

O.A.R.C. BULLETIN

June 30th, 1966

PLEASE NOTE -----

NO MEETINGS DURING JULY AND AUGUST.

NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 1966 - Another issue of GROUNDWAVE before then, D.V.

FIELD-DAY was a great success. Over, sorry, nearly 1,200 contacts were made by the four stations operating, as compared with 650 odd last year. Gord, 3DY, is still checking and cross-checking, so we still haven't got the final figures. We did get some good publicity - Ottawa Citizen on two days; CBOT TV on Sunday evening. We hope to get the full CBOT film for later showing, by the way.

LOST - on Field-day. One ~~shaver~~ soldering gun. Finder please let Rolly, 3COW, ~~79~~ 729-0215 know.

FOUND - One bronze ash tray (no butts!) Bob, 3CDG 722-8808

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MEETING

Time: Wednesday 1 June, 1966, 2000 hrs.
Place: NRC Sussex Dr., Room 3001.
Program: CADC Lists and Phoning List.
Presentations to Graduates of Beginner's Class.
Special Presentation to VE3ATU.
Field Day Briefings.
Film: OARC Field Day 1964.
Coffee and cookies with the ragchew.

There have been some CADC offerings on which the Club has bid on speculation since the due dates were too early for the meeting. Any other items that arrive in time will be presented. Persons who are anxious to be informed of CADC items during the summer months should get their names on a special phoning list that will be on hand.

Our Beginners Class graduates will be assembled at this meeting and will be presented with a token of achievement by the Club. They will then have an opportunity to win a receiver that has been donated by an anonymous friend for a beginner. For this occasion Controller Ellen Webber will be present to assist in the ceremony.

This will be the last regular meeting before Field Day and will be the time to make any final arrangements or present briefings. If the hot weather doesn't melt the splices, a short film taken at the 1964 Field Day will be shown.

MAY MEETING

A point of interest and safety was raised by Gerry King, VE3BST. He showed the remnants of a 15 volt electrolytic capacitor, about one inch long by 3/4 inch in diameter originally, that exploded in his face when he accidentally got it connected across a battery with the polarity reversed. The capacitor exploded with a noise like a blowout sending parts in all directions. One piece grazed Gerry's cheek and left a cut about two inches long ending up imbedded in the insulation under the hood. Gerry was dazed for a few minutes but by meeting time, about two hours later, he had not regained all his hearing in his left ear. Gerry showed

the pieces and the cut as an object lesson to the rest of us who might not escape as lightly another time. WATCH THAT POLARITY.

The Election was conducted with spirited interest and drew a full house. The Nominating Committee presented a full slate to get the nominations going. Some of those nominated were not elected but their willingness to participate and stand for office is most commendable. As a result of the election the officers of the club for 1966-67 beginning their term as of 1st of July are:

President: Ken Watkins, VE3CAL
V. Pres: Ray James, VE3CUA
Treas: Maureen Neill, VE3FZJ
Sect'y: Garth Champion, VE3E0F
Tech.Advs: Fred Hawkins, VE3KH
Oscar Sandoz, VE3CRA

RETIRING EXECUTIVE

We would be remiss if we neglected to pass along our sincere thanks for services rendered by the retiring Executive members. Len Jarrett, VE3EWE, has served as Treasurer for two years and has kept our books in apple-pie order. Graham Ide, VE3BYT, V.-Pres. for the past year will now have time to press on with his experiments in UHF and RTTY. Bob Knapp, VE3CDG, although willing to serve for another term, is slated for some special work by his employer and will probably do a lot of travelling in the next two years. Bob has been a real dynamo and inspiration this year so lets hope he will be back soon.

BEGINNERS COURSE

With the experience of another course behind us there may be strong recommendations that next year's class members pass certain minimum course requirements. The time available through the winter seems just not enough to start from scratch to an Amateur licence. The exams are getting tougher now: more theory is required. For this and other reasons the candidates for next year may be required to have a basic knowledge of electrical and electronic theory. This way more emphasis may be spent on things that are specifically Amateur Radio, and leave more time for CW instruction. This in turn may mean that a course in basic electronic theory is needed. Time and circumstances will dictate the result, but we will try to keep you informed of developments.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP: BIGGEST IN CANADA?

Our President in conversation recently with Noel, VE3CJ, remarked that our club membership had now reached 179 and how did that stack up with other clubs? The reply was that with that number we must be the largest club in Canada. No small credit for this is due to two Presidents, Steve, VE3ATU, and Bob, VE3CDG. Lets keep up the good work and keep up the Club too.

PHONE PATCHING

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One of the services an amateur is giving to the general public; perhaps the one which can give the most pleasure and, indeed, have far-reaching affects, is that of using his equipment to allow Canadian servicemen overseas, in the Arctic and on Canadian ships at sea to talk to their wives and families at home. The affect on the morale of the servicemen who has been away for many months is inestimable. The welfare sections of our Armed Forces are the first to admit this and, nowadays, will readily provide the necessary equipment for our bases overseas, at the same time ensuring that a properly qualified and licenced operator is always available, always providing that arrangements can be made with the 'host' country so as to permit phone-patching and third party traffic.

At the present moment, such stations exist at Alert, in the N.W. Territory (VE8RCS) and at Rafah, on the Gaza Strip (VE1AED/SU). Negotiations are proceeding with the Government of Tanzania in an attempt to obtain their agreement to a station being established there for the benefit of the Canadian Army personnel engaged in training the Tanzanian Army.

As well as Service personnel, there are employees of the Dept. of Transport located at weather, etc, stations throughout Norther Canada. Most of their sites have amateur stations, using the prefix VE8--. From time to time, a licensed crew member on one of the Navy ships obtains permission to set up a station and there are at present several VEØ-- calls to be heard.

Across Canada there are many Amateur operators who devote themselves, often at great personal inconvenience, to setting up phone patches for these overseas and Norther stations. Among them locally are 3CT, Charlie; Walt 3CLJ; Frank 3EVK and Ernie 3CXU, to name but a few. During weekdays, 3WSB also will be doing its 'Good Turn' with the aid of the phone patch presented to it by the Club last year.

FIELD DAY

The team captains are busy in various ways assembling gear and recruiting operators for the 'great day'. Folding tables and generators will be on hand. Location is the same as last year. The area will be fogged to keep the wild life in tow. Log sheets and check sheets have been requested. All logging is to be in GMT and anyone not familiar with the system had better get with it by next month. The check sheets will be there to be used (and neatly too) to avoid duplicate contacts. Don't forget the spare parts, food, tools, tents and sweaters; it gets cool in the country at night.

ADS

FOR SALE

GR-10 in cabinet with matching speaker, \$100. MT-1, Cheyenne, mobile transmitter, less pwr supply and mike: \$100. Kevin O'Reilly, VE3FSO, 733-4826.

ARCOVERS

Harry Neill was seen recently at the RA Yacht Club: said that he hadn't sailed for years and sort of wanted to get his feet wet. He did too -- right up to his armpits-...- one of our members W.D. Ramsay, VE3FEC, was recently awarded the Carleton Engineering Medal, a real honour indeed-...-3DY worked a feller near Syracuse on 80CW who said he was running 150mw with a transistor rig. See QST for Oct. '65, page 56 for a picture and description of the rig-...-

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