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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.

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NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING

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

TIME & DATE: 8 PM THURSDAY 17 MARCH 1977

PROGRAM

BUSINESS:

TALK: Guest Speaker is Syd Sheard VE3BCL who will give a talk and slide presentation on CHU Canada's Time Signal Station. Syd is well qualified to talk on the subject since he is the man behind the big signal at CHU.

COOKIES, COFFEE & EYEBALL QSO

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

VELSH, Ron Hesler, Canadian Director of CRRL, presented Shep VE3DV former Ontario SCM with the ARRL Certificate of Merit in recognition of Shep's contributions to the League and Amateur Radio in general during his many years of faithful service. Ron also presented Shep with the League A-1 Operator's Club Certificate, an award which Shep said that he would cherish more than any other he has received. Larry, VE3GT, Ontario SCM, congratulated Shep and thanked the Club for the invitation to honour Shep. Shep thanked the Amateur Radio fraternity for their co-operation over the years and encouraged Amateur to join in on the traffic nets.

(Report on the last meeting continued)

The Canadian Director addressed the Club on two main topic areas, the IARU and CRRL/ARRL. He outlined the history and present organization of the IARU and it's activities in relation to the World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC) of the ITU to be held in 1979. He talked at length on the efforts being made by IARU member countries in preparing briefs for their respective countries for the preservation of existing Amateur Radio frequency allocations and justifications for possible expansion. He mentioned some of the problems which might arise at WARC '79, mainly from countries which have no interest in Amateur Radio and therefore would not be prone to vote in our favour. It is in this area that IARU, ARRL, RSGB and other representatives of Amateur Radio must spend a lot of time and money preparing briefs, meeting foreign officials etc. in an effort to win as many friends for Amateur Radio as possible. Each country at WARC '79 has only one vote regardless of their Amateur Radio population. Ron also discussed CRRL/ARRL activities of late. He outlined the League program designed to give Amateur Radio more media exposure. Training aids, publications and films etc. are now available through the CRRL HQ thereby eliminating the former hassle with Canadian Customs. Many thanks Ron VELSH for a most interesting and informative evening. Congratulations to Shep VE3DV on his well earned awards. Thanks to Ron VE3FMW for his eloquent Guest Speaker introduction and to Leo VE3FFC for his photographic expertise in recording the event.

SPRING AUCTION NEWS

The annual Spring Auction will be held at EMO HQ 30 April 1977. Donations of items to the Club would be appreciated. If you are unable to attend and have some items to donate, Sydney, VE3GVI has volunteered to store and transport them to the auction.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is time to renew your membership. Gordon VE3HTJ will be on hand at the meeting to receive your fee and issue cards. Included with this issue of the Rambler is a renewal form for those not already paid up for 1977. If you are unable to attend the March meeting please complete the form per instructions contained thereon and send it in to the treasurer. We would like to send out a membership list with the April edition of the Rambler if possible, so your co-operation would be very much appreciated.

CLUB REPEATER NEWS

The Committee is still actively pursuing their investigation and plan to make a progress report at the meeting. Obtaining a duplexer and a suitable site are the two most pressing problems. Please contact Ian VE3FKC if you have any suggestions.

WELCOME ABOARD

To the following new members: HP2MD/VE3 A1, VE3YE Wiggy, VE3GT Larry. Nice to have you with us and hope that you will enjoy your participation in the Club.

NEW EMPORIUM OPENS

The "Merchant of Parkdale" used to be the only store handling Amateur Radio products. Now Bytown Marine Ltd., 1140 Morrison Drive (runs west off Greenbank Rd South) telephone 826-6910 presently has a limited line which will be expanded in the future. They handle Atlas HF transceivers, VHF Engineering 2 meter, 220, 440 MHZ Kits, Hygain antennas, Bomar Crystal Certificates (\$5.25 saves hassle of MO for 2 meter xtals) Also stocks of RG58 and RG8 coax. The expansion will be contingent on the success of the present products. Give them a whirl the next time you need something along the lines mentioned or give them a call on the phone to see if they can get it for you.

RAMBLINGS

Keith VE3MH will be departing for a 4 year stint in the U.K. in June -...- Ted VE3GGQ back from a vacation in Florida -...- Harry VE3BEB is presently in Florida and Arlyn VE3AOE and XYL have just returned from there -...- Heinz VE3GOS is the proud new owner of a Kenwood TS 820 with digital readout, separate VFO and 444 mike -...- Danny VE3EMO back in Ottawa after 5 week sojourn in the asphalt jungle of Montreal -...- Ian VE3FKC has been doing a lot of out of town travelling lately -...- Thats all I can think of for the moment.--.

VE3VCA "Voice of the Canadian Amateur" KINGSTON, ONTARIO OFFICIALLY OPENED

Established by means of a New Horizon grant the station was officially opened by Flora MacDonald by virtue of a patch between herself and Mrs Laroque in Ottawa. Heinz VE3GOS did the honors at the Ottawa end. The station will be manned by the Kingston Amateur Radio Club members who are retired and thus able to devote considerable time and effort to it.