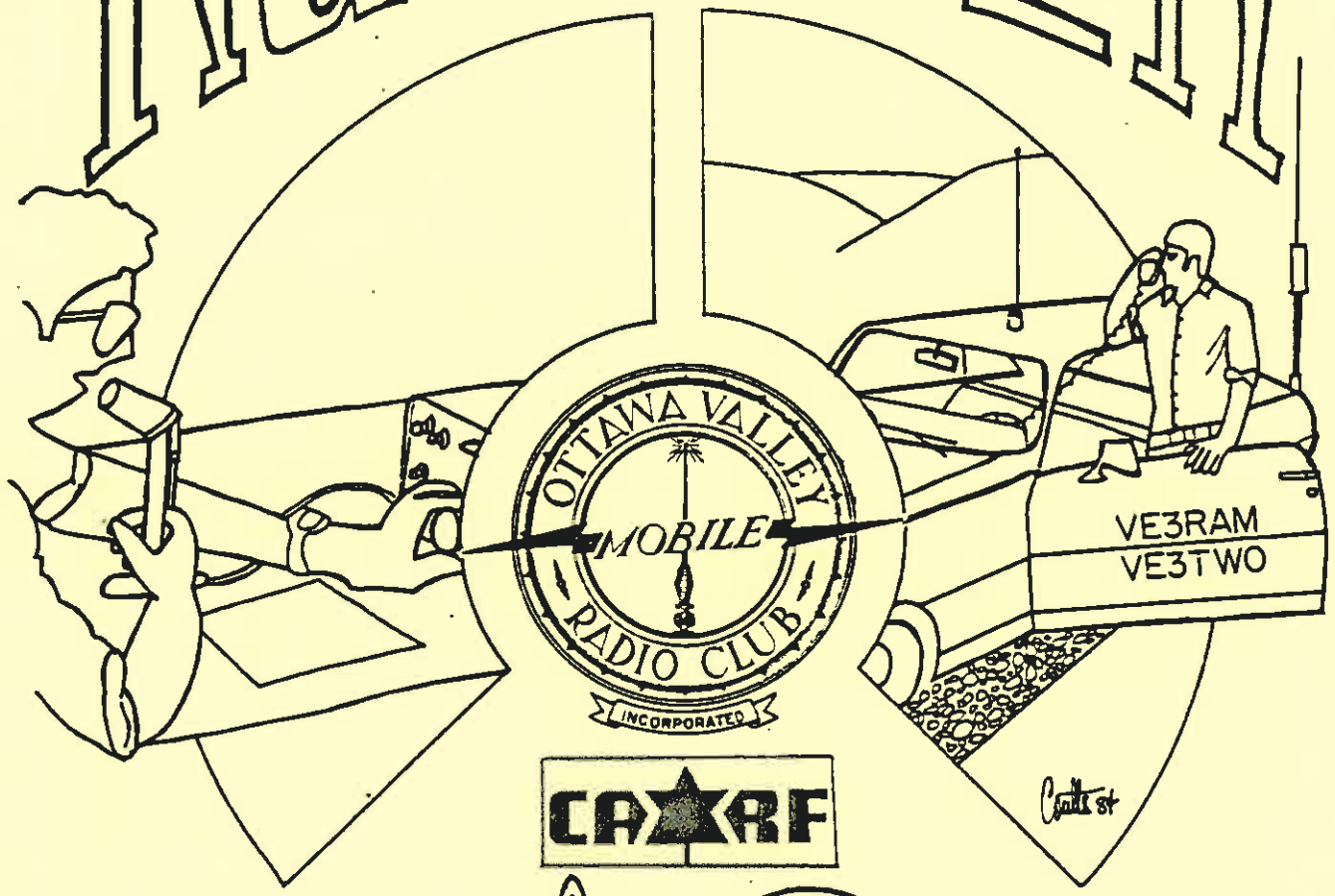


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POT HOLE NET - OVMRC Net - Every Sunday, 1000 local time on 3760 kHz. SSB. All radio amateurs are welcome to participate.

