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UHF 444.700 + TONE: 131.8
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In an emergency, tune
Into our repeaters,
UHF 444.700 or
VHF 147.390 or
HF 3.755 LSB or
Simplex 147.510
For coordination and
assignments.



Point Clark Lighthouse Activated.



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MESSAGE FROM OUR INCOMING PRESIDENT

I'm looking forward to the upcoming year for the Elmira Radio Club, as your incoming President. It's been a difficult year, with the pandemic cutting off many of our in-person events and get togethers. All the same, we have achieved many things and have remained busy.

Thanks to Bill, Tony, Jim and a few others, we have a VHF repeater on the feedmill. The Alma repeater antenna has not yet been upgraded, but it does get occasional use, thanks to the cross-band repeater to UHF at Tony's house. Tony also has the firehall UHF repeater and duplexer in hand, so we will have the opportunity to change out the UHF repeater at the feedmill with the Yaesu repeater, hopefully with the intent to eventually link it to the Yaesu VHF repeater for dual band repeater coverage. If we add Internet at the feedmill we can situate the IRLP and EchoLink node there as well.

Our summer social activities have also been quite satisfactory. "Coffee meetings in the park (ing lot)" have been ongoing most of the summer, and we also had the opportunity to have one coffee get together in Al VA3TET's back yard - it was nice to see Al again, and Bill even got some drone pictures of the event. Hopefully we will be able eventually to get together at a restaurant serving breakfast and coffee before Brazil runs out of coffee!

Although we have not had much opportunity to get together to operate in contests and other radio events, there have been a few times we have either operated together virtually or physically. A field day event was held at Ken VE3KCY's camp, with some success. A number of other ERC operators worked FD from home. ERC members also participated in the RAC Canada Day contest, with all submitting under the Elmira Amateur Radio Club banner. And we can't forget about Kirk VA3KXS's visit to the Point Clark lighthouse. Kirk represented the Club there all by himself, except for a visit from VE3IXX during the weekend. Way to go Kirk.

The intent this fall will be to continue with virtual Club meetings using Zoom. With the use of Zoom, we have the opportunity of inviting speakers from all over Canada, the US, and even the world. We hope to line up a speaker for a presentation each meeting. Hope to see you all there on the fourth Wednesday of the month. And of course we continue to have physical coffee meetings Wednesday morning in Elmira, plus the Thursday evening Digital sessions, and Friday morning Zoom social meetings.

Ted VE3TRQ

POINT CLARK

INTERNATIONAL Lighthouse Lightship Weekend



Thanks to Kirk VA3KXS the lighthouse at Point Clark was activated for the annual International Lightship Weekend on August 21 and 22.

Hi Folks,

I had a good weekend at Point Clark. The weather was great - it was certainly warm, but not raining. I managed to set up from roughly 10AM-6PM Saturday and 10AM-3PM Sunday.

Lots of people stopped by to ask what was going on with the "fishing poles"... one guy was fairly certain I was trying to talk to "the Orcas" (I can't make this up), lol. There were plenty of folks who remembered past events and asked where everyone was. I said we hoped to have a larger event next year. It was great to have Bob VE3IXX stop by. We had a good visit and talked with a few locals as well.



The lighthouse was closed. A few people said the rumour was it would open up again next year, so we will see how that goes. I did learn that the parking lot is owned by the group that manages the boat launch and if asked nicely do allow people to stay overnight. The folks who stayed overnight this weekend parked against the grass, but down by the parking lot area. Something to consider for next year if the county is again not so co-operative.

The NAQP contest made it a little tricky to operate on Saturday - I was pushed off of several frequencies until I finally gave up and decided to just play in the contest for a while. I made 15 contacts there under the VE3ERC callsign and submitted logs to the organizers.

In total I managed 112 contacts for ILLW. If we are serious about racking up numbers, I think we probably need at least two people - one to chat with locals and one to operate the radio. It would probably make for a better show for anyone stopping by. As it was, I had to stop making



contacts and start talking to someone. All good though, as it was good to see plenty of interested people.

A few of the ILLW contacts reported that they were doing POTA activations. I logged these folks under my callsign VA3KXS, since VE3ERC isn't set up for POTA, and I gave them the reference for the Point Clark Lighthouse National Historic site (VE-4880). Since you need at least 10 contacts for POTA, I ran for a bit under VA3KXS and made another 40 POTA contacts or so.

