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POT HOLE NET: Official Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club, Incorporated, NET. Meets every Saturday and Sunday at 10 AM local time on 3760 KHZ SSB. All Radio Amateurs are welcome to participate. Membership in the Club is not a requirement.

POT LID NET: Slow speed informal C.W. NET. Meets Sunday at 11 AM local time on 3620 KHZ except during July and August. Designed to foster interest in C.W. and C.W. procedure. Intended for the beginner as well as the Old Timer desirous of keeping his or her "fist in".

SWAP NET: Conducted by VE3GX every Sunday as part of the POT HOLE NET except during July and August. Service also provided to the CAPITAL CITY NET on VE2CRA Repeater 146.34/146.94 FM except during July and August. Contact Ed, VE3GX, 733-1721 to list items or make enquiries.

MONITORING FACILITY: Club Sponsored. Doreen, VE3CGO, monitors VE2CRA Repeater 34/94 FM Monday through Friday from approx. 8 AM to 6 PM. If you have traffic or require assistance call VE3CGO. Repeat her call sign several times and wait at least one minute for a reply.

CLUB AFFILIATIONS: R.S.O., C.A.R.F., A.R.R.L.

1976 EXECUTIVE

<u>President:</u>	Sydney Moorcroft	VE3GVI 820-0093
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NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING

PLACE: National Museum of Science & Technology Auditorium, 1867 St. Laurent Blvd

TIME & DATE: 8 PM THURSDAY 16 September 1976

PROGRAM

BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF DOC CERTIFICATE PROPOSALS WITH A 30 MINUTE TIME LIMIT
 (To be chaired by Merv VE3CV)

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

It was Show and Tell night and various pieces of gear were featured including the Hewlett Packard model 9825 calculator which was programmed by Ed Williams to log field day entries and check for duplicates.

Thanks to the following for bringing equipment: 3HDO Kenwood TS520 Transceiver, HTJ Heathkit Keyer, CV SB34 Transceiver, SH Gidget, AOE Kenwood hand portable, HXP Eddystone receiver.

MINI AUCTION

This meeting will also feature a mini auction of several items donated to the Club by Doc VE3LC

REPORT ON FIELD DAY 26-27 JUNE 76

A very successful FD despite frequent torrential downpours, high winds, violent thunderstorms and two separate hail storms! In 28 Field Days or more, this was definitely the worst weather I have experienced. The tent fly erected for cooking etc. blew down twice, the rains spoiled the Saturday evening BBQ but some of early birds were able to get a hamburger before the charcoal went out! Heinz VE3GOS made several valiant attempts to get a bonfire going for the traditional Saturday evening gathering but the rain got the better of him. NOW FOR THE GOOD NEWS! . . . The hail provided ice from heaven for the drinks. The children's program Saturday afternoon was rain free and very successful thanks to hard work and organizing ability of Pauline (XYL VE3FKC) who was assisted during the event by many other XYLS. The two stations, one CW and one SSB fortunately were located inside vehicles and thereby weathered the storms very well. The Club bought a third telescoping TV mast thereby making us independent from trees as a supporting structure and enabling set-up on higher ground. A most important addition this year was the construction of a Club Owned "One Holer" complete with traditional crescent! Our congratulations and thanks to the "Privy Council" consisting of Ian VE3FKC and Heinz VE3GOS who designed and built the wonderous structure resplendent with rotating flashing red light which made it easy to find in the dark. It will be available for use each year and as such becomes a Club Ass-et! This year we had a 3 el 3 band beam to augment our trusty dipoles. Beam, tower, rotator courtesy VE3FKC, VE3AXC and VE3GOS. The Hewlett Packard calculator was used at the fone position for logging and cross-checks supplemented by a manual system. The calculator was an interesting experiment but it was discovered that only a few could operate it satisfactorily. The manual results were used for the FD submission. Our thanks to Heinz VE3GOS assisted by Ian VE3FKC, Hutch VE3GUJ i/c CW Ron VE3HDO i/c SSB as well as those lending equipment and assisting in the operating and hard work connected with erection and take down of the set-up. VE3GUJ Hutch and VE3CGO Doreen did the initial screening for duplicates and found three. Doreen did the final cross-check (found three more duplicates) and calculation of FD results. This year the operator kept the log which contributed to better quality logging and accuracy. In previous years the logger kept the cross-check and the log up to date which was a bit much for one person. The results are listed below and certainly are very good considering the weather and other factors. The 1975 results are listed for comparison.

1976

CW Contacts: 344
 SSB " : 363

CLAIMED SCORE: 2102
 (less bonus points to added by ARRL)

1975

CW Contacts: 357
 SSB " : 434

CLAIMED SCORE: 2296
 (less bonus points added by ARRL)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS PROPOSAL FOR COMMENT BY CANADIAN RADIO AMATEURS

The following are extracts from a letter written by W.W. Scott, Director, Operations Branch, Telecommunications Regulatory Service, Department of Communications dated 2 June 76. The letter was addressed "Dear Sir or Madam" and was presumably sent to various Canadian organizations. A copy was forwarded to our Club by the RSO. The letter solicits comments on a proposal to introduce two new certificates. Subsequent investigation revealed that the proposals originated internally and not by a recognized Canadian Amateur Radio organization.