THE WISE OWL NET - OVMRC Net - Ragchew net every Friday evening at 2000 local time on the club repeater VE3TWO - 147.30/90 MHz.

VE3JW - Amateur radio station of the National Museum Of Science and Technology. The OVMRC helps maintain the station and schedules operators for the station as part of an Amateur Radio public relations display. VE3JW operates on all HF Bands, both CW and phone. Slow scan TV is also demonstrated. For information or if you wish to operate the station, contact the Public Relations Coordinator.

LOCAL AMATEUR RADIO ACTIVITIES

POT LID NET - Sponsored by Ed, VE3GX. An informal slow speed CW net meeting each Sunday (except July and August) at 1100 hrs on 3620 kHz, to provide and stimulate interest and proficiency in CW procedures.

CAPITOL CITY FM NET - Sponsored by the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club Inc. every Monday evening at 2000 hrs local time. Conducted on VE2CRA repeater 146.94/146.34.

SWAP NET - Sponsored and conducted by Ed, VE3GX, each Sunday as part of the Pot Hole Net and each Monday as part of the Capitol City FM Net (except July and August). Ed may be reached at 733-1721 for listings and queries.

THE MILITARY NET - Sponsored and conducted by Frank, VE3MSC, Tuesday at 2000 hrs on VE3TWO 147.30/147.90 MHz.

Membership in the OVMRC is open to all those interested in Amateur Radio. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month (except July and August) at 2000 hrs unless otherwise posted. Meetings normally take place in the auditorium of the Museum of Technology on St. Laurent Blvd (south of the Queensway)

The OVMRC provides code practice 24 hours a day. Dial 825-0786.

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QUA VE3OAO
ORLEANS
AMATEUR
OPERATOR

CO TO ALL OVMAC MEMBERS, WISE OWLERS OR PROSPECTIVE WISE OWLERS...

WELCOME TO THE RAMBLER VOLUME 30, NUMBER 2.

WE HAVE BEEN HEARING COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP THAT THE RAMBLER KEEPS GETTING BETTER EVERY MONTH. WE ARE PLEASED TO HEAR THESE ACCOLADES. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 19TH AND WE WILL HAVE WAYNE GETCHELL VE3CZO AS OUR GUEST SPEAKER WHO WILL GIVE US A TALK ON "FAST SCAN AMATEUR TELEVISION"

ON FEBRUARY 21ST, WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL OVMAC DINNER AT THE SERGEANT'S PUMP. WE MAY ARRIVE THERE AS EARLY AS 1900 HAS LOCAL TIME. MY IYL AND MY YOUNGER SON AND I TRIED THEIR FARE LAST SATURDAY AND FOUND

IT GOOD. THE LAYOUT HAS CHANGED A LOT SINCE THE LAST TIME I WAS IN THERE WHICH WAS WHEN IT WAS A PANCAKE HOUSE. (IF THE ROOM PERMITS, THERE SHOULD BE A COPY OF THEIR MENU ON ANOTHER PAGE FURTHER BACK INTO THIS RAMBLER.)

IT SEEMS THAT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT ARE COMING OUT TO OUR MEETINGS HAS BEEN SLOWLY INCREASING OVER THE MONTHS - NO MATTER WHAT THE WEATHER IS LIKE. ALL OUR GUEST SPEAKERS HAVE BEEN KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THEIR TOPICS. THE MEMBERS CHECKING IN TO THE WISE OWL NET THE NEXT NIGHT AFTER OUR MEETINGS ARE ALWAYS RAVING ABOUT HOW GOOD THE MEETING WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE. SO, IF YOUR STATUS IS THAT YOU ARE WONDERING WHY?, COME OUT TO OUR NEXT MEETING AND FIND OUT.

