

GROUNDWAVE

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MEETING

Time: January 9, 1952, 2015 hrs.
Place: St. Patrick's College, Echo Drive, Room 206.
Program: Two Motion Pictures from the Bell Telephone Co.

SECOND MEETING

Time: January 23, 1952, 2015 hrs.
Place: St. Patrick's College, Echo Drive.
Program: Conversion of 2-meter Mobile Units, by C. Broad, 3ZB.
Inexpensive Mobile Power Supplies, by G. Davis, 3BBW.

One of the March meetings will be devoted to gadgets. Everyone with a gimmick of their own should bring it along. A brief explanation will be called for and a prize for the most ingenious gimmick will be given. Dig out those tricks and let's see them.

BANQUET

About one hundred hams and friends gathered on Dec. 8 to enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. W/c Symes provided a most enjoyable and mystifying interlude with his box of tricks. A film on Civilian Defence Communications indicated what one city could do, and very forcefully illustrated what could happen to our own city in the event of an air attack. It also brought a great guffaw from all the XYLs when Junior, on being called to dinner, promptly turned off the rig and ran downstairs. That will be the day! It rounded out with dancing, contests and prizes. Certain energetic individuals were seen making themselves useful in many ways, such as 3ACS, 3BOZ, 3AOX, 3KF, 3BBW, 3BR, 3FW.

MEETING PLACE

Our meetings are possible through the kindness of St. Patrick's College and it would stand well in our favour if everyone would do a little to keep it tidy. There is a class there first thing in the morning so there is little hope of it being cleaned in time. If everyone will use the ashtrays that are there, and maybe bring a few more too, we will avoid any embarrassing situations.

ANNUAL DUES

This problem confronts us every year. Quite a large percentage of the membership is behind in their annual dues. In vain we have searched for a painless method of squeezing the two bucks out of people. It seems they think they are getting a bargain by paying as late as possible. If you are one of the tardy ones, a three-cent stamp will convey your contribution to Box 204, with no more fuss and bother. If you don't, then don't blame the postman for non-delivery of the next bulletin.

FOR SALE

Message blanks, printed by the club for members, are for sale at cost - 25¢ per pad of 100 sheets. First printing is not great and sale may have to be limited. See or fone the Editor to reserve one. Plans are to print more as the demand requires it. They are printed on attractive yellow paper of good quality with spacing for use on a typewriter or otherwise.

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Q R M by Ralph Bunt, VE3MX

VE3BR is temporarily off 6-meters since all his neighbours installed VHF receivers of the AC-DC variety. VE3RZ has some AM trouble in the AM -- in the PM he uses FM! VE2TT proved to a neighbour that his rig was not causing TVI. Incidentally, did you know that the old type incandescent lamp with the zig-zag filament causes severe TVI? Foolish question of the month: by the W9--- who asked VE3OW "...why he uses NBFM!" Total reported cases of BCI this fall, 7.

D X Etc.

Don Dashney, 3RM, is portable/2 for the winter: he has been worked several times on 75-meter fone and running a powerful 10 watts from Montreal ---- 3MP in Smiths Fallsworks into Mountain, 3CAU, on 2-meters now ---- a freak 6-meter opening on Dec. 16 gave 30J and 3ACSa chance at some DX, both working W9VZP ---- 3DYs one watt trickles almost to the city limits now with 3ACS as the best DX ---- 3BBW is heard less often now since his sked calls him out of town a lot ---- the Ted Hollinsworths are in that new house that has the built-in shack with the lying-down operating position: solid comfort is the thing ---- the Emergency Corps has about 31 members in the Ottawa district now ---- 3GI is interested in the 6-meter band and has a converter operating already ---- 3KF is nursing along a 150 mc standard frequency transmitter of about 100 watts which will be controlled from the NRC primary standard: it will be a dandy marker for 144 mcs ---- the Ottawa 6-meter E.C. net got listed in the latest QST list of nets ----.

V H F NEWS

The 50 mc net still meets at 2100 hrs on Tuesdays on 50.40 mcs. VE3AGU is net control. Almost any evening at 2100 hrs is a good bet for a QSO. Hopes have been spurred by an opening on Dec. 16 when two stations worked out, and a near opening on Dec. 28, when a few stations were heard but none worked. All ears are on Jan. 12 and 13 when an opening is expected along with the annual VHF Sweepstakes.

No report from the 2-meter gang for quite a while. Except for some testing by 3CAU with Smiths Falls and Ottawa there does not seem to be a regular net as there used to be on Mondays.

807s TO THE RESCUE -- a condensation from a story by VE3BR.

A veteran 829 at the 3BR shack temporarily put Norm off the 6-meter net, by giving up the ghost. After much study a pair of 807s were carefully groomed for the position. They were the only thing Norm had that would stand up to the power supply. With great bashing and trimming, the circuits were made to tune and again 'three burnt raisins' was on the air, better than ever. Ham radio scores again. But soon the neighbours began installing AC-DC sets, the better to hear him with no doubt. Anyway they mentioned this to him saying that they would like to hear the news once in a while. So now Norm is just using his 6V6 driver stage and keying it. Guess CW is still handy, even on 6-meters.

COMING EVENTS

Jan. 12-13: VHF Sweepstakes. Feb. 1 - 3; DX competition (fone).

Feb. 9 - 10; New Hampshire QSO Party. Feb. 15-17 " " "

Feb. 29. Mar. 1, 2; DX competition (CW).

Mar. 14-16 ; DX competition (CW)

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