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LAST MEETING

Kem, 3DOC brought along a couple of films with one being highlights of the landing on the moon. Crystal orders were taken for the coming repeater changeover.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, March 12, 8.00 pm Oshawa Airport.

Mike, 3GFN will be our guest speaker and will enlighten us on the art of home-brew (electronic type) receiving gear. Mike is the EC for the Metro AREC and was recently busy setting up the plan for communications on the Rally. He is well qualified to talk about the subject he has chosen so it should be an interesting evening.

CANADIAN WINTER RALLY

This year's rally was much more successful than others because of ham radio and in particular, 2 FM. The officials were very pleased with the results and the Rally Master, Bob Lidquist said they would not have been able to run the Selectives without it. A selective is a race within the rally whereby each entrant must average a certain speed over a very difficult course. Mike, 3FIV and Bernie, 3ATI were on selective 6 and they were supposed to average about 45 mph from start to finish. Mike says that one guy was hitting 70 one one stretch. It was a very hilly stretch, icy and curvy and Mike tried it out but he didn't match those speeds in his wind-up race box. One car turned over near the end of that run so he was out of the rally. Bill, 3CMM was set up with a 30 foot mast and he was

heard far and wide. Ken, 3fpp was host to FIV, CZN, GTS and ATI and was able to take part on Sunday morning. He had to climb up a steep hill several times with the Handy-talkie to get a message to the other end of the selective and also took pictures of some of the cars.

All those taking part in the event want to be in it again next year so there may be a lim-up. There were a couple of sections that were not covered so we need more people next time. Toronto Fm controlled the start and finish and the western leg while the eastern section with stop-over in Ot tawa were controlled from that end. Over 90 cars started and only about 20 finished. Some of them left the road unintentionally like the guy who flipped, landed on his roof and skidded along the lake surface. A possible location for more cars would be at gas-up points and places where they are able to send out the tow trucks.

SPRING FLING '74 Saturday, April 27, 8.30 pm

Music by Aubrey Hollis and dancing at the 420 Wing Club will return by popular demand. This is the big event of the spring season and the only Club event of a purely social nature now that we don't have banquets. Tickets will be at the meeting and 3ATI will be distributing them. \$5.00 per couple or \$2.50 for singles and if you don't dance you can criticize the others and maybe you will win a prize. Bert, 3BCE is happy with his Channelizer and is going to try and be here that night. Invite your friends from other Ham clubs and have a good time.

BITS N PIECES

Congratulations to Hessel, 3EAT for getting his Advanced ticket and sorry George, 3GOU but you will get it next time. In last month's bulletin FM repeater should have read NRS not RNS and NSR input on .84 should have read NRS. These calls are similar and easy to get mixed up so if it doesn't make sense you will know why. Don, 3GEN has his HW-12 going now and is really pleased with the performance of the receiver. John, 3FGL is working on a secret project and he is going colour blind on it but we think it is not so secret.

Harry, 3QG now has his long-awaited new car and the MOTRAC is installed and working well. The special Channnelizer with programmed repeater selection is working too but when Harry is using the speed control and transmits, the car slows down. Too much power, Harry? Bill, 3EWA has a tower with nothing on it. A recent storm brought it crashing down and it appears to be a write-off but Bill is looking around for something. BCQ (George, our RSO bulletin man) is looking at rigs and we hear that he is looking for something that will give him all the channels like a Clegg maybe.

CRYSTALS

The crystal order has gone out now and any stragglers are out of luck. We won't get them for several months so you will have a chance to catch up if you order from one of the speedy sources. We can now put away the aspirin bottle because crystal orders are sure a headache. Why don't we have only 6 kinds of rigs instead of 15 with all of their different characteristics? It is a good idea to find out all you can about your rig especially if it is an oddball. The common rigs are GE Prog, Motorola series and System with Pye in there somewhere too. Such things as the formula, case type, especially the crystal part number from the manual. Incidentally those numbers generally refer to an oven type since that is what you normally see in a mobile unit. Our current order has only 63 crystals with very few frequencies since we limited it to repeater freqs but the last one was a lulu. Let's hope there are no boo boos but Murphy may be looking on.

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Scott, 3DSL had an operation on one eye on Monday, Mar. 4th and is in the Oshawa General. John, 3FGL says he was in good spirits when he visited him Tuesday and we hope he is back on the air really soon.

WANTED

Some activity on the repeater during lunch hours now that we are looking toward spring. We used to get on all the time when we had 75 mobile. How about it shift workers?

Mike VE3FIV

FOR SALE

Marconi repeater (former VE3OSH) is still for sale and Harry 3QG would like to hear from you. Make any reasonable offer to

Harry, VE3QG

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