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<u>SPECIAL SUMMER BULLETIN</u>

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Special Event ON THE HILL AT VE30SH JULY 12 Tuesday 7.00 pm

Depending on the weather, we will again meet up at the repeater site north-east of Raglan east on the ridge road for about 2 miles til you site the Oshawa Skeet Club. Various pictures were taken in the shack last year but we haven't seen any of them yet. Bring binoculars if you like to see what else is on view.

VE3TBF repeater

The Black Fly Repeater Association was officially formed at a meeting held in the Memorial Building in Wilberforce on Saturday, July 2nd. The annual dues were set at \$10,00 per member and annual meetings will be held on the July 1 weekend, probably in Wilberforce. The Officers elected to start this association are:

PRESIDENT	Art Meen	VE3RX
VICE-PRES	Terry Shortt	VE3GTS
SEC-TREASURER	Stu Graves	VE3SG

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS Graham Crowhurst (Tower Owner - licensed) Ed Dunham VE3AXR

Chief Engineer		
& Licensee	Terry	VE3GTS

The repeater is working quite well, although there are holes, but Graham has suggested we move up to the 200 foot level and purchase a new antenna. Regarding the problem with the frequency pair, 147.72-12we will probably be moving to 147,84 tx - 147.24 rx, the same pair used by VE3NRS at St, Catherines. While there is always the possibility of interference by base stations using beams, we do not expect to experience too much difficulty with the pair. The Diplexer will require retuning for the new freqs, but Graham thinks there is some desensitization now and suggests it be retuned anyway. The equipment is GE Prog. and is capable of running about 50 watts.

If you have travelled around that part of the country, you will have noticed that the terrain is anything but flat. The repeater site is the one on the Essonville road which has been used several times as a base station for the Winter Rally, Hopefully, the additional height of approximately additional feet will enable the repeater to sneak over more of the hills. It is difficult to get in around the Bancroft region because the York river runs through Bancroft and that is a natural depression for the area.

FIELD DAY REPORT

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Many thanks to Eric, 3HMG and Pat for the tremendous job of hosting the Club during the Field Day weekend. Eric was bushed when it was all over and Pat was no doubt in the same condition.

We were blessed with fairly good wx and the site is high and clear. Our wind power on 2 meters was very interesting and we proved that a rig could run for the full 24 hours on only batteries and the additional help from the Wincharger, kindly loaned by the Toronto Edmund Scientific store

80 and 40 cw, 75 fone, 20 fone & cw and 2 meters were the bands in use with 4 rigs in use making us a 4 transmitter class. Bob, 3ADJ managed the 75 fone, Ed, 3CUI the 80-40 cw, Bill, 3EWA the 20 fone & cw with Milt 3QN looking after 2 meters. There was good co-Operation by all on site and a feud going on between ADJ and EWA/GND. Those who were there operating or visiting saw the whole thing and if you weren't there, you missed a good FD.

Field Day total contacts	s – CW	283	
	FONE	1379	
Total points		1945	
Multiplier of 2 X 1945		3890	points
Publicity and FD message	e will add to	-	1
this score and will be k	nown later.		
Also emergency power for	possible bonus.		

Bob, 3HMG, the FD manager was hung after the operation was over, Bob, 3GND serenaded Bob, 3adj's tent (truck) with accordion selections of Scottish origin with EWA banging drums (gas cans!) GND also provided the music for a sing-song on Saturday night around the camp fire but he was successful in drowning out the raspier voices. Hi! Someone? hung those fuel cans under Bob, HNH's car and when he went to go home on Sunday, he checked the trunk, took off again, and then spotted the problem underneath. See you next year.

HORSEBACK RALLY JULY 23 at Terra Nova farm on 7th line Enniskillen

There will be 2 nets on OSH - July 13 & 20 at 7.30 pm to get set up for the rally. We hope to have maps and programs before rally time. Each operator will be supplied with the info and will be eligible to attend the ceremonies and barbecue after the rally. If you are not on the list with Bob, HNH or Ralph, CRK and wish to take part get in touch with either one now or on the net nights shown above.

On rally day we meet at 7 am sharp at the Durham College parking lot north of the college prior to going to the rally site. Ralph and Bob will be going over the course beforehand and will let us know all the details. They will both be controllers during the rally and will operate on 146.52. Bob 3HMG

7373737373See you at the hill TuesdayNext bulletinSeptember - courtesy Glen 3AEQ.

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