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Meeting Date 9 April 1975 - 8 PM

Place Loyalist College Room 3L10

Program Courtesy of the Canadian Forces Base Film Library at Trenton we have obtained Four short films on interesting subjects as follows - -

1. The Ionosphere
2. Antenna Fundamentals (Bandwidth)
3. Antenna Fundamentals (Directivity)
4. Fundamental Propagation.

News - - Items

The hidden TX Hunt was held as planned on Sat. 15 March. Glen and Sandra CJK-HON were first to locate the hidden TX. Lots of fun. We will be having another before too long. Don't miss it. As some of the participants found out. There is more to a loop antenna than just a piece of wire.

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Bob VE3GTD won the William Thompson Memorial award for 1974, given for the most contacts during the year, Bob's log topped the list of those sent in to the judges.

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Club Membership - 1975 Last call for 1975 Dues. Mailing list will be revised immediately after the April meeting and May Bulletin will be sent to paid up members only. Dues are \$3.00 per year. Send to Mike Papper VE3FNP 19 Highview Cresc. Belleville, Ont. K8P3G3.

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Frank, VE3FMT Deseronto is the proud owner of a new Kenwood TR7200G Deluxe Mobile for 2 meters.

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Howard VE3RL says he believes he has provided rocks for everybody for the repeater change. If not, don't delay. Deliveries are running 2 months and the change over date is just under 2 months from now.

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North Bay celebrates its 50th. anniversary in 1975 and North Bay stations will be using the prefix X03. If you contact 15 stations in the city you will receive a certificate signed by the Mayor.

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Truro, Nova Scotia is celebrating it's 200th. anniversary and stations in that far city will use the prefix CH1.

Gene had a sked with Bert VE3AQI for 9 AM EST but was unable to hear Bert altho' he called and listened many times. I guess Bert forgot to let us all know about this - oh well, there is always next year Gene.

If anybody needs a good 20 meter HW32A (200 watts PEP), Gene will bring his home in April and its available for \$100.00.

Gene asks about all the gang including VE3HJ and VE3NI and we are happy to report Gene, that everyone is fine up here. See you soon.

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The New Repeater frequencies have been well publicised by now but I still get requests to print them in the Bulletin. So here goes once more. Crystal frequencies for your rig are: TX 146.400 RX 147.000 of course the repeater itself receives on 146.400 & transmits on 147.000.

Speaking of Crystals, we have run into a sneaky trick some of the suppliers are pulling these days. Never, we repeat never, order a crystal and tell him you want it for a HW202 or a IC22 etc. without specifying the complete crystal info as found in your manual for the rig. His idea of a suitable crystal for amateur use is a general purpose crystal. He will only supply a commercial grade when he is asked to do so. Otherwise you get general purpose. (no good for the Kenwood, Ultracom, Icom or Yaser rigs) and most of the time won't work well in the Barn Door rigs either.

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All Canadian Amateurs should study Docket 20282 (Proposal for changes) to the U.S. Amateur Licensing picture. It's too long to produce here but has been covered in QST, CARF and RSO Bulletins fully. As your local RSO Delegate VE3RL has been asked to report on it from the local scene. He would appreciate hearing your views. Preferably in writing.

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Rick VE3EJB our President, and XYL are off for a few days to Jamaica, then to Bermuda.

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Gord VE3CJJ a at the Hub of the Nation had the misfortune to severely injure his hand on an electric saw. He is in Napanee Hospital where he will be for a few days.

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The new Crystals for the repeater arrived 26 March - - so soon as the road into the site is in good shape - the change will be made.

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KINGSTON CORNER

THE AMATEUR RADIO COURSE at ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE is coming to the end of the line. It has been extended a few weeks, upon receipt of the announcement that future exams will be the multiple choice type, with a few basic solid state questions included. Some prefer to go it alone, and make their own appointment, but most will set for exams as a class some Thursday evening soon after Easter.

The ADVANCED AMATEUR CLASS is still holding up. They have finished the SSB and FM aspects of the exam and will now concentrate on a complete review. Some of these people are copying up to 18 W.P.M. Others are still struggling to reach that magic 15.

