



Niagara ARES

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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.
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- 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: May 16, 2018**

Another FALSE ALARM? NO!

Last Friday's storm was again a reminder of things to come. I did not experience any damages to my property except for an eight hours power failure. Did you monitor the Canwarn Net on 145.190MHz? My battery banks kept my VHF radio and packet BBS running during the blackout. I had a generator on for a couple hours to cool the refrigerators. This event brought back **memories of the 1998** ice storm in Montreal. We had no electricity for 7 1/2 days in January.

The annual national preparedness week just completed may be a renewed catalyst to get us into action for any possible disaster. Each time we run through our exercises, plans and protocols we learn about our weaknesses and complacency.

At the NPARC April General meeting the partnership between NPARC and Niagara ARES was voted and approved by the club membership. We are **two names but one goal**, develop and share our hobby with the public.

We are in the process to bring our members to all the emergency radio stations located in the various hospital and fire departments throughout our Niagara areas

In the May/June TCA there are a couple interesting articles covering public services groups in British Columbia that took the initiative to provide additional training in communications and support from the Elders.

Thanks 73

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Annual Canada-Wide Emergency Preparedness Week...

The **Niagara ARES Group** is planning to participate in this yearly event in 2019. This would be a great opportunity to demonstrate to the community our ARES and radio amateur talent which is on standby and training for a time of declared emergency.

Last week's Emergency Preparedness Week offered an excellent opportunity to test Canadians and encourage taking steps to better prepare themselves, their communities and their families should there be an emergency declared. For more information: see info@GetPrepared.ca *protected email* or call 1-800-830-3118, and view <https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/ep-wk/index-en.aspx>.

This annual event is coordinated by **Public Safety Canada**, in close collaboration with the provinces and territories and partners.

For more information follow the link:

<http://wp.rac.ca/emergency-preparedness-week-2018-may-6-12/>

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Our ARES 2018 activity calendar is filling quickly:

- 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 NPARC **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