

The Transmitter

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Meeting Minutes for the Month of: November 13, 2017 Issue Date: December 2, 2017.

The October minutes were approved by Jim, VEIJDJ, and seconded by Dave, VE1HUL. Motion passed.

Correspondence: The requested information was sent to Souris, PEI`s EMO.

Old Business: The Morse Code class has begun, with 7 participants. Dave, VE1HUL, gave a report on our success on our Field Day in June. We were Number 4 in North America in 1F contacts and 1st in Canada.

Committee Reports:

Repeaters:

VE1TRO: Made some changes.

VE1XK: Hilden, reset the router.

TRO/XK PACKET: Nothing to report

RAC: Nothing to report.

NSARA: Annual meeting was held after the Greenwood Flea Market. Dave, VE1HUL reported that there was a discussion about funds as they are responsible for functioning of equipment.

Finance: Mike, VE1MBH, gave a financial report and it was seconded by Lindsey, VE1LCG. Motion passed.

Sick and Visiting: It was reported that George, VE1GFG is still having some issues with his leg.

New Business:

- Bruce, VE1II is making an inventory list for the Club.
- Exercise Handshake was discussed. Hal, VE1LV, who is organizing the Fusion Net maybe on the local room. This will be a first.
- There will not be a Roundtable until November 26th.

The meeting was moved to be adjourned by Scott, VE1CHL, and seconded by Mike, VE1MBH. And Lindsey and Luigi gave a presentation on Operation Lifesaver which uses direction finding in order to locate lost autistic children or others who have become lost.

Next Meeting: December 11, 2017. Time: 7:00 P.M.

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Notes from your president

Mike and I made two or three trips to Hilden to work on the router for the Fusion repeater. We also borrowed the receiver board from the VHF MSR2000 which is mounted in the Hilden repeater rack but is being used as a standby repeater in case the Fusion repeater has problems. We then went to the Shubie repeater VESHU to try the receiver there in place of the defective one. It cured the problem at Shubie, but was left a bit off frequency rather than mess up the tuning for when it is needed at Hilden.

Mike and I were up to the VE1HAR repeater to reset the IRLP repeater and while we were returning home we decided to take a spin up to Nuttby to see if a reset on the VE1TRO repeater controller might help cure the recent problem with double announcements that have been occurring. It didn't help cure that problem but at least it was a possibility. Lots of hunter's vehicles parked along the road up to the tower.

Last Saturday morning we went back to Shubie along with Bill Elliott and we replaced the VHF receiver and got it all tuned up properly. As far as using the repeater for local contacts it should work very well. There seems to be a problem with the RC210 controller which will have to be worked on. This probably will account for some of the linking problems on the MAVCOM system. But there are some other problems being worked on at other repeater sites.

Lorne, VE1BKK, and Brad, VE1ZX, have been working on VE1SPR as well trying to cure the double linking and unlinking announcements.

Dave's Round Table had to be aborted on Sunday evening because of problems with linking. At least the problems didn't seem related to our area. I hope that this Sunday is a successful Roundtable. There was a lot of activity on the Roundtable the week before. Even if you don't get on the air chatting on two meters, you really should at least tune in for the discussions.

I really want to thank Lindsey and Luigi for the excellent presentation they gave on Operation Lifesaver. They are really dedicated to seeing this succeed in the East Hants area and their explanations and stories were very interesting.

Our code classes are progressing very well and we still have all the folks who showed up the first night!

The December Club meeting is the last one for 2017 and it would sure be nice to see some amateur radio operators who don't ordinarily attend.

That is all for this time.

73, Bruce

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