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VE3RC, VE2CRA

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MEETING

Time: Wednesday 13 Mar. 1968, 2000 hrs.
Place: NRC Sussex Dr., Room 3001.
Program: Developements in Communication, by R.N. Smillie, of
the Bell Telephone Co. of Canada.
Business
Coffee and ragchew.

The main part of the meeting will be a presentation by R.N. Smillie of the Bell Telephone Co. on recent developements in communication. It is about 20 years ago that Bell Tel Labs people developed the transistor that has helped the electronics industry to mushroom. The transistor led the way to integrated circuits and micro-circuits that are used so widely in industry today and will be the commonplace items of tomorrow. We're looking forward to hearing Mr. Smillie again.

FEBRUARY DX

As Hal, VE3QA, says, you've got to define DX. In the early days DX was a few blocks. Now you can go three-quarters the way around the world -- long path that is. Hal spoke to a packed house on his favorite subject - DX hunting. With 320 countries confirmed, he could speak with authority. His words of wisdom should be printed in large letters around every DX-hopeful's hamshack: LISTEN; LISTEN; LISTEN; and then LISTEN SOME MORE. His talk was suitably punctuated with humorous remarks that brought the house down. Hal had several displays of exotic cards that elicited much interest. FB Hal.

APRIL MEETING

3 April is the date when there will be another feature attraction conducted by Gerry Harbottle; VHF. Gerry will coordinate a group to give us some info about frequency generation for receivers, antennas, transistor converters, and some tapes of typical VHF activity.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Due to severe business pressures, Oscar Sandoz, VE3CRA, has found it necessary to submit his resignation. Jim Strain, VE3BSG, has agreed to carry on in the interim.

APPOINTMENTS

Fred Hawkins has been unable to carry on as Technical Advisor and Ken Watkins, VE3CAL, has been appointed to fill out the term. Bill Cousins, VE3CTK, has agreed to fulfill the office of Custodian of Equipment.

VHF ACTIVITIES

Some new calls heard on 2m FM are: V2YYP, VE3DQ, 3GJD, 3CAL, 3ETX, 3GFI, VO1GR/3.

It is a great delight to the earlier repeater operators to hear the activity on VE2CRA. However a secondary frequency for base/base rag-chewing now seems to be in order. A freq. of 146.760 has been suggested for both transmitting and receiving. This freq. is suggested because of its proximity to frequencies already in use, which should allow switching without retuning. It is a freq. now being used in Montreal.

Anyone travelling through Sault St Marie this summer may be pleased to know that Larry Kaiser, VE3DAK, is just about ready to put a 2m repeater in operation using the call VE3SS1.

For those who are new to repeater operation and perhaps are unaware of some of the finer points of the repeater equipment, it is desirable that one leave a break between transmissions to allow the timer to recycle. A too-rapid come-back will not allow the timer to recycle with the result that your time may run out and leave you talking to yourself. A deliberate break of three seconds is a real test of fortitude and faith. But faith is necessary in this game and it should be practiced and strengthened at every opportunity. A bonus of this operating practice is that emergency calls will be heard at the break time and the true value of the repeater will be realised. Let us show that our faith is strong. Take a long break.

ADS: WANTED

Transmitter, low power, several bands; Guy Thorne, 749-2221.

FOR SALE

Sig. Gen. Eico 320: \$20; VVM, Eico 221: \$20.; Tower, 30 ft., misc parts: Len Jarrett, VE3EVE, 828-7611.

BC-348 with pwr supply, s-meter, manual: \$50.; Harry Hayes, VE3EBB, 733-5904.

Cabinet table rack, 19"; BC-221 freq. meter with pwr supply and calibration book; Burt Coy, VE3GI, 825-1397.

SPRING AUCTION

27 April at EMC Hq. on Richmond Rd. sponsored by the CVMRC.

ARCIVERS

Surely Larry must have the fattest incometak bill; he showed us a T-4 slip for \$987,000,000. Cary Honeywell, VE3EB1, was on the winning schoolboy curling team recently.

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