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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 Voice Net every Monday 8:00pm VE3RAF & Packet Net on Wednesdays.**

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October 16, 2019

Regional Niagara Headquarters

1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way
Thorold, ON

“There is always, always something to be thankful for.”

Thankful to all Amateur Radio Volunteers the New Radio Season Off to a Great Start!

Operators are getting familiar with their radios and the various settings available. The weekly Monday night **Niagara ARES 2M Net** is well attended. Now, to take advantage of the Yaesu Repeater using the **C4FM (digital) technology**, we have **another NET** (non formal) on **442.250MHz** a few minutes after the ARES 2M net.

A good number of volunteers participated in the **Terry Fox Run** on September 15. Rain held off until the end of the run and all went well. On September 21 we participated in a new event the “**Gapper XC**” at Agappe Valley in the Short Hills. This was an interesting event in a dense wooded area. We had 8 radio operators (marshalls) stationed around the course. Because of the lay of the land they were not within sight of each other. We used HT's on simplex frequencies. Everything went well, there was no injury to report along the rough course.

October calendar is filled with public service activities starting with **CIBC Run for the Cure** this past week end at the Brock University Campus. Everything went well, even the weather cooperated. The rain actually stopped for us a few minutes before the start of the Run.

We have a great group of volunteers in the Niagara ARES that are now quite ready to support the various public service events we are involved with. A Great Thank You to all.

On Thanksgiving, Monday October 14 we will be participating in the famous **Man A Mile Run**. It is a relay race from Fort George in NOTL to Oakes Park in Niagara Falls. Teams of runners will be racing **along the Niagara Parkway**, each running a mile. We will be stationed at key location to provide communications and security. If you are interested contact me. You do not need a radio, we can pair you with another radio operator. It is a good experience. You need to be on station by 0830. Race start at 0900, to be completed by 1200.

The yearly **SET (Simulated Emergency Training) Exercise** is scheduled for Saturday October 26, from 0800 to 1300. We are looking for volunteers to participate in this exercise that will **TEST** our preparedness to respond in case of a declared emergency. It could be a man-made or natural disaster. The scenario will be as realistic as possible.

We will be working with the GTA ARES Group using various mode of communications, connecting to all the NETs in the area. This time we will attempt to contact ARES Groups outside the area using HF communications. Voice and Winlink messages will be transmitted using VHF and HF. It is a tall order but remember this could be for real.

For this exercise we will be **activating radio stations in hospitals, fire stations and mobile stations**. You do not need to have a radio, you will be assigned with other operators in the field. This is a good time to practice your communications skills. The only prerequisite is participation and willingness to learn. Most of us were never involved in a REAL emergency or disaster. **We just want to be prepared. Just in case.**

All these events are great opportunities to fine-tune our communications skills and to provide support for upcoming community events. To sign up for these events contact me at va3ov@bell.net. Or call me at 289~407~4499.

Next Technite October 24 at 1700. Subject :Setting up HF radio station and install and tune various antennas in preparation for the **CQ World Wide Contest happening on Friday 25 at 2000 hours to Sunday October 27 at 1959 hours**. Operators will be needed to man two radio stations. Experience not needed. This is better than Field Day because you have the whole world to play with not just North America.

Keep these dates: **Sun. Nov. 16, 2019 for the Niagara Falls Santa Parade and Friday Dec. 6, 2019 for the Annual Christmas NPARC & ARES Get-to-Gether.**

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Interested in Actively Gathering Weather Data?

Even though we may not experience a disaster first-hand we are connected world-wide with amateur radio as well as weather data gathering networks such as CoCoRaHS which stands for Community Collaboration Rain, Hail & Snow Network. This group now connects Canadian volunteer weather observers. With standardized equipment, and reporting schedules one can have access to ground-truthed, actual data which is used for validation of predictive weather models. The Water Balance summary reports can now be found at : <https://cocorahs.org/ViewData>.



6:30pm
Dalhousie Yacht Club
Friday Dec. 6th
3 course meal
\$35 plus tax & tip.
Glenn 905 937-2823
to reserve.

Everyone Welcome, the More the Merrier!