

EDITOR'S THOUGHTS

Well, another month has rolled around and I want to thank all of you who have sent me news to put in the bulletin this month. If it wasn't for Bud, VE3BIC, this rag would be pretty thin. Farney, VE3BHQ will back me up when I say that getting something of interest for you to read is like pulling hens teeth. What do you people do between club meetings; hide in a closet?

There are several important things to do right now; one is to pay your club dues to Roy Miller at the next meeting; secondly, if you are asked to help out with the banquet don't be afraid to say "yes" and last but not least is start thinking about field day. Now is the time to make all arrangements so the last weekend of June is free. Oh yes, you had better start checking over your gear, for Murphy's law states that gear that has worked perfectly all year will break down during Field Day.

Getting back to the banquet, last years executive let us down by not selecting a banquet chairman, now the new executive has to try and get someone to do the job with only a few months to make all the arrangements. I understand that Scarboro have their banquet prepared and are just waiting for the day to come, while we haven't even started yet. If somebody pitches in and helps the job will be done easily without one person having to do all the work.

TUNING AROUND

Do you need QSL cards? They are available from the RSO, Box 33, Toronto 18, at a cost of 17¢ per hundred, payable in Canadian postage stamps only.

Take notice Claude and all you other DXers, the operating ban with Indonesia has been lifted so watch out for that 8F prefix.

A man who claims that he cannot concentrate on two things at the same time has never seen a sweater girl walk by.

Here is another award to work for: - Worked All Alliance Nations. It is a new award for working all member nations of the Alliance for Progress sponsored by the Organization of American States. Two way contacts from March 17, 1961 on with the following countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Trinidad, Tobago and Barbados. To qualify send a list of stations worked, call, date, band, mode and time to OAS HQ, 19th and Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, D.C. 20006.

Congratulations to the Quinte A.R.C. on winning THE RUSTY BRENNAN award during 1968 Field Day. This award is presented by the R.S.O. to the club what has the highest average points per participating operator during Field Day operations. Speaking about the R.S.O. now is the time to either renew your membership or to join the R.S.O. The dues are \$4 per year, plus \$2 for family membership. Send your money to Gord, VE3BMG, c/o Box 334, Toronto 18.

Canada's reciprocal operating agreement list is growing and now numbers 12 countries. The list is: Bermuda, France, Germany, Israel, Holland, Luxembourg, Nicaragua, Senegal, Switzerland, Britian, U.S.A. and the latest Norway. So don't forget the next time you go to Senegal you can operate your own station there.

Here are some of hhe phone nets in operation in our area that you can call in to:

Chicken Junction Net	3790 KHZ. 2330 GMT
Laurention Phone net	3760 KHZ. 2345 GMT
Ontario Phone Net	3770 KHZ. 0000 GMT
Northwest Ontario Net	3750 KHZ. 0015 GMT
Manitoba Phone Net	3765 KHZ. 0100 GMT
Metro Toronto 10 Meter Net	28.300 KHZ.
	Sunday only 1000 EST.
London ARC 10 Meter Net	28.400 KHZ.
	Sunday only 2000 EST
Trilliums	14.140 MHZ 1600 GMT
	3770 KHZ Sat. 2000 GMT
	7100 - 7110 KHZ
	Wednesday 1930 EST.

You would be surprised how often someone wants to pass traffic to the Oshawa area and no one from this area is there to handle the traffic - so give a listen and help out the net.

If you don't like traffic handling here are some up and coming contests:

February 15-16	ARRL DX CW contest
February 22-23	YL/OM phone contest
March 1-2	ARRL DX Phone contest
March 8-9	YL/OM CW contest
March 8-9	RSGB BERU contest.
March 15-16	ARRL DX CW contest

On Feb. 11th the ARRL qualifying run will be scheduled. Send copies of all qualifying runs to ARRL for grading, stating call of the station copied. If you qualify at one of the six speeds transmitted, 10 through 35 you will receive a certificate. If your initial qualification is for a speed below 35 wpm you may try later for an endorsement.