I ENJOYED BAIRD - BOARDING THE LAST "WEEKENDER" AND THEN BUILDING IT INTO A LITTLE BLUE BOX. (THAT IS, THE "COMPONENT CURVE TRACER".) THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I ATTEMPTED TO BUILD SOMETHING ELECTRONIC THAT WASN'T IN A KIT. ALL THE OTHER PROJECTS THAT RUSS VE3FSN HAS BEEN PRESENTING HAVE ALWAYS LOOKED INTERESTING, BUT I DIDN'T REALLY NEED THEM.

73 DE VE3OAO VANCE
PRESIDENT OVMAC

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Ottawa Valley Mobile radio club will be held at the museum of science and technology on feb 19 at 8:00 pm the speaker will be Wayne VE3CZO He will be talking on amateur TV.



MINUTES JANUARY MEETING

The meeting was opened at 2006 by president Vance, VE3OAO who welcomed the large turnout of about 40 including guests Ian McIntyre VE3CZ a founding member of the Mobile Club but not a current member and the guest speaker Fred Green VE3IO. The minutes of the December meeting were approved as printed. It was noted that Bill Wilson's call sign VE3NR was deleted and is herewith inserted with apologies for the omission.

Pat Brewer VE3KJQ and Russ VE3FSN need help with the publishing and preparation for mailing of the RAMBLER. Four people could achieve the task in about an hour or so once a month. The location is at Russ's QTH in Barrhaven. The next session will be February 8th (Sundays about 10 days prior to the next club meeting). Any members who can provide assistance in this most worthwhile project will be welcomed by Russ and Pat who have been carrying the full load and deserve a sincere vote of thanks and full support to keep this truly excellent publication alive and well because it benefits members.

Evelyn VE3OAM who graciously attends to the coffee service at the meetings will be away in March and asked for someone to replace her at the March meeting. Arrangements were completed at the close of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Vice President Bill VE3OAI reported on his visits to two possible locations for the annual banquet. These were the New Duhrovnik and the Sergeant's Pump. The New Dub-

rovnik can only accommodate the members after 20:00 to 20:30 and their prices are in the \$12.00 to \$15.00 range. The fare is excellent. The Sergeant's Pump can offer a good sized dining area at the rear at a time of our choosing. The menu includes fish & chips, steak and kidney pie and other Canadian versions of English dishes. The prices are in the \$6.00 range. A vote by show of hands favored the Sergeant's Pump. The banquet will be on Friday 21st February at approximately 7 to 7:30 pm. Treasurer Bob VE3OSN gave a brief overview of the financial status. A complete report was published in the RAMBLER. He noted that membership fees received to date were only \$856.00 compared to a projected \$1500.00. With the additional \$150.00 voted earlier for incidental RAMBLER expenses, it is expected that this year's operating expenses will be met without problems. Technical Director Alan VE3LNH had a supply of toroids previously ordered by Ralph Cameron VE3BBM. These are useful for reducing radio interference problems, cable TV etc. The cost of these is \$8.00 Canadian which includes customs brokers fees, duty, taxes etc. The cost in the U.S. is \$2.54 U.S. which gives some idea of the added costs and the advantage of larger quantity purchase in future as the brokers fee is fixed. He also reported that the museum station VE3JW has the Yaesu FT757 up and running again. Public Relations Director Bob VE3JDB reported that VE3JW is in full operation and that the Museum are including in the annual report the names and



by
VE3 KLK

call signs of all those who have worked at the museum station this past year. He introduced the speaker for the evening. Fred Green VE3IO who presented a well illustrated and informative talk on elective transportation technology. Significant progress is being made in this area with new types of batteries as well as new designs of vehicles. The most promising area of battery development is the aluminum/air cell which promises relatively high energy and good power capability combined with lighter weight and lower cost compared to say conventional lead-acid batteries. This fascinating technology may provide the solution to the problems of air pollution from present automobiles and the cost of petroleum products. Bob VE3JDB thanked Fred VE3IO for his excellent presentation on this timely topic. The members added their thanks with a generous round of applause. President Vance announced that the next general meeting will be on February 19th. The executive will meet on January 20th at Alan's VE3LNH QTH. The meeting was adjourned at 21:55 on a motion by Claire VE3PPT and seconded by Chris VE3PAE.

