

Quinte Amateur Radio Club

Belleville, Ontario

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newsletter

Meetings: Room Pl7 Pioneer Building this is
The Blue Building. See NOTE BELOW
Date: Wednesday January 15, 1992
Time: 7:30 PM
Program: Al Smardon will give a Packet
update.

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| Executive: | President | Mike Papper | VE3VMP |
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Activities:
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Property
Newsletter
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Field Day 1992
Amateur Radio
Course Director
Mall Display
2 Metre Fox Hunt

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| Al Smardon | VE3OX |
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| Bob Mitchell | VE3RRM |
| Bill Campbell | VE3NFP |

H.F. Contest
Refreshments

H ams and eggs, 8:am each Saturday at the Mirage Restaurant 257
North Front Street Belleville.

2 metre net every Thursday at 7:pm. on repeater VE3KBR. swap net to
follow regular net.

Regular meeting, 3rd. Wednesday each month excepting July and
August.

Regular meetings for the Prince Edward Radio Club are held on the first Thursday of each month except for the months of Dec. Jan. Feb

A 2 metre net is held by the Prince Edward Radio Club every Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. on repeater VE3TJU 146.730 down 600.

VE3TJU AUTO PATCH

The following is a current listing of Prince Edward Radio Club Members who can now be reached by using the "AUTO PATCH" facilities of the P.E.R.C. Repeater VE3TJU (146.730 -6). Just punch in the 3 digit special access code (S.A.C.) number listed.

| VE3 | SAC# | NAME | QTH |
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| ADC | 601 | Mike Grainger | R. R. 4, Picton |
| AGT | 643 | Jim Williams | Belleville |
| ASR | 651 | Len Brooker | Belleville |
| BCI | 651 | Shirley Brooker | Belleville |
| BDC | 606 | Duncan Breese | R. R. 2, Picton |
| BEV | 603 | Don Waring | R. R. 1, Cherry Valley |
| BND | 647 | Clark Faulkner | Belleville |
| BWF | 641 | Art Baier | R. R. 2, Milford |
| CJG | 655 | Glen Campbell | Belleville |
| DPP | 604 | Doug Pitt | Picton |
| EER | 642 | Dick Hayes | Foxboro |
| FJJ | 614 | Harry Raby | Picton |
| FOM | 646 | Harry Adams | R. R. 2, Milford |
| VE2FOS | 638 | Gord McHall | Bloomfield |
| HCM | 630 | Tim Pekkonen | Belleville |
| HON | 655 | Sandra Campbell | Belleville |
| KBV | 607 | Gord Rubie | Picton |
| KFO | 609 | Jack Harper | Picton |
| KKX | 610 | Ted Goodier | R.R. 1, Picton |
| KKY | 610 | Barb Goodier | R.R. 1, Picton |
| MB | 616 | John Lester | Foxboro |
| MFJ | 611 | Dick Travers | Picton |
| NI | 624 | Ed Goodier | R. R. 2, Picton |
| OKK | 620 | Norm Henderson | Belleville |
| RMW | 626 | Ron Wood | R. R. 4, Picton |
| RRJ | 612 | Rex Rolston, Jr. | Picton |
| RRM | 648 | Bob Mitchell | Belleville |
| RRS | 613 | Rex Rolston, Sr. | Picton |
| TDT | 652 | Tony Sollons | Belleville |
| TDU | 653 | David Erling | Belleville |
| WML | 643 | Marlene Williams | Belleville |
| WOE | 619 | Steve Sweetman | Belleville |

As the P.E.R.C. Repeater VE3TJU is an "OPEN" Repeater, the Auto Patch can now be used toll free between any of the following exchanges.

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| 399 | Wellington |
| 476 | Picton |
| 962 | Belleville |
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| 967 | " |
| 968 | " |
| 969 | " |

To use the phone patch for any phone number listed in any of the above exchanges

Enter 3 digit Code 501
 Enter full 7 digit phone number
 Time out is set at 3 minutes
 To clear the patch enter #51

O.P.P. Emergency

Enter 700 only
 Again to clear the patch - enter #51

Anyone wishing to obtain a special access code (S.A.C.) number for standard auto patch, reverse auto patch, mailbox use self testing of your equipment for echo function, signal analysis, toning test, time checks, temperature test etc .
 Contact Jack Harper, anytime on VE3TJU or by SAC No. 609.

As you have probably noticed already I have a new computer and I will be making some changes in the newsletter in the future. I hope to get a Desktop Publisher and that should make the work a little easier.

Al Smardon VE3OX has reported that there are a few new Packet users and they include VE3MB John Lester, VE3HNJ Al Davis, VE3PBE Ralph Barnes, and VE3NBL Doug Last.

C.A.R.F. QSL BUREAU NOTICE:

Please mail all outgoing cards to Box 66, Islington, Ont. M9A 4X1. Be sure to include your C.A.R.F. membership number. QSL Bureau Volunteer Staff will not accept any drop-offs at their homes.

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The location of this meeting has been changed. It will be held in the Building which is close to the road. There is plenty of parking close to the building. One good thing about this building is that it is all on one floor, and there is more room.

