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MEETING

Time: Wednesday, 5 June, 1968, 2000 hrs. :
Place: NRC Sussex Dr., room 3001.
Program: FIELD DAY Organizing.
ELECTION
Coffee and ragchew.

There are a few loose ends to tie down in respect to Fieldday. George Roach has some of the band leaders selected but needs some more. 20m will be 3CDG; 75m fone will be 3DF; 6 and 2m will be 3BDX. Leaders are needed for 80m CW and 40m fone and CW. Tentative location has been selected. More details at the meeting.

Election time is here again. A Nominating Committee will present a slate for consideration but other nominations will be solicited from the floor. It is expected that some reorganizing suggestions will be presented with a view to consolidating and revitalizing the Club.

LAST MEETING, etc.

Although your scribe had to miss the meeting, various enthusiastic reports have been heard about the Home-built gear. The Mobile Club Auction was very well attended and a tremendous amount of stuff went on the block. There must be a lot of clean basements now, that is if people could contain themselves properly.

We also have a brief report that the Air Rally was assisted greatly by about 8 operators and the repeater.

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Word has been received from the Publisher that the Editor will retire from an active position with this issue. Pressure of several other things has forced him to reluctantly give up the job. A successor has been found (: we think) and he will take over the Editor's duties with the September issue. If you have items to be published, get them in early.

TRAFFIC NETS

With the change to daylight saving time in most parts of the country, traffic nets often have a hard time to get the members in from cutting the lawn, having a swim, or just band conditions. The nets that have made changes for the summer only are:

OQN effective 3 June, will be on 7035kc at 2300Z.

ECN early session, will be on 7038kc at 2345Z.

ECN late session, will be on 3540 kc at 0130Z.

The change for ECN has been a qualified success. There is a lot of QRM on 40 but it makes it easy to hear the VE1's. Remember that you don't have to belong to the ARRL to be in a traffic net.

ADS: FOR SALE

2 el, 3-band quad, complete with boom, separate feeds;
 HQ-129x, good condition, no mods: will dicker; Bill Scott,
 VE3BFI, 751-4154.

Audio filters, about lkc, 100 cycles bandwidth, brand new, type
 FL30M, CAE: \$ 1.75 ea; Randy Smith, VE3BDX, 237-1074.

WANTED

1. Ckt diagram for HRO-jr which uses 6D6, 6C6 series of tubes. Has no S-meter or xtal gate. Have HRO-5 diagram.
2. Any junked or retired HRO chassis or coils for a rebuild job now in hand; Steve Chisholm, VE2ZM, 142 Sherbrooke St, Beaconsfield, Que.

Urgently required: transistor FM portable radio, any condition, but with 10.7MHz IF strip intact: Tom Harp, VE3GAF, 733-4891.

YOUR REPEATER ACCENT

A few persons have deplored some of the sloppy (oops sorry) unthinking practices on the repeater by some of the users. In CQ for April this year there is a short article that lists most of the common faults that gripe the serious users. In brief the prize types of operating are:

Calling CQ on the repeater. If you are on the repeater, people will hear you. If they want to talk they will. If not - take a hint. A simple announcement of call and location will do.

Long transmissions. If you transmit more than one sentence at a time, the odds are that the listener has forgotten the first one. If you want to yak, drive around to his place. Or phone.

No-break breaks. Don't be afraid to let the channel lie idle for a few seconds between transmissions. It wont go away. Someone else may want to talk to you. In fact they may want to give you some money that's owing. If you don't let the timer recycle it may run out of time and cut you off.

Maybe a monthly prize could be awarded next fall for the best faux-pas, somewhat like the Montreal Club had one time as "The Royal Order of the Bathtub Plug".

REMEMBER REPEATER NET: MONDAYS AT 2000 hrs local time.

VHF

Quiet in general with only a few teasers of openings on 6. Randy still holds his 420 skeds with 2HW. A short egg-roll and ragchew session was held by the 50mc mobile gang. Ray, 3CUA, and YF have a new baby girl. BGA, GAF and BDX will be operating QSO Party from BGA's place. More population is needed on the low end of 2.

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