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PRESIDENTS REMARKS

Field Day is just around the corner so I hope you are all boning up on your code(if you are going to use it), and I'm sure the ones who are bringing out receivers, transmitters, etc. have it in "tip top" shape. All we need now is for the weatherman to be kind to us and we should be tops in cnterio.

Congratulations to those who have received word from the D.O.C. that they are now hams. Welcome to the fld. To those who did not make it, get busy right now and brush up on either the code or the theory and try the exam again as soon as your waiting period is up. I hope to see you all out at Field Day too. You can always log, run errands, fill up glasses, etc.

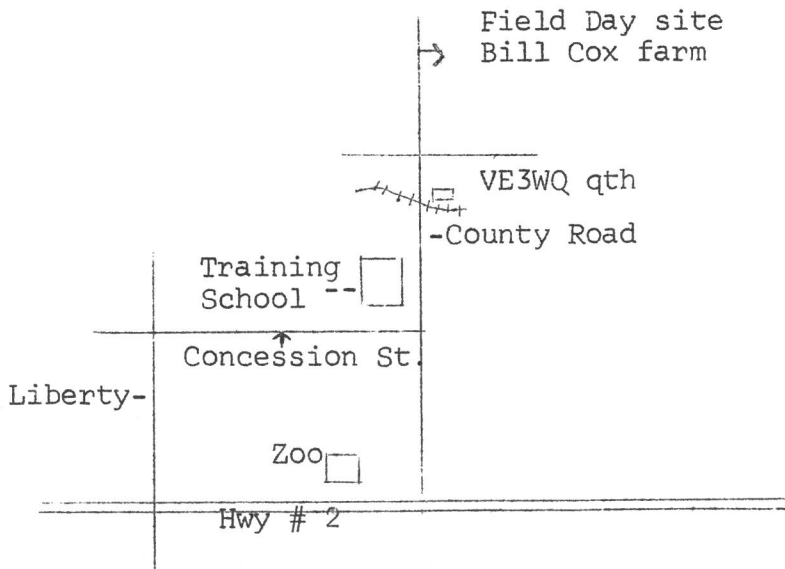
Don't forget the next meeting - OSHAWA AIRPORT - 6:30 P.M. There will be No meeting at Thorntons Community centre, so don't show up there.

See you all Tuesday Eve.

Lorna, VE3GNO

FIELD DAY SITE

This year's field day will be held at the same place as last year - Bill Cox's farm in Bowmanville. To get there take highway #2 to bowmanville, & turn North at Liberty Street, keep on liberty street until you reach Concession st., turn right. Stay on Concession st. as far as the first County road past the boys training school, and from here turn north past the railway crossing and a concession road. Go on a little further and you will be there.



Field Day is.....

Field Day is superlatives . It is the only activity where we have no yardstick for measuring except " the most ", so that the descriptions that sound like excretion to the layman are commonplace to us. It is in Dickens wording " the best of times and the worst of times".

There is no weather any time of the year that compares with that last weekend in June, and the Weather Bureau's official bulletins are only the merest hint of what we can expect. If it is to be hot , then it will be the hottest weekend on record with the humidity matching the high temperatures. " Possible showers and thunderstorm activity" means tie down the gear and pull the antennas because we are in for a granddaddy of all thunderstorms. It means a night of taking them down, putting them up, and then a few hours later a wild dash to get them back down again. "Light showers and cooler" may cancel out picnics and swimming, but for the veteran of these weekends it is a good sign that he better pull his winter coat out of the mothballs and dig up his heavy hunting boots, to cut the order of soda pop and ice cream, and double that order of coffee. Name the weather and it is a sure bet that there will be record braking superlatives involved.

This is the weekend when Murphy is King and rules the elements, the ionosphere , and the equipment. The generator that starts 364 days of the year, and even starts on Field Day morning, won't even turn over when it arrives at the chosen sight. But let someone be sent into town for spare parts and you can be sure that as sure that they have gone it will work beautifully. Then there is the brand new Rolls Royce- Class layout that comes right out of the box, is set up, tested, purrs like a happy cat, and promptly as the first " CQ FD " rolls off the key , the receiver starts transmitting smoke signals. " Plan the antennas well in advance" the rules tell us. So everyone dreams up the ultimate in design all winter and spends may and June making sure that they will work. A final test an hour or so before the moment, proves that they are perfect for working DX , but no one close enough for a field day score.

