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CLUB CALL: VE3RAM

MONITORED FREQS
3760kHz, 146.940 MHz

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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. All amateurs are welcome to participate in the NET regardless of Club affiliation.

MONITORING FACILITY: VE3GGO monitors 3760 kHz and 146.940 MHz FM daily from approximately 8 AM to 6.30 PM for local mobile, or out of town traffic. This service is available to all amateurs regardless of Club affiliation.

NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING

PLACE: NRC Sussex Street, Room 3039

TIME & DATE: 8.00 PM THURSDAY May 9th, 1968

PROGRAM

BUSINESS

FILM: 8mm Epic on the 1967 and 1968 Oxfam Walks
Taken by Club Cinematographer W5PSY

REPORT: On the Auction by VE3GGQ

REPORT: On FD Preparations by VE3DMU

COFFEE & COOKIES ---RAG CHEW

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

We had a tour of the DRTE Satellite Communication and Tracking Station at Shirley Bay in lieu of a regular meeting. A most interesting talk was followed by a demonstration of the equipment and facilities. Satellite time was arranged especially for our tour and we were privileged to work real DX! Would you believe over 40,000 miles! I am sure that most of us were not aware of the state of the art in this remarkable field of communications. We are most indebted to DRTE for a very enjoyable and informative evening.

WELCOME ABOARD

To new member of our Club Al Goyette, VE3DJT. Pleased to have you join us Al!

LICENCE FEE HIKE

By now the news of the annual licence fee increase from \$2.50 to 10.00 per year is old hat. It came as a pronounced shock to all of us without warning. However I am sure that it was done at high level and was not the responsibility of the DOT regulatory body. What is more shocking is that the CBers or GRS hobby group still pay \$3.00. I am sure that those responsible are not aware of the

of the contribution that amateur radio has made to the state of the radio art and public service for over 50 years. I do not believe that they are aware that amateur radio operators provided the nucleus of personnel in the communications and technical fields in two world wars. It is suggested that all organized bodies write to the Minister, Department of Transport, Parliament Buildings Ottawa and express their views with respect to the impact on amateur radio. Perhaps it would be well to explain the difference between GRS and amateur radio. I think that they have the two types of licences confused! The increased fee will impose a hardship on the young amateur who finds it difficult enough to find the money to assemble a modest station! In any event we must pay the \$10.00 and will be billed by the DOT in the very near future. Ottawa area amateurs should send their cheque (Payable to the Receiver General of Canada) to: Radio Regulations (Field Office) 405 Garland Building, Ottawa 4, Ontario.

OXFAM MILES FOR MILLIONS WALK 1968

Last year on April 8th, 1967, at the request of OXFAM, the Mobile Club provided communications for the First Ottawa Oxfam Walk. I think it can be said without fear of contradiction, that if it hadnt been for our participation, this first walk would have been something less than the success it was! In addition to providing communications, we found that we had to do many "on the spot" organization and related tasks. 11 mobiles and a Net Control Station provided the communications on 75 meters. 4500 souls commenced the walk and 500 actually finished. The sum of \$93,000.00 was raised for charity. It was a hectic but enjoyable operation even though it meant many long hours for the valiant few.

This year we were again approached for assistance for the Second Walk which was held 20 April 68. Fortunately, there was sufficient lead time to prepare and submit organizational suggestions based on last years experience. These suggestions were most favorably received and incorporated, thereby eliminating many of the problems suffered last year. Certainly there is still room for improvement but I am sure that those who participated to any extent will agree that the OXFAM Organization did a wonderful job. It was a gargantuan task!

21,910 walkers commenced the walk and 5,100 actually finished the grueling 40 mile journey. The vast majority of the walkers were pre-teenagers and teenagers who entered into it with an unbelievable dedication. They were bound and determined to finish, even if it killed them. Even kids on crutches and in wheelchairs participated. The general public again rallied to the cause driving those unable to finish home. It was most inspiring to see how everyone participated in anyway they could. Even little children 4 or 5 years old had free Kool-Aid stands along the route. You can imagine the congestion on the city streets as the hoards, reminiscent of W.W.2 death and evacuation marches, plodded their weary way. A fantastic example of almost total participation.

This year, due to greater amateur radio participation coupled with the excellent planning of VE3DMU, Ottawa District EC, assisted by VE3GGQ, the communications system was admirable.

The route had 17 check points for the walkers to check into over the 40 mile course. The first 16 check points were supplied with communications supplied by mobiles operating on 2 meter FM and 75 meter SSB.

