



# THE BLACK FLY

## REPEATER ASSOCIATION

ANTENNA AT ESSONVILLE,  
HALIBURTON COUNTY, ONTARIO

VE3TBF

INPUT - 147.84 MHZ  
OUTPUT - 147.24 MHZ

PRESIDENT: Bob VE3LLE  
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Dear TBF Members:

It is my pleasure to assume the reins of TBF for the next year. With the assistance of such a fine executive as we have again this year, I don't expect it will require too much effort on anyone's part.

First, let me thank the outgoing group with a "Job well done"! We will be hard pressed to accomplish as much as they have in such a short time.

Probably the most noteworthy iron in the fire is the conversion to the 12 volt system. I'm sure this worthwhile effort presently under construction will be a great boon to the TBF user group.

I've been told that the largest number of interruptions in our system is often traceable to backfeed from the hydro system. Hopefully, this may well be reduced upon completion. This will improve an already excellent working system. Another tribute to our diligent engineer, Mark (VE3BDJ).

Best 73

Robert Elston  
President VE3TBF

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## NEWS UPDATES

**MEMBERSHIP:** We are slowly deleting expired names from the membership list. Please ensure that your renewal is in before the fall to remain on the list. Check your mailing label. It should read EXPIRY: JUN 89 if you are up-to-date. The next membership list will be published in the fall of 89. If any of the information is incorrect, please inform the Sec.Treas. as soon as possible.

**PICNIC:** After the annual meeting on July 2, about 50 people attended the luncheon at Peter's (DFD). The weather and the food were excellent. The consensus was that it was an event that should be repeated next year. Nick (LLJ) is still in hiding trying to protect the secret recipe for the flank steaks. It was great seeing people that were formerly only voices on the speaker. Many thanks to Art (DUI) and Coral for the salads, and other shopping chores.

**PBO LINK:** On August 14, Mark (BDJ) and the group from PBO activated the link. Despite some antenna difficulties, everything worked well. Some confusion occurred as stations who were unaware that the link was working suddenly were coming through in Peterborough. The situation is improving as everyone adjusts.

When activating the link, please ensure that the connecting hubs are free of traffic before continuing. The TBF 220 hub is now a channel to PBO and MUS (NFM). Also, it is important to identify your station prior to EACH link step.

From TBF, dial the hub (241 on, 240 off), and then PBO (281 on, 280 off).

If you dial up a repeater and find it busy, it is good manners to break in, identify yourself, and then dial it off. Do not simply touchtone it off in the middle of a conversation.

**SHACK REPAIRS:** During the summer, several members repaired the old shed. It needed to be jacked up, re-supported, insulated, etc. Thanks to LLE, DUI, NYC, DFD, and ALF for their effort. Also, Mark (BDJ) was up the tower sometime this summer working on the 220 antenna.

**SUNDAY MORNING NET:** The net is rapidly gaining popularity with many of the links to TBF connecting at 10:00 a.m. Thanks to Peter (DFD) who was Net Control Station for most of the summer. If you have never taken the net, give it a try. We can use more control stations who are transmitting on the Blackfly.

**CORDUROY:** The Annual Cord took place on Sept. 24-25 from Minden. TBF was again, very busy. Thanks to those people who assisted in this event.