

TO: ALL LAKEHEAD AND AREA AMATEURS
FROM: LAKEHEAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
SUBJECT: VE3YQT - THE REPEATER ON MOUNT BALDY

The club needs your help. VE3YQT the repeater on Mount Baldy is reaching the end of its reliable service life and needs replacing. We need to acquire a commercial repeater to install at Mount Baldy. A commercial repeater will give us an installation requiring low maintenance and infrequent trips up the mountain to service it. CKPR has been extremely good to us authorizing frequent visits to the site. If we keep it up their patience will wear thin. We have an extremely good location for our repeater with a wide area of coverage. A reliable repeater is needed if we are to provide to the community the various services for which we get requests. In the event of a disaster EMO expects us to perform with our usual efficiency and reliability, and last but not least the users and visitors expect a repeater that gives area coverage 24 hours a day and 365 days a year.

To replace the installation on Mount Baldy with commercial equipment will cost \$12,000.00 to \$13,000.00 for repeater, controller, heliastax and new antennas. The cost of the first stage is approximately \$5,500.00 for the repeater. The second stage will cost \$3,500.00 and the third stage will cost \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00.

Now for the reason for the letter to all area amateurs as well as Lakehead Amateur Radio Club members. The club has some money in the bank with a donation coming from a local charitable foundation. Our sources of funds are limited. If we are going to get the first and second stages complete before the snow flies we are going to need your help, and I don't mean time or good wishes. The club needs more funds. What I am asking you to do is dig deep in your pocket. We have over 50 members and over 120 area amateurs. If each amateur could see their way to contributing \$100.00 to this project we could have enough funds to complete all three stages. I know this is not a realistic expectation, not everyone is in a position to donate \$100.00, but, if you could look at even \$20.00, \$50.00 or \$75.00 you along with all the rest could make this project fly.

Look around your radio room and see how much you have invested. Check out your mobile and put together the cost of the vehicle and radio equipment. I think if you compare this with the cost of making a donation to the repeater fund, your donation will seem quite small, but when all the donations are grouped together it can be a sizable amount that gives the club the opportunity to progress and give you what you need.

One of these cold nights coming up when you are driving in the area and assistance is needed you will be glad to have helped to build a reliable system that is available for use by all, with excellent coverage and reliable communications.

I know you are going to think about this, but don't think too long. WE NEED THE FUNDS. Sit down, write up that cheque, or count out that cash, come to the next club meeting, contact one of the executive, or send your cheque in the mail to:

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 2571
THUNDER BAY, Ontario.
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Don't take too long, get it ready, send it now. Winter unfortunately is not far away and we have to get equipment ordered and installed before the cold weather sets in. Lets beat AJ's opening of the antenna season with this project, the technicians are waiting to do their thing.

73 DE VE3HFS
PAT DOHERTY

P.S. Dont send cash through the mails