Check point 17 (the Headquarters and finishing point) was equipped with two fixed stations operating on 75 and 2 for Liaison with OXFAM and other officials.

A Net Control Station, also equipped with fixed units on 2 & 75 handled messages, maintained Net discipline and arranged for the changes in mobile operating shifts.

The use of two bands simultaneously had a great advantage, in that twice the volume of traffic could be handled. In fact, frequently the NCS and the HQ stations worked each other on the two bands simultaneously, handling different traffic. This also applied to the mixture of mobiles on 2 and 75, a real test for the fixed station operators. Fast and furious traffic handling was the keynote of the operation.

Our thanks to the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club for their participation and co-operation in permitting the use of VE2CRA, the Ottawa area 2 meter FM repeater. Thanks are also due to those not participating and who refrained from using the repeater during the period of the operation.

BANDS OPERATED AND PARTICIPANTS

2M MOBILE STATIONS

W5PSY/VE3, VE3FXG, VE3CEZ, VE3GP, VE3CJD, VE3BCO, VE3CDG, VE3DF, VE3CDG,
VE3ETO, K7LRV/VE3, VE3BGA, VO1GR/VE3, VE3GGD
TOTAL: 14

75M MOBILE STATIONS

VE3BGX, VE3GFL, VE3DWK, VE3FBT, VE3BEB, VE3SH, VE3DQM, VE3ZN, VE3LX, VE3BRE,
VE3FTJ, VE1RD/VE3.
TOTAL: 12

OTTAWA VALLEY MOBILE RADIO CLUB, INCORPORATED MEMBERS: TOTAL 22

OTTAWA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEMBERS: TOTAL 5

INDIVIDUAL NON CLUB MEMBERS: TOTAL 7

Note: Many of the members of the two organizations are dual members

CHECK POINT 17 FIXED STATION OPERATORS VE3RAM 2 & 75 M

VE3GGQ, VE8HF/VE3, VE3BYL, VE3BTV, VE3DMU, VE3FTJ, VE3BDX
Non amateur non operating assistants: Terry Duncan, Ken Cruikshank.

NET CONTROL STATION VE3CGO 2 & 75M

VE3CGO, VE3GX, Non amateur assistant: Jackie Ryan (XYL W2YYP) Telephone Op.

ALSO ASSISTING BEHIND THE SCENES

VE3BNO: Monitored operation and was prepared to go on maintenance call if
2 M repeater failed.

VE3VI, VE3JW: Standby NCS in case of NCS failure or difficulty.

VE3EBH: Motorcycle dispatch rider and general helper.

SOME STATISTICS

2 operators at VE3RAM operated 21 hrs 40 mins
2 operators at VE3CGO operated 21 hrs 10 mins.
Longest single operator mobile operation 15 hours.
Number of transmissions from NCS VE3CGO (2 bands) 1400-1500 (based on recording)
Number of Telephone calls at NCS VE3CGO Made: 155, Received: 20

We had a de-briefing for all communication participants 26 April 68. Many excellent Organizational (OXFAM) and communications suggestions were reviewed and recorded for onward transmission to the appropriate parties.

Many thanks to all participants for a job well done! As we say in the Mobile Club "Three Doffs of our mobile whips to You"

REPORT ON THE AUCTION

The Mobile Club Sponsored Spring Auction was held at EMO HQ 27 April 68. It was a hectic but howling success! A record of 495 items were auctioned from 1 PM to 5.30 PM. Yes we were able to auction every item, believe it or not! We were pleased to welcome many amateurs from Montreal.

The Executive wish to thank the workers consisting of registrars, accountants, refreshment proprietor, auctioneers and especially the floor handlers who had a most vigorous physical work-out. We had a wonderful team!

RAMBLINGS

All participants in the OXFAM caper and interested parties are welcome to attend our next meeting -...- W5PSY Read has been posted to W6 land and will be leaving Ottawa around 1 July---We will certainly miss him and family -...- W2YYP Gary is in Baltimore --Jackie will remain in Ottawa until end of the school year--they may also be going to W6 land -...- The OARC have a NET on 2M FM every Monday night at 8PM -- all are invited to participate -...- VE3BYL Jack is going back up North for another tour --Jack traded his SWAN 350 on an SB300/SB400 Combination -...- VE3CEZ Lyle has his low drain 2M FM rig installed in car -...- K7LRV/VE3 Dick has augmented his 75M SSB Mobile with a 2M FM--Boy that lil sports car is sure a radio on wheels -...-