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- New Emitter Editor in September
- Next Meeting September 19, 2012
- No Emitter in July or August
- Field Day June 23 - Free BBQ at the VE6HM site @ 13:00

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Welcome

Welcome to this special version of the Emitter. This "Emitter Express" is brought to you by the Club Executive Committee as an interim step while our new Emitter editor gears up for the September edition. Note that there are no Emitters published in July and/or August. This issue of the Emitter will NOT be available in print, so please print it off and distribute it to any Club members that are unable to view the on-line edition.

New Emitter Editor

The Club Executive Committee is pleased to announce that starting September 2012, Dave Devine VE6DEV will take over as Editor of the Emitter. Dave brings many years of printing and imaging experience with him and promises a fresh new look to our Emitter.

Call for Articles

Got news of an upcoming event? Want to buy, sell, or trade an amateur radio related item? Got interesting news tid-bits? If so, please email emitter@narc.net and we'll see that it gets included in the next publication.



Net Control at the Fallen Four Marathon, Whitecourt, June 3, 2012. To volunteer for events such as this please email public-service@narc.net

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Announcements

**Paul Duczynski VE6PDD VA6PDD
VE6HR - Silent Key**

Paul passed away in the company of his family on June 3, 2012. Paul was very active in the Amateur Radio community, serving for many years on the Executive Committee of the Northern Alberta Radio Club. Paul was always ready to answer the call for events and helping his fellow Amateur. From serving on the Executive Committee, to volunteering for events, to helping with tower rigging, to helping distribute the Emitter, Paul was always cheerful and willing to help. He will be sorely missed. Funeral services for Paul will be held on Saturday, June 16 at Sacred Heart Church, 96 St. & 106 Ave. at 11:00 AM.

Silent key refers to an amateur radio operator who is deceased. The term can be abbreviated 'SK', especially in Morse code. The key in the term refers to a telegraph key, the instrument that all early amateur radio operators, as well as many contemporary amateur radio operators, have used to send Morse code. The term SK is used to refer to any amateur radio operator who is deceased, regardless of whether or not they were known to have actively used a telegraph key or Morse code in their two-way personal communications.

Field Day BBQ

Field Day is an annual amateur radio exercise, widely sponsored by IARU regions and member organizations, encouraging emergency communications preparedness among amateur radio operators. It is typically the largest single emergency preparedness exercise in the country.

This year Field Day will be held at the VE6HM site on June 23-24. Please come out to a free BBQ on June 23 at the VE6HM site starting at 13:00.



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President's Message

A big thank you goes to Ray and the Emitter Committee for putting this "Express" edition of the Emitter while we find our new footings for our club newsletter. For quite some time now, within the Executive, we've been talking about what to do with the Emitter and we've tossed around many ideas.

One of the biggest issues we face is finding content, so I'd like to encourage you to dig deep and see if you can't put together something for the new Emitter in the coming months. It doesn't have to be Amateur Radio related either. If you have a funny or interesting story about just about anything, feel free to put it forward.

My dear wife has also offered to share some of her recipes too if we're really hurting for content. I'm also hoping to bring back a monthly "From the President's Desk" type of article too. It wasn't until I spent some time reading back through the Emitter archives that I noticed we used to have a monthly President's message, but it was mysteriously dropped a couple of years ago.

Looking forward to having something more for you in the next Emitter!

Best regards,
Keehan - VE6XVK
President, N.A.R.C.

Repeater News

Look for a new 2m repeater to be on the air in the next few weeks. VE6TNC will go active in the Elk Island Park area on a frequency of 146.610 MHz (-0.6) with a CTCSS tone of 100.0 Hz. This repeater will pick up where VE6HM fades and will provide excellent mobile coverage east of the City to Vegreville. The VE6TNC repeater will be full-time linked to the VE6HM system and will have link (and un-link) codes similar to all other Club repeaters.

