

Club Call: VE3RAM

Club Operating Freqs: 3760 Kcs, 50.4 Mcs, 144.5 Mcs

RAMBLER

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POT HOLE NET

Official Net of the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club, Incorporated. The NET meets every Sat & Sun at 10 AM on 3760.

MONITORING FACILITY

VE3CGO monitors 3760 Kcs Approx 8AM to 6PM dail for local mobile or other tfe.

NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING

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

DATE/TIME: THURSDAY, March 12th, 64 at 8.15 PM
(Club meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month)

PROGRAMME

BUSINESS

TECHNICAL DEMONSTRATIONS

(a) 75 Meter Homebrew Converter (by VE3BEB)

(b) Homebrew Extremely Compact Canadian KW Linear Amplifier (by VE3BST)

FILM: TBA

COFFEE & COOKIES

RAGCHEW

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

Bill Rolfe VE3BJO demonstrated his very latest Mobile 5 Band homebrew SSB Transceiver. The members were very impressed and I think Bill won over several more converts to the homebrew SSB fraternity. In fact there are four or five wishing to get together for mass buying of the components. One more sermon will be required to convert the rest Bill! The film was a shorty by the BTGO on Mobile Telephones. The FD chairman VE3DMT conducted a discussion and it was tentatively decided that there will be two stns, one fone one C.W. power limit 30 watts, new site required (several were suggested for investigation)

REPORT ON THE SOCIAL EVENING

A social evening was held at HMCS Carleton February 14th, 64. Many of the older members will recall that several of our earlier socials were held there. The "do" was well attended and many of the members brought their Valentines, others brought theirs XYLs. There were many new faces in attendance, some of them new members, others as guests of the members. Gil 3BHA and his XYL Laurie who recently moved to Pembroke, came down to Ottawa "a purpose to attend the shindig". Such devotion certainly deserves multi

doffs of our mobile whips! A good time was had by all as usual. CU at the Next Social. Understand that there will be another in the near future which will be announced via the telephone committee or in the Rambler. Plan to attend.

"DONT FORGET TO RENEW YOUR AMATEUR LICENCE--ITS THAT TIME AGAIN "

WOM CERTIFICATES---Worked Ottawa Mobile

The president advises that the WOM Certificate is still available and that the original rules to earn one still apply. To earn one a station must contact 5 members of the Club in Good Standing while they are mobile and submit the QSLs obtained to the Club. Endorsement stickers are available for each 5 additional mobiles worked and QSLed.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

The membership roster is included with this edition. Please tack it up on the shack wall or staple it in your telephone book for handy reference. An updated version will be issued later in the year to pick up the members not on this list as well as the new members.

DUES-LAST CALL IN THE RAMBLER

Like see the honorable secretary at the next meeting or mail a cheque to him!

FOR SALE: By Doug VE3CDC; Hallicrafters HT 19 Transmitter complete, a 200 watt modulator with P.S., a 40 Watt clipper filter modulator, Stewart Warner communication receiver 550 Kc to 18 Mc. Call him for details!

THE "HAMS" WITHOUT A HAM LICENCE

I wonder how many of you have monitored the CB or GRS frequencies on the 27 mc band? If you have, all this talk about Novice and Technician licencing in Canada would seem rather unnecessary since these fellas are now engaging in ham type QSOs. The only difference is that they use the the "Dick Tracy" 1Q type signals, but all the rest of the jargon and terminology is ham style. They even have QSL cards. Several ham type publications are on the newsstands which cater to the C.Bers. They don't call "CQ" but "Test Calls" result in a QSO. Unlike their U.S. counterparts they are permitted to communicate with any other C.B. station. The only restriction is that they are not supposed to hold a channel longer than 5 minutes, so to combat this regulation they QSY to another channel. In this manner they can ragchew as long as they want! Unlike hams they can discuss any subject and do not have the ham advertizing restriction in QSOs. I always thought that the C.B. service was designed for the small businessman, the corner drug store, the TV repairman etc., but to date have failed to hear any "business" conducted on these frequencies. Of course I don't do much listening during the day.

