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POT HOLE NET: Official Club Net. Meets every Saturday and 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. Membership in the Club is not a requirement for participation.

MONITORING FACILITY: VE3CGO monitors 3760 Khz SSB and 146.940 Mhz FM daily from approx. 8 AM to 6.30 PM for local mobile, or out of town traffic.

NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING

PLACE: NRC Sussex Street, Room 3039

TIME & DATE: 8.00 PM THURSDAY 9 Oct 67

PROGRAMME

BUSINESS

REPORT ON CONVENTION (by VE3YC)

SHOW & TELL: All Members who won prizes will demonstrate them. Those who nearly won are invited to tell us their story.

COFFE & COOKIES

RAG CHEW

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

Ed, VE3GX demonstrated the Club prototype Meter Reader which enables Sightless radio Amateurs to read transmitter meters and tune up their rigs. All phases of transmitter tune-up were demonstrated including actual meter readings. The membership was very interested in the device and indicated a willingness to assist in the project. The prototype was also on display in the Mobile Club hospitality room 220 at the convention. The convention also afforded an opportunity to discuss these and similar projects with VE3AW, VE3AHU, VE3BSY and of course VE3KF. Now back to the last meeting. Read W5PSY/VE3 demonstrated his homebrew printed circuit 2 Meter FET pre-amplifier which has a noise figure approximating his tube type 417A pre-amp. Not bad for a \$1.35 FET! Read must be on his Mark IV model by now. Thank you very much Read, it was most interesting.

WELCOME ABOARD

To Dick Gamlin, K7LRV/VE3. Dick is an active Mobiler on SSB and will be residing in Ottawa during his tour of duty as a USAF Exchange Officer at CFHQ. Welcome to the Club and to Ottawa Dick.

REPORT ON THE 1967 ONTARIO PROVINCE ARRL CONVENTION

I am certain that everyone will agree that this Convention was an unqualified success! Our heartiest congratulations to the Convention Committee of the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club for a job well done! Three doffs of our mobile whips to you gentlemen!

The Mobile Club is proud to have played a small part in this tremendous and successful venture. Our own Jack VE3YC, was chairman of the Spaces and Prizes Committee. His Committee consisted of two Mobile Club Members Bernie VE3SH, and Ed VE3GX. Jack took on this formidable task and did a fantastic job. I am sure that most people would refuse such a job and that Jack was the only man that could have done it. Another Mobile Club role was to provide a talk-in service on 3760 Khz and 2 Meter FM. Doreen VE3CGO was kept as busy as the proverbial one armed paper hanger operating the Club facilities and making reservations by telephone for in-coming mobiles. Our thanks to Gord VE3GAH for taking over the 75 meter operation Friday night. Our final part was to assist in the promotion and publicity for the Convention which was accomplished in the Rambler and on our Nets.

The Mobile Club Hospitality room 220 was great success and we wish to thank the members who kept the bathtub filled with cool 807s and supplied 813s and mixes. Your donations were much appreciated! A special thanks to Gary W2YYP/VE3 who assisted the editor in the impossible task of trying to empty the bathtub!

As most of you know, the Mobile Club celebrated its 10th birthday at the convention by wheeling in a large birthday cake complete with 10 candles and two miniature cars with mobile whips. This ceremony took place at the dance on Friday night and everyone was invited to come to our Hospitality Room to share our cake. Vast numbers accepted our invitation and the cake was duly consumed.

Bob VE3CDG did an excellent job in his capacity as MC. His charm and wit were incomparable.

Approx. 450 persons registered and some 300 attended the banquet portion. Exact figures are not available at this time.

The Main Prize was a choice of one of the following Heathkits: electronic organ, SBI01 Complete with AC supply or a 19" colour TV. This prize was won by Mrs. A.F. Ashworth XYL of VE3ANE AI from Port Credit, Ont. She selected the organ kit and AI says she has to wire it herself!

The Solatron Scope was won by the XYL of AI VE3BWM of Hensall, Ont. The Eico Scope was won by Bud, VE3ANL of Ottawa, Ontario.

During the course of the convention well over 60 prizes were drawn for. It is impossible at this time to list the many other excellent prizes and the lucky winners. Our congratulations to all the lucky people. Incidentally the Mobile Club donated 5 one year memberships valued at \$3.50 each. Our own Ted VE3GGQ won one of them. He is now known as "Lucky" Duncan.

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY --DECEMBER 10th ---2.00 PM

In keeping with past tradition we are again planning a Childrens Christmas Party for Club members. In view of the fact that the former location is not available, it is to be held in the Mount Calvary Lutheran Church Hall located at 933 Smyth Road which is near the Elmvale Shopping Centre. All members will be canvassed to ascertain if they have children in the age group 0 to 12 years who will be attending. The Club will supply a present for every child attending as well as the usual ice cream, cartoons etc. Each family, regardless of the number of children within the age group specified will be assessed \$1.00 at the door to partially defray expenses. In addition, each family will be asked to bring a half a loaf of sandwiches to be served to parents and children.

1967 FIELD DAY RESULTS

November QST lists all the participants and the results. Our score was confirmed as 4,962 based on 727 contacts. We placed 2nd in Canada in the Two Transmitter class in a Canadian Field of 14. The Club that beat us used a combination of under 30 W and over 30 W which boosted their score. We placed 56th in a total North American Field of over 250. A pretty good show for a small Club. Of Course we had first place 3 times and several other

2nds in our short 10 year life. I think most of us agree that participation is much more important than a high score. Participation under canvass and under other adverse conditions (which we certainly had this year) should be the objective however a ^{good} score raises our spirits. A very good show, 3 doffs of our mobile whips to the brave band of participants who kept our banner to the fore.

ELECTION NEWS

The December meeting is election night. A Nominating Committee has been appointed. Gib VE3BGX is the chairman assisted by Gord VE3DMU and Gord VE3GAH. It is of course their job to select a slate of officers willing to serve. This does not preclude nominations from the floor on the night of the election. If they call you, be ready to serve! You get much more enjoyment out of an organization if you actively participate in it. Also think about whom you would like to nominate from the floor. To have an election you have to have two names for each position. One is supplied by the Nominating Committee, the other must be supplied by you from the floor. Always check with your man to ascertain if he is willing to serve before making a nomination from the floor. Remember that the President, Vice-President and Technical Adviser must be mobile, all others need only be a licenced radio amateur. We will publish the slate of Officers selected by the Committee in the Dec issue of the Rambler.

RAMBLINGS

Would you believe that your editor is typing this bulletin on the Sunday of the Convention ----I assure you that is true and it is presently well after midnite---Monday morning yet! So if you will forgive me I won't attempt to dazzle you with bits of happy chatter this month. In my capacity as President of your Club, I wish to express my thanks to all those who helped us fulfill our obligations to the O.A.R.C and the Convention. .-.-.