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MEETING

Time: Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1952, 2015 hrs.
Place: St. Patricks College, Echo Drive, Room 206.
Program: SHORAN, a New Aid to Surveying, By M.J. Neale,
National Research Council.

PROGRAM NOTES

The operation of a typical Shoran unit will be explained with slides and diagrams along with a description of its use in the field. This equipment which is moderately complex and costly, has made possible the rapid and accurate surveying of vast areas of Canada. Its use will probably increase with the years to come and we are fortunate in hearing about it from a man who has been very closely connected with its adaption to our needs from the start.

PAST MEETINGS

The first Oct. meeting was Election night. The Election was duly held and the following persons were elected to office:

President: Hal Walsh, VE3BFW,; Vice President: Stu Gardiner, VE3CAX, ; Secretary; Wally Johnstone, VE3LX. Treasurer: Gord Grant, VE3DY; Technical Advisor: Meade Wood, VE3CMW. A vote of thanks is certainly due to the Nominating Committee who selected a panel of persons willing to run.

A committee to study ways and means of attacking the TVI problem was appointed with Burt Coy, VE3GI as chairman. Cooperation with the local Association of Radio Repairmen is a prime object. With the Repairmen suitably informed on the causes and treatment of forms of interference arising from Amateur stations, which are not radiating undue harmonics, many difficulties could be resolved. The Committee will report at a subsequent meeting with suggestions for action and everyone is asked to cooperate where possible. It should be aware to all that TV is here, and with TV comes its brotherly menace TVI.

A motion regarding the care and operation of the HQ-129-X club receiver was passed and is briefly as follows: the Tech. Advisor will have custody of it and to defray the costs of keeping it in repair, a rental charge of 50¢ per week will be in order. Rental will be for not longer than one month if there is a request for it. It will also be on call for emergencies with a pro rata adjustment of the rental fees.

An important change in club operation was made at the second meeting, namely that we will meet only once a month. It has been such a burden to past executives to plan two meetings a month that it is hoped that one meeting will mean a better one and with better attendance too. To that end also we have tentatively arranged for a change of meeting place which will have facilities for refreshments, and with less restriction on closing time. Our stay at St. Pats has been a most pleasant one and we are very grateful to them for putting up with us. It has certainly helped us through some trying times and we may be very glad to return. But more of that next month.

BANQUET

December has been our traditional banquet month. So this December it is the 6th, Saturday, and will be at the Standish Hall, Hull. Dinner will start promptly at 1900 hrs and will be a turkey special, settled by a speaker, and topping off with dancing as late as you wish. Liquid refreshment to your own taste and price will be available. Tickets will be \$2.00 per person and will be available at the next meeting. After that tickets will be in the hands of suitably located sellers. Fone the Treasurer, Gord Grant, to be directed to the nearest one.

COMING EVENTS

Notice of a few lectures that may be of interest to someone has come to our att'n.. On Thur. Nov. 20, at the Museum, Malcolm M. Thomson, VE3MA, will give a lecture on "Keeping an Eye on the Time" at a meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. The time is 2015 hrs and everyone is welcome.

A folder from the local chapter of the I.R.E. indicates two lectures to be held in the near future at the N.R.C. Auditorium, one on Dec. 4th by Professor Sinclair of the University of Toronto, who will speak on "Antennas". Jan. 21, 1953 will feature Sir Robert Watson-Watt of RDF fame. It will be also at N.R.C. Three others are scheduled for later on but the speakers are not announced at this time.

V H F by Jerry Harbottle, VE3AGU.

The six meter gang(CD net on Tue. at 2100 hrs on 50.40 mcs) held a Simulated Emergency Test on Oct. 12 with VE3s ACS, CSD, GI, MX, BBW, SB, fixed stations reporting in to AGU as Net Control. 3BBW, CSD and SB went mobile during the main part of the test and provided excellent signals throughout the city. VE3CSD had to catch a train after the test so a mobile escort was provided, as part of the exercise. 3LX is a recent convert to 50 mcs. Hope to hear you on regularly Wally. 3GI is putting out a good signal from his new QTH at Merrivale. 3PL finds that his TV set is a good monitor for the six meter band. We hear that local 50 mc stations are giving Channel 2 lookers a rough time. TVI is here.

