

Monthly Update

February 2023

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Club Executive

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Presentation Coordinator: **John VE3KZT**
RAC Representative: **Ken VE3RMK**

January Meeting

At our January meeting our presentation that we had fell through at the last minute, so **John VE3KZT** showed us a couple of videos on Electrical Safety.

February Meeting

Our monthly meeting on Zoom will be on Wednesday February 15, 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.



It's BACK

After 3 years of no Hamfest, the Durham Hamfest is back on for Saturday April 22, 2023 at 9:00 am. At our first meeting of the Hamfest Committee **Laird VE3LKS** graciously volunteered to be the Hamfest Chair this year. Thanks Laird!

We are just getting started but we will need volunteers on the day of the event from around 7:00 am till 12:00 to 1:00 pm. We will need help with Security, snack bar, parking, admissions and a few other positions. So, check your calendars for Saturday April 22 and if you can help us out even if its only for an hour or two send

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Laird VE3LKS an email at ve3lks@yahoo.ca .The Hamfest is a major fund-raising event for our club and with our club expenses and repeater repair every little bit helps. And did I tell you that while there you get to wander around on your break, have a look at all the goodies, maybe do a little shopping.....and you get to do all of this and the Mrs. thinks you're just out volunteering!

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 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 website



Latest Update is that in recent weeks, **Grant VA3KJL**, **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 VE3TKE** has your email address. **Derek VE3TKE** will be sending out the zoom invites every Wednesday morning or afternoon. 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 7:00 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.

Email – info@ve3osh.com

White Feather Fun!



Only 3 at WFF this Saturday. The -9F, -23C temperature must have kept some at home. I checked my files and last year at this time it was -24F, -31C and 12 of us came out to enjoy the fresh morning, guess we need colder weather to get more out!

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

Alternate Location on Saturday Morning



Well, for the inaugural outing things went pretty good at Coffee Time. The coffee was hot and fresh, the bagels and donuts were delicious but that was all trumped by the great conversations. Everything from jumping out of perfectly good planes with a parachute (Peter VA3PKM) to learning how you can be an SWR genius like Bob VE3HIX by using an app called RF Calculator on an Android.

I honestly was not expecting more than four or five to show up but we had to keep retaking the group picture as people kept arriving and we still missed one. I would like to think it was due to my charming personality 🌈 but I think it had to do more with the chilly temperature which was -10C when we started to arrive at 0830. One interesting observation was that Daren VE3NMD who shows up to WFF, an outside event, with no coat on turned up at Coffee Time, an indoor event, with a coat on.

We think he has been interacting with electrons too much! 🌈

Thx to **Laird VE3LKS** 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 8:30 am, 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.



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.

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

TANK TRACKS



MUSEUM SEASON PASS 2023

SUPPORT THE MUSEUM AND SAVE!

Our 2023 season MUSEUM PASS is now available. Don't miss any of the action this season, support the Museum and SAVE with one low price!

- All 5 Tank Saturday events (\$100 value)
- Aquino Tank Weekend General Admission (\$70 value)
- March Break (\$25 value)
- Regular Museum Admission all year (\$ Priceless)
- Special Museum Events (\$15 value each)

Visit the Museum whenever you like and all of the events for the 2023

Season Pass for only \$120.00!!!

Available at Museum Reception; don't pay Admission, buy a MUSEUM PASS.

Website – ve3osh.com

WINTER WARFARE

Our signature winter event will return on **February 11 2023**. Watch Tanks and Military Vehicles operate in the snow!



MARCH BREAK

Visit the Museum during the winter break from **March 13-17** with a special tour and activity every day!

"Tank Talk" and Fun at 1:00PM daily.



VIETNAM

Kick off summer Tank Season with an entirely NEW event and theme for Tank Saturday on **May 13 2023**

Looking at the Tanks and military vehicles of this 20th century conflict.



AQUINO TANK WEEKEND

The annual signature event returns on **9-10-11 June 2023**. The MUSEUM PASS includes weekend General Admission.

Thank you to **Robert VE3IRB** for this information on The Ontario Regiment RCAC Museum.

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Swap Shop

For Sale

1. Icom IC-92AD Dual Band D-Star Transceiver.
2. Icom HM-175 GPS Speaker Microphone
3. Icom BC-177 Charging dock with Icom BC-123 SA Charger
4. Icom IC_92 AD Instruction Manual
5. RT Systems Windows Cloning Software with RT Sytems USB-92 USB cable

All are in good working order. **\$350**



Ken Fitzgerald, VA3KJF.....webhog@me.com.....905-435-6311

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.**



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

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.**

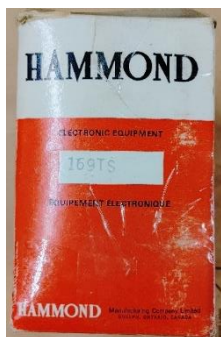


TigerTrak TM-1+ Trackin Module. APRS tracter. Untested and no GPS or cables but from what I have read you would need to make/buy one based on your radio. **\$15.**



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:



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 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

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

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.

Upcoming Events

2023 ARRL International DX Contest SSB

March 4 0000z to March 5 2400z – Another great contest to play in. Find rules and info at: www.arrl.org/arrl-dx

2023 CQ World-Wide WPX Contest

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

Rules and info at: <http://www.cqwp.com/rules.htm>

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.

Well you might have noticed on the front page of this newsletter that there are now two vacancies in our executive. I have received written resignations from both Jackie VA3BTQ and John Deacon SWL. Jackie was our Secretary and John was our Vice-President.

I would like to thank both Jackie and John for their time spend assisting the club. Both advised me that they will remain as members of the club.

So we now need to find two people to take on these executive positions. Hopefully soon. I will discuss this in more detail at our upcoming member meeting on February 15th.

A few club members, Ken VE3RMK and Daren VE3NMD have been assisting me with the on-going clean-out of Farny's equipment honoring the club commitment to help Farny's daughter Kathy and Farny's wife Nancy. We recently had our third visit to Farny's house to remove more radios, antennas and more transformers. All of us did not realize that Mr. Farny had so much stuff.

Ken took a pile of cables & transformers to the metal scrapyards and received \$97.00 which has been donated to the club. I removed a HF vertical antenna and some older radios. Daren removed some electrical components. We are slowly making a dent with the clean-up and anticipate a few more visits to deal with the balance of the stuff. I also asked Lex VE3LEX to visit Farny's house to look at the other outdoor installed antennas, HF beam and TV towers to see if he could assist with the take-down of these items. After having a look Lex has agreed to assist. Lex advised that he will need a few people to be part of the ground crew during this process. So if you have some time (no dates set as of yet) and would like to physically assist, let me know.

Nancy (Farny's wife) has graciously donated the radio equipment to the club. I am currently in the process of cataloging the radio equipment and performing a basic test of each item. Most of the items do have minor issues but they will all be listed. The club will retain some of the items for Field Day and club use. Other items will be listed and presented to the club to see if any club member would like to purchase these items with the money going to the club. Whatever is left will be taken to our Hamfest to hopefully sell.

The on-going saga of our repeater tower is moving very slowly. No word from Rogers Communications as of yet. I have had several talks with our other potential vendor and are in the process of writing up a draft agreement covering all items discussed for review by all the parties. With my discussion with CLOKA, they would like to wait to see what Rogers will be offering but we don't know when or if they will offer anything. I will provide more details when they become relevant.

Derek Christian – VE3TKE