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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Your President has been acting for some time now as Editor, Publisher, Printer, Mailer etc of this small monthly Bulletin and has decided to relinquish the task. It is not easy to get news since everyone figures that what they are doing is uninteresting. We are hoping to have a new Editor by the 1st of January and maybe some fresh ideas since your Pres. does not feel that this Bulletin serves the purpose that it is intended to do. It has been nice to have had the co-operation of Lorna, VE3GNO who types up the stencils.

Bernie, VE3ATI

LAST MEETING

We had the pleasure of hearing Don, VE3GEN describe his recent visit to Peking, China where he stayed for a short while on business. Between business sessions he was rapidly snapping pictures of that great land and he brought about 90 or so to the meeting. Also our mini-auction was a huge success and we didn't carry anything back home.

NEXT MEETING - Oct. 10th - Tuesday - EMO BUILDING, Airport

This is our traditional AUCTION NIGHT and we are looking forward to seeing you and some of your best gear to be put on the block. We never have had a shortage of stuff so see what you don't need and maybe we can dispose of it at this meeting.

FREQUENCY CHANGE

The FCC has announced that effective Nov. 22/72 the U.S. amateurs with extra class privileges may operate down to 3775 khz on 75 meters and down to 7150 on 40. No changes on 20, 15 or 10. We understand the Canadian sub band may be extended down 25 khz on 75 but will wait for official announcement.

Several of our members are going to attend this annual affair which occurs on Friday, Nov. 3 and Saturday, Nov. 4. The location is Kitchener Cenestoga College. They have accomodation available at several motels besides the College and it would be a good idea to send your money in right away if you plan to attend. If you only go on Saturday, then you could return the same night.

Registration is \$4. - OM, \$3 - YL and \$2 - student if received by Oct. 31 or \$5.50, \$4.50 and \$3.50 respectively at the door. Prizes, of course. Banquet is \$4.50 and the limit is 400 people. Ham Forums, Ladies Forums and exhibits, FM talk-in stations are some of the regular features. If you have not attended an RSO Convention you would be surprised at the activities available - almost no time to get to the bar. Bernie, 3ATI has a folder on it and 3QG is also up to date on what's going on. See you there.

FM

Nothing much new other than the recent RPT picnic at Heinz farm near Claremont, also one at Hamburg, N.Y. just south of Buffalo. RPT has a few problems but they will have it all straightened out soon. I don't know if any of our gang work much dx during inversions but you have to get on one of the simplex channels such as "A" or "I" to do it and it is a lot of fun. Ray 3RP and Dan 3CDN have synthesizers so they can work on any channel available. Why, its getting to be almost as good as GRS operation. Apparently some of the GRS boys were struck with our effortless and rewarding results when using the repeater on the Miles for Millions walk recently. I guess the lack of skip interference would attract anyone.

BULLETIN

If anyone tells you they didn't receive a bulletin, ask them if they are paid up members since the list is the source of names used for mailing it out. Also, the addendum of names and calls attached to the September bulletin was for Ontario County only. Apologies to those in Durham but Ken 3DOC prepared it and did an excellent job. We attach a new list of 1972 members on this bulletin.

BITS & PIECES

We're sorry to hear that John 3DDD has been put off the air due to over-exaggerated reports of TVI. They seem to be scared of high towers in the country. John 3FGL has finally returned to the DC bands and uses a Collins "S" line and has a beautiful new landmark in the form of a 38 foot crank-up surplus tower. This is the only one for many miles around and John can adjust his tri-bander beam without using a step ladder. He's worked Bermuda, Mexico and Hawaii within one hour. George 3BCQ has his new delhi heavy duty tower up 48 feet high and topped with a mini 3 bander beam with the inverted V just below.

SEE YOU AT THE AUCTION.

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