



# 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.
- Contact Henry at: [va3ov@bell.net](mailto:va3ov@bell.net).
- Newsletter prepared by Geddie, VE3CJX.
- To unsubscribe from this newsletter, contact Geddie at [ve3cjsx@cogeco.ca](mailto:ve3cjsx@cogeco.ca)
- **Niagara ARES Net every Monday 8:00pm VE3RAF**

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- [Next Meeting:](#)
- [BBQ on June 22, 2018, Chez VE3CJX: please RSVP](#)
- **Be prepared for the Heat!**
- **Learn about NHSEM**
- **Participate as Net Control**
- **Check Packet BBS for Messages**
- **Join in the ARES Monday and Wednesday Nets**

## *Enjoying the Community...and Summer*

The last couple weeks have kept us busy and everything went well. You know, without you it would not happen. We all do really appreciate everyone's commitment to make our time together enjoyable and a success! I would like to thank everyone that took the time to participate to all the planned events.

We have planned a BBQ event hosted at Geddie, VE3CJX on **Sunday July 22**. We will hold an impromptu July meeting at this time. You bring your burgers, hot dogs, sausages or side of beef and your favourite buns for the cook out. Salads, water, coffee and soft drinks will be available. You may bring your favourite beverages. Do not forget to invite your YL along for the occasion. If weather permits there will be some HF antennas and Winmore demonstration starting at 1400. If you have a topic you want to cover it will be the time discuss it.

A quick reminder: the weekend of **July 14 / 15** offers a major HF contest event/ the WRTC (World Radio Team Championship). This time it is happening in Germany. The airwaves will be crackling with thousands of QSO's every minutes. This is a great experience coming back every four years. <http://www.wrtc2018.de/index.php/en/>

Port Colborne Canal Day's are a go!! NPARC and ARES will be participating in Canal Day's from Friday **August 3rd until the afternoon of Sunday August 5th**. We will be at our regular spot, under the water tower. Set up will begin on Friday morning. We will be using a trailer this time along with the tents. We are going to operate up to three stations and have a large display of Amateur Radio items and information available to view and handout to the public. [Effective August 1st we will be operating using our Special Event Call Sign: VC3NPARC70.](#)

This will be the call for Canal Day's. We need up to 10 volunteers to help set up on Friday morning. We will need 4 to 6 volunteers to operate the HF station(s) and interact with the public to talk about the hobby. Also we need 6 to 8 volunteers to take down the equipment on Sunday afternoon. You do not need to spend all day, any time will be a great help. Please confirm your availability by email at [president@nparc.on.ca](mailto:president@nparc.on.ca) by Sunday July 29. We need to take time to support our Club participation in these Public Events. This is a great way to demonstrate our Hobby to the public.

Enjoy this great summer weather, stay alert, monitor the weather alerts and **CANWARN nets on 145.190MHz.**

Thanks 73  
Henry VA3OV  
GC, CEC Niagara ARES

## Interested in QSL Cards....?

There are so many ways to keep the memories as well as the documentation of contacts from our amateur radio stations. So what can one do with all those cards and to care for the legacy built up in our club? The Internet, blogs, electronic media come to mind again to help us find new pastimes to share and enjoy...Take time to check out RADARC web site for some ideas.

*“Reading & District Amateur Radio Club, RADARC, M0AAA and MX0AAA, was founded in 1934 by Gerry Marcuse, G2NM and apart from a small gap during WW2 when many members were in the Armed Forces, the Club has been very active since then. The Club has around 90 members and meets at the Woodley Pavilion, Haddon Drive, Woodly, Reading, RG5 4LY. We run or sponsor training courses for the Foundation, Intermediate and Advanced Amateur Radio Examinations. M0AAA was the very first UK "M" prefix callsign issued. March 1994. The Club has other callsigns, G3ULT, G3AKF, and previously contest call M4T, now lapsed....During 2014, the 80th Year of RADARC, the Club hosted a number of MX0AAA QSO party operations...RADARC won the RSGB national "Radio Club of the Year" award for the UK in 2010 and we won again in 2013, the 100th anniversary year of the RSGB, which is a unique achievement and this was presented at the 2014 RSGB AGM in Manchester .”*

From: <http://blog.radarc.org/2018/06/12/michael-meermans-m0mpm-amazing-qls-card-page-is-now-live-on-radarc-org/>

## Need a conversation starter ?

So what could the “807” and “QSY” code have in common?  
So what are your favourite uses of the ever atrophying Q codes?

*Radio amateurs first got together in Niagara in 1948 to form local clubs. This history marks the privilege the Canadian federal government gave to it's 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:**

July 14-15th Weekend	WORLD RADIO Team Championship
July 22nd	Next Meeting n BBQ at Chez VE3CJX / RSVP to email address
August 1 - 5th	Port Colborne Canal Days Weekend
September 2018	NPARC 70th Anniversary