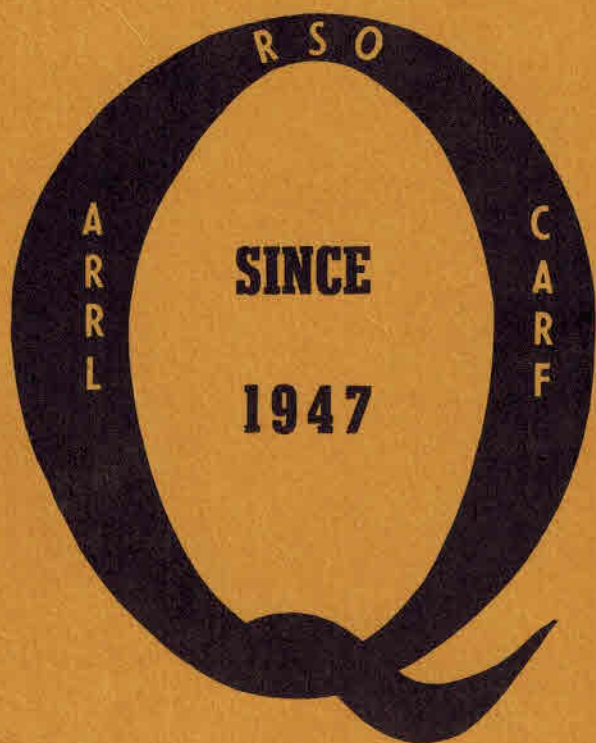


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Program	Howard Fralick	VE3RL
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• VE3KBR	Howard Fralick	VE3RL
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Program for Nov. 13, 1974

Slide show of trip to Finland by Big Dick Maki this summer  
also slides of Field Day.

Time 8 PM

Place Loyalist College Building "B" Room 3L10

New sked with Henry VE6CEC Monday 5.30 local time 14190

Big Dick Maki is now VE3HPN

Meeting at Tweed 19 Oct. with Car Rally people, Ottawa Ham  
rep. attended by Bob Brain VE3GTD and H. Fralick VE3RL.  
Things are shaping up. More in next Bulletin.

The attached letter from the Toronto FM group is not the off-  
icial reply to Eastern Council letter re the Toronto 2  
meter interference.

The writer of the letter is badly misinformed and does  
not appear to share the opinion of the majority of Toronto  
Amateurs.



Our approach is through the Councils using the machinery for this type of thing - if that fails other steps will be taken. We are awaiting an official reply.

Bill Hockley and Charlie Kilgour passed their exam - no call signs yet. Archie Smith and Walt Edwards have a few more things to bone up on and will be taking a shot at the exam in a few weeks.

Code and theory classes are in full swing at Loyalist with a good turnout - Stan has things underway for another year.

For Sale           HY - Gain 7 el 2 meter beam  
                       5 el Home Brew 2 meter beam  
                       Both for \$10.00  
                       Gene Hitchon VE3NN

#### KINGSTON KORNER

The first Tuesday in October was election night. Our new President is Colin Edge VE3CPK; Secretary Treasurer, Buster Doubleday VE3NF; Coffee Man, Ralph Clifford VE3UG; Activities, shared by Tony Pereira VE3DMS and Jim Fawcett VE3GJ; Communications Co-ordinator, by appointment, Bert Hovey VE3LW; EMO Communications officer, by appointment, Art Blick VE3AHU; and Bernie Burdsall VE3NB is our repeater man. The retiring committee consisting of Steve Cutway VE3GRS and Frank Bell VE3FMF received a well earned vote of thanks.

Looking into our crystal balls we see a visit to Queen's University coming up, on the invitation of Tom Kennedy VE3NK. Here we are to have a talk on the preparation and launching of a Communications Technological Sattelite, due for launch in December 1975. We hope to invite George Davis VE3BBW to tell us something about amateur television. The time and date to be settled later. We also plan to have Dr. Beals of Queen's University, whose speciality is in the Antenna field. A Club dinner is slated for the spring months. This has become an annual affair equally enjoyed by members, XYLS and guests. We also have an EMO type exercise slated for October 28th.

