

Rob Noakes, VE3PCP was first certified in 1983 in Ontario, Canada. In 1984, he took the advanced exam and re-tested for code at 15 WPM and achieved Advanced Amateur Certification.

As a young lad, Rob was exposed to Ham radio at an early age through his Father, Len, VE3CRW (SK – in 2008). His older brother John, now VE7NI was also interested and became certified as well.

As a family, Rob and his older twin brothers John and Don, accompanied their Dad to many Ham radio Field Day operations with local clubs. This planted the seed that Rob still enjoys today.

Rob was also active with Field Day operations after becoming a Ham himself as seen in the pictures from a local newspaper from 1986 when he had more hair and a beard!

Fast forward to today, Rob's wife Alicia, VA3KGZ and son Justin VA3AQZ operate as a family in many events including Jamboree on The Air with Alicia's Girl Guide Unit. They also operate for many other special events both Ham radio and local. Events like International Youth Day, Field Day, International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend, and local Fall Fairs and so on.

Since January 2019, their Club Station, VE3IHR, Inverhuron Ham Radio Club, have been active in the Canadian National Parks on the Air Program and also the US program, Parks on the Air. They do activations every weekend and have been enjoying many contacts and visiting parks. They plan on continuing with the special event stations throughout the year and beyond.

One goal Rob has set for himself this year is to get the rust off his code abilities and be able to operate code at some of the special events. He already operates FT8 at the special events but wants to add code as well. His wife Alicia has also expressed an interest in learning code. She and Justin have the Basic + Honors certification which gives them full HF privileges with power restrictions...