Most of the ILLW contacts were from the US and Canada, but I did manage contacts with Mexico, Spain, Slovenia and Belgium. I need to get an end-fed with 80m, as I couldn't talk to anyone in SW Ontario at all.

I had lighthouse contacts with:

- CA0078 - Grandique Point, NS
- CA0080 - Point des Monts, QC
- US0004 - Boca Grande, FL
- US0022 - Heceta Head, OR
- US0040 - Umpqua River, OR
- US0067 - Point Loma, CA
- US0099 - Cape Canaveral, FL
- US0162 - New Canal, LA

Overall, it was a great weekend. Hopefully next year is even better. I'll be working on a new QSL card design this week, and then I'll get all of the contacts uploaded to eQSL.

73, Kirk VA3KXS





Kirk designed this QSL/e-QSL for those fortunate enough to have made a contact with him during the weekend. Below is Kirk's design for the Field Day QSL.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO VE3ERC-CLUB NEWSLETTER

Do you have an article you'd like to submit? Or photos? Do you have any comments you'd like to make?

Perhaps you'd like to share a photo of your shack, a special project you are working on or a special interest!

SEND THEM TO:

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WEDNESDAY NITE NET CONTROLLERS

JULY 28 - FRANK VA3FJM
AUGUST 4 - TOM VE3DXQ
AUGUST 11 - TONY VE3DWI
AUGUST 18 - WES VE3ML
AUGUST 25 - BRIAN VA3DXK
SEPTEMBER 1 - BOB VE3IXX
SEPTEMBER 8 - KIRK VA3KXS
SEPTEMBER 15 - BILL VA3QB
SEPTEMBER 22 - MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29 - TED VE3TRQ
OCTOBER 6 - REG VE3RVH
OCTOBER 13 - FRANK VA3FJM



**From
the**

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The Lighthouse Weekend in 2018. Happy Times!

Hanover Ham Haul



Slowly but surely ham flea markets are starting to make a comeback. Many thanks to Bill VA3QB for sending along his drone pictures of the event. And thanks to Kevin VA3RCA for his many pictures on the grounds.





And then there are some familiar faces both masked and unmasked (including Paul VA3PDC and Bill VA3QB.



And then there is Mike VE3MKX, a frequent contributor to the Elmira Club Newsletter.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mike VE3MKX sent the following website for some free e-books

"For those who like to read."



<https://b-ok.cc/book/16579515/06e6d6>

Based on a true story, a gripping historical novel about a German immigrant who becomes embroiled in a Nazi spy ring operating in New York City in the early days of World War II.

<https://b-ok.cc/book/3711045/9643d1>

Another fascinating historical novel about a battle-haunted English journalist and a Russian female bomber pilot who join forces to track the Huntress, a Nazi war criminal gone to ground in America.



And while on the topic of books, I had recently enjoyed a murder mystery entitled "Murder Takes the Veil" by Margaret Ann Hubbard. While the story itself had no connection with radio, some research discovered that the author did have a direct connection with radio.

Margaret Ann Hubbard was born in 1909 and authored many children's books, adult mystery novels and wrote some plays. Her connection with radio took place during World War 2. See the following archived clips. Radio crops up in the darndest places.

Pistol Packin' Mama

THAT lethal young lady with the smoking pistol, who could stop an awful lot of radio crooning by laying the darn thing down, is going to have to shove over an inch or two and make room for a newcomer.

She's Northwest Airlines' own Pistol Packin' Mama—Margaret Ann Hubbard, as tough as a marshmallow and blustery as a spring breeze.

Sam's war job, goes through.

After three months, she has found it "a wonderful experience and it's important to feel I'm helping out. I'm looking forward to the time when the airline resumes its passenger schedules to Duluth with its big 21-passenger Douglas airliners."

In slacks and sweater, with her .38 strapped to her side, she keeps an eye on the mail bags, turns the pliers and screwdriver in the untidy jobs of repairing the complex radio equipment, and directs the pilots as the planes dip down toward the field—one of Minnesota's women who have stepped into a new world, "just to help out."

THE NWA BEAM, December, 1943



She's packed away her book-writing career for the duration, NWA's Pistol Packin' Mama at Duluth. Margaret Ann Hubbard, author and playwright, takes time from her job as radio operator to turn on a smile and, right, .38 automatic strapped to her side, she unloads mail from an NWA plane.