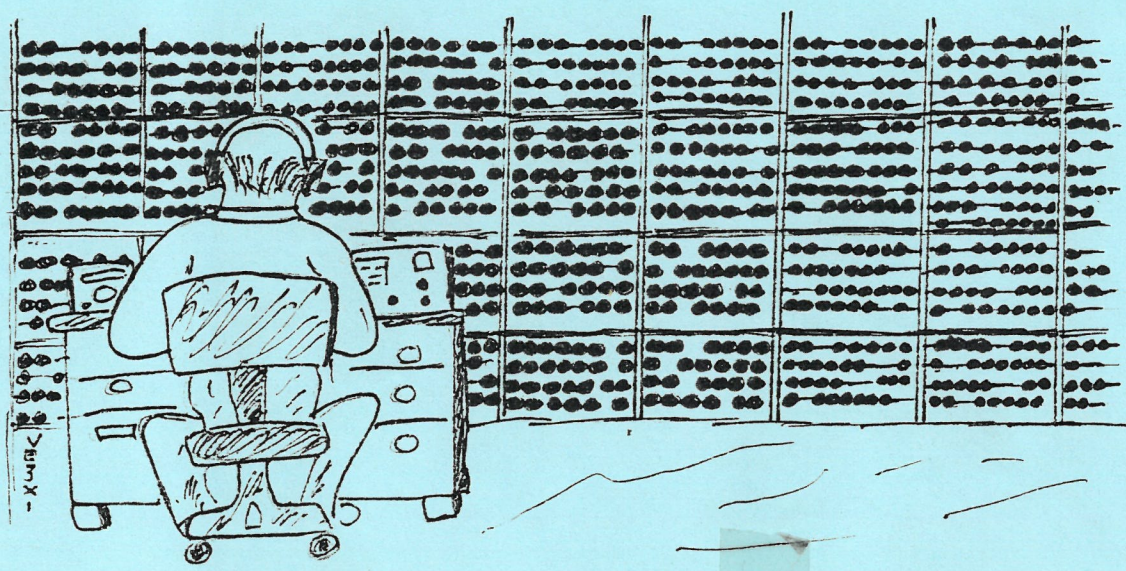


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NEXT
MONTH
"A HOMEBREW
COMPUTER"



SPARKS

The Official Organ of
THE NORTH SHORE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INCORPORATED.

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--MARCH 1983--

CLUB STATION.....VE3NSR

CLUB REPEATER.....VE3OSH 147.72-MHz IN,
147.12-MHz OUT.

CLUB NETS....."2-METERS NET" each THURSDAY via VE3OSH
at 1930-local, Net Control VE3AAF;

..."10-METERS C.W. NET" each SUNDAY at
0900-local (approx.), 28.200-MHz
(+ Beacon QRM), Net Control VE3CUI;

..."10-METERS RAG CHEW S.S.B. NET" each
SUNDAY at 1000-local, 28.200-MHz
(+ Beacon QRM), Net Control ????

..."BARGAIN BASEMENT NET" each MONDAY via
VE3OSH at 1930-local, Net Control
VE3XI.

LAST MEETING: A real rompin' rag-chew type session as Tony (IAT)
initiated the faithful in the mysteries of h.f. DX antennae. I'm
sure everyone there enjoyed this ex-ZL's tutorial....where were
you on the night of 8th February 1983??

NEXT MEETING ...Tuesday 8th March 1983...

Monthly Club meetings are held at 2000-local, on the 2ND-TUESDAY of every month, in the cafeteria of O'NEILL COLLEGIATE,
Simcoe Street North, OSHAWA (note that there are no Club meetings
or Bulletins during the months of JULY and AUGUST).

FROM THE EDITOR...

Observant readers of "Sparks" will have noticed by now that the masthead of our bulletin lists an altogether new net in its midst ---the "1Ø-METERS C.W. NET".

Yours truly has taken the liberty of initiating this experiment without prior consultation with our Executive body (in other words, it's "my baby"; it may, indeed, prove to be an exercise in futility anyway....if so, so be it).