QUOTE: One certificate, to be called "Experimenter Amateur Radio Operator's Certificate" would be of particular concern to persons interested in experimentation. This certificate would require an in-depth knowledge of radio and electronic theory, but no code proficiency. Although experimenters would no doubt, be active on those bands that are not now fully exploited, it is proposed to grant phone privileges in the HF bands after gaining experience on the VHF bands to make the proposal more attractive. UNQUOTE

QUOTE: The other certificate, to be called the "Novice Amateur Radio Operator's Certificate" and intended for the communication oriented person, would permit aspiring amateurs to gain "on the air" experience thus making it easier for them to qualify for a higher class of certificate. The Morse code requirement would be five words per minute and phone operation would not be permitted. The certificate would be valid for a maximum of two years and would be non-renewable. The use of equipment capable of ninety watts putput power would be permitted in portions of the 80, 40, 15 and 10 metre bands UNQUOTE

Note: Copies of the letter were distributed to the membership at the last meeting and it was decided to have a vote to determine the Club position on the proposals.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The following is the opinion of the editor and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Club or its members:

The two proposals are in complete opposition to each other!

Is the proposed "Experimenters Certificate" a red herring designed to make a novice or modified class more acceptable? I hope not since such tactics should be beneath the dignity of the department.

The Canadian Regulatory body and Amateur Radio Licencing system has always been held in high esteem throughout the world as an example of a progressive incentive licencing system. The Experimenter licence is in direct contravention of the ITU regulations and makes a mockery of the present system.

Some Canadian organizations have attempted to qualify the proposed Experimenters certificate beyond the ground rules indicated in the letter by preparing forms with multiple choices. Completion and submission of such forms will only serve to divide opinion and negate the intent of the poll. Surely the question is simply "Do we or Do we not" want an Experimenter class of licence. A simple yes or no is all that is required. Anyone interested in the healthy future of Canadian Amateur Radio will certainly vote a resounding "NO" to the Experimenter Class.

Regardless of the so called technical nature of the proposed certificate, a "NO" vote will prevent the creation of another FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER like GRS/CB or Technician class in the U.S.

Perhaps a properly designed Novice licence might be a healthy addition to our present system. In 1972 your editor made a presentation to the DOC on a Novice Class of licence. It was a total package complete with rationale, examinations etc. I still have the proposal and would be pleased to make the presentation again if requested. I was not in favor of such a class but did it in opposition to CARF's presentation of a code free VHF licence proposal which would have destroyed Canadian Amateur Radio.

Do not hesitate. Please write direct to the following indicating your opinion

W.W. Scott, Director,
Operations Branch,
Telecommunication
Regulatory Service
Department of Communications
300 Slater Street,
Ottawa, Ontario,
K1A 0C8

OCTOBER 31st is the Deadline required by DOC

DO IT TODAY. DON'T WAIT FOR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
TO ACT ON YOUR BEHALF.

It would be appreciated if you would send an info copy to RSO Inc. PO Box 334 Toronto Ontario M8Z 5P7

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to Merv VE3CV and family on the loss of his brother in a recent accident.

REPORT ON THE CLUB BBQ 27 AUGUST 76

This gala event was held at the QTH of Heinz, VE3GOS. The weather was perfect and the Club provided weiners, hamburgers, buns and coffee. The XYLs of GLU, GOS and AXG provided salad, a most welcome addition to the repast. Many thanks ladies! The head count was 35 at the height of the affair and a good eyeball time was had by all. Heinz created a magnificent bonfire which added to the festive atmosphere. Many thanks to Heinz and Anne-Marie for hosting the soiree again this year. It was certainly most enjoyable.

RSO CONVENTION 22,23,24 October 1976 -DON VALLEY HOLIDAY INN-Toronto.

Don't forget to register. Quite a group intend going from Ottawa. Contact Hutch VE3GUJ if you are going.

RAMBLINGS

ex VE3GEA Serge is on the air from Calgary with his new call VE6AQR-...- Vex VE3BNH Earl is now VE7DHW in Victoria--not on the air yet but will be in the near future....- Both send their greetings to the gang -...- Had a patch with Russ Down VE6CGO and he hopes to have his new tower and beam up soon -...- Congratulations to Howard VE3VP for winning the trophy for the all around best cruiser with his 1929 cruiser "Hannah" A vintage craft beautifully restored with loving care by Howard ---Saw you go through the locks Howard --a lovely boat -...- Heinz had a nice vacation in Germany and talked to quite a few of the gang from a station in Lahr -...- Sydney VE3GVI is now the proud possessor of a TR2200G portable FM rig -...- Hutch and family vacationed in the Maritimes (VE3GUJ) Mac VE3VI is now on 2 meter FM -...- Russ VE3FSN has moved to a new apartment within spitting distance from the old one but this time on the top floor -...- Ron VE3FMW putting in nice portable signal from Gravenhurst while on vacation.--

DONT FORGET TO WRITE TO DOC

HAPPY MOBILING - CU AT THE MEETING