Ham Aids: Have you ever pulled a tube out of the junk box and found that you couldn't read the number on it? Well, here is a method that may help you identify that tube. Place the unreadable tube in the refrigerator for a few minutes. Upon removal of the tube, selective moisture condensation will make the numbers readable.

Owners of Drake 2B receivers may tune WWV on 15 MHZ by placing the band switch on 40, the preselector on 10, and tuning to 7 MHZ. WWV on 5 MHZ may be copied by placing the band switch on 80, preselector on 10, and tune to 4090 KHZ on the dial. In both cases you are receiving images, by detuning the preselector to degrade the receivers image rejection.

For those who won't be able to attend the February meeting, a handy application form can be filled out and sent to Roy Miller, Box 43, Brougham. Cash, cheques or money orders will be thankfully received, if you send a cheque please include enough to cover the 15¢ exchange.

The Lockport Amateur Radio Club held their annual auction at the Courthouse in Lockport on Saturday, Jan. 25. It was attended by 136 members and guests. The auctioneer was W2THS (Tom) who did a very fine job. Among the VE3's present were Bill, VE3CMM, Russel, VE3ATT, and yours truly, VE3GDD.

There were 40 lots of equipment and "goodies" which went for a song. In fact VE3ATT was seen to leave with tears in his eyes. VE3CMM had to be dragged out of the Immigration Office where he was about to renounce his citizenship, and VE3GDD just grit his teeth and smiled through the whole unbelievable event.

Cliff, VE3GDD

The Oakville "Do" was on Sat. Jan. 11th. VE3GDD was the DX attendant. A very enjoyable evening was had by all present. VE3ERQ (Lloyd Krebs) walked away with the 2 meter award again, and VE3GDD retained the 6 meter cup.

It was decided at that time to have a contest which would start Jan. 12 and run through until the next VHF contest in June. This contest would be to stimulate AM activity on 2 meters. The person with the most contacts on 2-meters AM, on presenting his log at the next Oakville "Do" would be eligible for a prize, to be announced at that time. The person must be present with his log in order to win. Duplicate contacts must be 24 hours apart.

This is a chance for fellows with 2 meter AM gear to rub off the dust and make the scene.

Cliff, VE3GDD

LAST MEETING

A short business meeting was held in which the methods for raising money to support the repeater were introduced in the form of a motion and accepted. Everyone then followed Bernie, VE3ATI to Camp X for a tour of the government relay station. The amount of equipment and the size of some of the gear impressed everyone and I might add everyone enjoyed themselves.

A film is scheduled but the title is unknown to the editor at this time. It seems that entertainment or whatever you want to call it is getting harder to come by. We may have to go out of the electronic field to obtain interesting speakers.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

I wish to thank VE3ATI on behalf of the radio club for the invitation to visit Camp X. I also wish to thank the personnel at the Camp, including VE3BRF, for the excellent guided tour. I am sure the fellows enjoyed it.

Last month Cliff Ardron resigned as our treasurer as he was unable to attend the meetings due to shift work. Les Bellinger, VE3DGY, accepted this job. Glad to have you aboard Les.

Banquet time is just around the corner. The N.S.R.C. has a good name for banquets from past years and I am sure this year will be no exception.

After the banquet the next big event in ham radio is Field Day. The ability to put our equipment in the field and make it work is supposed to be the big test for the club. Last year we failed to participate in Field Day because no one would head it up. Is this going to happen again this year? We have the equipment and talent so let's put it to good use.

You may have noticed by now that there is a questionnaire in this issue. It has been said that this club is dead as far as activity goes. So take 10 minutes and please fill it out. Put any additional comments or suggestions on the back of the sheet and drop it in the box inside the door at the meeting.

I will leave you with the following:

Is our club active? Have we new or old ideas? How do you think our club became a reality? Was it through the work and devotion of active members? You are a vital part of this club if we are to progress. Each time you happen to be absent from a meeting a part of the club is missing. THINK - the next time you plan to skip a meeting you are responsible for an empty seat.

