

CLUB CALL : VE3RAM

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# RAMBLER

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## POT HOLE NET

Official Net of the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club, Incorporated. Meets every Sat & Sun at 10 AM on 3760 Kcs. 6 Meter version meets every Sun at 11 AM on 50.4 Mcs.

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## MONITORING FACILITY

VE3CGO monitors on 3760 Kcs daily from approx 8AM to 6PM daily to assist local mobiles or take out of town traffic for the Ottawa area.

## NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING

PLACE: NRC Sussex Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Room 3039

DATE & TIME: THURSDAY, 13 February 64 at 8.15 PM

(Note: Club meets on the 2nd Thurs. of every month)

## PROGRAMME

### BUSINESS:

FILM: Bel Tel 12 minute effort entitled "Mobile Telephones"

TECHNICAL DEMONSTRATION: Mobile Transceiver SSB 5 band latest and newest model (by VE3BJO)

DISCUSSION: Field Day 1964 conducted by the newly appointed FD Chairman VE3DMT

DISCUSSION: Club Mobile Equipment Design Contest

### COFFEE & COOKIES

### RAGCHEW

HELP US: Pay your dues at the next meeting! If you can't be there send a cheque to the secretary. The new membership roster will be included with the March Rambler--be sure you are on it before deadline 29 February 64

## REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

You may recall that our last meeting was held on a very icy slippery night, consequently the turnout was small. Ten brave souls in all, typifying the old spirit of the Club, attended. Sid, VE3BCL gave a very interesting demonstration on his "easy to build" homebrew mobile installation. He prepared Booklets containing circuit diagrams, chassis layouts, and even numerous photographs of the completed units. It is unfortunate that the weather reduced the turnout but Sid has more copies of the booklet if anyone is interested. Maybe he would agree to a repeat later in the year. Many thanks for an excellent Job Sid!

## REPORT ON THE SKATING PARTY

This annual event, which is more enthusiastically received every year, was

in the spacious and recently completed Rec Room of Bill VE3DQM and his XYL Ruth. It is sort of a club tradition to break in the new facilities of the members. No charge is made, and it is done right, as several of the lucky people who have availed themselves of the "service" will testify. Ten and a half couples participated (for those not mathematically minded--like it was 21 bobs) A very nice group indeed. Nearly everyone donned the blades and actually skated. We had races for the men and women as well as Olympic Style figuring skating. The garden variety style, you know on the sides of the boots was very popular as well. Bob VE3BCB put on skates (ice, men for the use of) for the first time in his life! He did any excellent job indeed, much better than the first attempt for most people. Such courage---we doff our mobile whips to you sire! When the signal was given, there was a mad scramble to the rink shack and skates were removed with sheer delight! It felt good to get em off! We then repaired to the Rec room where the athletic activities continued in the form of dancing, twisting and elbow bending! Bill Rolfe 3BJO was introduced to the mysteries of twisting. Glen 3CGP was introduced to this art form on New Years Eve, so that his was his public debut! Congratulations gentlemen! but why do you walk so funny now! Delicious food prepared by that gourmet expert, cuisiniere supreme Ruth was served and devoured like the true devotees we were! Outdoor folks must eat well! Our thanks to the host and hostess and to the gang for another bang up affair! Huge success as usual ! Ta Ta !

#### IN APPRECIATION

The Club would like to express thanks to Gord Grant VE3DY for his activities on our behalf. Gord originated the "RAMBLER" almost 7 years ago. He wrote and printed it for three years, but due to his activities in the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club, he was obliged to give up the writing, but continued to do the printing for the present Editor. Gord finds it difficult to continue in this latter much appreciated role and has requested that another printer be found. After almost seven years I think it is well earned. Gord has always been prompt and efficient in his relationship with the Rambler and we shall miss it. Our thanks for all you have done Gord, especially mine (ye ed.) because without it we would have had no bulletin! I am sure the members will join me in multi doffs of our Mobile whips! Fortunately Sid VE3BCL, offered to step into the breach and will continue with the printing. God Bless you OM ! While on the subject of bulletins, your present editor would gladly relinquish his post to anyone wishing to take it over! I volunteered when Gord had to vacate the post. I won't feel insulted, so if anyone would like the job, like its yours! Just call the prez or myself anytime! Would be "Delighted" to oblige!

