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MEETING

Time: Wednesday October 7, 1953, 1945 hrs.
Place: St. Patricks College, Echo Drive, Room 208
Program: ANNUAL FALL AUCTION

Now that everyone has had a nice quiet summer and has, after much persuasion, cleaned up the shack, the problem is what to do with the excess junk. That problem is neatly solved by the Annual Fall Auction, where you can turn that stuff into some of the green stuff. Drop it in a carton, tag the items with your name, and bring it along. If you don't have transport fone someone near you who has. For the uninformed, the items are put on the block and sold to the highest bidder, for which service the club deducts ten percent for handling charges. If it is anything like the last auction in the Spring we should have a lot of happy people after it is over. Note the starting time! We have to get finished in reasonable time. Come early and bring your stuff. P.S. Bring some money too!

June Meeting

At the Annual Election a new slate of officers were put to work. As it stands now the guiding lights of the club are: President, Phil Laprade, VE3KN; V-Pres. Wally Johnstone, VE3LX; Secretary, Mailes Dier, VE3BCO; Treasurer, Gord Grant, VE3DY; Tech. Advisor, Carl Epp, ex VE4ABB. We're away to a good start fellows so lets keep it going and have another successful year.

FIELD DAY

Last June 20-21 saw a great exodus of hams from the city. No less than twelve gathered at a spot on the Gatineau at Kirks Ferry, 3DY's place, there to pound brass and wipe the perspiration for a gruelling 24 hour run. Some were even so eager that they went up Friday and had a few rag-chews before 'the day'. Those present were: VE3RF, GI, BCU, BCO, DY, LX, BR, RM, CDG, DMT, AQC, and VELEDT. A rig loaned by CDG was set up to operate on 3.5 and 7. mc fone and cw. A second rig on 50 mcs was used primarily as a communication link to the city. AGU was the in-town station. (50 mc rig was loaned by 3RM). Receivers were the club HQ-129x and a National 1-10 loaned by BBW. Antennas were strung all over the place and it just wasn't safe to wander around in the dark. One can get hung so easily. The inner man was under the tender care of 3RF (imagine, with a call like that and he likes to be cook!) and he did a bang-up job in that department. If you think feeding a dozen ravenous hams is easy, just ask Bob. Total contacts was 168: 98 on 7 mc cw; 46 on 3.5 mc cw; 20 on 3.8 mc fone; 4 on 50 mc fone. Total score was 1755. 3GI took the honours for the most contacts per hour, 3DMT, Ian McIntyre had the best dx - a W5. Almost everyone put in hour stretches as operator and logger. All in all everyone said that they had a good time and the only casualty was a pair of side cutters belonging to 3DY. If anyone has them in their tool box by mistake he offers a small reward for thier return. FB fellows, lets do it again next year.

V H F

One of the best openings of the year happened on June 21 during the Field Day. W4FBL, a FD station, was working them like mad. He even worked VE3BBW/m somewhere north of Kingston. There was a brief opening to the

East when 3AGU and 3OJ talked to VE1OM in Halifax. VE1OM, Doug Johnson, is President of the Halifax Amateur Radio Club and spoke some kind words about the Groundwave and the 50 mc group. But in general this has been a quiet season. The sunspots just aren't doing their best this year. However we should hit the low pretty soon and another year or two should bring definite improvement.

Meantime, the 50 mc C.D. Net meets at 2100 hrs every Tuesday on 50.4 mcs.

BANQUET

It's not too early to think about it. Better start saving some money too. Since we omitted the usual Hamfest this Spring, this year's Banquet will be a combination of both. Sort of a Bangfest -- or maybe it is a Hamquet? We're not too sure but anyway it will be on the first Saturday in December, Dec 5, with the exact time and place to be announced later.

ARCOVERS

By the time this is in the mail 3BBW will be on his way to Korea for ten months or so....- 3DY added a small harmonic this summer. Freq. is about ten times a day, quality fair, amplitude way off scale before meals, input about 35 oz; output about the same(high efficiency eh?)

YACHTING NEWS

On August 11 to 14th the Canadian Dinghy Association Regatta was held at the Britannia Yacht Club. An Amateur Radio net was organized by 3AGU to keep the landlubbers informed of the progress of the race, and the Committee boat in contact with the shore. As it turned out, traffic from the Committee boat was almost nil, and so the operators on the rescue boats doubled as commentators. The clubhouse station fed the incoming signals directly into the local P.A. system. This saved a lot of repetition. The Yacht Club supplied all the portable power and local hams such as 3AGU, LX, DY, BBW, PG, and ACS supplied equipment and ops. Much sunburn was had by all. The Yacht Club was most appreciative and sent a letter of thanks afterwards. It put in a fine plug for Ham Radio.

ADS For Sale

Set of B & W 500 watt coils; 200 ft BA4-M, 95 ohm twin shielded cable; 200 watt transmitter, all bands; Jim Swail, VE3KF, SH6-1437.

MORE ARCOVERS

3OJ signs K4FAU from Alabama on Sundays about noon on 14 mc and monitors 50 mcs continually- 3PC has had another good sailing season and initiated Wally Hainge, 3IB, when he was here....- 3KF and ZW took the fone and CW in Canada in the ARRL DX contest, KF 50,358; ZW 119,196....- 3MX is building a mighty one-watter for 50 mcs on the same pattern as the very successful 3LX design....- 3GI was first to arrive at the North Bay Hamfest....- 3AGU has an ingenious mobile antenna mount.

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