A new repeater/linking controller is being fitted to VE6TNC, and this new controller will become the new "standard" for all of the Club repeaters. The published linking codes for all of the Club repeaters will need to be changed slightly. The DTMF "*" (star) will be moved to the end of the linking code rather than at the front. Over the summer months all of the Club repeaters will be changed to this new controller, so if a linking code fails to work for you, try moving the "*" to the end of the linking command. A complete list of the revised linking codes will appear in the September Emitter.



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General Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Northern Amateur Radio Club
Held at the Cedar Park Inn on Wednesday, **May 16, 2012** at 7.30 p.m.

Call to Order – The Vice- President VA6IP, called the meeting to order at 7.30 p.m.

Guests/New Members: None.

Approval of Minutes – *The March 2012 general meeting minutes were approved, seconded and carried by members present.* The April 2012 minutes were distributed at the meeting. Members reviewed and an amendment was put forward for Director's Reports d) Secretary – It should read: Secretary reported that there were **approximately 136** paid members. *Ties VE6TVN motioned the minutes should be accepted as corrected with amendment. Member VE6BCN seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Business arising from the previous minutes:

Emitter: VE6XZM relayed to members that we have a new editor for the 'Emitter'. Our new editor is Dave Devine VE6DEV. The next issue of the Emitter will be available in August or September 2012. We welcome Dave in his new role as Editor.

Directors Reports:

a. President: Absent.

b. Vice-President: APRS Manulife site is close to be operational.

c. Treasurer:

i) Glen reviewed (inflow and outflow of cash in casino and master accounts) with members for the month of April. Total net worth is \$61,600.

ii) We received a cheque in the sum of \$76,00 from Alberta Gaming Commission for recent Casino. We must utilize this money within a two-year time span.

iii) Cheque will be issued in the amount of \$5,000 donation from NARC to the RAC Convention Committee to support the Ham Fest in August.

d. Secretary: Susan VE6SUS reported that there were 142 paid members.

e. Operations Director: Ray VE6RHS reported that Roger's alleged that our UHF repeater was causing interference with their customer's cell phone service. The team took it off line, checked it out, and then put it back on May 8th, having found no cause for concern.

f. Training Director: Neil VA6NF reported: i) On May 12th five students participated in the Basic exam; four passed. No further courses until the autumn.

g. Emergency Communications Director: Absent.

h. Public Service Director: Patrick VE6PIE : i) We participated in several events – The Spring Thaw on April 29th (went well) and May 6th, Run Wild in St. Albert (challenging course). Please contact me if you wish to volunteer, the club needs your help. Additional events coming up are: Fallen 4 on June 3rd (still need six volunteers); Wild Rose Ladies Run on June 10th; Moose is Loose in July and the Gorilla Run in September.

i. Public Relations Director: Mike VE6XZM reported: i) Participated in 'Get Ready in the Park', went well. He spoke previously about the new Emitter Editor.

j. Program Director: Melanie VE6MSH reports that i) There will be a slide presentation at the end of the meeting, 'How to be a radio volunteer'. Busy putting together a booklet – procedure for volunteering at events.

k. Activities Director: Bill VA6GRZ reported: Organized the breakfast for 'Get Ready in the Park' on May 12th. Poor turnout, but much appreciation to those who assisted. ii) Field Day will be on June 23, 2012 at the NARC site. We will be hosting a barbeque about 1 pm on that day.

l. Webmaster: Todd VE6TWS absent.

m. Director at Large: Gern VE6KG absent. He has recently had surgery.

n. Past President: VE6TVN had no report for members.

New Business:

Bill VE6GRZ voiced concern over poor attendance at breakfast. This spurred a flurry of comments regarding coverage of our club, including diminished membership, concern over the use of our new website. Members agreed we need to promote ourselves more and there were suggestions of contact with the media, the use of Twitter account to spread messages about volunteering by amateur radio operators at local events, radio contests, participation in emergency situations, Ham fest, etc.