I feel there is a need for a regular c.w.-type get-together in our fold. Plenty of nets exist for local phone variety contacts, yet nothing is available to satisfy our homegrown code aficionadosand believe me, there is a thriving c.w. "fringe" in our Club, be it hidden or otherwise.

Hopefully, the opportunity presented by a c.w. net such as this will lure would-be brass pounders out of the closet & onto the air. "So-what-if-you're-a-little-rusty-OM-relax-you're-amongst-friends" type of thing.

What with the demise of fully homebrewed stations and all, it strikes me that the only thing separating most of our type of operation from that of the 11-meter crowd is the code. Let's use it more often, lest we forget that "S" first spanned the Atlantic, and not "Š" "You're twenty dee bee over 'Š' nine".



-Eddy
VE3CUI.

GUEST EDITORIAL...

Gang, I like the favourable comments directed toward me at the Club meetings regarding "Sparks", but I hasten to remind you that this is, after all, your bulletin; I'm supposed to merely be its editor, i.e. one who edits from a myriad of contributions....

Rumour has it that next month's page will be graced with words of wisdom from one named "Olaff", an "LA"-type who resides in Lapland no less. Guess we'll just sit tight at the mil in the meantime & punch our MFJ to send "QRZ? QRZ?" de

VE3CUI, "The Ol' Scribe",
48 Evergreen Drive,
Whitby, Ontario L1N 6N6,
Canada, no less.

BITS & PIECES...

The "CANADIAN CALLBOOK" is in for those who ordered 'em with the Club discount at the last meeting; I assume our top two execs will bring them along to the next get-together in March for distribution Yes it's true; VE3IKG traded-in his old hat for a new one, i.e. VE3XI. Congratulations, old-timer, now you can order those new licence

plates for the car ... Congrats too to Bill (MLW), our '83 Field Day manager; this is no small undertaking for anyone as past events have shown, so throw in your support & let's make this year's affair the best yet ... George (GWH) advises that the 40-meters ONTARS net will now begin at 9:00 a.m. vs. 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays & Sundays, upper sideband ... John (FGL) advises that as of 8th February the N.S.A.R.C. boasts a total of 112 paid-up members, not bad at all (how'd the Dutch contest go, John?) ... Speaking of contests: may the Wouff Hong haunt you, Ralph (CRK); telephoning a DX-man 12-minutes into the ARRL fray is a definite no-no HI.

HINTFUL KINK...

Modest Thanksgiving bash at Grommethead Schultz's and we were lounging in the shack. He passed us some popcorn, then warmed up his transceiver and the ultracompact linear that had been blowing so many sweep tubes. "Hah-hah, we get it Grom, we get it. Your little monster pops finals like popcorn. Very droll. Can it cook pizzas, too?" We wouldn't have been surprised if he had pulled a pie or two out of that hotbox. The so-called engineers who designed the outfit must have been frightened in youth by Class-A 6L6s and were getting even with the world. Even on "Tune" it smelled like melting plastic. The whole thing was just one pitifully inadequate heatsink.

Our beaming host tapped his temple smugly and started to tune up for 15. We warily edged toward a handy fire extinguisher but Grom smiled confidently. He even pressed his J-38 without wincing and upped the grid drive without flinching. We groaned in sympathy with the undersized plate transformer, visualizing more flattened sweep tubes. But Schultz kept grinning---ten seconds, fifteen, twenty seconds he held down that key. Suddenly, pop-pop! There went, we felt sure, another costly set of 9LQ9s.

Yet Grommethead kept smiling as he laid off the key and snapped open his little black furnace. We expected to see him haul out two more extinct amplifier tubes. Instead he withdrew two excellently popped chunks of popcorn. "Butter or caramel?" he purred. "Anchovy pizza," we demanded. "Seriously, what do you think of my new heat-overload indicator?" asked Schultz proudly. "I have about five hundred high-grade popcorn kernels taped to a hotspot inside that overpriced import. Their popping temperature is reached well in advance of excessive plate dissipation. Always plenty left for future tune-ups".



