

Monthly Update

April 2023

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March Meeting

At our March meeting we had a zoom presentation by **Allan Boyd VE3AJB** on the Hamshack Hotline that is out using VOIP. A great presentation about this new line of communication and several of our members have already got a phone and started enjoying it. If you want to check out their website it is at : www.hamshackhotline.com .

April Meeting

Our monthly meeting on Zoom will be on Wednesday April 19 ,2023 at 7:00Pm .On Wednesday April 12 during our weekly VPL we had a great presentation from **Roger VA3EGY** and **Rob VE3RXH** on Foxhunting and working with young people to join our hobby.It was very informative presentation with lots of information .

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 VA3KJ**, **Aldo VA3AG**, **John VE3KZT**, **Laird VE3LKS** and myself, **Steve VA3TPS**, have taken turns at Net Control. I have

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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. 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!

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.



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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

Changes to the RAC Email Alias/Forwarding System

<https://www.rac.ca/changes-to-the-rac-email-alias-forwarding-system/>
February 15, 2023 –

As previously reported, in January many RAC members whose email addresses used the format "callsign@rac.ca" experienced problems sending and receiving emails.

Thankfully, our IT volunteers were able to resolve the issue, but we had to make significant changes to the system to be compatible with internet, web hosting and cloud service providers in order to prevent future outages.

The result is that we need to be able to separate the email addresses of RAC officials, staff and volunteers from those of our members. In order to achieve this:

- RAC members will switch to "callsign@myrac.ca"
- RAC officials and volunteers ("corporate users") will continue to use "callsign@rac.ca"

Both the "callsign@rac.ca" and the "callsign@myrac.ca" email addresses will work simultaneously until **Sunday, May 15** to give RAC members time to update their user information on any websites and subscriptions

We understand that this is a big change and it is definitely not one we take lightly, but it is a necessary step to ensure that we continue the important work in support of Amateur Radio in Canada and internationally. We appreciate your understanding and continued support.

A Q&A which provides more information on the reasons for this change can be found on our website at: <https://www.rac.ca/cybersecurity/>

Phil McBride, VA3QR
RAC President



On Tuesday, April 18, 2023, Radio Amateurs of Canada is organizing a special on-air event to celebrate World Amateur Radio Day.

Every year on April 18, Radio Amateurs worldwide take to the airwaves in celebration of Amateur Radio and to commemorate the formation of the [International Amateur Radio Union](http://www.iaru.org) (IARU) on April 18, 1925.

Radio Amateurs of Canada is once again holding a “Get on the Air on World Amateur Radio Day” special event in which we encourage as many Amateurs as possible to get on the air and contact as many RAC stations as possible.

- RAC official stations will operate across Canada from 0000Z to 2359Z on April 18. The RAC official station call signs are VA2RAC, VA3RAC, VE1RAC, VE4RAC, VE5RAC, VE6RAC, VE7RAC, VE8RAC, VE9RAC, VO1RAC, VO2RAC, VY0RAC, VY1RAC and VY2RAC.
- Those contacting one or more of these stations will be eligible for a special commemorative certificate noting their participation in RAC’s Get on the Air on World Amateur Radio Day Event.
- Participants simply need to complete one or more contacts, on any band and mode, with RAC official stations to earn their certificates.
- No logs need to be submitted; simply check back on the RAC website when instructed and enter your call sign to download your certificate.

For more information on World Amateur Radio Day and the RAC “Get on the Air on World Amateur Radio Day” special event please visit:

<https://www.rac.ca/rac-get-on-the-air-on-world-amateur-radio-day-special-event-tuesday-april-18/>

Phil McBride, VA3QR

President, Radio Amateurs of Canada



It’s BACK

After 3 years of no Hamfest, the Durham Hamfest is back on for Saturday April 22, 2023 at 9:00am. 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 7:00am till 12:00 to 1:00pm. 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 **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 your just out volunteering! Also spread the word to your Amateur and non-amateur friends when ever you get the chance!

Swap Shop

For Sale



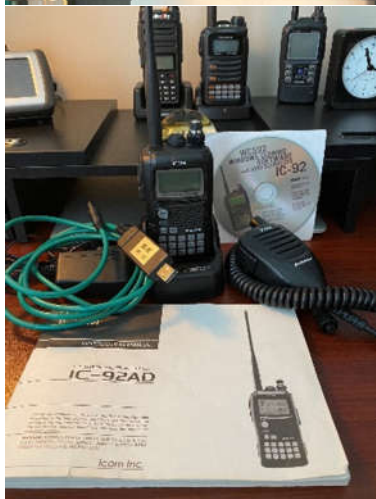
Yaesu FT1000MP MK V Field 100 watt HF Transceiver 10m to 160m. the AC power supply is built in. Or you may also operate this transceiver from 13.8 VDC. This radio also features a built-in high speed automatic [antenna tuner](#) capable of matching loads between 16.5 and 150 ohms to better than 1.2:1 SWR. There is an [access door](#) on top panel for adjustments. This radio includes the MH-31B8 hand mic. This radio is a Yaesu Classic and has the Inrad 1800hz Roofing Filter installed and also the DVS-2(digital recorder). Comes with manual and original box. Also comes with Yaesu SP-6 speaker. Asking **\$1500**

