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Journal of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

HI-O

REGULAR MEETINGS 2ND
THURSDAY EACH MONTH
RM 245 MCINTYRE BLDG
CONFEDERATION COLLEGE
EVERYONE WELCOME

FIELD DAY

CENTENNIAL PARK

JUNE 22-23

PREZ SEZ

The warm weather has finally arrived! I hope you are ready to enjoy the summer while it lasts. I finally got the rest of my garden in and since it's twice as big as last year it's been taking up most of my time. It should be quite a corn roast in the fall.

Needless to say, not much time has been spent on radio, except for the usual packet frequencies. The dog has developed a taste for coax and took me off hf until I repair it. In the meantime, I've been enjoying Terry's VE3TKA packet BBS with mail forwarding. I have sent enquiries and have received replies within a day from other provinces! How's that for service! There is an amazing amount of information that passes through the BBS covering a vast range of subjects. You're really missing out if you haven't tried it yet.

Thanks to the volunteers who took part in the 10 mile road race and the Salvation Army Blitz night. The "Sally-Anne" showed its appreciation by hosting a supper for volunteers at the Polish Legion. It was a great meal and really enjoyed by those who attended. If it were not for the volunteers of the LARC (or any other organization for that matter) these events could not take place. Thanks again.

Field Day is June 22-23 at Centennial Park. If you plan on bringing a camper or trailer, this must be your operating station as recreational vehicles are not normally allowed in the park. If you are bringing a station, let me know ASAP. We will need operators and this is an excellent opportunity especially for those new to the hobby, whether you have equipment or not, **COME ON OUT — WE WANT YOU** We will be operating, rain or shine, from the loggers bunkhouse so bring a sleeping bag and bunk overnight. We will be operating all night, so be prepared! Come out Friday night and be there early for the Saturday set up. The action officially starts up at 1400 e.s.t. Saturday to 1400 e.s.t. Sunday, but we can set up anytime. A BBQ/Sausage roast is being planned for Saturday. We have used this location before and it was excellent, the bugs weren't even that bad as there are doors on the bunkhouse!

July and August should be quite slow as no major events are planned besides the July 1 Canada Day Contest, then in September, on the Labour Day weekend is the Hymers Fall Fair. Even if it seems far away, keep it in the back of your mind.

If you want more info on these or anything not mentioned please call me at 475-3516, or leave a message at the VE3TKA BBS.

73 es good hamming where ever you are!
Glenn VE3JAU

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 22 - 23 FIELD DAY AT CENTENNIAL PARK
 JUNE 14 - REGULAR CLUB MEETING
 JULY 1 - CANADA DAY CONTEST
 JULY 11 - REGULAR CLUB MEETING
 AUGUST 8 - REGULAR CLUB MEETING
 SEPTEMBER 12 - REGULAR CLUB MEETING
 OCTOBER 18 - REGULAR CLUB MEETING

NOTE: MONITOR VE3YQT PRIOR TO CLUB MEETINGS
 DURING SUMMER MONTHS, LOCATION AND TIME MAY BE
 CHANGED FOR SPECIAL EVENTS LIKE BBQ'S ETC.

NEWSBITS

SEANET CONTEST sponsored by the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand, July 28 - 21, more info message 8452 @VE3TAKA

SPECIAL EVENT STATION - Historic Lightship Nantucket #12, June 14, is being awarded national historic landmark status, all bands and modes.

NEW BOOK FROM DOC - Solving Interference Problems is available from the DOC or CARE and CRRL for \$6.50 and was written by DOC engineers.

17TH ANNUAL ONTARIO HAMFEST - Saturday July 6 - 9:00 a.m. at the Milton Fairground, corner of Hwy 401 and Hwy 25, free parking and campsites are available, talk in VE3SRB 147.210 (+). Demos, dealers and prizes will be featured.

CARE AND CRRL met on June 2 and made much progress towards a unified Canadian Amateur Radio Society

220 - 222 MHZ GONE as of August 28, 1991 in the U.S. 222 - 225 Mhz is still available.

NEW BAND FOR NEWZEALAND is 165 - 190 Khz restricted to 5 watts EIRP

PENGUIN ISLANDS are new DXCC country.

FOR SALE

SONY KF 2010 RCVR
 brand new condition
 digital readout
 asking \$450.

J. Nelson 475-4671

Ed Sez

Summer's back and it's time to climb out of the shack and catch some rays! Besides, the bands are extremely lousy due to the intense solar activity during the whole week (measured at X-12, the highest level that can be recorded by satellite instruments). I hope it settles down before Field Day.

