

Next Meeting
Program
Prizes

R.C.E.M.E. Centre - Date: December 9th.- Time: 7:30 P.M. Sharp
Election of Officers - Not an invitation to stay away.
All prizes on hand will be given away

President's Corner - As you know by now the banquet has been called off due to the lack of support by all concerned. Only five tickets were sold and six reservations sent in which was not enough to warrant holding a banquet. We would appreciate hearing from you on this point. Do you think the price of a \$ 1.75 was too high? Lets have your opinions. I am hoping that you will all turn out for the December 9th meeting - Pres. Howard

Latest on A.R.E.C. - We feel our local group should have pre designated frequencies which could be monitored in case of emergency or urgent traffic. I suggest that we use the national calling and emergency frequencies. For Canada these are 3535kc., 7057kc., 14060kc., four cw and for phone 3815kc, 14160 kc, 28250 kc. for are local use I suggest that 3745 kc and 3765 kc be used for phone work. On cw your ec works the letters osm at 3535 kc 1900 hours each evening. Also trn at 1945 hours on 3675 kc. VE 3 BSQ, VE 3 AMT and VE 3 BSU can be found on 3765 kc nightly. Hoping we can get together and work out details on the above soon - Ross EC

2 Meters and Up - Dim bulb is still logging new stations on 2. Thirty eight contacts to date. VE 3 NN is just about ready to go on 2. VE 3 CAB is building on 220. A regular sked is now on 3 way from Belleville, Smithfalls and Rochester on Sunday night at 9 p.m. on 2 meters. ABG is listening and has a 4 element beam up. Big "A" Co. have an element support bracket in stock for five cents each that makes beam building easy. Charles Young is back on 2 often with CAB. Might tell Ches. that the band is 144 to 148 Hi. Bill heaven is getting the bug and dusting off his key. How about joining the club Bill. All you need is \$2.00 and you are in - 73'S Dimbulb.

Life in a One Ham Town by Hertel Rennie

It must be a sign of advancing years when one is tempted to reminisce about the good old days. However we do occasionally look back to our high school days when came the first realization that DC came from batteries and AC came from the hydro line. Sometime later we acquired a Model T Ford spark coil transmitter and the call 3 IU. (There was no VE prefix in those days). Of course hot shot ignition batteries didn't last very long and we bought a toy transformer out of the Wm. B. Duck catalogue. The transformer arrived and was hooked up. In twenty minutes it went up in smoke. Thus we learned that there was 25 cycle and 60 cycle AC. We had our home made loose coupler tuner and galena xtal detector. This gave way to a double filament audiotron vacuum tube plus a tickler winding for the loose coupler. A storage battery plus a B battery of many flash light cells and a new era was born. After that we were getting music from KDKA. Following a lapse of some years we found ourselves in the Marmora district and decided that George Grammars push pull 45 oscillator would set us up in ham radio again. We had lots of key clicks and blanketting. In fact the neighbours were hearing this stuff as late as 2 or 3 years after we left our VE3JB call letters lapse about 1937. The ham bug remained dormant for another ten years till the war surplus equipment was responsible for a new call VE3BSU in 1947. Maybe we are back to stay this time. Actually we still think of ourself as a young squirt in ham radio but the truth is there are also quite a few younger squirts now on deck. To the younger squirts who are members to the QARC I wonder if they realize how fortunate they are being able to come to the meetings where the language of ham radio is spoken and where they may exchange ideas and learn the answers to their problems. It is an opportunity to learn in three or four years what it has taken some of us in the one ham town a good twenty five years to pick up. We could be wrong but it does seem that there are too few prospective or young hams coming along. Maybe both the oldsters and the youngsters are a bit too shy. However all a new ham has to do is crack the ice and many of the older hams will break down and tell all. With a continued show of interest they are most likely to resurrect a few items from their junk boxes to help things a bit farther. So there you are chaps don't be bashfull about asking questions. Someone is bound to have the answer or the assistance you may need.

73'S Hertel Rennie.

Editors Note Many thanks Hertel for the fine article.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Be sure and get out to the December Meeting. Don't make this meeting like the proposed banquet. Get out and support the club, otherwise the ship is going to sink.