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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Our appeal for an Emergency Co-ordinator has been successful and Ken, VE3DOC is our new EC. He has offered to take over the post and we hope you will support him when he issues the call for help. He will be receiving his info from ARRL and hob-nobbing with other EC's and as a former EC for the County of Ontario, I wish him the best of luck. As you all know, there is no reward except the satisfaction of doing a job.

Bernie VE3ATI

LAST MEETING

We had a good turnout at the last meeting and nobody got stuck in the mud. Actually, Roy 3ERF was bogged down for a few minutes but we got him out ok. With the coming of good wx maybe we will have some more of the old-timers back with us. We have been doing pretty good along that line. We had the film 'OUR MISTER SUN' supplied by the Bell and while it was made quite a few years ago it still packs a good punch. It wouldn't be a bad idea to see a little bit more of it though, the sun I mean.

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, May 9 8:00 P.M. OSHAWA AIRPORT

LICENCE PLATES

Apparently the battle of the licence plates is not over yet although the government is willing to give us a compromise arrangement. The permanent plates for 1973 utilize letters and figures such as ABC123. Hams may be able to obtain HAM 123 etc. but your call will not be on it. A regular plate will probably attach underneath so that the car can be traded in or sold. We gleaned this info from Art Meen, MLA, VE3RX at the SSB dinner. Some of you may have also received a reply to your letter to your local member if you sent an appeal to him. The government says they have received requests from many other groups.

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2M FM

VE3OSH, our local repeater was silenced for a couple of days recently due to a fire having occurred in the Skeet clubhouse. Only the west wall was left standing as there was a high wind from the west. We lost power but they put in a temporary hookup and we were back in business. VE3QG was up to the site when he could not trigger the repeater and he thought he was first on the scene but about 30 of the skeet club members were there when the fire started and they took all the gear out of the clubhouse. The repeater was not otherwise affected as it is in the concrete trap-house. Unfortunately we have been getting into VE3RPT due to some problem at their location and it sets up a howl which sounds like an oscillating front end. It may be rectification or cross-modulation or a combination of both. They hope to find the solution soon.

SSB DINNER

Several of our club members were seen lining up at the big table at the Town & Country where the name of the game is eat until you bust. The occasion was the Chicken Junction Hog Callers & Turkey Pluckers Annual Dinner sometimes referred to as the CJ Association SSB Dinner, VE3DOC, 3BCQ, 3FGH and 3 ATI were able to have eyeball contacts with many of the guys that work 75 and 40 SSB. The food was good and we should have stopped eating when we were full.

FIELD DAY

It's time to begin thinking about Field Day and we are looking for a Field Day Manager. How about a volunteer for the job? Also how about taking part in the operating end of things? This is one of the best activities that is sponsored by the ARRL and we never have too many operators. Last year we had really good conditions and worked many stations. Think about it!

Bill Gibson, VE3EWH, retired from General Motors on March 31, 1972. We hope that Bill will have a happy retirement and that he'll have more time to spend on the air.

PICNIC WEEKEND

Circle your calendar. Come one, Come all, Come big and small. Bring your own food and beverages, kids, camping gear, tent, etc. Outdoors living is really great. Come for the weekend or the day. Egan Creek (3FUR, 3FPP) just south of Bancroft off Hwy 69. Directions in a later Bulletin.