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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Some of the things that distinguish a ham from a CB operator are the ham's ability to send and receive Morse code at not less than 10 words per minute, his knowledge and technical ability and the privilege of working other ham stations anywhere in the world. While there may be a few other differences, the above are the principal ones.

The CB operator is earnestly trying to win public respect and more channels by means of public service such as highway patrols, charity walks and searches for lost children. The ham must also take part in some aspects of public service and his advantages are numbrous. Nets with continent-wide service enable him to pass traffic in times of emergency to thousands of cities and towns in Canada and the U.S. but he must be prepared and experienced in their use. Various modes such as phone, cw and teletype may be used for this purpose.

Our Club is in need of an Emergency Co-ordinator (EC) to look after tests, organize groups, take charge of emergency operations and generally keep informed on all matters of this type. He should be able to put a little enthusiasm and a certain amount of work into leading a group, be active in one or more nets and familiarize himself with the duties of an EC. We need a volunteer since Bill, 3CKK finds that he is unable to do a satisfactory job due to being confined to the house. Contact Bill or myself if you are interested.

Bernie, 3ATI

LAST MEETING

Unfortunately, due to the terrible weather in this area we were forced to cancel the meeting. We apologize to the one or two people who turned up and found no one there.

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, April 11 - 8:00 p.m. - Oshawa Airport.

We will be featuring a film entitled OUR MISTER SUN which has been shown some years ago but it is a very interesting one and we decided to have

a rerun. Many of you will not have seen it and if you have, come and see it again. It is being supplied courtesy of the Bell Telephone Company from their large library and it is timely following our tour of their plant.

QRP AGAIN

Some questions have been brought forth on our QRP contest that possibly could be clarified to aid the contesters. The main objective is to get the hams around this area interested in a little competition, work on building projects, and communicating with each other on the air waves.

Although not all of us will be interested in building, that does not stop you from using what you have to aid other hams in getting a contact. If you have equipment now that will put out approximately 5 watts or less, use it and start getting those contacts in.

This is a list to help aid you: -

- 1) Approximately 5 watts output.
- 2) Tube, transistor or any other construction.
- 3) Each mode contacted counts. (i.e. ssb, am, cw) each count as one from the same call station.
- 4) Contacts from 30 MHz and under only.
- 5) Log book copy sufficient as proof of contact.
- 6) Farthest contact one award.
Most contacts one award.
Rarest contacts one award.

I have special QSL cards made up for QRP only which will be issued to any station that contacts me in '72 and I am working off my QRP rig. So, fellows, girls, if you want a once-in-a-lifetime QSL card, you will have to get it in '72.

By the way, my farthest contact so far is Lancaster, Pa. on 80 metres with 1 watt. Let's hear how you are making out.

John 3DDD

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A new call for this area is VE3CFG (Canada's Finest Guy?). It belongs to Steve Wotton, our EMO co-ordinator for Oshawa and Ontario County. Steve is no stranger to radio as he was active in Signals with the rank of Lt.-Colonel. He also uses radio regularly in his location at the Ontario County Administration building on Rossland Rd. W. in Whitby. Congrats Steve.

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We hope that all you guys who took advantage of the chance to get some good Heliac from our local manufacturer are getting more db's in and out. We are expecting to hear of some more goodies soon when they will be having a sort of Auction sale at the site. We will try to keep you informed.

Roy, 3ERF has decided to equip his station for Marine Mobile. The rains came, or was it melting snow? Anyway things were a bit damp in the hamshack. Wonder how many others were affected? This seems to be a bad year for wet basements.

We hear that a new station will be operating from from Sunnybrook Hospital with the call VE3SBH. There were seven veteran paraplegics who took the test in February and four of them passed. Three require a bit more cw practise and we sure hope they make it. Doree Butler, VE3EUV who is a wheelchair driver joined the staff recently and sparked the effort. Bill, 3CCK, and Bill, 3EPM will be glad to hear of this.

Tks to "ANTENNA" for info.

KEN'S PEN

For a short period of time the club will be short an 80m antenna. I had it on loan at Bancroft for emergency contacts. When we went up last weekend (April Fool?) April 1, some nasty little monsters had pulled the antenna down and made off with the co-ax line. Maybe the club needed new co-ax anyway. We were able to maintain radio contact by stringing a long wire with an antenna coupler.

It appears that Ron, 3AIY and Ralph 3CRK will be operating from a new QTH this summer. Both have 'traded' houses during the past months.

I had promised to show my QRP xmtr last month but as we were "weathered out" I will bring it to our coming meeting. It is cheap and it works.

One member, Bill 3CMM braved the elements and finding no one at the building ended up at my QTH for coffee. This proved extremely beneficial to me as we had an interesting conversation on hydro rules and regs. Enough to save me grief on my wiring "up north" See you next meeting.

Ken 3FPP