Mr. JERRY BRUSHETTE, D.O.C. DISTRICT MANAGER, spent an evening with the Thursday night class. He outlined the organization and function of DOC, and discussed the upcoming exam with the candidates.

BUSTER AND DORIS DOUBLEDAY VE3NF are off to HAWAII one day soon. We wish them all the best and will be ready for some tall tales from the PACIFIC when they get back.

Members of the KINGSTON REPEATER GROUP are working on some plans to extend repeater facilities in our area. Further details would be premature at this time. There are too many IF's and WHEN's to be sorted out, so we'll have to wait and see.

The Club has had a letter from the Sailing Olympics people asking what we would like to do and see done. In our reply we have stated that the Montreal Amateurs are working on a plan whereby Olympic contestants will be able to contact their homeland. We have offered to set up a link into Montreal and to provide mobile back up communications wherever they are required. A small amount of financial assistance may be forthcoming.

THE KINGSTON WALKATHON is planned for MAY. This used to be known as MILES FOR MILLIONS. THE KINGSTON CLUB will take part as usual. Present plans include the use of EMO equipment and operators as well as the usual 2 meter amateur net. This is part of the club role as EMO back up. To operate EMO equipment, an amateur must hold a Restricted Radio Operators' licence. Any club member who does not hold this licence should contact BERT HOVEY VE3EW for details on how to qualify.

THE KINGSTON CLUB has played an active role in solving some production problems in the CARF publication known as The Radio Regulations Handbook. Every station is supposed to have an amended copy of the Radio Act. The Handbook extracts those regulations that apply to amateurs, and sets them out in a language that can be read and understood. The Handbook is available from CARF for \$4.00. Their address is P.O. Box 356 KINGSTON.

Kingston Corner Cont'd.

BROCKVILLE AMATEURS are coming along. Arrangements are already under way for another course on the BROCKVILLE campus of ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE in September, and feelers are out for the formation of an amateur radio club.

The mail situation is playing havoc with amateurs. Several bits and pieces of equipment have been held up. When we see this situation happening over and over again, we can't help but wonder if our whole system of wage scales and settlements are not completely outdated. But then who are we to complain unless we can offer something constructive?

We still have a trickle of QSL cards coming in from the Bureau. One of the last batch was dated 1963. Whether it was held up in the USSR or in CANADA, or both, is a good question, but we do know our friends in TORONTO are doing what they can to beat the back log. Of course they can't do very much unless you send them a self addressed stamped envelope. And it must be big enough to hold some of the larger cards. The KINGSTON CLUB is doing what it can to ease the situation.

The ARRL film Fine Business is due in KINGSTON in time for the April meeting. Thanks to ONTARS and a friendly TORONTO amateur, we expect delivery to the front desk at ST. LAWRENCE in time for the meeting, in spite of the postal situation.

The entertainment committee, under direction of JIM FAWCETT VE3GJ is working on arrangements for the annual spring dinner and dance. They need everybody's support to make it the usual success and they plan to hold the cost down to no more than \$15.00 a couple.

RALPH CLIFFORD VE3UG is having some back trouble that restricts the number of hours he can spend in front of the work bench. He has formally announced that he is out of the TV repair business. Good luck RALPH.

We have a report from TONY PEREIRA VE3DMS that he has made many contacts recently with AFRICA, PORTUGAL, GERMANY, SOUTH AMERICA and PORTUGAL. The PORTUGUESE contacts tell him that they miss many CANADIAN contacts because they are unable to speak our language. The fact that TONY can speak Spanish, Italian and Portuguese has put KINGSTON on their radio maps.

TONY has also asked us to express his deep appreciation for the work done on his behalf by the QSL Bureau. He received 42 cards in the mail a short time ago and somebody had to dig into their own pockets to pay the postage. He has taken steps to rectify this situation. Perhaps CATHY HRISCHENKO could see to it that TONY'S thanks get back to the right people. CATHY is our contact with the Bureau and with the SCARBOROUGH Club.

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