Kris Anderson
VE3OWE

When was the last time you operated VE3JW? Contact Bob. VE3JDB for a slot on the operating roster. Better still drop in to the museum any weekend, there'll probably be one of your friends there...

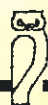
Each issue of RAMBLER contains a few hints and tips concerning the C-64 Computer. Any tips readers have found useful and would like to pass on will be welcomed and included in future issues.

#1. A Computer Net called "COMPU-NET" meets every Wed & Sat at 0900 EST. It is conducted by VE3AGB, Tom Bilesko and VE3EMS, Peter Skilton, on 80 meters. Check in to ONTARS at 3755 Mhz and then clear to the announced frequency.

#2. If one of your disks containing valuable data has been rendered useless because of a warped jacket, or spilled liquid, don't despair - all may not be lost.

Carefully, slit open the damaged protective jacket and remove the MYLAR disk. BE SURE NOT TO TOUCH THE RECORDING SURFACE.

Find an old disk with a good jacket. Slit open and remove its disk and, very carefully, insert the disk to be saved. Resecure the jacket with tape. Now try initializing the disk (NOT FORMATTING - see your owner's guide). If you cannot initialize it, re-open and turn the disk over; you may have inserted it wrong side up. If it initializes, make a back-up copy immediately on a new formatted disk, and all's well. If it still doesn't initialize - at least you



tried.

#3. On the subject of lost data, list and examine some of your important utilities. How many of these would be difficult to replace if you inadvertently ZAPPED the whole disk. Scary, isn't it! Keep a write/protect tab over the notch, or make a back-up. I didn't, and lost 41 utility programs - since recovered after some effort.

For the fun of it, I am going to offer a program, as a serial running through the next five months. Save some space on a disk, or tape, and enter the lines as you get them from each RAMBLER issue.

They will be scrambled, and nothing will work until the last lines are printed in the June issue. When you complete it you will have something useful to add to your collection of goodies. You will need a printer when the program is complete.

Just follow the simple directions below.

- 1.Type lines exactly as shown.
- 2.Save to disk or cassette.
- 3 Next month, LOAD and LIST.
- 4.Type next series of lines.
- 5.Hit RETURN after each line.
- 6.When complete-type LIST.
- 7.Lines are now added to 1st.
- 8.SAVE to disk, or Cassette.
- 9.Wait for next issue and Repeat above cycle.

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10 REM *****
11 REM ‡ MYSTERY PROGRAM ‡
22 PRINT" FOR THE C-64(WHT)":PRINT
45 PRINT"(CLR)"
100 N=N-1:GOSUB300
135 END
342 PRINT"*****"
400 PRINT"*****"
406 PRINT
408 PRINT
413 PRINT"L | | | | |"
435 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT#3:CLOSE3:GOSUB500:RETURN

