outlook.com)

### Wednesday Night Virtual Parking Lot

Virtual Parking Lot meeting over zoom so make sure **Derek VE3TKE** has your email address. **Derek VE3TKE** 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!

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 7:00pm 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!

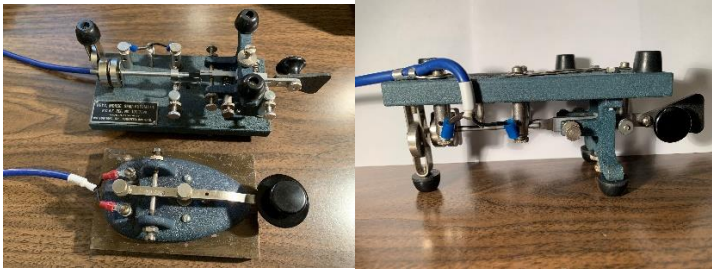


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The first WFF meet-up of 2023 had 16 braving the cold damp morning. A few items were available from the estate of Farncomb VE3BHQ. Sure, brought back some memories and conversation, amazing man. After, a few went to the repeater site to repair a problem with VE3OSH and to re-program remote reboot system.

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



When we (Derek, Daren & Ken) went to Farny's place last week to assist his wife and daughter in cleaning out the Ham Shack I found the attached RCAF 10F Wilson Key. I asked Bob VE3HIX up at WFF this past Saturday if he was interested in purchasing the key for his collection. He advised YES, YES YES he has been looking for one of those for many years, so he took it. As soon as he got home, he spent time cleaning, testing and adjusting it. Bob advised he has the straight key from the same manufacturer. Note that the rubber bumpers on top allow the key to be flipped over so that it can be a left-hand key. There may be more to the history of this bug but that's all I got from Bob.

Thx to **Derek VE3TKE** for pictures and story.



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.



RAC Call Sign Policy Survey Results Now Available  
<https://www.rac.ca/regulatory-advocacy/>



**For immediate release:**

In August and September 2022, Radio Amateurs of Canada conducted an online survey open to all Canadian Radio Amateurs. The survey focused on the policy related to call signs, but also covered some other matters.

Over 2,300 people participated from every province and territory of Canada.

The raw data from the survey has been compiled and is now available on the [RAC website](#). Dr Frank Howell, K4FMH, volunteered his skills in survey methods and analysis to produce a report organizing your responses. Frank's analysis is also available on the RAC website in a PDF document.

The RAC Executive and Board will work together to produce a series of recommendations for changes and updates to the call sign policy based on your input. Once approved by the RAC Board, we will present our recommendations to our regulator – Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) – at the next meeting of the Canadian Amateur Radio Advisory Board (CARAB) sometime in 2023. ISED will then decide which recommendations to implement and when to do so.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact RAC Regulatory Affairs Officer Dave Goodwin, VE3KG, at [regulatory@rac.ca](mailto:regulatory@rac.ca) and also the RAC Director for your region.

*Phil McBride, VA3QR  
RAC President / Président*



## Youth on the Air

**YOTA Camp 2023**

July 16-21 at Carleton University

**The next Youth on the Air Camp for the Americas has been scheduled for July 16-21, 2023 at Carleton University in Ottawa. This is an excellent opportunity for Amateur Radio clubs to help build the leadership of tomorrow.**

A team of RAC volunteers will serve as the local host for this event. The main organizers are Roger Egan, VA3EGY, and Harrie Jones, VE3HYS, at [yota2023@rac.ca](mailto:yota2023@rac.ca).

Youth On The Air (YOTA) is a program for and by young Amateur Radio operators in the Americas, closely modelled after the Youngsters On The Air program in Region 1 (Europe, Africa and Middle East) of the International

Amateur Radio Union (IARU). The goal of the program is to build skills and foster lasting friendships and mentors with younger Amateurs.

Youth On The Air Camp is for Amateur Radio operators between the ages of 15 to 25. A total of 30 campers will be accepted.

Come to YOTA camp and we'll teach you all kinds of cutting-edge technology that can be used with Amateur Radio and connect you to other young Amateurs and mentors in North, Central and South America.

