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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: <http://www.aresniagara.ca/>
- 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@cogeco.ca
- **Niagara ARES Net every Monday 8:00pm VE3RAF**

Contents:

- **Be prepared!**
- Learn about NHSEM
- Help develop Operating Procedures
- Participate as Net Control
- Check Packet BBS for Messages
- Join in the ARES Monday and Wednesday Nets
- Check Our Activity Calendar
- **Next Meeting: April, 18, 2018**

Perhaps a False Alarm....

“Mister Winter” does not want to leave our neighbourhood. Antenna projects are on hold until the temperatures will rise above the single digits. We can use this time to inspect our communication Go Kit and our personal Go Bag.

The ground work to finalize the Niagara ARES and NPARC partnership is completed. Now, may be the time to vote on this issue at the April 12 NPARC general meeting. Make your voice heard, come to the meeting next Thursday night.

At the March meeting we saw a presentation from the Niagara Health System Emergency Management, NHSEM. They have shown interest in working with the Niagara ARES Group. We have a lot of work ahead to meet their expectations that will require manpower (volunteer) to prepare standard operating procedures.

There are some examples used by other ARES Groups that we may adapt: modify to fit our needs. It is tedious work but it has to be done if we want to play with the Big Boys. We need to operate in an organized fashion at all times. We would need about four (4) volunteers including a leader to bring this project to a successful completion. We need a draft completed by end of December 2018, a completed document by April 2018. Each one needs to “step up to the plate” to make the difference as this project like any other project requires team work.

I am presently working on the logistics to visit the radio stations at all the Niagara Health Systems Hospitals. I have a list of sixteen individuals who are interested in visiting the sites. In general, it is easier to access some hospital on week days

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between 9:00AM and 3:00PM. Could those that are interested, confirm your availability for the following days at va3ov@bell.net for April 16, 18, 19, 20?

Our first visit will take us to the Welland, Port Colborne and Fort Erie Hospital. It will take about 3 hours including travelling time. On the second tour, we will go to St Catharines, Niagara Falls and Hotel Dieu Shaver.

The big event for May 6 to the 12 is Emergency Preparedness Week. It will be appropriate to run our SET during that period. A public demonstration of emergency communications maybe of interest. Your ideas are welcome.

The Niagara ARES meeting on April 18 at 1900 hours will be at the:
Niagara Regional Headquarters, West Campbell Bldg.
Room C103
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON.

Thanks 73

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Our 2018 activity calendar is filling quickly:

- April 12 Important NPARC General Meeting
- April 18 Next ARES Meeting NRH, Rm C103
- April 21/22 Ontario QSO Party HF Contest
- May 6-12 Emergency Preparedness Week
- June 23 Ride for Roswell Cycling event along the Niagara Parkway from Buffalo NY / Fort Erie to Niagara Falls returning to Buffalo.
- June 23 / 24 Field Day 2018.
- June 30 Community event in Niagara Falls.
- July 1st Canada Day Parade Niagara Falls.
- July 1st RAC Canada Day HF contest
- July 14 Milton Hamfest