

Organized at the request of RSO so that members could meet George Davis VE3BBW representing RSO headquarters and passing through Thunder Bay. The minutes of this meeting are:

Guest speaker George Davis VE3BBW of the RSO, Chairman of the VHF Advisory Committee. Introduced by President Ray Forslund - VE3EDZ.

George brought greetings from RSO President Bill Louks VE3AR. His opening comments stressed that the northwestern Ontario amateurs are not forgotten and the RSQ was well informed by the local delegate Bill Klemacki - VE3EEW and he congratulated the LARC on their 40th anniversary. He stated he knew the first President Pat O'Shea very well.

He went on to say that the RSO is growing in membership with more and more services available to affiliated clubs. The RSO can supply speakers on many subjects of interest to clubs. The VHF technical services library provides manuals and data on many rigs free of charge to members. If the RSO does not have the data they will attempt to buy or loan it.

He stated that the Ontario Amateur had won an award from the Magazine Publishers of America for excellence in non-commercial field.

The June issue of CARF was to include 2 meter repeater directory of Canada.

One question that is often asked of George by many FM users is what rocks (crystals) to buy to work the numerous repeaters in Canada. The RSO and CARF after many hours work have adopted the ARRL 2 meter Band Plan. He also stated that at this time crystal manufacturers in Canada are not speedy in their delivery of crystals.

The meeting ended at 9.30 with Ray Forslund - VE3EDZ thanking George for the time out he had taken from his schedule to give us first hand information on the RSO.

Vic Bel - VE3ECV Recording Secretary