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NEXT MEETING

The Prez says this will be a 'gripe' meeting and presumably will be to find out what is good or bad about our club. If you have a gripe, bring it along too but be prepared to 'take it' if you are going to dish it out.

By the way, how did you enjoy this hot dry summer? There hasn't been too much rain lately and not as much grass to cut so maybe you had time to put that new beam and tower up or is that not due til '75? Personally I didn't get much accomplished but generally 'goofed-off' and tried to enjoy the summer season. With the able help of Ken, FPP we put a set of patio doors in the kitchen wall and now the sun shines in so strongly that you don't have to go outside to get a tan. There is about a 3 foot drop to the ground so I find it necessary to put a deck out there too so once you start one thing it leads to another. It's amazing how long you can drag out a project like this though and keep saying maybe next weekend.

Bernie, 3ATI

NEW CALLS

Congratulations to Bob Miller, VE3HNN and Eric Atkins, VE3HMG. (hope those calls are right and in the proper order). These guys worked hard during our recent ham class and were overdue for their ham licenses. Both have been very active in the GRS band and are very anxious to get going. Eric would like some help with his rig which doesn't seem to want to put out power even into a dummy load. The rig is a Yaesu FT-101B. He has been in contact with the distributor and hopes to have it fixed.

RSO CONVENTION

October 25, 26 and 27

This will be held at the Holiday Inn in Hamilton and from past experience they will sell out the banquet tickets for sure. If you are planning to attend this one, send in your registration right away. QG, ATI, FPP, FUR and BCQ are going for sure and probably a few others from this area. They have reserved 100 rooms at the Inn but they too will be all taken soon so if you are one who will want to stay over for a night or too better get a reservation in right away. This can be done through the local Holiday Inn by the Holidex system. There were some application forms at the last meeting, also one is included in the RSO publication THE ONTARIO AMATEUR. If you are not a member why not join now?

CRYSTALS

At the time of writing we have not received our balance of the order although we were promised them last Friday and hoped to have them at the meeting. Maybe a miracle will occur and we will get them. It has been six moths (months that is) and a long wait and we will be glad when it is over but if you are not included in the order here is the new address of Les Smith who used to be with CTS.

LESMITH ENTERPRISES  
54 Shepherd Road,  
OAKVILLE  
Tel. 844-4505.

Some crystals may be in stock if you have a popular rig and want a popular channel but if it is like mine it will take about 4 weeks. The crystals that have been made are of good quality and almost on the nose in frequency. Lee, 3VF just got six and has them lined up and is now on OSH.

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After all the new crystals are received, OSH will be phasing out the 400 input so if you don't have rocks for 720 better order right now. ATI just ordered six from LESMITH and will soon be mobile on that channel again and can leave the portable home. RPT was recently hit by lightning and lost some of the logic circuitry. They are having a difficult time with the signal from what the boys say but it is a very good repeater and we wish them luck. If you are a regular user you should be a member at \$10 per annum. Associate membership is for those who want to get their bulletin but are out of range of the repeater. Harry, QG is the treasurer. OSH lost one transistor lately but still blows fuses when the 'A' transmit is operational. With the modrn small units such as the Heath HW-202, ICOM and Clegg readily available if you have the cash there are quite a few new users on repeater channels. Channelizers are quite popular now too so more hams can work all chanel. This means that you will quite a few new calls on OSH which has been pretty quiet lately. If you hear a strange call announcing that he is monitoring the channel, give him (her) a call and welcome the newcomer. Our friends from Cherry Creek are not being heard much since we made 720 the prime input channel and they are probably quite happy not hearing from us.

BITS N PIECES

Harry, QG and XYL Isabel have gone west for a month or so but he will be back for the Convention and miss the Repeater Council. His new car will get a workout on the way and he should work a few repeaters with his 40 watt mobile and Channelizer. We are sorry to report that Roy, AAF was in the hospital for an operation and understand he is recuperating at home. Now that Bob, ADJ is out of town will he work any more DX? Bill, EWA sure has a nice tower and beam over there on Beech street west of Croven and Andrew Antenna. George, BCQ does a real fine job on ONTARS lining up controllers and filling in the spots beside being a regular controller himself. Welcome back, Hank fhv - his call is saying his voice is weak from all that singing in Austria and he has developed an Austrian accent. The Count Town Singers were heralded over there and put Whitby on the map - maybe Hank will have a report for us. Ed. AZV was up at Bird's Creek north of Bancroft with the rockhounds at the annual gathering and had some diamond saws to trade for rock samples or rare gems. Ed, AZR was in one of the tents with a ~~a~~ ham setup.

OSH 2M NET

Don't forget to check in on the weekly net and find out what's happening around the area and keep in touch with things. 7.30 p.m. except on club night when it starts at 7.15. Our able controller John, FGL is trying for 20 call-ins each week so don't let him down.

WANTED

A DC to AC converter at the right price for the repeater. Call Mike Skinner, FIV if you have one.

Mike 579-2422

STOP THE PRESS NEWS

CLUB BUILDING CLEANUP

There will be a general cleanup at 7.00 p.m. and you are invited with a personal invitation from the President. There may be a rep. from each of the other groups who use the building as Joe Reid has sent notices to them also.

We understand that Mike, FIV is soon going to progress to the black keys on his new electronic organ. Maybe Ken, FPP and Mike will provide the music for the next dance. By the way, Mike didn't build it but maybe he will take it apart and improve some of the circuits or swipe them for OSH logic.