



October 30th. 2024 Presentation

Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club

The **Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club** is a 'not for profit' organization incorporated in the Province of Ontario that promotes Amateur Radio and provides Auxiliary communication Services in Cornwall and surrounding area. The Club's mailing address is 4672 O'Keefe Road, St. Andrews West, ON. K0C 2A0.

The **Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club** operates several repeaters in Cornwall and surrounding area. For a detailed list of repeaters operated by the club please visit our website at SVARC.ca.

- **President:** John Grow (VE2EQL)
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**Power Dam Visitor Center or
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Emergency Communications

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Join us tonight for the presentation of Tom Witherspoon K4SWL who lives in Swannanoa, North Carolina Tom will be presenting the issues faced with the damage of Hurricane Helene and the cut-off of all communications in the affective areas. Besides no communications, there were other issues of no power, no water, no passable roads and washed out towns and loss of life.

Tim Witherspoon K4SWL Bio <https://qrper.com>

I was first licensed as KC8GLI in 1997 while living in Athens, OH. A couple of years later, I upgraded my license to a General Class while living in North Carolina and my call changed to KF4TZK. After learning CW, I realized that KF4TZK was a fist full, so I changed my call to K4SWL to reflect my other passion for [shortwave radio](#).

In 2000, I moved to the UK for 3 years and held the call M0CYI. Working in IT for [Corning, Inc.](#), I traveled extensively throughout Europe though I had very little time to play radio. As an expatriate, my work kept me quite busy. I took a career change in late 2002 and worked on my MSc. in Social Anthropology from the [London School of Economics](#). I did find some time to attend a few ham radio club meetings with the Dorking Amateur Radio Club—what a great set of guys!

After my wife and I moved back to Asheville, NC, I started playing radio again and realized quickly how much I had missed it. Since then, I have been very radio active!

Tom's QRZ Page <https://www.qrz.com/db/K4SWL>

Venue of Meeting: Saunders Hydro Dam Visitor Centre
2500B Second Street West
Cornwall, ON K6H 5R6

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84742686333?pwd=cGdZNTN6bHRxWVdsQ0x-PS0VmZ2ZmUT09>

Meeting ID: 847 4268 6333

Passcode: 359854

Date: October 30, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

John Grow VE2EQL