Already an expert? We're looking for young Amateurs to take their knowledge to the next level and share their previous knowledge with other young Amateurs. The camp will focus on building strong relationships with peers and mentors, and developing new radio skills.

Campers will operate a special event station, featuring cutting-edge HF and VHF/UHF radios that many only dream of having a chance to use – and a wide array of antennas.

#### Applications schedule:

- Applications begin December 1, 2022.
- Applications completed by January 15,
- 2023- and first-time attendees will be given priority.
- We will accept applications through May 31, 2023.
- YOTA Camp 2023 – <https://youthontheair.org/ottawa2023/>

Applicants must be certified Amateur Radio operators residing in North, Central or South America between the ages of 15 and 25. We welcome all Amateurs in our region who meet these requirements.

**Cost:** The application process is free and the cost of the camp is \$100 USD plus transportation to and from the Carleton University. The \$100 USD fee will not be payable until after acceptance. Should a potential camper not be able to afford the fee, they may apply for a scholarship.

**Sponsorship: This is an excellent opportunity for Amateur Radio clubs to help build the leadership of tomorrow.**

*Important: We know that changes in the COVID-19 pandemic status between now and July will have an impact on hosting the camp. Should we not be able to host the camp or if we need to reschedule, we will let everyone know with as much notice as possible.*

For complete details about the camp and/or to sign up for updates by email, visit the camp webpage or contact Roger Egan, VA3EGY and Harrie Jones, VE3HYS, at [yota2023@rac.ca](mailto:yota2023@rac.ca)

## Special Note:

The Club's own Baron Schitka, VE3LVE (son of Thomas VE3PDK) is a recipient of a RAC Scholarship for 2022! (Details in latest TCA edition page 1 &10)

Congratulations to Baron and best wishes for much success as he continues his studies

de Ken VE3RMK

## Well Done, John



On Saturday December 10 at the WFF get together, our president Derek VE3TKE made a presentation on behalf of a club member John VE3KZT to **Brian VE3IK** of a donated Radio and power supply to the Cadet Radio Station (see story below).

John Smith's donation is going to the CDTRADSTA (Cadet Radio Station) program and John's radio will be the main base station at RCSCC Sir Francis Drake Club station in Oshawa.

RCSCC Sir Francis Drake, of Oshawa Ontario will be activating as CDTRADSTA Station VA3YZG. The callsign pays respect to the former RCN Algerine class sweep HMCS OSHAWA callsign "CYZG".

This station will be going into a Navy League owned facility, and will operate as a centralized CCR (Communications Control Room) for Oshawa, Bowmanville, and Ajax units.

Thank you to **Joe VE3VGJ** and **Brian VE3IK** for the pictures and information and a big Thank you and well done! To **John VE3KZT**

# 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.**



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**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 traclar. Untested and no GPS or cables but from what I have read you would need to make/buy one based on your radio. **\$15.**

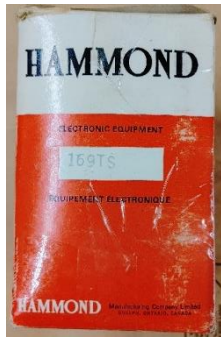


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Contact Laird VE3LKS at [VE3LKS@yahoo.ca](mailto:VE3LKS@yahoo.ca) for info on these items

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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:**



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 [NHMcAlisterMD@protonmail.com](mailto:NHMcAlisterMD@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](mailto:goldegrove@rogers.com) and her phone number is: 905-576-3468.

## Silent Key



It is with a heavy heart that I have to report that Eric VE3HMG is now a Silent Key. Eric was a long-time member of the North Shore ARC and was a wealth of information and creativity. Eric is pictured here with a young neighbor, also named Eric, at our Aquino Tank event in 2022. Below is what young Eric had to say. "I just wanted to reach out to sadly inform you that Eric VE3HMG has passed away. He went peacefully in Cobourg Hospital with his close ones by his side. I am Eric, one of his former neighbors. Ham radio was very dear to Eric, and having been at some of your events, I know you like to be aware of these things. Eric taught me from a young boy about electronics, and told me many stories about ham radio. I remember spending hours in his office tinkering with circuits. I went on to get a degree in electrical and computer engineering from U of T. He and I saw you at Tank Day this past summer. You were all so kind to him and treated him like a celebrity. I think that day was one of the highlights of his year. I hope to take up his call sign one day when the time allows. But for now, it will be signing off VE3HMG."

