

11 March 1965

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

The March meeting of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club took place as per usual in the lecture room of the Fort William Civil Defence Building on Waterloo Street. However, only a handful of amateurs managed to attend the meeting. More straggled in as the evening progressed. The Club executive dispensed with the usual procedure of roll call and agenda and carried out an informal rag-chew until the arrival of the evening's guest speaker.

The guest was Mr. Phil Thorne of the Bell Telephone Company's Special Services Department. He presented an informal review of the history of mobile radio telephone service. Mr. Thorne illustrated his talk with actual units in use by the Bell Telephone over the past 20 years. He traced mobile fone development from the radio tube to the transistor. An experimental compact mobile fone of the future created the most interest. Mr. Thorne said the unit was now being extensively tested locally in Bell vehicles.

Mr. Thorne was thanked by Club President, Ed Babudro - VE3ECU and Vice President Dave Kimpton - VE3AVS. The meeting closed with an informal discussion and examination of Mr. Thorne's mobile examples.

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