

HAPPY NEW YEAR

RAMBLER

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POT HOLE NET

ARRL Registered Official Net of the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club, Incorporated which meets every Sat & Sun at 10 AM local time on 3760 kcs. Six meter version meets every Sun morning at 10 AM local time on 50.4 mcs.

MONITORING FACILITY

VE3CGO monitors 3760 kcs daily from approx 8 AM to 6PM to assist local mobiles as well as those passing through or visiting Ottawa. Also takes out of town traffic for the Ottawa area.

NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING

PLACE : NRC Sussex Street, Ottawa, Ont. ROOM 3039

DATE & TIME: THURSDAY, JAN 10th, 1963 at 8.15 PM

(Note: Club meets on the second thursday of every month)

PROGRAMME

Business

Report on 6&2 meters

Film(See write up "At the next meeting" for the details

Coffee & Ragchew

ELECTION

At the last meeting (Dec) the 1963 Executive was selected. The election was conducted by Gerry 3BST, assisted by Glenn 3CGP and Ed 3GX. Many thanks Gerry for a job well done.

1963 EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT: Gerry King 3BST 1152 Tara Drive, Ottawa 5 Res PA8-8544

VICE-PRES: Bill McLeod 3DQM 66 Pine Glen Cr. RR2 Ottawa Res TA5-1752

SEC/TREAS: Harry Hayes 3BEB 2490 Alta Vista Dr. Ottawa 8 Res RE3-5904

TECHNICAL ADVISER: Bill Rolfe 3BJO 95 Palsen St. Ottawa 5 Res PA8-1389

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN: Mitch Powell 3BCJ 1196 Shillington Av Ottawa 3 Res PA9-5701

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN: Doug Burrill 3CDC 151 Fanshaw Av Ottawa 8 Res RE3-7108

Before turning the chair over to the new president, the retiring president Lyle Ward 3CEZ, thanked his executive, the Net Managers, and the Editor of the Rambler for the excellent support during his term of office. He expressed his regrets that he did not have an inspiring speech such as was delivered by Mitch Powell 3BCJ upon his retirement as president but that he hoped each member would endeavour to support all club activities. He urged

the members not to be content with just attending the meetings but to be a booster by entering into the spirit of things and attend "even if you don't think it is your cup of tea" He pointed out how discouraging it is for the Executive to plan an event and have it poorly attended. Volunteer your services to help the executive and if you have a pet activity or project bring it to their attention at a Club Meeting or give them a phone call!

Editor's Note: It is difficult to please everyone so be patient and offer your support to the executive and to the club. If you have to "Put Yourself Out" for the Club, then you know that you are making a contribution. If you do not contribute then you get nothing in return. Your contribution may be simply a matter of attending a meeting when you would rather stay home and watch a sporting event. Taking the Net Control on a sat thereby having to delay a shopping trip until later. Attending a social evening when you have the "Play Offs" in the local tiddly wink Tournament. So just don't be content to merely belong--like, be a contributor! Let our 1963 Motto be.....
"We'll Bust Our Rears in 63 for The Club"

AT THE NEXT MEETING " SPECIAL FOR LADIES "

Book a Sitter for the 10th of Jan and bring along the Baracuda. If you are fortunate enough to be single bring along the girl friend. Courtesy of the U.S. Embassy we will be priveleged to show a one hour technicolour film entitled "Friendship Seven" which is an exciting film about Col John Glenn's historic flight in space. This film has been shown to restricted audiences in the Ottawa area. Several of our Club members have seen it at work and are very enthusiastic about it. In fact they have even expressed a wish to see it again with their wives yet! This may sound as if some of the members have a harem but this is only mental---Something like my Island in the Pacific! I'll tell you about it sometime!

IN SYMPATHY

Mr. Wilbert B. Smith 52, Superintendent of Radio Regulations Engineering, Dept of Transport died in hospital December 27th. Mr. Smith in addition to other accomplishments was world renowned as an Unidentified Flying Object Investigator. I am sure that those of us who were fortunate to be present when he addressed our club on the subject of "UFO's" will never forget him or his subject. All in attendance were completely spellbound, even the tongues of of the cynics were quelled as they listened with rapt attention for 1½ hrs. The question period which followed was also a tribute to the nature of the subject, with surprising contributions from club members. Mr Smith was also the founding father of the suburban Ottawa police Village of City View.

GENTLE REMINDER

Let us start the new year right! "Let us Pay" our dues as soon as possible. The club coffers have been somewhat depleted and in addition, early payment will permit early publication of a membership roster. Dues are \$3.50 per year for all classes of membership with the exception of Dx members and Family members which are \$1.00. Just think of it, less than one cent per day to belong to one of the most famous clubs in Canada to say nothing of the rest of the world. We are ARRL affiliated and in addition, legally incorporated, a truly unbeatable combination! If you are not a member now, obtain a membership application form from the secretary at the next meeting.

FIELD DAY 1962

An even greater improvement over former years! First in Canada in the Club Group, Two Transmitters Operated Simultaneously, Class! Eighteenth in a total field of 228 which includes all club and non club groups in Canada and the U.S. in the 2 transmitter class. Not bad for only 8 operators, especially when

you consider that last year we had twice the number of operators and 3 transmitters! I think that each year we improve vastly and if we continue to profit by our mistakes ---look out in 63 !

REPORT FROM LEPOLDVILLE IN THE CONGO

Our own Sid Sheard 3BCL extends seasons greetings to all of us from the steaming jungles of the Congo where the temperature ranges from 90-110 with the humidity ranging from 80-90%. You are breaking my heart Sid because on this windy Sunday afternoon as I write (Dec 30) the temperature is 10 below zero! Your location gives me poignant pangs Sid because in Jan 1941 I left Canada for the UK on a ship called the Leopoldville whose home port was in the Congo. Needless to say it was cold since the ship was equipped for tropical climes and not for plying the Atlantic with boys in blue for the War! Wonder if she still exists or was sunk, Sid? Wonder if the current hit song among troops out there is "I'm Dreaming of a White Mistress" sung to the tune of another song with a similar title? Sid hopes to be operational from his own station soon and has made overtures with the local authorities and discovered that it will cost him about \$10.00 for the licence, providing of course that he can pass the "Drum" test. This presented quite a problem for Sid but when he modestly confessed that he had tried "bongo" drums one night in Canada at a party, the natives were quite impressed. You see any native who can play what would be equivalent to a "two element" drum is revered. In any event all is presently in the hands of the authorities. Will he make it, or is he destined to communicate with pen and ink for the balance of his tour? Be sure to read the next installment. Seriously though, Sid wishes me to convey to you and yours his very best wishes for the New Year. And to you Sid, on behalf of all the members, a safe and speedy return to Canada, luck and prosperity.

LIKE WHO WON THE PRIZES

Election night draw prize winners: 3CGP Glenn-a most potent lantern, 3AK Eric won an Xtal mike, 3CEZ Lyle won a multimeter, 3CQD Emil won a transistorized AF-RF signal tracer, several ball point pens courtesy of Tony 2VV were also drawn. Very nice group of prizes.

SPLATTER

W4NGA/VE3 Harry should soon be on 75 mobile--Harry intends to join the Club thereby filling the usual K or W slot that has been vacant for some time--welcome aboard...- K9YZA Bob extends his best wishes to all members- 4X4PQ (VE3ECN) Stan also extends his best wishes for the new year- K7RLK (exK5IJV) Mike sends his best regards to the gang...-VE2HW Don has a cw sked with 3GX every sunday and sends his best wishes...-On behalf of the Club to all members at home and abroad, health, happiness and prosperity in 1963 .-.-.

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