What a lovely tribute to a man who had a passion of sharing knowledge. 73, OM, 73.

More information on Eric can be found at <https://newcastlefuneralhome.com/.../Atkins-Eric/index.php>

Thank you to Laird VE3LKS for the picture and info on Eric's passing, he was the last of our Life Members and had been involved with NSARC for around 50 years.

## Station of the Month

I was recently at Farny's VE3BHQ's (SK) residence with Ken VE3RMK and Daren VE3NMD assisting his daughter Kathy and Farny's wife Nancy with some clean-up of Farny's ham shack when Kathy offered me an old printed picture (on paper) of Farny's early ham shack setup. Kathy asked that I share this picture with the club, which Farny loved being part of. So I scanned the picture so that I could include it in this newsletter.



I was amazed at what I saw in this picture. Most of this equipment was hand made by Farny as there was no Radio World or DX Engineering back then. Some of this equipment still exists and some was sold many years ago. No that's not what his ham shack looks like now.



For those of you who might not have seen Farny's outside collection of antenna's and towers the previous picture shows the famous Windmill type tower with his hand built multi-band beam. There used to be a VHF phased array above the HF beam which Ken VE3RMK was given or purchased a few years ago. All of which connected to the equipment in his ham shack. Above the HF beam (which is hard to see in such a small picture) is a long wire antenna. This wire stretches from the TV tower connected to the house to a 60' TV tower about a ¼ mile to the SE of Farny's property.

Farny's knowledge and wisdom will be missed. 73's Farny...

Thanks to [Derek VE3TKE](#) for the picture and the comments.

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](mailto:va3tps@outlook.com)

## Editor's Note

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and are enjoying our mild January weather (so far).

Derek VE3TKE was telling me that they will be looking for volunteers in the spring (when it's warmer) to help Farney's family with the removal of some older radio equipment and taking down some antenna's and towers. Remember that old saying "many hands make light work" and keep this in mind and if you can, let's help out Farney's family and come out in the spring and have a fun work party. Derek will provide details as they become available.

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](mailto:va3tps@outlook.com) .

## Upcoming Events

### Winter Field Day — January 28 & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Winter Field Day is a communications exercise. WFD is held on the last full weekend in January. WFD can be worked from the comfort of your home or in a remote location. You can participate by yourself or get your friends, family, or whole club involved. Winter Field Day is open to participants worldwide. Amateur radio operators may use frequencies on the HF, VHF, or UHF bands and are free to use any mode that can faithfully transmit the required exchange intact. Similar to the ARRL's Field Day, bonus points are earned in several ways, including using non-commercial power sources, operating from remote locations, satellite contacts, and more.

### 2023 CQ World-Wide WPX Contest

SSB: March 25-26, 2023 CW: May 27-28, 2023, Starts: 0000 UTC Saturday Ends: 2359 UTC Sunday

This is a great contest to test out all those new Radios and antenna's, lots of DX stations on the air and many qso's to be had. Good Luck!

## From the President.

During our last club meeting in December, I asked for ideas from everyone including members and guests on what people would like to see and do in 2023. I received many ideas during the meeting. I have also received a few more ideas after the meeting. All of the ideas have been captured in a mind map format document. I have included a copy of the updated document at the end of this newsletter. If anyone would like to add any new items please send me an email at [VE3TKE@gmail.com](mailto:VE3TKE@gmail.com) so that I can add them to the listing. Remember, this is your club and this listing will assist your executive team in planning what the club will do in 2023.

If you would like to volunteer or assist in organizing any of these items, it would be appreciated. Laird VE3LKS has already organized the past Saturday's alternate meeting location for those people who like a warmer place to meet. Laird is also starting to organize this year's hamfest.

A reminder that our annual member meeting will be held this coming Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. I will be sending out the Zoom link in the next day or two.

Derek Christian VE3TKE - Club President

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