-TNX "QST" MARCH 1963 -

Well, we had just seen it work. We had to agree with Schultz that he ought to send it in to "Hints & Kinks". Tubes can run into money; popcorn is cheap. Grommethead promised to bring out our pizza as soon as he retuned back to 20. This he ceremoniously proceeded to do, all of us listening intently for his clever heat-alert. BLAMM!!

Grom hopped backed like a piece of his own popcorn and we nearly fell off our chairs. The rig literally blew itself up, bulging with the biggest, whitest popcorn you ever saw, and pieces of linear bounced all over the shack. Schultz was in shock.

We finally got around to pizza later but our appetites were shot after helping Grommethead clean up all that popcorn. Have you ever wondered, while cooking up a crisp batch, what the chances are that each and every kernel might chain-react and pound off all at once? Poor Grom refuses to be assured that he will never beat such astronomical odds again. He has this thing about popcorn now and won't go near the stuff. With his track record, just as well.

-ROD NEWKIRK
W9BRD.

(Reprinted from the "HOW'S DX?" column of "QST" for December 1973)

\$HOP, \$WAP, & \$WINDLE...

Again, all you wheeler-dealers in radio-land: written notices to your scribe each month outlining your wares*...

FOR SALE---TA33 Sr., with weather-sealed 2-KW traps, only \$125.00; Ringo Ranger for 2-meters, brand new, just \$35.00. TONY (IAT) 668-8798.

FOR SALE---Dummy loads, 160 thru 10-meters at 200-watts+, ea. \$18.00 or 2/\$30.00. MAC (XI) 723-8484.

FOR SALE---Measurements Co. audio signal generator, \$12.00; professional teletype power supply 120-VDC \$5.00. ED (FRM) 985-3790 (Manchester).

WANTED-----NET CONTROLLER to fill-in the shoes vacated by George (GOU) for our weekly 10-meter gab-fest. Contact the Execs.

FOR SALE---One antique (circa 1929??) GENERAL ELECTRIC floor model multi-band radio, type "S-42"; cabinet looks to be made of genuine rosewood. Serial # 2099. GERRY KENT 668-8748.

*"Mr. Flea" (a.k.a. MAC) advises that check-ins to his BARGAIN BASEMENT NET have dwindled drastically in the past few weeks. Should interest continue to decline in this way, the net shall be no more.

*** NORTH SHORE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC. ***

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1982.

INCOME

Membership Dues	\$1,178.00
Raffles & Draws	Ø
Repeater Donations	317.00
Crest Sales	Ø
Miscellaneous (Coffee money, bank interest, Durham Amateur Radio Market, Auction proceeds)	841.94
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TOTAL INCOME	\$2,336.94
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EXPENDITURES

Bulletin	\$1,048.22
Repeater Operation	598.66
Field Day	100.00
Corn Roast	125.00
Wine & Cheese Party	162.75
Miscellaneous (Durham Amateur Radio Market, P.O. Box rental, Insurance, Licences, ad in Oshawa Times, etc.)	649.91
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,684.54
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Raffles, draws and crest sales came to a halt in 1982.
Bulletin expenses have doubled from previous years.
Repeater upkeep is double the amount of 1981 and almost
triple that of 1980, donations up somewhat.

Cash in Bank and On Hand as of January 1st, 1983 \$ 789.47

*** N.S.A.R.C. INC. BUDGET FOR 1983 ***

INCOME

Registrations	\$1,300.00
Sale of Crests (10 x 2)	20.00
Raffle & Draw Proceeds	100.00
Donations	300.00
Proceeds - Durham Amateur Radio Market	650.00
Interest on Bank Accounts	25.00
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TOTAL INCOME	\$2,395.00
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EXPENDITURES

Postal Box Rental	\$ 20.00
Bulletin (Postage, Stationary, Printing)	1,000.00
Radio Licences (NSR & OSH)	26.00
Insurance	140.00
Field Day	125.00
Corn Roast	125.00
December Wine & Cheese Party	175.00
Rent & Upkeep (VE3OSH)	350.00
Durham Amateur Radio Market	200.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,161.00
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HANK, VE3FHV