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Special points of interest:

- Niagara ARES Newsletter will be published periodically and emailed to ARES members in the Niagara Region. / Website: www.aresniagara.ca
- Niagara ARES CEC is Henry, VA3OV.
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- To unsubscribe from this newsletter, contact Geddie at ve3cjx@cogeco.ca
- Niagara ARES Net every Monday 8:00pm VE3RAF.

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CANADA 150

“How will we fare in a state of emergency:

CAN WE REMAIN SELF SUFFICIENT FOR 7 DAYS?”

We only need to watch the news to see what the population in the Caribbean have to endure for what seems to be a long time after the hurricane devastation only about a month ago. In Houston, they had 1000mm of rain in a 48 hours period. How can you translate this into centimeters of snow?

We do need to prepare and be vigilant for such an event and disaster even here in our own communities.

Packet is not dead: the 50 top radio operator with ARRL sent to assist the Red Cross in Puerto Rico needed to be proficient in handling message traffic using Winlink and Outpost.

Having said this, due to various engagements on October 11 and 14, the Niagara ARES will not participate in the provincial SET. However, **Niagara ARES will run the Niagara Peninsula SET on October 28, from 0900 to 1200 hrs.** Volunteer radio operators participating in the event will receive instructions no later than October 27 at 2000 hrs by phone or email. Mobile radio operation maybe required (including Winlink & Outpost).

On Friday September 29th, we did conduct some packet exercises from the Hotel Dieu Shaver hospital using the radio emergency station. With the assistance of Doug VE3EQV a digipeater was installed and connected to the hospital antenna.

The following members participated in the exercise: VE3OQP, VE3RNF, VE3NDW, from their respective QTH and VE3EQV and VA3OV from the hospital. Messages were exchanged using Packet Winlink and P2P using the digipeater.

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Throughout the exercise low power was used at every location demonstrating the strategic location for emergency communication. More exercise will be needed to improve our proficiency in digital communication. At our next monthly meeting, members interested in packet or have a running packet station should bring their operating station to the meeting.

Your laptop should have the latest update available on the Outpost and Winlink web site: www.winlink.org & www.outpostpm.org. This way we can all use the same features. The operating system needs to be Windows 7 or greater. We will review configuration, setup, various type of messages available. Come early to setup your equipment.

We will continue to send voice messages using IMS-213R forms during our weekly Niagara ARES Monday night net.

The local PBBS is open from 1400 to 2200 weekly on 145.060 MHz VA3OV-1.

Next Meeting - October 18th at 1900H
Room TBA in the Niagara Regional Building,
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold Ontario.

Thanks 73

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Don't forget to check out our web site, to print the IMS-213R forms for the weekly ARES nets and please bring your forms along to our monthly meetings to see how you did!

