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# Rambler

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## Meeting:

Time: Thursday, 12 March, 1959, 20:00 hrs.

Place: NRC Sussex St., Room 3039.

Program: Business

Demonstration of 3MB transmitter and 12v. converter.

Motion Pictures: The Bell Solar Battery and  
The Transistor, in colour.

Group Discussion: 1) The advantages to the provinces of  
the granting of call-letter licence plates.

2) Good operating techniques on the  
mobile frequencies.

The film is in colour and are through the courtesy of the Bell Tel. Company.

The group discussions are a preliminary to (a): providing argument for getting legislation to permit call letters on licence plates. Alberta has them for this year. Maybe it won't be so hard to do now.

(b) a set of operating rules to be followed by club members to increase the usefulness of the mobile frequencies. This is just as necessary for the old timers as for those just getting into mobile work.

The business will be brief. One item however on which we still need information is possible participation in a sports car rally on 22 Mar. We hope to have someone there to tell us more of what is needed as well as to acquaint them with what we can do, A little publicity at this time might help.

## CALL LETTER PLATES

With Alberta granting call letter plates for 1959, this makes two provinces and 40 states recognising the importance and stature of Amateur Radio Operators. It is gratifying to see this appreciation and the high respect that Amateurs are accorded throughout North America. The granting of such privileges to a minority (1/10 of 1%) is a responsibility which some persons in authority are understandably unwilling to take, especially if their only contact with Ham Radio is looking at it through the black bars on their TV screen. We cannot expect them to be enthusiastic about a public service hobby of which they have known nothing. A lot of missionary work is yet to be done. It needs wise and steady guidance with encouragement and support. Some thought has been given to the problem and steps are being taken to sample opinion in the area. Give it careful consideration. Express your views at your club.

## LOGS

The Radio Regs. require that we keep LOGS. Being mobile doesn't relax this requirement. In order to promote and encourage compliance with the rules, the club has purchased a stock of ARRL Minilogs for resale to members. Cost is 50¢ (60¢ down town) available to members only from the Sect'y at meetings or by appointment ( use Bell Tel. or Net freqs!).

SAFETY

Our hunting season( for xmtrs) is under way early this year. With it is the largest number of motor vehicles to be seen on our roads. Some will have steering nuts that are loose, and some will be tight. To protect ourselves from censure and from these hazards we must take extra care in our procedures during organised club events. To this end new ground rules have been established for transmitter hunting and will govern until further notice.

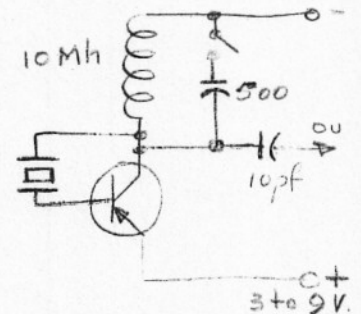
1. Two persons minimum in each mobile to be eligible. XYL qualifies as a person for this.
2. D/Fing to be done while vehicle is stopped.
3. Transmissions from the hidden transmitter to be automatic and on for 30 seconds every three minutes.
4. Time limit of hunt to be 2 hours.
5. Hidden station to be on public property.
6. Minimum miles travelled will decide the winner.
7. Winner of hunt will be next hidden transmitter.

CANADIAN HAM MAGAZINE ESTABLISHED

With issue No. 2 in the mails, 'The Canadian Amateur' is under way. Published in B.C. it appears to be the brainchild of VE7JB. It is not easy to cater to the desires of 10,000 people spread in a thin line 3000 miles long. But this is what John, VE7JB, is making a start at and a mighty good one at that. From the quality of the first two issues we feel that this warrants support as never before as an expression of the Canadian View on matters of Ham Radio. Subscription price is \$3.00 per year payable to: The Canadian Amateur, 10328 Trans Canada Highway, North Surrey, B.C. . March issue will feature Ontario. If enough interest is shown there will be a mobile section. Let's get behind it.

Circuit Corner

Ideas spring from ideas. Here is one from Tom, 3CCA. Any of three transistors, 2N109, OC71, 2N249, work ok in this xtal calibrator. With a Bliley SMC-100 xtal the sw. changes from 100 to 1000kcs. With a 2N249 up to 10mcs is easily obtained with output sufficient for a local osc. Output depends on transistor and batt. volts; aprox 3 to 9 volts needed; watch polarity.



ADDS: Wanted; xtal for AR88LF, 735kcs, RCAF part no. 10x/735, Tom Simpson, VE3CCA, PA8-9659.

SPLATTER

This is the stuff that spills over and sometimes gets scooped up at the last! 3BST moves to his new house at the end of Mar. .... 3CDG is a member of the cast in the Orpheur Society production of 'Damn Yankees' at the Tech auditorium this month .... 3ACW, Lloyd Vallee, 3CQM, Gordon McKone, and 3CMY, Harold Whaley are welcomed as new members. Don't forget your licence renewal and certificate endorsations. 73.

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