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Special points of interest:

- Niagara ARES Newsletter will be published periodically and emailed to ARES members in the Niagara Region.
- Niagara ARES CEC is Henry, VA3OV.
- Contact Henry at: va3ov@bell.net.
- Newsletter prepared by Geddie, VE3CJX.
- To unsubscribe from this newsletter, contact Geddie at ve3cjx@gmail.com
- Niagara ARES Net every Monday 8:00pm VE3RAF.

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This maybe old news but we need to recognize the passing of Eric VE3EI on Tuesday April 4th. He was a member of Niagara ARES. He was well known from Newfoundland, PEI, Nova Scotia, Montreal (one time RAQI Executive), Cornwall, Toronto and in our corner of the province. In time of need he was there to help out individuals amateur radio guys and radio clubs. He provided radio clubs with spare repeaters and spare parts. Finally he was just a phone call away. He was a fine Gentleman all around and he will be missed by many.

We now have more daytime hours than darkness hours. It maybe a good idea to take a look at our mobile antennas and connections to clean the salt, road grime and some corrosion. Check also all transmission lines for possible defects.

I will need some volunteer to activate the radio stations at the hospitals and fire stations in the region in the next couple weeks (week days only). You can contact me at va3ov@bell.net.

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Doug VE3EQV is presently using Signalink sound card interface connected to a VHF radio and a computer running a SoundModem software by UZ7HO. Signalink interface eliminates the use of a TNC. AGW Express software (AGWPE) is no longer supported due to changes in Winlink Express (Formerly RMS Express). You can monitor all packets on frequency using UZ7HO SoundModem. You will find the link and instructions on the Group web site www.aresniagara.org. Under the Packet Radio heading. It works seamlessly, I have connected to VE3EQV-10 many times without any apparent glitches.

I will need about 4 mobile packet stations to operate from various locations using various modes on Winlink Express P2P, Packet and Outpost message sending through a PBBS or directly. Preferably done on a weekday. Locations, date and time to be announced shortly. This is in preparation to a bigger exercise at a later date.

We have four big events to look forward to:

-Canwarn May 8th.

-Ride for Roswell , June 24.

We are meeting the organizers at the end of April.

-Field Day, June 24/25.

-Canada Day Parade Niagara.

We are counting on your participation to make these events a success.

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