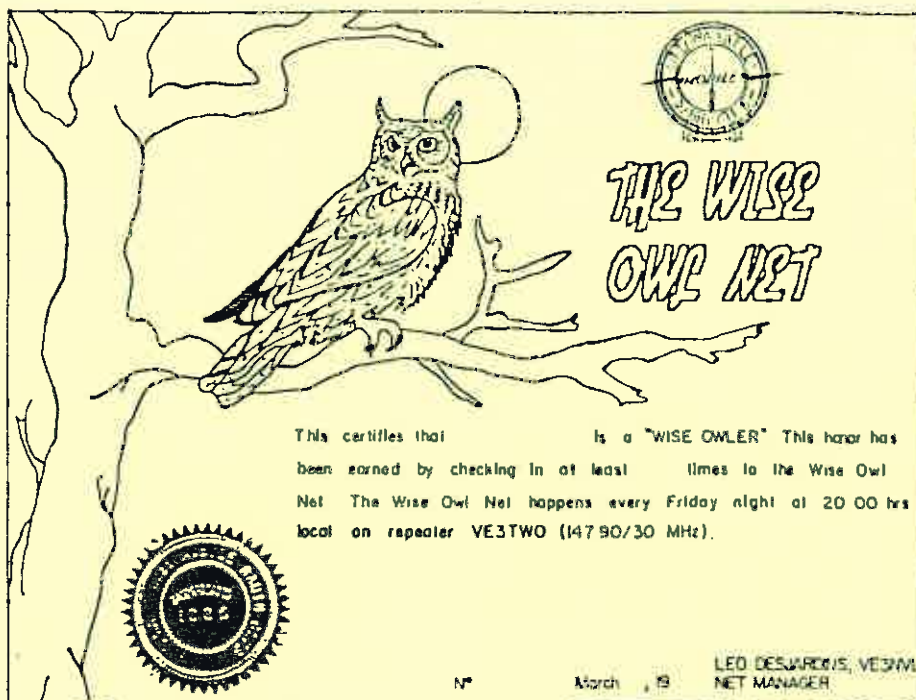
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So you want to be a "WISE OWLER". Check-in on the Wise Owl Net between the period of January 23 to March 27, 1987 and you will receive a 8 1/2" by 11" certificate, as shown above, certifying you an official "WISE OWLER". To qualify for a Class A certificate you must check-in for the full ten nets for the period stated above. If you check-in five or more times, within the same period, you will be the recipient of a Class B certificate.

The Wise Owl Net can be heard every Friday night at 20:00 hours local time on repeater VE3TWO (147.90/30) MHz. The net is active from the first week in September to the last week in June.

73

Leo, VE3NVL



MEMBERSHIP MEMO

In last month's Rambler there was a financial statement which might have given the wrong impression about the amount of revenue received this club year from memberships. The statement showed memberships received after August 1, 1986 and did not include 1986/87 memberships received in May, June and July, before the present treasurer took office. The actual membership revenue to date is \$1282, not \$856. This is for 140 memberships including 127 regular members at \$10 each, 12 family members at \$1 each and one life member at no charge.

With this being February we start our half-price membership sale. Memberships are \$5 from now until the new club year starts in June. These memberships expire in October and are designed to bring new members into the club with a trial membership. In going over the membership totals I note that we had 141 members last year as opposed to 140 so far this year. As we had 10 less students in the course this year that gives a net gain of nine amateurs as members this year.

By the time you get this Rambler the amateur radio course will be over for another year. At this writing, with two classes left, four students have already passed the code and one student already has his licence. This certainly shows one advantage of the attestation program for conducting code exams. Several people outside the course have passed either

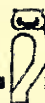
amateur or advanced amateur code through tests conducted at the class. With the end of classes on February 9th we lose the ability to conduct code tests on a weekly basis and will have to resort to something else. If you wish to write after that date please contact me to see what we can arrange (820-9309H). As a final word I would like to thank Jim VE3AHN and Brice VE3EDR for their help in conducting the code portion of the course. When I can't always be there it is nice to be able to count on someone to fill my shoes.

Pat Brewer
VE3KJQ

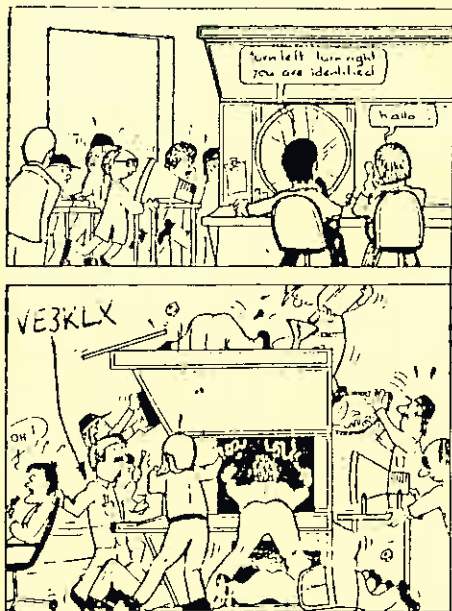
Y7B REPORT -Foreign Correspondent- North Bay Bureau

Greetings for 1987! Just bashing out another article in keeping with my promise to try for articles about every other month so that you lot in YOW can keep track of what this kid is doing approximately 360 kilometres to the west.