Ross Dryden VE3AUU became a brand new grandfather in mod September. Grampie and Grammy took off for Ottawa to see the little one, and on the way back they pulled into a park in Smiths Falls, tossed one end of an antenna up into a tree, and that is where the VE/W contacts were made. Where there's a will there's a way.

Had a rare contact one day last week. G3FAC on 2 meters. Eric from the Birmingham area is over in U.S.A. on a job. He married a Chicago girl and they were mobile on 401. Eric says he is getting even with what we did during World War 2. He is taking his Chicago XYL back with him when the job is finished over here.



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Bill Bushell VE3DXY, better known as VE3SLC made an early morning dash to Kingston General recently. It took all that day to slow the old ticker down to a normal rate. I see he is still able to life an 807, so he must be OK. Only thing was, he missed the VE/W contest.

We have 34 candidates enrolled on the amateur radio course at the Kingston campus and 18 at the Brockville campus of St. Lawrence College - Bill Bushell VE3DXY is chief instructor. Bert Hovey VE3EW is assistant on the Kingston course and backup instructor on the Brockville edition.

Welcome back to Chuck Hooker VE3CQH. Chuck is a past president of the Club. He has been posted back to Kingston where he commands a Squadron of the Signal Regiment, with the rank of Major.

Rick Salsbury went across the way to a hamfest and brought back a new (?) Hammerlund rig. It is now functioning beautifully as a one frequency base station. He must have caught some kind of bug over there, 'cause now he is sporting a big black growth of chin fungus. His mother has been a patient in Kingston General for some time. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

VELAND has become VE3HOK. Weldon Burlock comes to us from Saint John N.B. He is the Padre at Kingston Psychiatric Hospital, and tells us he hopes we can run an advanced Amateur course at St. Lawrence after Christmas.

This first edition of Kingston Korner has been well received. Please remember; the only way we can keep the information rolling is to insure that it gets to the Club representative by the third week of each month.

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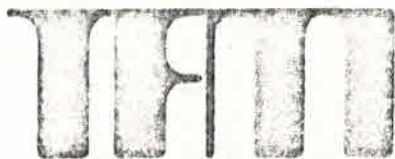
It is with deep regret that we announce the death of a former club member. Jim Simpson who was VE3IJ became VELPJ. Jim passed away in Wolfeville N.S. on 6 Oct. 74. Jim and Millie had both been very active in the amateur radio world. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Millie ex VE3II, now VELQC.

The Kingston Club has been doing its bit to help clear up the QSL backlog. With the aid of Kathy VE3GJH, Marg VE3AIZ and Jean. Up in Toronto, we have cleared a bundle for Terry French, Frank Gauchie, Jerry Greif and a few more.

The Kingston Club had neither the time or intention to become winners in the VE/W contest, but we did have some entries, to provide a few more VEs for those Ws and Ks to contact. Jim Eadie VE3DCX, Ross Dryden VE3AUU, Larry Chiu VE3HHM, Tony Pereira VE3DMS and Herb Greenidge VE3DWA all pitched in to lend a hand.

BERT HOVEY VE3EW.





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TORONTO FM COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY INC

15th October, 1974

J.H. Clarke, VE3KE,  
Chairman, St. Lawrence Repeater Council,  
Mountain, Ontario, KOE 1S0

Dear Mr. Clarke:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 25th, 1974, to Western New York and Southern Ontario Repeater Council, in which you outline some "interference" problems from VE3RPT in the area of Brighton-Trenton.

My sympathies to the VHF mobileers of the area! It was obviously their own decision to select the Repeater pair of 146.46 - 147.06, with little regard for other users of this pair. You speak of the area Brighton-Trenton as the "centre of activity." From personal experience, I find this to be untrue. VE3KBR is NOT readily accessible west of Trenton. In fact, the "centre" of activity appears to be between base stations in Belleville and Belleville-Kingston via VE3KBR. I was always under the impression that repeaters were primarily for extending the range of mobile to mobile communications.

It is the opinion of the writer, and the Executive of Toronto F.M. Communications Society Inc., that there is only one alternative to your problem, that being, VE3KBR change its frequencies to 146.37 - 146.97. This is the pair which was apparently agreed upon by VE3KBR and was to take effect during the summer of 1973. All of a sudden they decided to preserve some misconceived idea of "continuity" along Highway 401. I believe this stemmed from someone's wild idea of a grid plan which has no merit whatsoever and fails to take into consideration many propagation factors.

