



Niagara/GTA ARES

Volume 5 Issue 1

September 13, 2020

Special points of interest:

This newsletter is published periodically and focuses on the interests of radio amateurs in the Niagara area working with ARES Amateur Radio Emergency Service managed through Radio Amateurs Canada.

Website: <http://www.aresniagara.ca/>

Niagara ARES CEC:

Henry, VA3OV at: va3ov@bell.net.

Newsletter Editor:

Geddie, VE3CJX at ve3cjx@cogeco.ca



You are INVITED!

[Check In and Tell Us How You are Doing...](#)

Niagara ARES Voice Net

Mondays at 8:00 pm:

VE3RAF (145.190 MHz)

Niagara ARES Digital Nets

a) Wednesdays:

Winlink Packet (145.030 MHz)

b) Sundays at 9:00pm:

Winlink VARA-FM (145.090 MHz)

Preparation, Practice & Patience

We continue to face restrictive measures due to the pandemic. Slowly, life is returning to normal but it is not the time to relax our vigilance because the virus is still among us.

None of our meeting venues have reopened their doors for community activities.

The **Winlink VARA-FM Gateway (VE3ZPW-10)** is on **145.090MHz** is operational, as is **Winlink Packet Gateway (VA3OV-10)** is on **145.030 MHz**. We have conducted some exercises using P2P with success. We will continue to test this new mode and Winlink Packet until we are proficient in establishing communications throughout the Region and beyond.

Some of you have not used **Winlink RMS Express for a while. It maybe time to update the operating system and Winlink.** They should be updated weekly including your radio stations need to be checked regularly. When disaster strikes is not the time to perform maintenance.

To keep informed on upcoming changes in Winlink check their web site at <https://www.winlink.org>. Check in the NEWS section. There you will find an **extensive video library** that will assist you and provide answers to some of your questions.

We are **planning a SET exercise** to demonstrate our communications and deployment capabilities in time of emergency. **The Ontario SET is scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 2020.** Hopefully we can resume our exercises and travel to various sector of the region while following the local and provincial rules of safety.

Check the aresniagara.ca web site calendar of events for up to date information.

73 Be prepared. Stay safe.

Henry Jarzyna VA3OV
EC, CEC Niagara ARES
va3ov@bell.net
289-407-4499

New to Digital Modes?

For those who are just setting up in digital modes using Winlink there is no shortage of on-line resources such as that found at:

<http://www.w9uvi.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/All-About-Winlink.pdf>

You will be joining other local hams enjoying the learning curve together.

Interested in upgrading your radio skills or getting your basic amateur radio licence?

Classes are forming now in Niagara and are expected to run through to end of December. Please contact your instructors through NPARC at : <https://nparc.ca/> or other local radio club web sites for details.

If you are up to dedicating 10 to 20 minutes per day, you too can learn morse code.

Learning Morse Code Can be Fun and especially useful when you want to seriously do world scale contesting. Recommended CW Training Aids include: morsecode ninja and justlearnmorsecode.

Niagara Nets of Interest

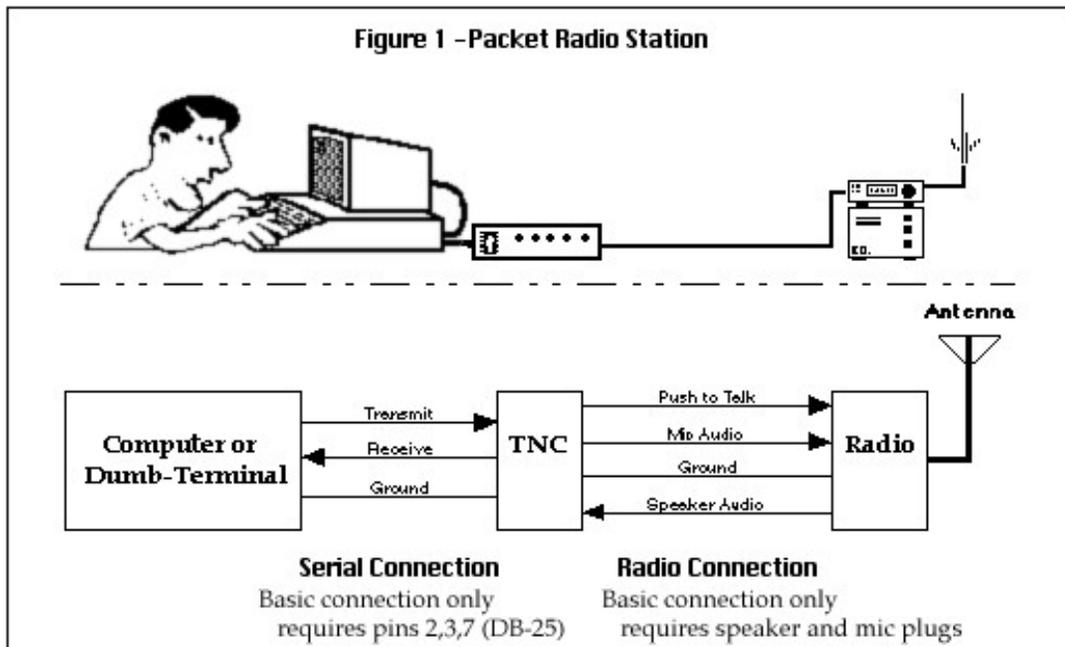
Niagara ARES Voice Net on **VE3RAF** 145.190 MHz - 107.2 Hz tone Monday 8:00 pm.

Trans Canada IRLP Net on **VE3WCD** 147.300 MHz + 107.2 Hz tone, IRLP 9013, Wednesday, 11:00 am.

ONTARS Daily Net on 3.755 +/- 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

NPARC Wednesday Weekly Net at 8:00 pm on **VE3NRS** 147.240 MHz + 107.2 Hz tone.

Net preamble may be found here. ANY SWL's can check in by e-mail or text to netcontrol @ nparc.ca



Images from: <https://newhams.info/2017/03/27/packet-radio/>