I have included some cartoons which appeared in *NAVAIRE* which is a publication of the International Federation of Air Traffic Safety Electronics Assoc. I wish I knew who drew them, but the artist chose to remain anonymous. These comics hit home with me as they represent a lot of images that occur between air traffic



controllers and the maintenance types like me in radar. I have even added a personal touch to one of them!



It looks as though Packet radio is starting to catch on here in the Bay. There are a couple of guys around with gear and they're always looking for company. They are working on linking up with Sudbury and places North and West. They're also working on getting down to Barrie. I guess it's just a matter of time before there are enough stations in the chain in order to get back to YOW. This is the plan in the deep recesses of my mind as I get ready to jump on the Packet bandwagon. I have had difficulty finding the Terminal Node Controller in stock, but will try again when I get back from my next course. I have everything else I need in order to get going on VHF with later plans for HF once I get around to buying a house. I was quite impressed with the accuracy of the communications when compared to RTTY during a recent QSO I was engaged in at another

Ham's place.

For those of you that I seem to lose track of I have been known to put a low but copyable signal into YOW on Sunday mornings on the Pot Hole Net from the North Bay Mobile Communications Centre. I even have a new batch of QSL cards all ready to go so those of you who need North Bay as a multiplier in the Billy Buckskin Comm Fest keep this important thought in mind.

Well that's it for yet another time and the best bit is still to come; downloading to my new printer which I gave to myself for Christmas...Near Letter Quality....Beauty EH?

Bye from the Bay!

Dave VE3K LX



VE3JW THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

All Amateurs are reminded that the amateur station, VE3JW is operational at all times when the museum is open. Contact Bob VE3JDB for further details on station activities. Come out and operate!





Hearty Fare

STEAK SANDWICH <i>4 oz. sirloin steak grilled to your liking served on a toasted kaiser bun with french fries</i>	\$ 5.75
ROAST BEEF SANDWICH (WITH DIP) <i>Succulent roast beef in a submarine roll served with french fries and a bowl of "au jus"</i>	\$ 4.75
FISH AND CHIPS <i>Battered cod tail deep-fried in the old fashioned way</i>	\$ 5.25
SHRIMP MELT <i>Baby shrimp on a croissant smothered with mornay sauce and glazed with melted cheese</i>	\$ 5.50
CORNISH PASTY — on it's Todd (alone) — with vegetables and potatoes	\$ 3.25 \$ 4.50
<i>Spiced ground beef, potatoes and onions in a pastry shell</i>	
CURRIED CHICKEN <i>Made with an old Indian recipe, served on a bed of rice</i>	\$ 4.95
STEAK AND KIDNEY PIE <i>Half sirloin steak, half kidney in gravy, topped with crust and served with vegetables and potatoes of the day</i>	\$ 5.50
BANGERS AND MASH <i>Two juicy harvest sausages with creamy mashed potatoes and gravy</i>	\$ 4.45
SHEPHERD'S PIE <i>Lean minced beef and corn in a casserole covered with mashed potatoes</i>	\$ 4.95
CHICKEN POT PIE <i>Cubes of breast meat and vegetables in a casserole topped with a flaky crust, served with vegetables and potatoes of the day</i>	\$ 5.25
CHICKEN DIJON <i>Boneless chicken breast sautéed in white wine and dijon mustard, topped with a slice of ham and melted cheese, served on a bed of spinach</i>	\$6.50
ENGLISH MIXED GRILL <i>4 oz. sirloin steak, harvest sausage, bacon, tomato and french fries</i>	\$ 6.95