Best 73, Ralph, VE3CRK

THE CLASSIFIED SECTION:

For Sale: Cossor oscilloscope model #1035; dual trace; 4 in. tube. \$75.00
Phone Harry Westwood VE3QG - 942-5104
Drake 2B & 2ac; all xtals for 10 meters - \$300 or best offer.
See Vic Baker, VE3ANX - 723-7474
DX-40; Hammond power transformer - 90 watts. - \$35.00
Phone Les Bellinger, VE3DGY - 942-4043

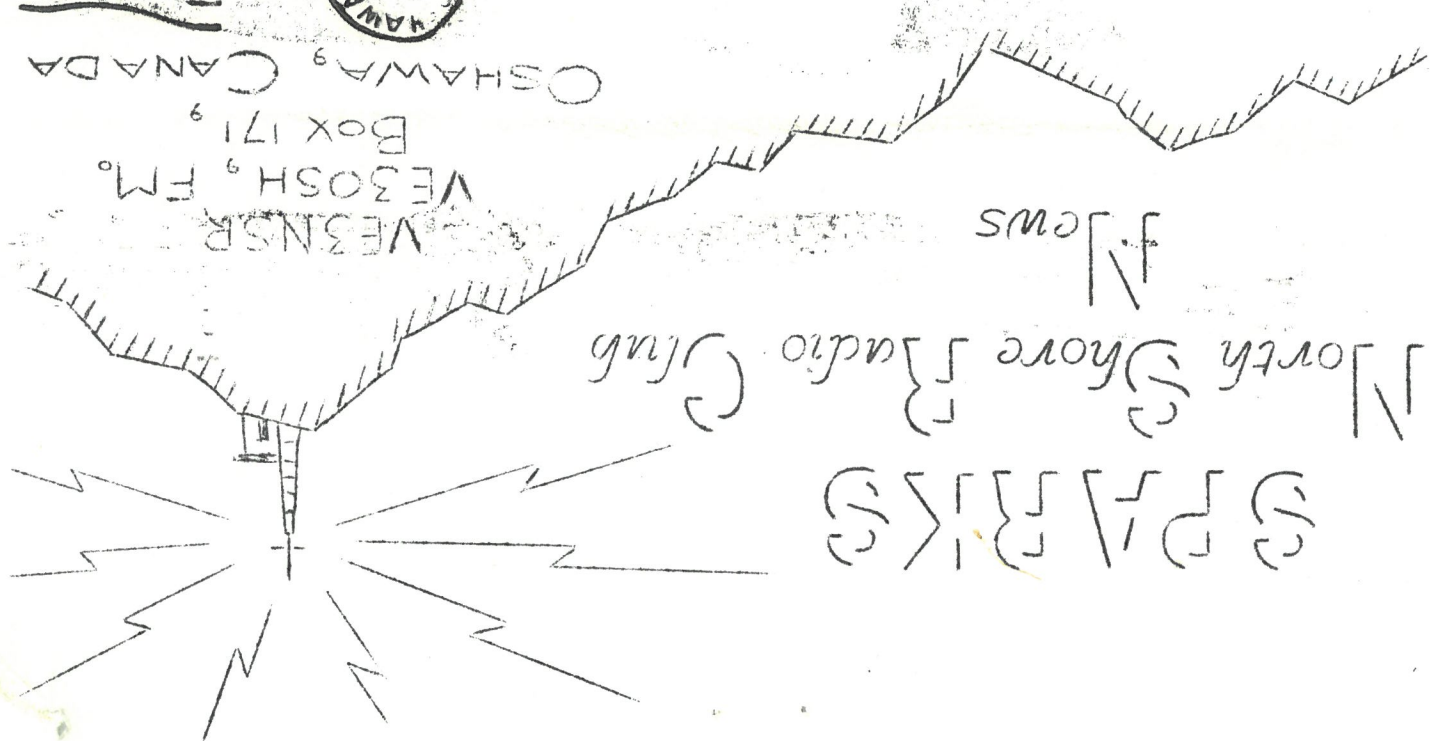
Wanted: 7' rack to be used at VE3OSM site. The owner of such a device could either sell or lend it to the club.

Wanted contributions to SPARKS; help make SPARKS interesting by contributing news and information.

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