Due the generosity of some local hams, there should be plenty of non-commercial power available at Field Day, and there should be enough stations that everyone should be able to operate. Some things to remember however are bring extension cords, there never seems to be enough of them. Also plug in lights are needed, as there are none in the bunkhouse. I've also heard that ventilation is bad during the day so a couple of fans couldn't hurt. If you are bringing your own equipment, please co-ordinate with Glenn VE3JAU and Skip VE3BBS so that things like antennas and tables get set up properly. Don't forget your sleeping bag and munchies.

Submissions to HI-Q have slowed to a trickle, but that's expected as summer approaches. The next issue will be the Summer issue, probably in August sometime. Come September, I would like 11 volunteers, one for each month, to be responsible to collect material for that month's HI-Q. This would free up some time for me to do a better job on the editing and publishing. Creating articles is a lot more time consuming than editing. For example, can you imagine how long it took me to glue down all those black flies for the Field Day logo on the first page? Try and do that on Packet!

While you are relaxing on the beach, contemplate next year's Ham Skool, should we start right off in September or hold off again until later? Let me know what you think. Volunteer instructors are needed too.

A reminder to those that still haven't written the examination, give me a call (622-1216) to arrange a time to write. It would be a shame to go travelling without 2 meter gear in the mobile this summer!

Hello and Goodbye to VE3EGD, Gary Dament. Gary was licenced a short time ago and works with myself, VE3WCT and VE3UKE. However, Gary has been transferred to Medicine Ha Alberta as of July 1/91. We made him promise to carry on the proud Amateur Rad tradition of coffee and donuts when he gets out there. So long and Good Luck Gary!

73's VE3SNW
 Ed Baumann

P.S. See you at the Beach!
 Lakehead Amateur Radio Club History Project

LoJack Gets Its Man

Back in February, *Monitoring Times* reported the frequency for a stolen vehicle locator call "LoJack." The system uses a radio transmitter, which placed in a car, can easily lead police to the vehicle. Well, LoJack got its first man in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Police there report finding a 1990 Chevy Blazer that was reported stolen in Massachusetts. According to a police spokesman, two officers in a patrol car picked up the stolen vehicle's signal. "After that," he said, "it was simply a matter of following the electronic trail."

The manufacturers of LoJack recently spent some \$3 million to equip some 300 state a municipal patrol cars in the Garden State with the tracking equipment.

Hams OK'd to Go Mobile in Michigan

You can't operate a scanner in your car in Michigan, but thanks to an amendment signed by Governor Blanchard May 23rd, amateur radio operators have been exempted from that restriction. Praising amateur radio operators for their public service efforts in aiding police, fire and disaster communications, the Governor signed the bill which exempts amateurs of technician class and higher from the motor code which makes it a misdemeanor to equip a private vehicle with a radio capable of receiving police frequencies.

The amended Michigan "scanner" law is in contrast to some other states, notably New Jersey, which do not exempt even amateur radio operators from laws banning mobile use of equipment to receive police calls. The problem has recently become more serious as many current model amateur radio transceivers are capable of receiving police frequencies in addition to the amateur services.

Scanners may be out, but, hey, don't throw away that fuzz buster; The bill also included a provision which prohibited law enforcement agencies from using the ban on police radios to restrict the use of radar detectors.

Cross signals Create Mc-Mess at Mass

A mix-up in frequencies on the cordless microphone at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Upper Southampton, Pennsylvania, caused broadcasts from a local McDonald's restaurant to be heard during Mass.

One parishioner said that she thought she was hearing things when, in the middle of the Mass, she heard an order for "a Big Mac, large fries and a chocolate shake."

"It was really loud," the parishioner said. "At first I thought that I was just hungry and imagining it, but then I heard it again."

Says Rev. Gerald Dennis Gill, a priest at the church, "it's sort of funny, but it's also very disrupting when it breaks into the middle of the Mass. Hopefully, we'll have the problem solved soon."

King Ham

According to an article in the *Bangkok Post*, the world of ham radio is about to have another royal operator. It seems that His Majesty, the King of Thailand, has accepted an advanced class amateur radio license and ham call sign, HS1A, from a representative of the Thai Ministry of Communications.

The King is the first person in Thailand to receive the advanced class amateur radio license since new regulations governing the activity became law. HS1A joins King Hussein, JY1, of Jordan, King Juan Carlos, EAOJC, of Spain and members of the Saudi Arabian Royal Family who are ruling monarchs holding ham licenses.

Ham Mags Merge

Beginning with this month's issue, two major ham radio magazines will merge. CQ Communications, Inc., the publisher of *CQ*, has announced the purchase of *Ham Radio* magazine. According to sales literature, the combined publications will now have a circulation figure of over 100,000.