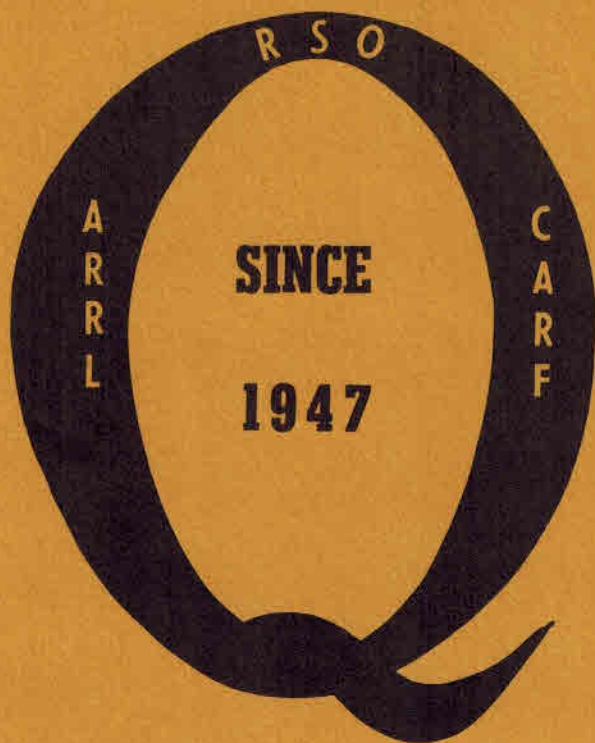


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Date of Meeting      14 April 1977    THURSDAY NITE 8 PM.

Place      Loyalist College Pioneer Building Room P24.  
The Building fronts on Wallbridge Rd. Unload at west door Main entrance between flag poles. Park either south or north of the building.

Program-      At last an AUCTION- so dust off the boat anchors and the good stuff as well. Rick VE3EJB will be the auctioneer. Fred VE3HBV and Glen VE3CJG will look after the business end & book-keeping. Reserve bids will be used for the exotic junk. Tags will be supplied by the club. Auctions are like horse races, they are not predictable. What you consider as junk may sell like hotcake - so bring everything. Please note the date - one day later than usual - that is 14 April Thursday nite. Place also different. See above.

#### HOBBY FAIR

Ron VE3GAB is the chairman - Date 1-2 April. Since it is before the meeting it may be over by the time you read this. Lets all turn out & make it a success. Fast Scan TV & RTTY - 2 meters and the DC bands will be used.

#### EDITORIAL

We are a little dismayed to hear that one local ham called up another on the phone recently to complain that he was splattering onto another frequency. A check of this situation showed that one appeared to be splattering as much as the other. In fact both had nice clean signals.

They were separated by a few blocks and any competent technician could tell them that they are just overloading the front ends of their receivers. No one owns any special frequency, net or otherwise. Its just a case of live & let live. Let's hope that a little common sence will prevail in these cases - Hams settle their own problems by cooperation & talking it over. A simple case such as this can be easily settled fellows. See page 6 of the Radio Amateurs Handbook. You will find the Amateur's Code printed there. It would do us all good to read it through once in awhile.

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The Kingston Amateur Radio Club will hold their annual  
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Tickets available from Steve Cutway VE3GRS.

We would like to extend an invitation to all the gang in  
Kingston to attend our auction everybody is welcome -  
Bring your junk too fellows.

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### DA News

Working a hundred countries in a weekend or working all  
continents in thirteen minutes has been done, but working  
FIQ/BKZ which is a little island in the Indian Ocean was  
a real challenge. Two months of sifting through gossip,  
rumor and hard facts, and hours of gleaning tid bits from  
foreign language nets is all part of the DXers lot.

In January I heard a rumor that someone was planing to  
operate for a short time from the Island of Mayotte.  
And I needed Mayotte. I don't imply that the island has  
not been activated before, it has, a long time ago. so  
chasing down rumors became my preoccupation for two months.  
Mayotte is a small French possession at the Northern  
entrance to the Straights of Madagascar on the east coast  
of Africa. (Now known as the Mozambique Channel). It  
is part of the Archipel des Comores which has recently  
separted from France leaving Mayotte a special status  
country within the French empire. It has also been  
recognized by the ARRL as a new country and so counts in  
the DXCC country list. So a couple of times a week I'd  
crash the French DX net at 14170 (1730 gmt) and ask,  
in French of course, what news on Mayotte? And in time  
the picture began to take shape. Someone for sure was  
planning an expedition to Mayotte, D6A and Geyser Reef.  
So with almost every DX contact I would ask the Who, What,  
When, Where questions and finally I contacted a chap  
who had a friend who knew something about the DXpedition.  
The dates were approximate, the frequencies were uncertain  
but in time I was able to obtain all kinds of information  
even including the kind of antenna the DXer would be  
taking with him. (an 18 AVTWB)! I even went so far as  
to find out flight times into the island. I checked peak  
propagation times into Ontario by contacting Oil tankers  
in the area. But with all my questions the word was spread-  
ing that there would be activity on that little island.  
The Big Boys in the States were shaking the trees for news.  
It was not uncommon to hear an unidentified US station  
asking about Mayotte out of the US band. The Big Gun  
DXers in Canada were staying away from their jobs in the  
hope of getting this rare one.

DX news cont'd.

I had estimated arrival times to the island and possible operation skeds to within an hour, and so on March I was the first North American station to contact and work FHØBKZ. It was only a brief exchange of reports (53-57) but a solid contact nevertheless.

And what do you do after you log FHØBKZ? Well you brag a lot for one thing then you start looking for the next one on your list which is getting shorter all the time.

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