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MEETING

Time: Thursday, 8 Sept., 1960, 20:15 hrs.

Place: N.R.C. Sussex St., room 3039.

Program:

Business.

Present Practices in Carrier Controlled Modulators by Ed. Morgan, VE3GX.

A short film of our Fieldday Operations by Roy Carlson, VE3CFV.

Ragchew and Coffee.

Since Ed Morgan has been using carrier control modulators for years he is the natural local authority on the subject. He has also incorporated all the best design features of current practice into his own rig to make an effective system.

Roy's film is his first attempt at home-movies and is the only known record of the Fieldday activity. We hope that this may be a forerunner of a series of films on club operations.

FIELD DAY 1960

Twenty operators worked six bands to pile up a total of 494 contacts and a score of 3126. Camp-Y proved a good choice and if the ionosphere had been more considerate the score would have been better. It is interesting to note that there were 246 contacts on CW and 248 on fone. All in all it was a successful venture even if the generator did pack up in the last half hour. Our plaudits to 3DEL for a fine job.

LAST MEETING

Mitch Powell, 3BCJ, gave an account of some experiments with a T2FD antenna which, although the results were not conclusive, made him want to forget the whole thing for a while. Perhaps when Mitch gets finished with commuting to Toronto every weekend, he will have time to find out just why it didn't work.

A great boost was given to VHF with Sid Sheard's talk on conversion of a 522 for 144mc operation. The demonstration plus Sid's meticulous and copious notes should contribute several VHF signals in this area this coming Fall.

Also passed at this meeting was a motion that a special membership be set up to provide people living away from Ottawa with an Inactive Membership to maintain association with the club through the Rambler for a nominal fee of \$ 1.00 per year.

Honorary Membership was conferred on Mike Larson, K5IJV, on his departure from this Country, for his leadership and devotion to the cause of the club. We feel that it was fitting too that just prior to leaving Mike was promoted to Lt/Col. His new address is: 1395 Spaulding Road, Dayton 32, Ohio. We learn now that he is MARS director on the Wright-Patterson Base in Dayton.

SOCIAL EVENING

On 3 June we had what might be called our most successful and best attended Social Evening of the Season. The details as well as the faces are somewhat hazy now, as then, but a rousing time was had by all.

NEW MEMBERS

Bob Anderson, K9YZA, lives at 421 Hartleigh Ave., received his call early in the summer and is busy getting a rig going at home.

Lyle Ward, VE3CEZ, ex 2FW, lives at 2188 Iris St., has a Cheyenne xmtr, Gonset Super-Six and a TR pwr supply. Also has a few burned out power transistors.

Fred Dagg, VE3BLD, Renfrew runs a Heath Cheyenne, xtal converter, and has a home-brew pr 813's running 300w at home. Can listen on 2, 6, and 10 with a VHF-152.

Frank Barton, VE3CVE, 458 Roosevelt Ave., runs a DX-40 on CW at home but is gathering material for a mobile.

BUCKINGHAM

Canoe races sponsored by the Hunters and Anglers of Papineau County covered about 35 miles and included one or two portages. Coverage of the course was done on 3760 kc with two mobiles and one portable station. Periodic reporting of the progress of the contestants to the finish judges was done with VE3's CFV, DMT, BON, BCL, BCJ, GX, CMY, BLD, VE2BBN participating.

CAPITAL CITY REGATTA July 23-24.

The OVMRC was again represented at the Britannia Yacht Club, sponsors of the Capital City Regatta. This regatta is attracting more and more entries from the Ottawa Valley every year. There were about 100 sailing craft in the races this year with keen competition in all classes. Two 'maritime mobiles' were set up on the 23rd with a base station, on 50.4 mcs, and three mm stations were used on the 24th. Communication was provided from 09:00 to 12:30hrs and 13:30 to 17:00 hrs both days. The mobiles acted as towing craft, rescue craft, and provided information transmissions for the benefit of the landlubbers on the shore. Bob Knapp, 3QDG, again did a masterful job as race commentator. With a briefing session a few days before, Bob was able to name the boats and owners on sight and this was much appreciated by the shore-bound members. Portable, battery-operated 50mc gear was provided by VE3LX, AGU, and DY. Operators on duty were: VE3LX, CSS, AGU, BCL, CDG, DY. Usual equipment troubles were experienced on Saturday but with usual Ham inventiveness and resourcefulness plus a large portion of good luck, corrections were made and Sunday was a very successful operation. The thing that we need most is more self-contained 50mc trans-receivers. Anyone interested ?

