

Rose City Seniors Wireless Society

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President's Message

Here we are, winter is almost over, not that it was a bad one, and spring is just around the corner. I don't know about how others feel but I will be only too happy to see green grass and leaves on the trees again.

We now have the club station set up and are using it once again, although I would like to see more activity down there.

The March meeting will be a very short one followed by our annual ham auction. So, please, everyone - now is the time to clean out your junk boxes and bring in some goodies to sell. We are hoping to have a good turnout that night.

On Sunday Feb. 17th the club sponsored Guides-On-The-Air with Vince VA3DV operating the station. He was ably assisted by Aurel VE3BTT and Ben VA3BGC. It turned out to be a successful event. About nine guides were there operating the station along with their leaders; working stations in Truro N.S., Winnipeg, Montreal and Windsor. A good time was had by all. Many thanks to Vince and his crew. {The Tribune sent a reporter/photographer down to report on the event. See the article in the Gallery of our web site at G-O-T-A 2002. Ed.}

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the auction next month.

73, John Leslie VA3AL

Minutes of General Meeting - Thu., Jan. 3, 2002

1. Meeting was opened by Pres. John Leslie VA3AL
2. Letter was received from C.N.I.B. Amateur Radio Program for a donation to support their Amateur Radio Program to foster amateur radio as a hobby for the blind and visually impaired.
3. A motion was made by Jim Reid VE3AEL and seconded by Ron Goodman VE3RGD to send a donation of \$50.00 and was accepted.
4. A motion was made to send a copy of meeting minutes to Peter Vince VA3PKV for the bulletin each month for the club's web page.
5. Guest speaker was John Krall of Lewis and Krall pharmacy, the subject was about pharmacy drugs and their proper storage / handling / use.

73 Fred Taturnic VE3FOO

Upcoming Events

- Thu, Mar 7, 2002 Joint Meeting - Rose City Senior's Wireless Society & Welland County ARC
Hosted by WCARC this month. Starts at 7:30 pm because ... its auction time. Yes, it will be MC'd by Dave Wilson, VE3BBN. Always lots of fun. All Hams are welcome - especially VE3ALS!
- Wed, Mar 13, 2002 Senior's Breakfast at Swiss Chalet/Harveys, Niagara St N. Welland from 09:00 until they ask us to leave.
- Wed, Mar 13, 2002 NPARC General Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm, but come early so we can start on time. Guest speaker: Jim Dean VE3IQ RAC Vice President Regulator Affairs: come see, listen, learn and maybe give him an earful .. hi hi
- Sat, Mar 16, 2002 Canwarn Training Session In the auditorium at the Welland County General Hospital. See the bulletin on the ARES web site.
- Sat, Mar 23, 2002 HAMEX 2002 Peel & Mississauga ARC annual fleamarket. See Peel ARC's Hamex flyer.
- Sun, Jun 9, 2002 Second Annual A.R.E.S. Picnic From 11:00 am until 3:00 pm in Chipawa Park, Welland Ontario. Same place as last year's. See the flyer on the ARES site.

Links of the Month

- R.C.S.W.S <http://www.qsl.net/va3rc0/index.html>
- Our Very Own.
- A.R.E.S. Niagara: <http://www.vaxxine.com/va3nag/index.html>
- Site 1 on Vaxxine.com
<http://www.qsl.net/va3nag/index.html> - Site 2 on QSL.net.
Please note the change in the QSL.net address, .../va3nag/... used to be .../va3pkv/... - which is a simple redirector now - and, eventually, will become my personal page ... eventually.
{Yes, it probably is shameless self promotion! Ed.}

Odds & Ends

RAC Bulletin 02-015E On Air Events Reminder

March

- 2-3 ARRL Inter. DX Contest, Phone
- 9-10 World Wide Locator Contest
- 9-10 SARRL Field Day Contest
- 9-10 Commonwealth Contest, CW
- 9-10 Great Lakes QSO Party
- 10 North American Sprint, RTTY
- 10 UBA Spring Contest, CW
- 10-11 Wisconsin QSO Party

RAC Bulletin 02-016E VE7BFK IS NEW ARDF COORDINATOR

Joe MacPherson, VE1CH, First Vice President, Radio Amateurs of Canada is pleased to announce that the RAC Board of Directors has approved the appointment of Mr. Gordon D. (Joe) Young, VE7BFK as the RAC National ARDF Coordinator replacing Perry Creighton, VA7PC who has held that appointment for several years.

Joe is a native of BC. Born in Vancouver, he now lives in Victoria.

Joe obtained his Amateur certificate in 1960 with the call sign VE7BFK which he has held ever since. He became an Advanced Amateur in 1961 and obtained his 2nd Class certificate in 1963. An Electrical Engineer by profession, Joe has worked at a number of jobs developing instrumentation gizmos for the past 30 years. He enjoys operating CW and building radio projects. He is a member of RAC, ARRL, the Westcoast Amateur Radio Association and Friendship Amateur Radio Society Canada.

He first became interested in ARDF when the Friendship Amateur Radio Society hosted the 3rd Friendship Radio Games in Victoria in 1993. He has attended ARDF events in Russia, Japan, USA and was responsible for the RDF event when FARS again hosted the 7th FRG in Victoria in August 2001. According to Joe, there is a momentum building in the USA with national events in 1999, 2001 and 2002 and he hopes for similar growth in Canada.

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