#### CALL LETTER LICENCE PLATES

Anyone who has listened on 75 could not fail to be aware of activity in this connection in the Ottawa area as well as in other parts of Ontario. When the briefs arrived at the homes of hams in the Ottawa area without a covering letter, there was much confusion, however to make a long story short Our Mobile Club took it over as a Club Project and turned the confusion into organization. Our thanks to VE3FDB who extracted 326 names and address of hams living in the Ottawa area from the VE3 section of the 1963 Call Book", looked up every telephone number and then listed the names addresses and calls alphabetically by call under the seven telephone exchanges in the Ottawa area. It was then possible to approximately relate the telephone exchanges to area provincial ridings. Approximately five only members divided up the ridings and personally went to collect signatures. All people had to



to be pre-phoned to establish if they were in favour and secondly to find out when they would be in, a big job for so few. As you know most hams are enthusiastic about things if there is no work involved, consequently if we had asked them to come to us to sign, I'm sure their intentions would have been good but I am afraid we ~~would~~ have collected only a few signatures! So we went to them, the reaction was very favourable to the principle of call letter licence plates, about three refused to sign, but the remainder were very enthusiastic as a rule! The original figure of 326 was reduced to 317 by virtue of death, expiry of licences and moving from the Ottawa area. There are 5 provincial ridings in the Ottawa area, and we submitted briefs complete with signatures to each and every M.P.P. Some ridings had very few hams in them (say 20) and we got them practically 100%, others had many, too many to get them all with the limited number of Club volunteers. So here are the figures, we personally collected approximately 200 signatures from the 317 used as a practical basis for the operation. I would say that is a pretty high average. These of course are appropriately divided into the five ridings. I think the Club can be justly proud of their accomplishment and if we get Call Letter Licence Plates, those few who did participate can derive satisfaction from the fact that they were part of a democratic movement and method unheard of in some European countries. If we don't get them we will know that we did our part, and that the failure was elsewhere. In this latter event, provided that hams in the remainder of the provincial ridings did as well as we, lack of proper procedure is the culprit. I hope the R.S.O. Inc. are planning to introduce a bill or make it an act of parliament to ensure permanency.

#### RADIO SOCIETY OF ONTARIO INC.

Most of you if not all of you have received a newsletter from the society asking for your support as a member. I joined and received a lovely wall type certificate! This in itself is worth a buck even if you are not a certificate hunter. I urge you to complete the form and send in your buck, join and this way we may have a beneficial organization. I am not sure however whether the society is just ARRL affiliated and not ARRL oriented and dominated. So if the latter is the case it behooves us to join to ensure that firstly this is an Ontario organization and secondly that it is representative of the hams in Ontario. The ARRL affiliation should be just that, purely liason. JOIN NOW JOIN NOW. JOIN! Sa"NO"Novice we have a citizen's band for this! Take a listen to this "ham" band sometime.

#### SOCIAL EVENING-VALENTINES DAY

Like its the Happy Time again for the Mobile Club and it's jolly members! This popular event will be held in a new place this time for the more recent members (we have held several there before) in the Officer's Wardroom of HMCS Carleton, Friday, February 14th 1964. The charge will be \$1.00 per head as usual (2 headed fone men \$1.50). As usual members are permitted to bring guests. There will be dancing, of all types, the usual stimulating conversation, athletics (elbow bending) So make peace with the Baracuda---ask her to be your Valentine and attend this "Hearty" function! I'm sure she will be thrilled to death and besides is cheaper than a present. The telephone committee will be calling to see if you're coming and advise you of any further details. Please advise them of the number of guests you are taking so that the "food committee" will have some idea of the quantity of food required. Please ensure that your guests are not minors. OH YES There are prizes too! Support your new EXECs first social

#### EMERGENCY CO-ORDINATOR

GLEN VE3CGP has been appointed EC for Ottawa area. Give him your Support he will be requiring it soon. (no more room--hate to go to 4 pages)