

Field Day, June 1969

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

Once again Field Day for the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club was a huge success, thanks to the efforts of some "tree toads" and "ladder lifters". All told, we made just over 800 contacts, giving us 4,644 points.

June 28th was a fine day and "the grand parade" to the National Defence Training Grounds at Kakabeka Falls started around 11:30 am. First to arrive on site was Les Harris - VE3AYZ with his camera et al. He was promptly QRT'd at the gate. They (the Canadian Armed Forces) gave him the wrong key! Shortly thereafter Stan Chorley - VE3ECR arrived with more accoutrements than you could shake a stick at. Out came the "Brumagam Screwdriver" and "Open Sesame" was the magic phrase. Having conveniently parked the portable QTH, Les and Stan partook of some gourmet treats (cheese rolls and doughnuts) while awaiting the arrival of other hardy souls. Soon after 13:00 pm the following participants arrived:

Frank Start - VE3AJ,	Bill Roberts - VE3ARN,	John Devavanyi,
Bill Klemacki - VE3EEW,	Jim Roberts - VE3EDC,	Bill Unger,
Steve Bush - VE3EBS,	Walter Dueck - VE3EFI,	Dave Bush; and
Ray Forslund - VE3EDZ,	Hughie MacDonald - VE3FSE,	several other chaps
Peter Boyle - VE3DPJ,	Mike Mitt,	interested in ham radio.

Before long, Bill "Tree Toad" Unger was dangling from the topmost branch of our dipole hanger, helping to raise antennas.

Out in the back forty was Steve Bush - VE3EBS and his helpers (??) building and raising two, two element quads, using triangular configurations. This is where the "ladder lifters" did their thing. To the initiated, the sight of our antenna farm and mobile/portable QTH's, to say nothing of our portable generators, must have looked like something out of this world. And from the sounds emanating from the site, one would tend to believe them. Speaking of generators, our thanks to the EMO for the loan of their portable unit again, and thanks also to your friendly sponsor of "Hockey Night in Canada" for the where-with-all to run the "Gennies".

"All thru the nite", (a little bit of Welsh accent, please) the sneezing and snoring was interspersed with plaintive CQ's on phone and CW. Sunday morning was not too good, ask Peter Boyle - VE3DPJ, he got wet because of heavy rain. By noon, all was well, and we all dried up on the outside. Believe it or not, some were dry on the inside too. Bob Browning - VE3EEM sends his condolences to Jim Roberts - VE3EDC who got a fist full of you-know-what when he pulled the wrong lever on VE3EEM's portable QTH.

All in all, a very enjoyable weekend was had by all, except Bill Klemacki - VE3EEW who let rain water put him QRT. Cold water on a hot tube doesn't go over too good.

73, Stan Chorley - VE3ECR
Field Day Chairman,
collector of empties; and
abstainer.