There are "Ham Missionaries" whose "mission" seems to be the "conversion" of these C.B. folk to hams. Of course there are also hams whose "mission" is to convert everyone to ham radio. I think that even though the "missionaries" are well intentioned, their efforts are somewhat misguided. The C.B. types are having a "ball" at the present time. I am sure that a number of them will naturally gravitate toward ham radio, without having it pushed down their throats. In addition to the well intentioned "missionaries" there are some malcontent hams assisting the C.Bers. Hams in this latter category have usually been rejected by the rest of the ham society due to their lack of "ham spirit" poor operating techniques, poor technical techniques (key clicks, side band splatter etc) These malcontents along with a crew of fellows, who have been waiting for many years for the amateur licence requirements to be lessened, are held in "high esteem" by the C.B.ers due to their "superior technical knowledge". They now have the recognition necessary for existence!

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The C.B. licenees are multiplying like rabbits and if they don't already, will soon out number the hams. Led by the "Unmentionables" (malcontents and psuedo hams) they are attempting to organize on a Canada Wide scale to make representation to the DOT via political means for "full ham" priveleges. They hope to accomplish this by virtue of their superior numbers, an undeniable reason indeed! Already they have large "area" C.B. clubs. I rather imagine the FCC in the U.S. was faced with a similar problem which resulted in a change in the regulations for C.B.ers. In the Ottawa area, at least when I have been listening their operating techniques have been exemplary. I understand that in the Montreal area this is not the case. Profanity abounds, off colour jokes which are usually reserved for the bar room, and stag party abound.

It has been said recently that the Canadian Amateur requirements are among the toughest in the world. At least more difficult than in the U.S. and the U.K. I think this should make the Canadian amateur value his achievements all the more. We should if anything strive for greater achievement rather than the degradation proposed by certain amateurs and organizations.

I strongly object to the statistics published by our ARRL CGM. They would appear to indicate that over half of the hams questioned were in favour of degrading our system. How were these statistics obtained? They were obtained from radio clubs alone after the speaker gave them a sales talk on the benefits. Were the results obtained from a secret ballot at the meeting? Were all those in the audience licenced hams? I think the answer to all these questions is no. A show of hands was undoubtedly requested, and as you know a lot of people hate to vote against the guest speaker, especially if it is a "stand up and be counted effort". I take my hat off to those hams who had the guts to stand up and be counted as being against such a degrading proposal.

My answer is "IF YOUR FRIENDS ARE TOO LAZY TO GET A HAM LICENCE TELL THEM TO TAKE THE EASY ROUTE---C.B. LICENCE"

Remember that hamwise the population figures mean nothing at Geneva. The U.S. with the world's largest number of hams has only one vote, the same as a country with only two or three hams.

NOTE: This is a controversial article designed to make you think, hate the editor or both. It can't help but succeed! THE VIEWS EXPRESSED ARE THOSE OF THE EDITOR AND DO NO NECESSARILY REFLECT THE VIEWS OF THE CLUB OR THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

SPLATTER

3CGP Glen was recently mistaken for some type of government highways official when operating mobile during a business trip to northern Quebec..It would seem some of the local truckers were operating either with excessive weight or improper type licence for their vehicles. Glenn's mobile whip and yak yak on the air caused quite a stir...- Belated congratualtions to Gib 3BGX on going mobile recently -...- Scott 3DYM has a fh mobile transmitter almost ready for testing -...- Harry 3BEB just finished a new mobile converter -...- 3EQH George is building a SSB transceiver for six -...-Hear Jack 3CEB is going to build a SSB transceiver for 75 -...-3BST Gerry "the build em while you wait man" just completed another linear (see technical demonstration) Lyle 3CEZ going to duplicate the 3BJO SSB transceiver (3BEB, 3GX, 3BCJ to name a few) are also interested -...- 3CGD Art has a new car -...- Bill 3DQM has NCX 3 on order -...- 3CDC Doug had to get a new motor for his car---like I told ya Dougie --you had the head planed too fine -...- 3BON doug was heard to mention recently that he must get going mobile again -...- Boy there's lots of building activity going on----probably a lot more than I know of \$oo---- makes a fellas hands itch to get at the tools and get abuilding ..-.. Address all corres. to the Rambler to: The Editor, Ed Morgan, 755 Hamlet Road Ottawa 8, Ontario.