MOBILE EVALUATION TEST.

Originally scheduled for the 21st of August, this test got under way on the 28th with better weather. In fact it was so warm when the mobiles arrived at 3DY's cottage that it was considered advisable to make use of a large heat sink-- so everyone went swimming. This violent exercise, something to which many Hams are not accustomed, brought on extreme pangs of hunger, so there was a unanimous motion to eat. The combination of fatigue and imminent indigestion put thoughts of the test far far away. Fifteen hams with mobiles appeared on the scene with a total of 60 people -- some brought two wives -- made it an enjoyable gathering anyway. Whether the test gets held next week as planned will have to be seen. A report next issue.

PHONETICS

Whether we like it or not the ICAO phonetic alphabet is coming into use. It is a requirement for Restricted licences as needed by anyone applying for a private pilot's licence by DOT. Sooner or later we are going to be faced with handling traffic from someone who knows no other system. So we should at least be familiar with it. For that purpose it is reprinted here at the bottom of a page so that you may cut it off and paste it in a prominent place in the shack.

Alpha	Foxtrot	Kilo	Papa	Uniform	Zulu
Bravo	Golf	Lima	Quebec	Victor	
Charlie	Hotel	Mike	Romeo	Whiskey	
Delta	India	November	Sierra	X-ray	
Echo	Juliette	Oscar	Tango	Yankee	

OUT OF TOWN

From the Brandon "SPARKS" we see that the Manitoba Hamfest will be in Brandon on Sept 3 and 4. Sy Kenny, VE4YW, V-Pof the Brandon club is very active on 50mc and worked 33 stations in June. The Saskatchewan Hamfest was held in Regina on July 2 with 198 attending. In the Mobile judging, 2nd prize in the Homebrew went to John Draper, VE5DB, ex Ottawa, now of Prince Albert. There were other contests for the oldest licenced, youngest licenced, most recent YL, farthest distance travelled to the Hamfest, and a CW contest.

From the Halifax bulletin of April there is a gathering of old timers on Sundays at 08:00 AT on 3750kc in VE1 area. Anyone licenced for 20 years or over is invited. Bert, VE1RT is acting chairman.

VHF VHF VHF

144 mcs has been used to work Montreal and Toronto from this area. The circuit to Montreal is fairly stable and it can be worked almost anytime. Both DEL and BCL have used it. So far there is no report of anyone mobile in this area on 144 but 3CEZ is interested.

50 mc has been made more interesting with the appearance of several high power stations to the South of us. Don, 3RM and Gerry, 3AGU have worked a number with some regularity such as: K2MLT, south of Rochester N.Y. running 1 kw AM with a 9 over 9 beam and s9 sigs here.; W2UTH, Hank, Victor N.Y. with 200w AM; W2FDI, Shaumont Bay (pronounced Schmoo) 400w SSB; W2PGT, Syracuse; VE2AIO, Montreal.

EASTERN CANADA ARRL CONVENTION - Sept 16-17.

Victoria Hall in Westmount is the scene of the activities and technical sessions with the Banquet at the Queens Hotel. Ample parking at both locations. Program includes: lectures, films, tx hunts, speed contests, QSL card contest, DX dart contest, left foot sending contest, manufacturer booths, visit to CBC studios, gifts and special activities for the XYLs, prizes like a KW Electronics 65 watt fone/cw transmitter and matching receiver. Advance registrations are \$ 7.00 (7.50 at door) and includes banquet. Send money for tickets to Gordon Webster, VE2BB, 69 Pine Beach Road, Dorval, Que.

APPOINTMENT

Our Tech Advisor, Don Watters, VE3DEL, has had a transfer to Montreal and Ed Morgan, VE3GX, has been appointed to fill out his term. We are surely sorry to see Don leave this fair city but as he says 'eating is such a nice habit'. We know that this is a nice step foreward for you Don and after all Montreal is only about 2 hrs away by car and a lot less bu Ham Radio. 144 mc here we come !.

ARRL BULLETIN NR 763 - in part.

Arctic Stn KL7FLC will make test transmissions on 50.04 mc on a 24hr basis starting 16 Aug. Contacts will be attempted if the band is open. Tests will also be made on 144.12 by arrangement if condx favourable. Best time to hear KL7FLC is likely to be around mid-night local time when auroral conditions are noted. Please report details of any reception or two-way work to ARRL at once.

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