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### Presidents Message

How time flies. It seem like just the other day that I wrote the last message for "SPARKS". The club's foxhunt, which was held on the 4th of June, was moderately successful, but we had lots of fun. First place was taken by Glen VE3AEQ and George VE3GFA, and second place was Fred VE3TIG and his son Peter SWL. What a great effort by our hidden fox, Stephen VE3SBD. Running on very low power had them all so confused it took two and a half hours to flush him out and he was less than five miles away. A very special effort by Glen VE3LIZ and Ralph VE3CRK, who were so frustrated by the low power of the fox. Then also in the running was Alan VA3ALN with partner Martha VA3SBD. A very, very good effort by a husband and wife team, Ron VE3AIY and Helen SWL, it was wonderful to see them there and participating. (Good to see you out there Ron and Helen..) Thanks again to our referees Len VE3LBN and Carmel SWL. Lets all get together and get another good foxhunt going. Until next time 73 88's.

Peter, VE3ZZV

### Sermon On the Mount

Our annual get-together at the repeater site will take place on Tuesday, July 11, at 6:30pm. This will be a great time to tour the new repeater site on Shirley Road and see the great work the repeater crew did installing the radio gear, tower, and antenna. You have been warned TUESDAY, JULY 11, 1995...

Peter, VE3ZZV

### Corn Roast

Our other summer meeting will be on Monday, August 14, at 6:30pm at Harmony Valley Conservation Area. Bring your family, lawn chairs, and a big appetite as there will be

lots of corn for everyone. Check the net on Thursday nights for any schedule changes.

### Hamfest Report

The Hamfest organizing committee did a fine job again this year in running this event. There were 195 vendors present and approximately 1,400 attendees. There was a raffle with prizes donated by Norham Radio, for those who volunteered their services to help make this event a success and the winners were:

#### Norham Shirt and a CQ Calendar

Dave Hefford, VE3AJY  
Walter Beach, VE3FJC  
Winston Seeney, VE3WFS

#### Hat and Amateur Radio Books

Ron Lawrence, VE3ORP

A special thank you to all the volunteers and the organizing committee for a job well done!

### Field Day Report

At the time of printing we have not had our Field Day event yet but it will be past by the time you receive this issue. More will be said in the next issue in September but I hope that you all brought a non-Amateur out to this special event and that you had a great time.

### I Didn't Say That!

The young and the old have all the answers. Those in between are stuck with the questions.

We communicate with our bodies, especially the hands. How many people, when asked to describe a corkscrew, can do it without twirling their finger?

Peter, VE3ZZV

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## Rochester Hamfest Trip

It was a great day for a trip down to Rochester, NY, to take in their Hamfest. Michael, VE3VCY and myself left Oshawa at 0500 and enjoyed a beautiful sunrise whiletravelling down the 401 and QEW. Upon arriving in the US we made a quick detour to find a cash machine. Once our wallets were full we were on our way again. After stopping for breakfast in Rochester we made our way to the fairgrounds for the Hamfest. Being a Sunday there were not as many outdoor vendors as a Saturday would attract but there were still deals to be had. On our way back to the border crossing at Queenston, on the Niagara River, we stumbled upon the quaint little village of Childs. Since it was nearing supper time we decided to try out the inn located at the four corners of the town. What a treat! We decided on the Prime Rib but then had to choose a size - Queensize 12oz, Kingsize 20oz, or Carriage size 34oz. Kingsize it was and stuffed we were with the most delicious Prime Rib that I have ever had. (I envy our members in Lockport and Medina with this little gem of an eating establishment in their back yard!) Once we rolled out of the Inn we made our way over to Olcott which is directly south of Oshawa on the south shore of Lake Ontario. The reason we headed in this direction was to solve a mystery...one which you have probably questioned in the past. The mystery - what is that big stack is on the south side of the lake that we can see from Oshawa on a clear day. It turns out to be a coal-fired generating plant situated right on the shore of the lake. From there we made our way home with no problems at Canada Customs - seems like we were not the first Hamfest goers that crossed at the border that day since this fellow already knew that ham gear was duty free and just waved us through. All in all it was a terrific day even if we probably ate more than we bought.

Laird, VE3LKS

## September Deadline

Deadline for info to be submitted for the September issue is August

## June Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened at 1940 by Peter, VE3ZZV, who welcomed all members and guests.

### Updates:

**Canoe the Nonquon:** Glen, VE3LIZ reported a very successful event with 85 canoes taking part. He wishes to thank all who helped.

**Club Foxhunt:** Peter, VE3ZZV noted that the first foxhunt of 1995 was very successful for those who took part but was a disappointment from an attendance point of view. Peter displayed a sample of the awards that were presented and also displayed photographs taken by club photographer Don, VE3GXH. Peter still feels confident that foxhunting will gain interest and he plans to organize another before the end of the year.

**Field Day 95:** Martha, VA3SBD is still looking for volunteers to staff this years event for the weekend of June 24/25.

**Hamfest 95:** George VE3INB drew for prizes donated by Norham Radio for those who helped to run this years Hamfest. The prizes were a combination of tee shirts, calendars and hats and were won by Winston, VE3WFS; Dave, VE3AJY; Walter, VE3FJC and Ron, VE3ORP.

**Guest speaker:** The main event was a talk by Brian, VE3VGR, an electronics engineer and lecturer at Ryerson Polytechnic, who brought an impressive assortment of touch tone equipment capable of being activated by means of his brainchild known as INTELLI-PATCH. Items demonstrated included lights; motors; pagers and security devices.

The meeting closed at 2200. 32 people signed the attendance book.

George, VE3UEH

## Cards

Anne, VE3KWI, would appreciate it if you could let her know as soon as possible if you hear of any member or members family who are ill. Anne would also like to send out Birthday cards to those who are 70 and over. Please keep Anne informed on these items.

## Dxpedition to Belcher Islands!

John Harden, VE3VGI, informs me that the planned trip to Hudson Bay is still on for the long weekend in July. Hopefully John will have a full report for us in the September issue. Take lots of bug repellent John...you're going to need it!

## Computer Viruses for the 90's

**AT&T Virus** - Every three minutes it tells you what great service you are getting.

**Politically Correct Virus** - Never calls itself a "virus" but instead refers to itself as an "electronic micro-organism".

**Jean Cretien Virus** - Promises to save your disk, then once installed, does what all of the other viruses tell it to do and ignores its installer.

**Government Economist Virus** - Nothing works, but all our diagnostic software says everything is just fine.

**Federal Bureaucrat Virus** - Divides your hard drive into hundreds of little units, each of which does practically nothing, but all of which claim to be the most important part of your computer.


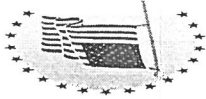
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY   |
|--------|--------|--|-----------|----------|--------|--|
| 30     | 31     |  |           |          |        | <br>Happy Birthday<br>Canada! |
| 2      | 3      | <br>Happy Birthday<br>United States! | 4         | 5        | 6      | 7  |
| 9      | 10     | Sermon on the<br>Mount<br>6:30pm   | 11        | 12       | 13     | 14   |
| 16     | 17     | 18   | 19        | 20       | 21     | 22   |
| 23     | 24     | 25   | 26        | 27       | 28     | 29   |

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| 6   | 7      | 8       | 9         | 10       | 11     | 12       |
| 13<br>Corn Roast<br>Harmony Valley<br>Conservation Area<br>- 6:30pm | 14     | 15      | 16        | 17       | 18     | 19       |
| 20  | 21     | 22      | 23        | 24       | 25     | 26       |
| 27  | 28     | 29      | 30        | 31       |        |          |