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MEETING

Time: Wednesday April 3, 1963, at 2015 E.

Place: N.R.C. Sussex St., Room 3001.

Program: Equipment Building Contest display and Judging
Demonstration and explanation of some of the equipment.
Ragchew.
Coffee and cookies.

This is the culmination of the building contest where everybody gets to see what the other feller has been doing in the basement all winter. Although we have talked to only a few of the members we have the impression that there will be a large number of entries. The more entrants there are, the more is the prize money. Remember this time there is no restriction on when you made an item. You can dig up any piece of gear that you are pleased with, even part of your station, and submit it in the competition. Next year's contest will likely be limited to items made within the past year, and will also probably eliminate any item that wins a prize this year. So look over your stuff right now. Remember, no kits.

BANQUET

Now we can tell you that the OARC Banquet will be on 3 May, Friday, at the Bruce-Macdonald Hotel on Carling Ave., Starting time will be about 1845 E. Tickets will be \$2.50 per person, and the net procedure will be: Dinner (bar is open earlier) at 1845E, guest speaker, games, prizes music, dancing and a conveniently located cocktail lounge. There is ample free parking at the rear of the hotel. The room that we were able to get is not the largest in the house but will accommodate all the club members. For this reason the tickets will be limited and if you plan to bring guests, reserve your tickets early. Tickets will be available from the members of the executive and the Banquet Committee by April 3. This will be the first banquet in three years and we hope to make it a really good one.

NEW VHF NET FORMED

A 2-metre net has been formed in the area that is called for want of an official name, the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Seaway Valleys Net. The purpose of the net is for traffic, communication and emergency work. The joint net coordinators are Gord, VE3BTF in Chrysler, and VE3FJS in Moose Creek. They are ideally situated to be control stations for a net of this coverage and expect to be able to control Ottawa, Montreal, Kingston and Renfrew and all in between. Net frequency is 144.5mcs with 144.75 as an alternative. Net time is 1900 hrs EST Wednesdays (0000Z Thur). Participation is open to all, and members will be exhorted to provide full emergency and mobile equipment for themselves at the earliest opportunity. There were about ten stations called in on the first round from Iroquois, Cornwall, Hawksbury, and Ottawa.

FIELD DAY 22-23 JUNE, 1963.

This time of year will roll around all too fast as all good Fielddayers know. All too soon is the time gone that we were going to use to get ready. Equipment is usually not too great a problem but getting it all together and working smoothly is another problem. Experienced operators of course are always lacking and Fieldday morning is not the time to start training. Each person can train themselves now, on their own rig, learn to use break-in, be concise, call into a few nets, carry some traffic. All these will improve your usefulness as a Fieldday operator. But something that we need, urgently, is a location from which to operate. Our spot of last year is no more available. A summer cottage, preferably with some other diversions like swimming, with or without power, without too many close neighbours to be bothered by a gas-generator, would fill the bill. If anyone has one of the above, or reasonable facsimile, available, fone the Pres. immediately, 728-1369.

PROVINCIAL POLICE APPOINTMENT

Eric Silk, VE3VE, has been recently appointed commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police. He was until recently, assistant deputy attorney-general of Ontario. He has also been very active in the Ontario Amateur Radio Association. Members of that organization should have received a notice in the past week of a meeting held in Toronto on Mar.17. With VE3VE in his new position perhaps we can expect to see an education program among the officers on patrol that a mobile halo is not necessarily a sign that there is a T-V set in the car. (Hi Jerry) Well we wish him well in his new job and don't expect to call him for help on the mobile when we have been speeding or something!

CROSS COUNTRY

The Boy Scouts Assn announce that the Quebec Boy Scout Hq, 2085 Bishop St, Montreal, have opened a Ham Station, VE2CBS. Equipment donated by the Can, Marconi Co.

Brandon club plans a dance and banquet on 6 April.

From Winnipeg, the Manitoba amateurs feel that after ten years of effort that they are now close to getting call letter plates. VE7DH reports that VE7ACE, VE7BHD, VE7BBQ and VE7DH are active on 50mc in Naniamo.

Halifax reports a Dutch Treat Party. Anyone know what it is? Walt Wooding, VE3CLJ, was a visitor. Elvin Veale, ex VE3BQL/SU is now VE1AIC. Winners in VE1 contest were: fone VE1AHL, 1FR, 1PB: cw VE1QC, 1MA, 1PM. VE1EK is reported to have bought call letter plates for his xyl-VE1YL, because she had trouble finding her V-W in Simpsons parking lot!

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