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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year 1973. Looking back on 1972 we wonder what we did and where did the time go. Some of us accomplished a lot and some of us did not but we will try again next year. Never mind, if you enjoyed ham radio in 1972 that's what counts.

LAST MEETING

We planned to have Mike 3FIV give us a rundown on the logic at VE3OSH but old man winter arrived and Mike didn't have his snow tires on his truck so didn't make it to the club. We had a good turnout considering the wx and welcome guests and new members to our club. Nominations for the 1973 slate were held and names submitted were: -

President - Ken Clark - VE3DOC
Vice " - Bill Gibson
Secretary - Don Dewey
Treasurer - open for nominations
Election night we will have further nominations.

NEXT MEETING - Dec. 12 - Oshawa Airport - 8 p.m.

We are going to have a Wine and Cheese Party after a short business session and try out some of these famous cheeses that Bill 3CKK is ordering for us. We would like to see everyone turn up this time and have a social night prior to the Christmas rush. We will try and get Mike to give us that short rundown on the logic in the repeater.

AIRWAVES

Mike, 3FIV and Judy flew up to Wiarton to see Jack Avis 3DTS and do some checks on Jack's gear. A pilot friend and his xyl took them up in a Cessna 172 and Mike tried his portable out. He hit the repeater for much of the trip but peatered out (pun) after a while. These little portables are very good quality and would make a nice unit for emergency communications. If you haven't registered in the AREC see Ken 3DOC for details at this meeting.

2 FM

Bill 3EWH and Claude 3WQ are being heard on 2 these days. Claude was on a couple of years ago and has just returned. Bill is using some sort of make shift set up but is a welcome addition to fm. Ken 3FPP says he is going to put something together and new calls are being heard on 147.120 these days. Bernie 3ATI had trouble working simplex and discovered that the antenna relay was not operating. Rtty is back on fm and there is a tentative net at 7.30 or so on Saturday evenings on channel "H" 146.700 Mhz. If you hear some musical notes on the repeater it is only someone testing their newly acquired touch-tone pads. These are available from Mike 3BNB in Toronto for about 15 Kc each. VE3OSH is heading for touchtone control in 1973.

Harry 3QG was recently elected as a director of the Toronto FM Communications Society Inc. and will keep us informed on the news from the Toronto group. The dues are \$10.00 each if you wish to join. At the last meeting, Ian, 3ARE gave a slide presentation with accompanying taped comments on the growth of VE3RPT since day one. They now have a 3 bay rack set-up in the mole hill at the 1350 foot hilltop location near Balsam. The repeater is highly sophisticated and will run on battery power if the power fails for a short period. It has facilities for providing a weak signal source on command, increasing or decreasing power and can give an indication if your transmitter frequency is high or low on the repeater input.

FOR SALE

Motorola portables - Call Gary 3CNO or Paul 3AQV for details.

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