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N.S.R.C. 1968 Executive

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LAST MEETING

Eddie Warburton, VE3AZV, started the proceedings as auctioneer at the NSRC Annual Auction Night and was relieved at coffee time by Farney, VE3BHQ.

Vice-President, Ken Aston, presiding over the meeting in absence of President Mike, announced the slate of officers put forth by the nominating committee. Here is their choice:

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| President      | Ralph Day, VE3CRK    |
| Vice-President | Mike Skinner, VE3FIV |
| Treasurer      | Judy Skinner         |
| Secretary      | Cliff Ardron, VE3GDD |

NEXT MEETING

The new executive will be introduced and installed after being elected so come on out and meet the new executive.

A demonstration of VE3OSH will be presented by its builders.

TUNING AROUND

In the last bulletin I mentioned a couple of ways to help Spark club activity; contest of our own or special awards for our own members in conjunction with established achievement awards, W.A.S., DX CC, etc.

The new executive may have a chance to pick up our lagging spirit with inclusion of the Oshawa F.M. Group. What it amounts to is this; they need us and we need them.

It is an expensive proposition to maintain VE3OSH, too expensive for the Oshawa F.M. Group. But if VE3OSH becomes part of NSRC two needs will be met: Catalyst will be provided to accelerate lagging club interest and VE3OSH will receive financial backing plus the interest of people who may not have been interested in 2 meter F.M. VE3OSH will also provide the club with something that is needed; a common meeting place other than the monthly meeting.

If the North Shore Radio Club accepts the responsibility of VE3OSH the members had better show interest as it is their money that is paying the bills. If the members don't care, they are a more stupid bunch of sheep than your editor realized.

For those of you who listen for WLAW for code practice and haven't been able to find it lately; note the frequency change to 20 kc above bottom of band edge, e.g. on 80 meter CW - 3.520 MHz, on 40 - 7.020 MHz and so on. For phone announcements on 75 meters - 3.820 MHz and on 40 meters - 7.22 MHz.

If you are working on W.A.S. award and are having trouble contacting those rare states; e.g. Vermont, Montana, etc, read "Station Activities" in QST and watch for announcements regarding QSO parties conducted by hams located in the states you need, all information regarding contacts is given.

Bob Wonnacott is under the weather, latest information has him placed in Room #311 at the Ajax Hospital. Get well soon, Bob.

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Now for a little news about the latest events in the area:

Dick Matsumoto hasn't been operating too much lately but found time to operate in the CQ WW DX contest for a couple of hours in November. He claims to have worked most of the DX stations he hears on 40.

75 meters is alive and well again as a couple of our club members can prove, Walt Beach, VE3FJC worked G8KS and DJ1ZN and Claude Roy worked a Belgian station all in the past week at approximately 3.790 MHz.

VE3OSH is now installed in the shack up on the ridges, VE3RPT has been moved and is now working in North Toronto. Bernie, VE3ATI, says that the repeater is working, although some work is being done on it, at 146.400 MHz input and 147.120 MHz.

Bernie also passed on this information; on December 14th a toy drive will be conducted by CHFI. All mobile equipment, 2 meter, 75 meter AM, FM, etc, are required to help pick up the toys. Various celebrities will accompany each mobile, so come on out and lend a hand for a worthwhile cause, you never know who the celebrity may be in your car. VE3RPT will be used to handle the traffic.

There must be approximately a dozen F munits in the Oshawa area. It seems that club members will be more active on 2 meters than on any other band. After the next meeting there will be more information on 2 meters.

Approximately 100 people attended the Scarboro Club Auction on Nov. 25th according to Bill, VE3MM, who was accompanied by Cliff, VE3GDD, and Ernie Tomlins. Bill relates that there wasn't much "junk" there, mostly good stuff.

There will be no code or theory classes on Dec. 18th and 25th and on Jan 1st because of the holidays.

It has occurred to the editor that the people who attend the classes never get a chance to read the bulletin to find out about the club, so starting in January extra copies will be printed and given to Mike or Bernie to be distributed at school. Unless we do something to encourage these budding hams to come to the club meetings, it will be out of sight and out of mind when the course is completed. In other years the course was conducted by certain members of NSRC who donated time, material and energy to teach the interested people. The people were then somewhat obligated to support the organization that supported them. Now this theory is out of club hands, so the club must do something to encourage these people to support it. One step will be taken by distributing Sparks at the classes. Another should be some-way of honouring the students upon reception of their call letters.

All cw operators who want added practice in operating or traffic handling here are the times and frequencies of a couple of area nets:

Grey Bruce Net 6:30 p.m. est - 3.645 MHz  
Ontario Quebec Net 7:00 p.m. est - 3.535 MHz

The G.B.N. is a slow speed net while the O.Q.N. is a fast one; there is another net, Eastern Canada Net, but it is a real fast one with top operators; it may be too fast for most of us.

Don't forget MONEY for MEMBERSHIPS.

Congratulations to Lorna. VE3GNO. who has just obtained her green belt

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Tnx to Sarc Bulletin -

"The large antenna and call letters on the back of his car identified the driver as a ham radio operator. Caught unaware of the need to crowd into a single lane when approaching a certain hill, at the last minute he cut sharply in front of a car driven by a young girl in a naval uniform. Her serene expression never changed. However, up the hill she began to blow her horn in a series of toots.

It took me a few seconds to realize what was happening. Trained in Morse Code, and recognizing the driver of the other car as ham operator, she appeared to be tapping out a distress signal. Her horn spelled out quite clearly S and then O - but the last letter was not another S. It was a B. With a grin of acknowledgement, the first driver pulled over, and gallantly saluted as the girl sailed by."

Tnx to Sarc Bulletin and Kitchener-Waterloo ARC

Notes from Radio Regulations

RE: Amateur Experimental Repeater Stations.

REFERENCE: Previous D.O.T. notice regarding Automatic Repeater Stations in the Amateur Experimental Service.

Ottawa now advises that it was not intended that communication between fixed points through a single repeater be prohibited as this would be essentially no different from communication with a mobile station through a single repeater. On the other hand, what is intended, is that communication with either fixed or mobile stations through interconnection of a number of repeaters, i.e. tandem operation, would not be permitted.

The basic reason for this policy, as previously indicated, would appear to result in a waste of spectrum inasmuch as appropriate frequencies are available to the Amateur fraternity to carry out long distance communications without resorting to the use of multiple repeater systems. Also, operations of the letter type, tie up considerable spectrum space for a limited number of users, e.g. normally only two users could employ such a system at any one time although the system could conceivably occupy a number of discrete frequencies during operation. The policy on the above operation may be reviewed from time to time as conditions dictate.

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