ADSFOR SALE

1000-100-10kc Crystal Frequency Standard; new tubes, 812s 811's, 866a's, 866jr's, 829B's; Mead Wood, VE3CMW, SH 6-6978.

Message Blanks, 25¢ per pad of 100 sheets; see the Treasurer.

QSL cards, VE3BCB, Toronto; club has samples; attractive prices.

STATISTICS

A complete statistical analysis is not ready yet but possibly by next month we can tell what the club is thinking. This is of course about that questionnaire that was sent out last month. The returns are running about 50% now. It means of course that we will be able to cut down on our mailing expenses quite a bit because the return of the questionnaire is the only way of telling whether the bulletin is going where it should. One thing is certain at this time and that is that everyone without exception likes to receive GROUNDWAVE. This of course has made the Editor swell with such pride that he will probably forgive some of those backsliders who havent returned their stamped and addressed envelopes with questionnaires, for a month or two more. But don't tax his patience too long.

NEW FACES

Several new members have been added to our roster this year. Doug Burrell, 3CDC, an ex VE1, is a 4 mc mobile man and is ex-Editor of the VE1LC Club Bulletin. Henry Stockwell, 3BCU, and Mailes Dier, 3BCO, are Fisher Park students, and interested in VHF. (We need more strength on 50 mcs.) John Hart, 3CBI, is an ex-G and leans toward 28 mc fone, for which he is rebuilding. Keith (Moe) Lake, 3CDB, works 14 mcs in general. Bill Marsh, 3SB, hails from Western Ontario and is one of our 50 mc standbys out at City View. Also works mobile on 50 mcs. and puts in a good signal on 3PL's TV set!

ARCOVERS

Wally Hainge, 3IB, is in hospital here trying to recover from an attack of arthritis. At an emergency Executive meeting, we decided that here was a fine use for our club receiver. It was forthwith carted out to Vetrans Pavilion, Ward B, and Wally hasn't taken the headphones off since. We wish Wally a speedy recovery, but why not drop out and see him for a few minutes, while he is there. Just look for the one with the fones on. 30J has a lot of surplus stuff to get rid of and he was trying to make a sale or two over the air recently--...- the 3BBW Mobile Rig Factory has just about completed another run of high class mobile units -- for 50 mcs naturally --...- 3LX, your new Secretary, is planning his rig to go mobile and will likely have it in by spring --...- 3BFW could use a few extra 'C' clamps or vice-grip pliers to hold his new 'car' together--...- 3BEB needs only a transmitter to get on the 50 mc net - he sees quite a few of the boys right now when tuned to channel 2 --...- 3DY lost his drive last week; anyone finding same please send it home --...- the Hamilton Club Bulletin has a financial statement of imposing proportions --...- heard on the air the other nite -- a reference to our Sacred GROUNDWAVE as the Groundsheet!! --...- 3RM is back in Montreal for school again --...- 3CAU/m comes to town regularly to give the 50 mc CD Net a workout --...- 3ACS has a new antenna mast that he designed himself; looks very nice, is 36 ft high and weighs only 56 lbs.

EARLY BIRDS

Believe it or not but we have no less than 23 members paid up for the new year. November 1 is the day to pay and if you do not have a membership card in with this bulletin then you are in arrears. Failure to pay your dues promptly is a failure of duty to the club.

This extra page is a bonus for this month only. Don't expect it every time because the Editor has to sleep just like you do. If you want to help though, sit down and write some articles on any subject at all even remotely connected with ham radio. There great amounts of ability lying dormant in this club. It wont do you or anyone else any good if it stays there. In particular regular reports on operating conditions and activities on the lower freq. bands are needed. How about it as a regular feature some of you fellows who listen a lot?

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