

Club Operating Frequencies: 3760 kc, 50.4 Mc, 144.5 Mc.

RAMBLER

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POT HOLE NET

ARRL registered Official Net of the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club, Incorporated. Meets every Sat & Sun at 10 AM local time on 3760 kc. Six meter version meets Sundays only at 10 AM local time on 50.4 Mc.

MONITORING FACILITY

VE3CGO monitors 3760 kc daily from approx 8 AM to 6 PM 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, Ontario, ROOM 3039

DATE & TIME: THURSDAY, 14 March 1963 at 8.15 PM
(Note: Club meets on the second Thursday of every month)

PROGRAMME

Business

Report on 6 & 2 meters

Film: to be announced

Technical Demonstration: VE3BJOs homebrew version of the 75A4 (Bill was sick and could not make the last meeting)

Coffee & Cookies

Ragchew

AT THE LAST MEETING

Since Bill 3BJO was not available for last month's demonstration Gerry, the incredible and incomparable 3BST breached the gap by showing his yet unfinished homebrew mobile SSB transceiver. Looks as if Gerry will have a dandy in operation in the near future. Warning don't get too close to Bill 3BJO, he infects people with mobile SSB-itis!

REPORT ON THE SKATING PARTY

Took place at the home of Bill 3BJO and his good XYL Ida. It was a bitterly cold night with sub zero temperature and a wind. Not a fit nite for man or beast, but by golly true to the tradition of the rugged athletic nature of mobile hams, they came suitably dressed skates in hand, cheeks aglow, and eyes sparkling with anticipation! Don't jump to conclusions, no one had yet put lips to booze. We assembled in the rec room. Before anyone could snappa cappa, someone said (and there's one in every crowd) when are we going skating? This was like saying "Charge" to an old cavalry man or Banzai to a Kamakazi Pilot during WW2. Well you can imagine the rush for the clothes and boots so carefully removed, the jamb on the stairs, the trip to the nearby rink. Upon arrival, we met a small boy leaving. He brightly informed us that the rink was closed! Perhaps a little too quickly, someone said "Oh thats too bad--lets go back to Bill's" but someone else had already made talk with the rink officials, who I suppose were overcome with the looks of determination, relented, and it began. To most of the group, this is the only time they skate, Merrriam Sheard XYL of Sid 3BCL who has been threatening for many years to put on her racers, did just that, and went four laps! How about that--Sid is sweating in 130 degree temperatures in the Congo while

his XYL freezes. Such inconsistencies already! Anyway back to the rink-- we all had a very nice skate--some were exhausted sooner than others, some had sorer bottoms than others and wished they had a third skate fastened to it! After the exhilarating exercise we repaired to the rec room for warmth and liquid comfort, after which we danced conversed and otherwise made jolly. She left early though! At the stroke of midnight, the culinary genius of Mitch's XYL was demonstrated when a feed of weiners ^{and beans} appeared as if by magic. I believe Mitch (being an old Maritimer) helped Willi by de-snapping the beans! A good time was had by all. Several did not go out on the skating caper but later demonstrated their prowess in other ways. Our thanks to all those who made it possible and especially to Bill and Ida for making their home available. By the way never try to approach their home from the west side of Palsen--like some certain people did--it was all the womans fault --she was navigating--he driving---a poor combination at the best of times!

A REPORT ON THE SOCIAL EVENING

Our problems have now been solved and we were able to obtain the Wallis House for this popular event --our first in the New Year! The attendance was not as large as usual, but nevertheless we all had a good time. Ye Olde editor was pretty well primed before arriving due to a previous commitment! I think the fact that this event was between Ramblers and the only publicity was via the net and the telephoning committee explains the fact that the crowd was a bit smaller than usual. Most of the old gang, the hard core were there though. I have a feeling that some of the hard core had the best time yet at this one! Saw quite a few of our regulars learning the twist! Their fingers were properly curled of course! The music was more balanced, the last do was top heavy with twisting. At the risk of being called a sissy, I prefer conventional dancing --I like the personal contact! Its most exasperating to have someone wiggling before one and not be able to touch ---its a foul if you do! There was some smaltzy music which I like (I hate doing a fast waltz) a very good selection. You know several people who are presumed to be devotees of this dance--confessed that they kinda liked other types of dancing too. Even some of the younger ones. The Limbo went quite well but it seems to be one of the few dances that our members dont excell in. Glenn 3BPT seemed to have the knack, but I hear he practices every night. There were lots of prizes, door, spot dances, etc for males and females. The Club's new 50 Cup plus coffee machine made it's debut. No more will Doreen have to wade back to the store, snow to the armpits, pot in one hand baby in other to return the pot after a meeting before noon the next day. Never did find out what the penalty was! Maybe one turned into a pumpkin even! CU at the next one!