* A minimum charge may be applied during busy periods at management's discretion

AMATEUR COMPATIBILITY

The past year has brought to light many solveable cases of appliance electromagnetic incompatibility. While many of these cases relate to amateur transmissions, almost as many do not. Data for these statistics are difficult to find. Again, the problem does not exist if it is not discussed openly. It will not be discussed openly until reasonable options are available to assist the resolution of the problem. Amateurs are not alone. All licensed transmitter services are prone to interact with electronic appliances in the immediate area of the antenna. Amateurs as well as the General Radio Service users are more intimately placed in the environment and in fact, are often but a few feet from susceptible appliances.

The closer one examines the enigma of lack of immunity and its alter ego susceptibility; the more one appreciates the frustration a newcomer to Amateur Radio must accept. Operation in an urban environment is a fact of life - most of us have grown with the expansion of subdivisions and highrises. A reality, apparent today, is the close proximity of neighbours. Real estate is expensive, housing lots are smaller, condominiums and apartments are the accommodations of a transient city workforce.

The proliferation of entertainment devices is the choice of today - they're also big business, in spite of the fact they are made in the Far East and carry Canadian labels. CSA labelling is probably one of the most

stringent requirements an off shore manufacturer can meet, if he is going to guarantee the best safety. Where safety is concerned most manufacturers understand legal liability. It is difficult to rationalize that almost all electronic appliances lack any form of built in immunity. At the present time transmitter owners and owners of non immune appliances have a conflict-how serious that conflict is depends on proximity. Is relief in sight?

Amateurs have a legal responsibility as well as a moral one to respect the electromagnetic environment - just as much as any other user who shares the spectrum. To assist in the resolution of the problem caused by lack of immunity perhaps, the time has come to reduce the maximum power permitted the Amateur Service. The notion of using less power is not an unreasonable one when the advances in communication technology are considered. Whatever happened to the Amateur credo of, "minimum power required to maintain communication"?

In this day and age of close neighbours there is no reasonable excuse to "boil the paint off his roof" with excessive power levels. We may soon find such practice is indeed detrimental to one's health. Studies are presently being undertaken to this effect in the United States.

I for one, subscribe to sensible operating practices and keeping peace with one's neighbours-many, many Amateurs similarly accept this aspect of our hobby. As responsible Amateurs we should be sensitive to the needs of

other spectrum users and this includes neighbours. This concern should be paramount above any selfish interest high power might engender. The concern is that those not privileged to use transmitting equipment should be guaranteed safety from its effects. To expect any less is to not be a compatible Amateur. By following judicious use of the spectrum and with reasonable power levels we can expect to earn the respect of those who are attempting to resolve this electronic blight called susceptibility. The argument is often made that we need kilowatts to battle kilowatts, south of the border. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we decided collectively to put some skill back into this challenging and changing, all consuming endeavour and limit our power to the antenna to normal transceiver outputs. Think of how it would help the spectral pollution we now experience. It's time to overhaul our approach to practical problems, with practical solutions. I'm for being compatible and I hope you are too.

73 Ralph Cameron
VE3BBM

DAY DREAMING ON WINNING THE LOTTO AND THE IDEAL RIG

Quite a number of us who play the Lotto have this dream about "What if" the odds...Twice as likely to get hit by lightning.. My luck I would be handed the check and zot...nevertheless I have this notion that I would like a RV about thirty feet with two HF and a two meter along with all