It is getting set with all the top contest operators who know every trick in the book, and equipment to match their skills, as well as the kind of weather we all dream about, and what happens? There is an aurora to end all auroras, so that these crack phone and CW men enjoy a bull session while the VHF boys are logging them like shooting ducks in a bathtub.

It is the guy who lends out his equipment every year, but never operates, just stands in the background, saying saying over and over again "just listen to that skip" Or the Club statistician checking over logs and fussing over the lack of certain sections.

Most of all it is sounds, those last few moments when we tune around the bands and hear nothing, but as the second hand sweeps across the hour the bands explode into "CQ FD" six layers thick.

Field Day could be the voice of some flood-isolated town starting a communications alert. It could be an operator a thousand miles away reading us when no one else could due to some quirk of the ionosphere. It might be any one of us trying to keep our town in touch with the others. This, like-no-other activity of group cooperation, is the ARPC working, away from the warm comfort of the shack, in any weather, to provide the necessary lifeline of every community-communications. For, this operation that provides so much pleasure for us all could be the voice of our own stricken community calling for assistance by the only means available , the ARPC.

(credit June 1965 QST)

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 271 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
NEWINGTON CONN. MAY 2 1970 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

The ARRL board of directors in annual meeting May 1-2 directed the filing of strong opposition to restrictive proposals on VHF repeaters. League will request rules permitting maximum privileges such as chain linking, code access optional rather than mandatory, crossband operation permitted, elimination of restrictive subbands. The board discussed all aspects of radiotelephony subbands on lower frequencies and decided that in best interests of U.S. amateurs to propose expansion at this time. The board established a permanent structure of advisory committees, continued the present two on contests and VHF repeaters, and announced a new one on DX matters. The VHF committee in particular was commended for outstanding work on FCC rules proposals. Family and blind membership dues were raised to two dollars to more nearly represent true costs. W3GKP and W4hhk jointly received the ARRL technical merit award for outstanding achievements in moonbounce communication. A nation convention was approved for labour day weekend 1972 in long beach california. Studies in depth were ordered on several additional matters, such as reduced teen-age membership fees, W1AW daytime code practice and bulletins, a league station on the west coast, payment for articles in QST, retired staff employee pensions, a series of articles on construction of hand held emergency gear, and interference to solid state home entertainment devices. A list of manufacturers supplying free high pass tv filters will be assembled and published. Subjects discussed but rejected were a move of W1AW frequencies, a propagation column in QST, Mandatory meetings of the board twice yearly, and a promotional book aimed at teen-agers which the board felt needed more study. Directors ordered the sponsorship of a 160 meter contest, and change to 175 miles the current 100 mile limit for affiliated club aggregate contest scores. Charles G. Compton W0BUO was newly elected as first vice president and incumbent W.M. Groves W5NW, was given a standing ovation for his 35 years dedicated service to ARRL and made an honorary vp. Robert Thuston W7PGY, was elected to the vacancy on the executive committee. Carl L. Smith W0BWJ, is a new additional vice president and Gilbert L. Crossly W3YA a new honorary vp. All other officers and executive members were reelected. Highlights of the meeting will appear in June QST, and full minutes in the July issue.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR265 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
NEWINGTON CONN. MARCH 19 1970 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

Headquarters is conducting a survey of the effectiveness of the Official Bulletin Station program. It will be appreciated if you will the identity of the station from which you first copied the following bulletin and the frequency on which copied.

The amateur radio satellite oscar V has reached the end of life. All amateurs who received the satellite's signals are urged to send a report to AMSAT, box 27, Washington, D.C. 2004. Each report will be acknowledged with an attractive QSL. Of special interests are reports of the 2 meter signal after Feb. 13, and reports of the 10 meter signal after March 8, to determine who was last to hear the signals. satellite observations during the march 9 solar eclipse and auroral are also sought. AR

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 266 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
NEWINGTON CONN. MARCH 26 1970 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

