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POT HOLE NET: Official Club Net. Meets every Saturday & Sunday at 10 AM local time on 3760 Khz. On Saturdays only, the Club Sponsored SWAP NET conducted by VE3YC follows immediately after roll call. Open to all radio amateurs.

MONITORING FACILITY: VE3CGO monitors 3760 Khz daily from approx 8 AM to 6 PM for local mobile, or out of town traffic.

NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING

PLACE: E.M.O. Headquarters, 495 Richmond Road
(PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN MEETING PLACE)
FOR THIS MEETING ONLY)
TIME & DATE: 8 PM THURSDAY May 11th, 1967

PROGRAM

BUSINESS

TALK: How Amateur Radio Can be of Assistance to E.M.O. by Mr. Jenkins of E.M.O.

TALK: Radio Society of Ontario by Rees Powell VE3DJK
Ottawa District Representative for R.S.O.

FIELD DAY PLANS

COFFEE & COOKIES

GENERAL RAG CHEW

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

Gerry VE3BST demonstrated his latest homebrew creations consisting of an ALL band SSB Transceiver, Remote VFO Selectoject combination and a multi band 2 KW PEP linear. Thank you very much Gerry for an interesting demonstration of the homebrew art. Gary, W2YYP gave an interesting talk on his recently acquired SWAN 350 SSB Transceiver and had it available for the scrutiny of the members. It was the first time that many of us had the opportunity to view in the flesh this popular piece of amateur gear. Many thanks Gary.

REPORT ON CLUB COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE MILES FOR MILLIONS CENTENNIAL WALK

On April 8th, the Club provided communications for the Miles for Millions Centennial Walk sponsored by OXFAM of Canada. Each walker had one or more sponsors who agreed to pay so much a mile to this charity for every mile successfully completed. The route covered 40 miles and each walker was required to check in at each of the 14 check points over the route. It was anticipated that possibly 500 walkers would participate, but much to every-

ones surprise, over 4000 registered and started on the walk. Approx 500 walkers actually finished the gruelling 40 miles. Many almost completed it, and the roads along the route were reminiscent of some of the death marches of WW2 as the many thousands plodded along with bleeding and blistered feet. The majority of the walkers were the much maligned teenagers and many were under the age of 13. It was truly amazing to see the determination and endurance of these kids. It became an obsession for them to finish. I suppose it was also their way of indicating to the world that teenagers and children of their generation are capable of producing when given the challenge. There were middle aged and elderly walkers as well, but the overwhelming majority consisted of our younger generation. My hat is off to them!

We commenced our communication chore before 9 AM and did not close down until 2.15 AM the following morning when the last of the walkers arrived at the Centennial Centre. Our role was to man the check points with mobile units to provide communication and news of the walkers. We quickly found out that our task was indeed much more vital than anticipated. Owing to the number of participants and lack of organization, we found that we were organizing, locating check points, providing communication for the two St Johns Ambulances, arranging for food, medical attention, manning check points, locating walkers, locating lost clothing, arranging for transportation for walkers that could not continue and in general helping in every possible way. What seemed to be a routine request for communications turned into a real emergency exercise with all of the actual problems one can encounter in an actual emergency. Unfortunately we did not get recognition for Amateur Radio in terms of favorable publicity, but I am sure that all our Club members who participated took solace in the fact that the whole event would have been a complete failure without our assistance. We handled hundreds of messages by radio to say nothing of the hundreds of telephone calls to and from the fixed stations which acted as Net Control Stations for the mobiles at the check points.

Jack, VE3YC, in his capacity of the Ottawa District AREC EC organized and directed our efforts and is to be complimented on a job well done.

Our thanks to the 11 mobiles and 2 fixed stations who participated and who in some cases served continuously for 15 or more hours. Many gallons of gas whizzed through the pipe. I think our Club can be proud of our contribution to this worthy charitable event and can rest content in the knowledge that we were tried and tested and came through with flying colours. Three doffs of our mobile whips for a job well done!

IN SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sympathy to Art VE3CGD and his family in the recent loss of his father.

HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER BY AMATEUR RADIO

A local member of the Ottawa Kiwanis addressed the membership of Kiwanis Club in Alexandria La. by amateur radio. Mac VE3VI handled the Ottawa end of the the circuit which was patched into the PA System during the regular meeting of the Kiwanis in Alexandria La. It was a two way conversation and the Alexandria members were able to hear both ends of the conversation. Projects, ideas and greetings were exchanged. A most successful demonstration of how Amateur Radio can be used to increase knowledge and friendship between worthy organizations many miles apart. A W5 fellow Kiwanian handled the other end of the circuit.

RAMBLINGS

3CGO Doreen has an HW32 and soon will be able to work 20 meters and monitor 75 simultaneously -...- 3CEZ Lyle is going on a business trip to Jamaica -...- The Club Sponsored Spring Auction held 29 April was a tremendous success -- almost 400 items were processed -- Many thanks to those hard workers who made it possible ---Our Club coffers are a little fatter---also thanks to those who generously donated items to the Club -...- 2BZN Glenn has moved back to Ottawa --Welcome Home OM---Address 19 Parkwood Cr. P.O. Box 620, RR9 Ottawa, Tel. 824-2450 -...- 3MH Keith has departed for England for a two year stint --our best wishes -...- 3BFI Bill has received his new SB101 and should be on the air before too long--he will demonstrate it at a future meeting .-.-.

73 & HAPPY MOBILING CU AT THE MEETING AND DON'T FORGET THAT FOR THIS MEETING ONLY IT WILL BE HELD AT EMO HQ IN THE SAME ROOM IN WHICH WE HELD OUR AUCTION.