Contact **Steve VA3TPS** for more information on either item at va3tps@outlook.com

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 Systems USB-92 USB cable

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



Ken Fitzgerald, VA3KJF at 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.**

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.**

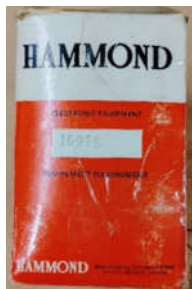


TigerTrak TM-1+ Trackin Module. APRS tracker. Untested and no GPS or cables but from what I have read you would need to make/buy one based on your radio. **\$15.**



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

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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 for this item. 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.



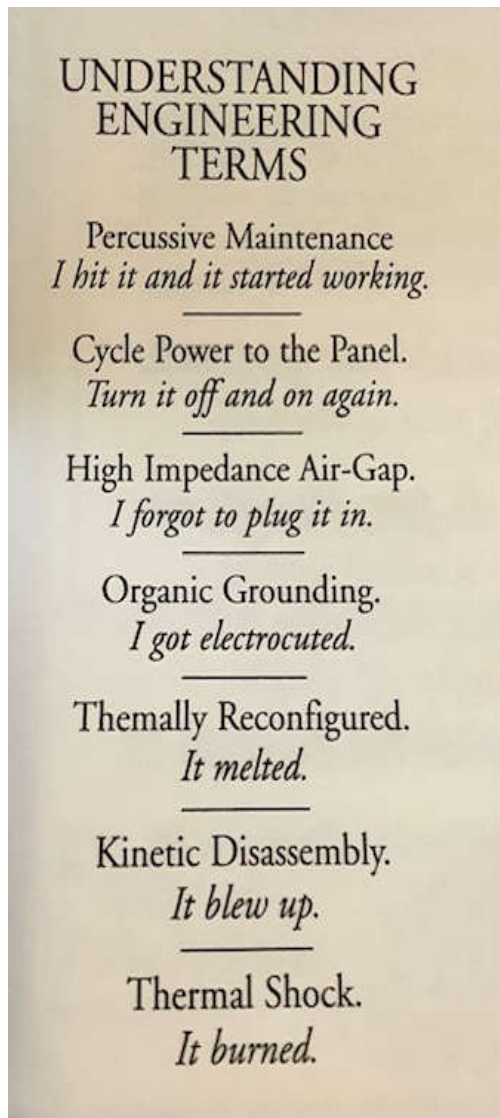
Larsen NMO 2/70 VHF/UHF mobile antenna (closed coil, gasket and whip) for NMO mount. Height 34.5 inches. (Photo attached.) Two years old, great shape, used on a Mustang that was kept in a garage and not driven much during the winter. Asking CDN\$80, proceeds donated to the club. (New price is US\$120 + shipping at DX Engineering.) So get hold of **Neil VA3NH** at NHMcAlisterMD@protonmail.com

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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



The above afternoon chuckle is courtesy of **Lois SWL**.

Well spring is almost here and hopefully some warmer weather with lots of sun (great for antenna repairs and building), but we also have some club activities happening like our Hamfest in April, also Derek VE3TKE might need some volunteer's to help with Farny's equipment and he is hoping for some Club Activities this spring and summer so I encourage everyone to try and step up and offer to help where ever possible and let's all have some fun this year!

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

W9IMS Special Event Station



This special event is a lot of fun and if you only work one event you can get a nice QSL card but work all three and they send you a nice Certificate. For more information checkout www.grz.com and put in their call sign W9IMS

2023 OPERATING SCHEDULE (you must work all three for the certificate):

May 7 - 13: [Grand Prix - Operator Schedule](#)

May 22 - 28: [Indianapolis 500 - Operator Schedule](#)

August 7 - 13: [NASCAR 200 at the Brickyard - Operator Schedule](#)

From the President.

Durham Hamfest 2023. Our club is once again working with the Pickering ARC to organize this year Hamfest. The last time we had this Hamfest was in 2019. This was due to the COVID shut down. This year our competition has also cancelled their Hamfest's that were run close to our Hamfest so that may mean we have a great event this year. I have been advised that table sales is strong and still on-going as I write this column. As this is one of our clubs largest revenue generator, I hope it will be well attended by club members, Ham's and guests this year. I hope to see many of you at the Hamfest.

The on-going Repeater Site Tower project is still ongoing. This project is certainly not proceeding as fast as I would like it. This is due to having multiple parties involved and everyone being busy and not able to respond in a timely manner. It seems that a lot of companies are operating this way for some reason. While waiting for email responses, I have requested and received a few quotations and options to review. We are still in negotiations with our new ISP vendor. Thanks to all the members and users of our repeater who have been patient while we work to resolve our tower situation. This project has been consuming considerable amount of my time and I would like to see this project completed as soon as possible.

Derek Christian VE3TKE – Club President