Mike VE6MM relayed to club members that VE6AAT (Craig) had passed away due to complications after heart surgery. It was also stated that VE6PDD was presently in the Intensive Care Unit at the U of A Hospital. To pay our respects, *Melanie VE6MSH motioned we sent cards to both parties in sympathy and get well wishes. Dave VE6TK seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

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General Meeting Minutes (continued)

New Business:

Members asked the Executive to amend policies and procedures at a meeting in the future to include the delivery of cards to current members who experience a death in their families or extreme illness.

Before the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m., two draws for ARRL Repeater books were made.

Public Service Report

April 29, 2012 had 22 ham operators scattered throughout river valley. It was a warm sunny day and all of us had a lot of fun helping with the Spring Thaw Marathon. This event was to benefit Coats for Kids. Many thanks to VA6DAB, VE6XZM, VE6KG, VE6MSL, VE6TVN, VE6DKS, VA6IP, VE6BAX, VA6ZG, VA6JC, VA6TVN, VE6RHS, VE6BHO, VA6RDR, VA6AWS, VE6UC, VE6WTF, VE6DXX, VE6DOG, VE6XVK, VE6PY.

On May 6 2012 we embarked on a new challenge - the Run Wild Marathon in St. Albert. This event was in support of the Seniors Centre and the Zebra Child Protection Centre. This event was done with North Central Alberta ARC. There were 1622 runners on routes throughout St. Albert. Kelly Weist VE6KSW was a map magician as we had to have four runs mapped out separately. Curtis Bidulock VE6AEW mapped out radio frequency coverage (more than once as we figured out what to tell him). After much computation and placing we were ready. We had 36 volunteers out that helped make this event a hit. Thank you to VE6DXX & Rosemary, VE6TWS, VE6BHO, VE6LCK, VE6STE, VA6AWS, VE6XZM, VE6NPL, VE6AEW, VE6KCF, VE6HBA, VE6TCK, VE6TJO, VA6CCD, VA6DAB, VE6XVK, VA6GB, VE6UC, VE6RHS, VA6MIA, VA6JC, VE6JFS, VA6RDR, VE6PTL, VE6BYN, VE6ULH, VE6HEP, VA6FRM, VA6TVN, VE6WTF, VE6TVN, VE6LCK, VA6IP, VE6MSH, VE6PY. All of the volunteers for this event were fantastic. There was one operator that should be mentioned. VE6WTF stayed with the last runner on the half marathon for an extra two hours! A big thank you to Kyle.

On June 3, 2012 the Fallen Four Marathon ran from Mayerthorpe to Whitecourt on highway 43. There were at least 800 runners and 22 of our radio volunteers along the route. I haven't got all the final totals in but I can't thank everyone enough for coming out and supporting our Club and this very worthy event. Special thanks to VE6AMY, VA6FRM, VE6TCK, VE6NJB, VA6ZG, VE6DKS, VA6JC, VE6JFS, VA6RDR, VE6AEW, VE6JJF & Myrla, VE6XVK, VE7KNK, VE6WTF, VA6IP, VE6RHS, VE6XZM, VE6KSW, VE6PIE, VE6AWS, VE6MSH.

All of these club events have been successful because of the willingness of these great volunteers. If you want to come out and play radio with us our next event is on June 10 - the Wild Rose Ladies Run followed by the Moose is Loose Run on July 22 (all along trails).

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Patrick VE6PY
Public Service Director

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The communities of Mayerthorpe and Whitecourt were devastated by the deaths of four RCMP officers – Constable Peter Schiemann, Constable Leo Johnston, Constable Anthony Gordon and Constable Brock Myrol – on March 3, 2005.

The Fallen 4 Marathon Society formed for the purpose of starting a memorial marathon and relay in honour of the sacrifice made by the fallen officers. A portion of the proceeds generated from this annual event is donated to the Mayerthorpe Fallen Four Memorial Society. The Northern Alberta Radio Club provides course communications for the event.