A DAY TO REMEMBER OVERLOOKED CANADIAN

Fessenden broadcast first radio program

Lisa Fitterman - The Gazette

On Christmas Eve, 1906, the strains of Silent Night carried more than 1,000 miles over the airwaves to astonished sailors on United Fruit Co. ships in the Caribbean.

Reginald Aubrey Fessenden, born in Knowlton in 1866 to an Anglican preacher named Elisha and his wife, Clementina, was making history with the first wireless radio broadcast of music and voice.

It was broadcast from Brant Rock, Mass., to ships of the banana fleet equipped with his receiving apparatus. Until then, they had received radio transmissions only in the dots and dashes of Morse code.

Six years earlier, in December 1900, Fessenden had made history with the first transmission of the human voice without wires. That was at Cobb Island, Md., where he sent his voice through the air between two masts 50 feet high and a mile apart.

It was not until a year later that rival Guglielmo Marconi received a transatlantic signal in St. John's Nfld. An that was wireless telegraphy, a one-way transmission in Morse code, rather than what we call radio.

Despite his lead over Marconi, Fessenden was denied permits to build stations in Canada, Bermuda, the West Indies and Australia. The British government, supporting the Marconi Co., ruled that the Fessenden system would not be allowed to compete.

But Fessenden's supporters believe he lost out to Marconi in riches and fame simply because he was a Canadian.

It's that peculiarly British-Canadian reluctance to toot one's own horn, said Sheldon Harvey to the Canadian International DX Club for radiophiles.

"It's like we're the opposite of the American flag-waving attitude with motherhood and apple-pie pride," Harvey said. "We're really kind of mealymouthed."

Marion Phelps, archivist for the Brome County Historical Society, said that even the federal government, which should be bound to bolster its own, refused to support Fessenden's work because it had already committed its radio research dollars to Marconi.

And Lac Brome Mayor Homer Blackwood, 68, the great-grandson of Fessenden's great-aunt Zorada, asked: "When have you known Canadians to talk about themselves? That isn't our way. Growing up, I knew he was a smart scientist, but that was about it."

Smart? Brome County Historical Society documents show he was a temperamental and mercurial eccentric who loved cats and flowing capes, and a brilliant student who took up Arabic, Hebrew and Sanskrit as a sideline in grade school.

And his madcap curriculum vitae ranges the spectrum, from working as chief chemist for Thomas Alva Edison to designing electric generators for George Westinghouse in Pittsburgh; from developing insulation for electric wires to inventing aluminum teabags and machine-gun tracer bullets.

Yet he received little recognition in Canada apart from being honored on a postage stamp issued June 25, 1987.

He fought bitter battles to protect patent rights to hundreds of his inventions. Finally, in 1928, after years of litigation, he collected a \$25-million out-of-court settlement from Radio Trust of America, representing major manufacturers of radio transmitters and receivers.

Phelps, of the historical society, said Fessenden's accomplishments were not at all surprising.

"His mother was one of the Trenholms, so he was from good stock, as we say," she said in an interview in the archive office. "He was also dogged, and stubborn!

"Oh, he was stubborn as a mule, and he didn't have much truck with people who didn't understand what he was doing."

Thelma Fessenden Hutchison, 78, whose grandfather was Fessenden's grandfather's brother, called him a "mischief who never took very well to the business side of things."

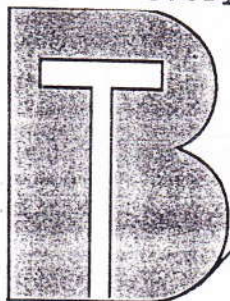
"Violent windstorms delighted him, he was very concerned about everything being attached by wires, and he was a good inventor. But he never accumulated any wealth," she said in an interview from her home in Lennoxville. "Never, never, never."

Fessenden was born in his paternal grandmother's white clapboard house on Knowlton's Main St., smack dab across the street from the historical society's complex of cottages. Last year, the society dedicated a memorial plaque to him outside the cottage it hopes to turn into a communications museum eventually.

Fessenden met his wife, Helen, in Bermuda, and they had one son, Reginald Kennelly.

Fessenden died in Bermuda July 22, 1932. Engraved on his tombstone in Egyptian hieroglyphics was: "I am yesterday and I know tomorrow."

The Executive would like to hear from any member of this club who would consider taking on the job of running the 2 metre net every Thursday night. Please contact Mike Papper VE3VMP.



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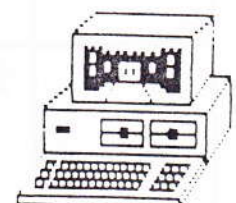
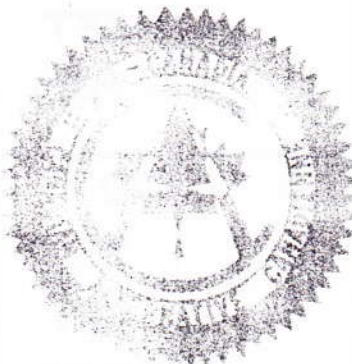
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