A bulletin transmitted in february advised that western union facsimile equipment would soon be available through selected affiliated clubs. Late advice from WOPYW who is handling this for ARRL indicates WU is reorganizing surplus disposal channels causing a minor delay. However, both fax and teleprinter gear will again be released in the near future. Meanwhile W3PYW is firming up appropriate with selected clubs to assure equitable distribution. Please do not write or call ARRL or W3PYW. When arrangements have been completed another bulletin will be issued with further details. It is hoped that an article on conversion of the available desk fax units can be run in the early issue of QST. AR

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 267 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
NEWINGTON CONN. APRIL 2 1970 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

Attention DXers. A reply has now been received from the radio sports federation of the U.S.S.R. furnishing a breakdown of the new UK series of call signs in use by soviet club stations. A UK1,3,4,9,Ø, followed by any letter, a UK2F, a UK6A, E, H, I, J, L, P, U, W, X, Y, INDICATES Russian SFSR. A UK2A, c, i, l, o, s, w: White Russia. A UK2B or UK2P; Lithuania. UK2Q or UK2G; Latvia. UK2R, UK2t; Estonia. UK50; Moldavia. UK5 followed by any letter except o: Ukraine. UK6F, O, V, ; Geogia. UK6G; Armenia. UK6D, C, K; Azerbaijan. UK7 followed by any letter ; Kazakh. UK8H; Turkoman. UK8J or UK8R; Tadzhik. UK8M or UK8N; Kirghiz. UK8A, , D, F, G, I, L, O, T, U, Z; Uzbek. All VHF stations in the U.S.S.R. have the prefix UR.

THE RSO CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN WINDSOR

Tom McKee, the committee chairman for the RSO convention to be held at the Holiday Inn, Windsor on October 23-24, 1970 informs VE NEWS, that the rates will be more realistic, the prices will be \$6.00 for the banquet, \$4.00 for enrollment-\$2.00 if you are a student amateur. Also 100 rooms are reserved for the RSO Convention, the rates will be \$13.00 single, \$18.00 double, and with 2 double beds- \$20.50. If these rates are too heavy, there are many other hotels and places to eat in the close vicinity. The address of the convention chairman: P.O. Box 1322, Windsor ARC, Windsor, Ontario.

CAPTAIN COOK BI-CENTENARY AWARD

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of Captain Cook's landing to Australia in 1770, the Wireless Institute of Australia, considered to be the oldest such organization in the world, will issue a certificate when you have contacted 50 Australian stations. The Australian Tourist Commission is printing 100,000 QSL cards for the purpose. Special for this year is the use of the prefix AX for Australian amateurs, as we used the 3C prefix in 1967. Details of the log entries, signed by two other amateurs who have seen the entries, should be sent to the W.I.A., Box 67 East Melbourne, Victoria, Australia 3002

THE DX SCENE

- Awards: Jerusalem. Send proof of 7 Israel contacts , at least 2 in Jerusalem, any mode, any band, after May 15 1948 ; Send log extract verified by one amateur with two IRC to 4X4SO, 21 Hapisgah Str. Jerusalem, Israel.
- Jubilee. Contact 25 USSR stations in 1,2,3,4,9,and 0 districts between Jan 1 1970 and December 31 1975, any band,any mode. Send log extract verified by National A.R.S. to Central Radio Club of USSR, Box 88, Moscow not later than March 31 1976.
- Rome (credit ARLA)
Rome stations are using a special prefix for the 1970 Rome Centenary Award for worked, each QSO counts as 1 point except QSOs on September 20 which will count as 3 points. 8 IRCs to ARI, PO Box 361, Rome, Italy. (credit VE news)

VQ8 call signs are changing as following: 3B6 Agelina, 3B7 St Branson, 3B8 Mauritius and 3B9 Rodrigues. The third letter will be dropped, ie, VQ8CFB would become 3B7CF.

Advice received from the " FEDERATION ARGENTINA DE RADIO AFECIONADOS" (FARA), states that the following address should be used for QSLing to LU stations after Jan. 1 1970.
Casilla de Correos 4695-Correo Central,
Buenos Aires (C.F.) Republica Argentina

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Electronic keyer in good condition, has built in monitor, tube type. \$25.00

2 meter receiver, VFO type, covers 100 to 157 Mhz. Complete with power supply and speaker. \$30.00

Phone John Pluister, 576-3009

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