VE3RPT has never, is not and will not be a local Repeater. Contrary to popular belief, high power is necessary to blanket the high noise, and low lying areas of Metro Toronto, particularly the west and southwest sections.

Gentlemen, you do have a problem; Good Luck!

Yours truly,

Wm. J. Mashtalar, VE3DJS,  
President,  
Toronto F.M. Communications Society Inc.

c.c. VE3KBR  
VE3BBW

*H. FRALICK*



## DIMBULB'S MONTHLY REPORT

In Belleville at 59 Palmer Road there is a hole in the ground where old man Fralick VE3RL peers over his bifocals as he dispenses words of wisdom while he dickers, trades, sells and wheels & deals in all kinds of Ham Radio goodies. He is known by various names including dirty old man, the working man's friend and Honest Howard.

Went in the other nite looking for a set screw and came out with a new 2 meter rig, mobile antenna and a receipt for a \$5.00 downpayment on a FTDX401 that sells for \$775.00. I wasn't feeling any pain either.

Howard is a two meter man from away back and is anxious for everybody to get on two meters at the low low price of \$325.00 for a 25 watt Ultracom. While we were talking somebody was pressing their mike button and causing the repeater to go on and off. This caused the old man to get red in the face and he made a mistake in my change as I paid for the set screw and he gave me \$9.00 back out of a \$10.00 bill and he should only have given me 99 cents (He said).

He showed me a new Ringo Vertical base antenna that has 6 DB gain. He pointed out that you don't need an antenna like this to hear the Toronto repeater and he proved it by taking the antenna off his base rig and shorting the antenna terminal to ground. Sure enough Toronto still came in S9. There were a couple of guys talking and they said "Gee whiz" this repeater works good and ain't it wonderful that we both live in Scarborough and here we are working each other through the repeater. There was a mobile trying to break in but they didn't pay much attention to him.

Sometimes I think it would be nice if we had a DX Repeater in Belleville too, but Howard says I should get a beam instead and use the repeater for working mobiles. I discussed this later on the air with a mobile on 401 who lives up Toronto way. He laughed so hard that he went off the road and broke his whip off on a tree that he drove under. He was at Trenton at the time and he said he didn't really need the whip to hear Toronto anyway. "So I said what else is new?"

While Howard and me were dickering about the set screw a fellow named HANK came in. He was dickering with Howard for a FTDX101B. I don't think they settled anything because it was already 0700 GMT and they only had two 807's left and the price of the rig was still \$2999.86.

A fellow named DICK came in and they got to talking about DX. Dick has a new Rig that works 3 bands at the same time, including the one the hockey game is on. Dick was getting a low pass filter. Howard showed him a new filter made out of a 3 foot piece of water pipe with one end welded shut. This one is guaranteed to not pass anything.



Another fellow came in with a new car to get a hole drilled for an antenna. Howard said, "I'll look under the dash while you drill", which he did. He drilled away for awhile but didn't seem to be getting anywhere. When they lifted the hood they discovered that the cutout relay had a hole drilled through it. This made the car hard to start, so they all went back to the shack for an 807.

A CB type came in about this time and introduced himself as "BIG NOISE FROM WINETKA". He had a linear under his arm and said that there must be something wrong with it because for the last few days he couldn't work "Puddin Head" in Fort Lauderdale. Howard told him that "Skip" was bad right now and maybe he should get a 10 element beam which he was selling special that week for \$1.99 including tax. They fired up the linear and the wattmeter said 777.002 watts, which should be enough to work "Puddin Head" even on the C.B. band.

Howard has a dog that is friendly with everybody but he bit the big CB guy when he asked if he could buy the beam on the "never-never plan". This is a special Plan that Howard has which means cash in Gold bars every Friday night after the CJ net.

We wound up the evening listening to a guy on the Toronto repeater complaining that he couldn't work it while riding home from work on the subway. It seems it doesn't come in very well when the train is under the Royal York Hotel. The other guy said not to worry, the problem would soon be solved as soon as they get a bigger hydro line run into the repeater shack.

See you all next month when we will bring you all the latest news as usual.

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