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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

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In this Bulletin there is a mention made of the Ham of the Year award. For the first time it has been awarded to a woman. Everyone who knows Jean Evans can tell you that she is and has been dedicated to helping people for a long time and will continue to do so. Some will say that she should have received recognition a long time ago but as we know all things come to those who wait and she has the patience. To list her deeds would probably take a couple of pages so we will leave her list of credits for the RSO Bulletin. Good luck, Jean in all your future efforts.

LAST MEETING

Auction night provided a new home for a fair number of highly sophisticated pieces of electronic equipment (junk) plus other gear including an ancient adding machine. When you see the tiny units on the market that can do practically any calculating chores it makes those old clunkers assume an antique value. I think we have seen some of the stuff turn up before at past auctions but maybe it is only imagination. Anyway, an auction is always good for a laugh. 3ATI got stuck with the Auctioneers job but is looking for a replacement for next time.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, Nov. 14 - 8 p.m. EMO Bldg. Oshawa Airport

This meeting will give you an opportunity to nominate a new slate of Officers for the Club for the December election and give you a chance to choose those who will carry out your wishes for the coming year. Don't stay away for fear that your name will be on the list because it will not stop others from submitting your name if they think you are capable. We need new blood as some of the executive have been in office for two years and need a rest. Mike, 3FIV is going to give us a short discourse on the logic which is in operation up at the repeater. As you know, Mike works with electronics and is a computer programmer and works in engineering at Croven Ltd. and is quite knowledgeable in this field. Maybe you have some questions about IC's or modern computer technology. If Mike has the answers I'm sure he will be glad to supply them to you.



## RSO CONVENTION REPORT

The Convention was held this year at Conestoga College in Kitchener and was sponsored by the Kitchener and Waterloo Amateur Radio Club. There were over 600 registrations including VE3QG, FPP, FUR, BCQ, FGH, ATI, AIY & XYL. Lorne 3SZ and his XYL Mickey were also in attendance and provided good company on two evenings at the QG/ATI room and Maggies room at the Holiday Inn. Lorne is a former executive of the NSRC and is well known by some of the older members of our Club. He is active in Deep River and is employed at the Atomic plant at Chalk River.

The wx was rainy all weekend and we had to travel about 8 miles from the hotel to the College as there was no accommodations there. This was not the best arrangement and made it difficult to fraternize with other hams. Fortunately there were a few at the same hotel and all was not lost but it was much better when all the facilities were under one roof. Next year the Kingston club will host the Convention at Queens University when the city will celebrate its 300th anniversary. There will be accommodations in the women's dorm for anyone 12 years or older. This convention is getting to be so big that it may not be possible to handle it at the Holiday Inns as has been done in the past but it was nice while it lasted. Incidentally, the dates for next year are August 17-19 in case you want to mark it on your calendar.

Jean Evans, 3DGG was the recipient of the Clifford Marsh Memorial Trophy which honours the Ontario ham who has been selected for his or her accomplishments on behalf of other hams. She has made a large contribution to the fraternity with her work with the blind and other handicapped people and at the Ontario Science Centre. She was very surprised to receive this award and her name was called just as 3ATI was telling her how Bert Titmarsh was surprised when his name was called.

3ATI won a pair of Marsland car/home speakers, Jean won the award, Al, 3DSM won the Allied receiver. How's that for a lucky table/ Brian, 3ETA at the next table won the Drake 2m portable and next to them was the major prize winner who got the Drake TR-4. It pays to sit near Bernie but tell Harry, Doreen or Ken that. They didn't take anything away.

FM Mike removed the logic card from 3OSH for a few days to correct some problem but it is back in again. It contains the COR and time out feature plus the diode matrix that keys the oscillator and sends the call sign. If it is timed out and no one keys it during the recovery period of just over a minute it will come back on and sign the call so you know it is active again. Mike will tell us about it at the next meeting.

## STOP THE PRESS

Ken and Doreen are now grandparents and are expecting another in early December when Wendy will present them with a little girl. Son Wayne and Rene named the little son ARON RAYNE. At a recent party Ken was telling one of the guys he was a grandfather and the chap came over and asked Doreen if she had a married daughter. He left shaking his head.



## MOBILE CORNER

Ken, 3FPP is working on Bill 3CKK's mobile (motorized wheelchair) so if you see a blur on Park Rd South in Oshawa get out of the way. It has been suggested that he have a siren and red flashing lights installed and name it CAR 54. Maybe he will have one of those portables mounted so he can keep up with the hockey scores Bill's group is trying to raise enough money to purchase a truck for the use of people confined to a wheelchair. This money will be raised in various ways including the sale of trays of assorted cheeses which will sell for \$5.00 each. They are very attractive and will make excellent Christmas gifts for anyone, especially for those who have everything. One will be on display at the next meeting. Let's help ourselves by ordering a few and help those who need our help. Maybe you can sell a few at the shop or office.

## DX etc.

Since we have some space left how about some of you guys telling us how to work dx? We know there are beams, quads in and around Oshawa and district but we don't hear very much of what is happening on those other bands. John, 3FGL ought to be piling up the contacts now that he has that massive crank-up tower breaking into the clouds on Thickson north just above Woolco. We don't hear much from Claude or Walter, 3FJC but no doubt they are still packing them in.

## BITS n PIECES

They always have something to look at that is a bit unusual at the Convention and this time it was a converter that printed out copy on a teleprinter when you sent Morse code. It would not take high speed code because it has to know when the end of a letter has been sent. No doubt some sort of storage system that works in reverse to the system used to send code using the matrix. to sort it all out. Please excuse the typing errors as this was not prepared by our usual excellent typist.