LAST CALL (OR TIME GENTLEMEN PLEASE)

In keeping with past tradition, this, will be the last issue of the Rambler for some of you. We usually ask in three issues for dues and if nil response despite the fact we hate to lose members, they are crossed off the mailing list! A sad procedure since certain ceremonies are involved. I get all choked up when I think of it! The fact that you have been busy and unable to attend the first two meetings or this upcoming meeting is no excuse. Make out a cheque payable to the "Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club, Incorporated" send it to Harry Hayes VE3BEB, 2490 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa 8, Ontario. Its only \$3.50 for all classes of membership except family and DX. Bring the necessary gold to the next meeting or send it to Harry. The New Membership Roster will be commenced immediately after this next meeting so don't be left off it eh? \$1.00 for family and DX members.

CREDIT

Forgot to thank 3CGP & 3BHA for the music and the machine with which the music was produced! Also to Mitch and all the rest who contributed to the social evening. Thanks gang!

WELCOME ABOARD

To new member Glenn Marshall, VE3BPT an active mobiler!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Another social evening is in the planning stage but this time it will be held in the recently completed rec room of Harry BEB and the XYL Helen. It will be restricted to members only, no guests other than the baracuda or the baracuda to be, due to obvious space limitations. We are going to help the BEBs to breakup --no I mean break-in his new room. The net and telephoning committee will advise further on the details.

IN THE OPINION OF THE EDITOR....OR HATE THE EDITOR WEEK

I see by the Montreal Amateur Radio Club, Incorporated publication "Marcogram" that issue 4 of the ARRL Canadian Newletter has gone out to all ARRL affiliated Clubs. We belong in this category, but I have yet to see one of these bulletins sure wish whoever receives em on behalf of the club would turn them over to the executive. Anyway it seems that the returns are in from 16 Canadian ARRL affiliated clubs, representing about one third the total of such clubs, on the subject of Novice and Technician Licencing in Canada. The 16 clubs have 607 members, of whom 474 are licenced, Less than 300 amateurs voted as follows: (Sure hope the unlicenced members didnt have a vote)

| | <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> |
|-------------|------------|----------------|
| Novices | 197 | 88 |
| Technicians | 156 | 118 |

This is not a final result but indicates a trend. So it sure looks as if business interests are getting into ham radio in Canada. Any US or Canadian ham who has been active more than ten years, and I mean active certainly regrets the implementation of the Novice and Technician Classes. Ham radio has been degraded, a ham licence under this system is not an accomplishment like it used to be, a source of pride. A fellow that has not earned his unrestricted licence after several years of ham operation should hang his head in shame. The code is no barrier to those with ambition, pride and determination. Show me a ham that has not earned his advanced ticket after the required time and I'll show you half a ham. He will be all for a new licencing scheme that may enable him to obtain an advanced ticket without work. The same will apply to those hams who have not actually earned their tickets even though they possess an advanced ticket. There are lots of these and you can spot em. Sure we can populate 6 & 2. The US companies will sell lots of commercial gear, which will not help Canada's economy. I think it is also a case of "Monkey See ---Monkey Do" First the Citizens Band, GRS to us, now the same amateur licencing scheme. Have we no mind of our own? I have been a member of ARRL for many years, even held league official offices, but I do not agree that a pole should be taken by our Canadian representative. Why not a vote like on the band extension, in the democratic manner, but with an unbiased design perhaps including the pros and cons on a separate sheet. The DOT can well afford this extravagance since there is little or no ham TVI, BCI etc. Wait until the Novices and Technicians get on, along with increased numbers of GRS. Jobs aplenty. So lets hear from "Joe Canuck" the vast majority of whom are not ARRL members. Bet this will make some of you mad! Up the rebels! Let these lazy people get GRS licences. Even then Canadian industry isnt helped very much, since the bulk of it is imported.

REPORT FROM THE CONGO

Sid 3BCL is now on the air after many trials and tribulations with a KWM2A and a TA33. Look for 9Q5RCS he puts in an excellent signal with the beam atop a 185' tower. Mostly on 20 SSB around 14125 on weekdays around 2300Z and from 1300Z on weekends. Also on CW abt 14050 at the same times. He finds being dx a harrowing experience due to the pile ups etc. Wx is 130 degrees quite a change from Canada.

Splatter

Glenn 3GCP has his new mobile in operation and it sure works fb -...- Bill 3ADK with external affairs is now signing G3RQB -...- 73 & Happy Mobiling Address all corres for Rambler to Ed Morgan VE3GX 755 Hamlet Rd Ottawa 8, Ont.