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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**

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Ready, SET, Go!

We have successfully completed our **Spring SET** exercise with 10 volunteer operators activating various radio stations using Tactical Call Signs TCS throughout the Niagara Region.

VE3OQP & VA3DPG operated a voice and packet stations from the Port Colborne Hospital (TCS:VA3PCH). VE3EQV Installed and monitored a digipeater from the Welland Hospital (TCS:VA3WCG).

VE3CJX, VE3NDW & VA3OV manned the voice, packet and Net Control stations from the St Catharines Hospital (TCS:VA3SCG).

VE3RNF & VE3HWE operated from a location in Fenwick sending and receiving voice messages. VA3WM was in Niagara on the Lake was busy sending and receiving voice messages. Also he sent Winlink packet messages via Telnet.

VE3KVE in Niagara Falls completed the loop by sending and receiving voice messages.

Paul from the Niagara Health Systems provided a series of messages using IMS 213 R forms which we used to transmit during our exercise. It was easy to attach these messages to the RMS Winlink packet message format expediting the process. All the stations were successful in sending and receiving all the messages.

We will hold a **debrief at our next meeting in June 20, 2018**. I like to thank everyone that participated in the Spring SET exercise including the hospital securities staff and Paul and his team for preparing the scenario and creating the various messages to be sent around the Niagara Health Systems. Please also bring along any of your notes, logs, to share and any test messages for review.

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On Saturday June 23rd, the **Ride for Roswell** will be in full swing early in the morning. Each of the volunteers that signed up for this event will receive all pertinent information by Wednesday evening.

After that event we need to travel to the **NPARC ARRL Field Day site in Balls Falls, Vineland** just in time to setup our radio stations. It should be a fun event offering few challenges.

Finally **Sunday July 1st to celebrate Canada Day** we will be in Niagara Falls along the parade route to provide communication. We will have additional volunteers to operate special event station and participate in the **HF RAC Canada Contest**.

We will hold our next meeting on Wednesday June 20 at 1900.
Niagara Regional Headquarters, West Campbell Bldg.
Room C103
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON.

Thanks 73
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*Radio amateurs first got together in Niagara in 1948 to form local clubs. This history marks the privilege the Canadian federal government gave to its citizens across the country. The radio clubs have always been the mainstay for providing training, world wide networking and experimenting with new communications technologies of all forms and putting our efforts and providing our radios and talents to serve our local communities. Especially the **Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, NPARC** has been continuously operational now for 70 years. Today we have many modes of analogue and digital wireless communications as well as Internet, Echolink, cell phones, gps, satellite communications, **all networked to share with Amateur Radio Operators around the world**. We continue with a spirit of adventure, discovery and enthusiasm. Our local amateurs are the backbone of the **Niagara ARES volunteers**. Thanks to all the pioneering radio amateurs that went ahead and for the **legacy of 70 years** we can now build upon. / Geddie, VE3CJX*

Niagara ARES 2018 Activity Calendar:

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| 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 . Operations On Air 2:00pm Local Time. |
| June 30 | Community event in Niagara Falls. |
| July 1st | Canada Day Parade Niagara Falls. |
| July 1st | RAC Canada Day HF contest |