other comforts. This is from one who does not care to drive. I did have the opportunity to drive a RV last spring out in Alberta. It took a whole lot to park and one would really have to win the big one to support the amount of gas this took, On the plus side, you did not have to pack and un-pack. With the two meter rig I had with me I could not pick up anyone outside of town. Probably one of those with forty-five watts would have done better. These things (RVs) are nice for entertaining but sleeping accommodation leaves something to be desired. Back to the ideal rig.. I understand the new entry from ICOM with its associated antenna is just great. I for one would be interested in any background information on early mobiling the first I have heard of dated back to 1924. If we were to pressure some of the members who were active before two meters I do believe the speakers for club meetings could be recruited from our own ranks..How about it Gentlemen? I of course am not M.C.P. but it is unlikely though not impossible that an early ham was a Y.L. What about it ladies..Do your research.. Who was the first Y.L. Ham? Sometime back when ten was open I worked a "sister" Bernie in Voss, Nigeria..I wonder what stories she could tell about conditions DXing from Africa. Finally, if I may be bold to make comment on the course..Ask the Gang of Four..If they can teach theory to me, anyone can pass the exams...Just persevere.

Bill VE3OAI
V Pres



FROM CRRL NEWS

At press time, the law firm working on the Jack Ravenscroft case was still waiting for a transcript of Jack's trial, needed to prepare his appeal. Ralph Cameron, VE3EBM, has released an audited report of the Jack Ravenscroft Susceptibility Fund. As of 1986 September 30, receipts consisting of donations, exchange on foreign currency, and interest, totalled \$63,330.96. Expenses consisting of legal fees, office supplies, and bank charges, totalled \$24,683.59. Excess of receipts over expenses, that is the amount available to finance the appeal, was \$37,647.37.

As a result of work by CRRL Director Ray Perrin, VE3FN, a Nepean, Ontario, by-law that would regulate the size and placement of antennas now specifically excludes antennas that form part of a federally-licensed installations. That includes amateur installations.

Calgary is hosting the 1988 Olympic Winter Games. Prior to those games, a cross-Canada Olympic Torch Relay will pass through communities in every part of Canada. Radio amateurs are needed to make this event run smoothly. If you can help, please contact Don Cole, VE6EY, 923 Whitehall Drive N.E., Calgary, Alberta T1Y 3G1, Telephone 403-280-4177.

Prefix hunters, take note: To mark the 40th Anniversary of TIR, the Technical Institute of Radio, Syrian amateurs will be using the special prefix 6C40 throughout 1987. Awards hunters, take note: A special award is being offered for working stations from

countries taking part in the Fifth Islamic Summit Conference, being held in Kuwait on January 26-29. Listed especially for 9K2 stations signing /IC5 after their calls. Down under, a special award is being offered for working 12 Perth, Australia stations (9 if one of the stations is VK6CUP) during the America's Cup Yacht Races, now in progress. And now, here's one you probably missed. TF3RGR (that's for Reagan and Gorbachev in Reykavik) operated during the 1986 October superpower summit. Maybe next time...

The following countries have notified the ITU that they forbid radio communications with Amateur Radio stations under their jurisdictions: Angola, Burma, Ethiopia, Ghana, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, Thailand and Zaire. Note that Thailand stations may be contacted with special permission; Suriname is new; Turkey is off the list.

The following countries have third-party traffic agreements with Canada: Antigua and Barbada, Australia, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Isreal, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Note that United Kingdom applies to certain special events stations only.



There are hundreds of stories of Thomas Edison as a telegrapher, his eccentricities of genius and his amazing talents on the key and sounder. He was a "crackerjack", one of the highest accolades bestowed upon Morse operators in those days.

Once he arrived in a Midwestern city-rumpled, baggy-eyed, weary from a sleepless night sitting on a train-and applied to the Western Union manager for a job. As a joke, the manager placed Edison at the receiving end of the fastest wire from New York. At the other end was the best stock operator in

the business, determined to "put the new man in his place."

For twenty minutes the New York operator transmitted at his fastest pace, without a break. Toward the end, the sweat began pouring down his face from the effort. Edison sat quietly all the while transcribing in his fine "copper-plate" long hand. Finally, he signaled Chicago for the first time.

"Why," he asked, "don't you try sending with your other foot?"

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