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MEETING

Time: Wed. Sept. 24, 1952, 2015 hrs.
Place: St. Patricks College, Echo Drive, Room 206.
Program: FALL AUCTION
Nominations for Executive.

This first meeting of the new season will feature an Auction. It is far enough from Christmas to have some cash available and early enough in the season to get started on a winter project. Procedure will be same as before - bring your stuff tagged with your name and have it auctioned by the club. Club charges are only 10% of the going price. Dust off that surplus gear and bring it along.

Second item (and non too early) is the opening of nominations for the Executive for the next year. Nominations will also be received at the next meeting, ie. Oct. 8, and the election will be held on Oct. 8. So don't try to move that nominations be closed at this meeting!

HAMFEST

The Hamfest got under way on a fine day last June with a number of contests for the kiddies and adults. An imposing number of prizes were drawn but things were halted abruptly by a sudden summer shower. However things were pretty well over so everyone packed up. One of the highlights of the afternoon was the egg-and-spoon race for hams and XYL's. This was won by Hal Walsh and XYL and wonder of wonders all the eggs were returned intact. No, they were not hard boiled! But they made a very nice second prize.

FIELD DAY

Perhaps the less said the better about this years effort. Of all the people who said that they wanted a field day, only four turned up to get things on the air. At least two other groups were operating independently of the Club station. Such a drain of experienced operators hardly represents club co-operation. It is things like that which thoroughly discourage anyone from organizing such activities. What would you do under these circumstances. Phil Laprade is to be commended on the fine effort that he made. Well 'nuff said. If anyone so much as mentions Field day in the next six months he will promptly have his ears singed off.

NEW REGS

The long awaited VE-W reciprocal agreement has at last become a reality. Now you can take your Mobile rig with you on your vacation. A word to the wise however, make sure that you have proper authorization. Full details may be had in the Sept. issue of QST. There is a little red tape involved as might be expected under such circumstances but look at the new horizons that are opened.

Also the 21 mc band is open for fone use. The freqs are 21.200 to 21.450. Looks like an interesting band with some of the advantages of both 10 and 20meters. Already 3KF has a beam on 21 mcs and has worked a bit of DX too.

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CLUB RECEIVER - a report by Jim Swail.

As I promised at one of the meetings last spring, I obtained the club receiver for repair. Of its complement of 11 tubes, five were U/S and replaced and the set completely realigned. I also discovered that the band-switch contacts and the phasing and pitch controls are noisy, and will have to be attended to soon. All this bears out my contention that a fund should be set up to maintain the receiver. This fund should preferably be obtained by charging a small rental for its use. In this way the people using the receiver will pay for its maintenance. If this is not done eventually the set may deteriorate beyond repair.

V H F by Gerry Harbottle, VE3AGU.

The VHF season is just about over as far as DX goes for this year. Not enough sun-spots. Even so 3CJ added a few new states to his list this summer. 3CAU, 3DLH and 3RM picked off some 144mc DX tho.

The 50.4mc E.C. net starts its regular Tuesday nite sessions on Sept. 23 at 2100 hrs. Make sure you get on if you want to keep that Net xtal. (I wonder if that means me, Ed.) Don't forget the VHF QSO party on Sept. 20-21, 1400hrs to 2400hrs Sunday. Also a Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be held on Oct. 11-12 and all E.C. members are requested to take part in the activity. We hope to have a record number of mobiles for this occasion. Notify 3BBW if you are mobile.

MOBILE WANDERINGS

One of the projects carried out by the mobile group this summer was to check field strengths in the Ottawa area. With 3AGU as the fixed station, using a co-ax antenna (vertical; tsk, tsk) solid communication was obtained for a 12 mile radius, to places like Richmond, Chelsea, Winchester, Orleans, South March etc. An interesting test between 3BBW/m and 3SB/m, and 3AGU and 3CAU was made with one mobile on each side of the Rideau River. Contact was held to at least one station all the way to Mountain. On the return, 3BBW got lost in Winchester but with the help of 3AGU got straight again. George has three more mobile sets under way which he hopes to have going for the SET in Oct.

WANTED, NC-101x receiver; will swap xmtr parts etc. or small amount of cash. See Jim Swail, SH-6-1437.

ARCOVERS

Ted Hollinsworth, 3PG, Commodore of the RA Sailing club has already won three spoons and is heading the fleet in points-- probably getting ready for maritime-mobile. Just learned he's a real old salt too--- Bob, 3RF, and XYL were seen looking at washing machines at the Ex - probably with a view to a new rotator --- Whit, 3ALJ, has been rolling out the miles all summer in his new Vanguard--- Art Ford, 3AP, has obtained an antenna farm (and new house) in Alta-Vista area--- Jim Hood, 3CA, has transferred to Montreal--- Jim Swail, 3KF, took first place in the Ont. sect'n in the CQ-DX contest-- he also has a 15 meter beam up and working --- 3ACS has been busy gardening his four acres this summer --- 3AOX is possibly headed for Washington shortly --- Burt Coy should be in his house soon --- 3RM will soon get back to studies again --- 3ZB is somewhere up in Northern Quebec .

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