

Field Day 1974 at Johnson Harbour

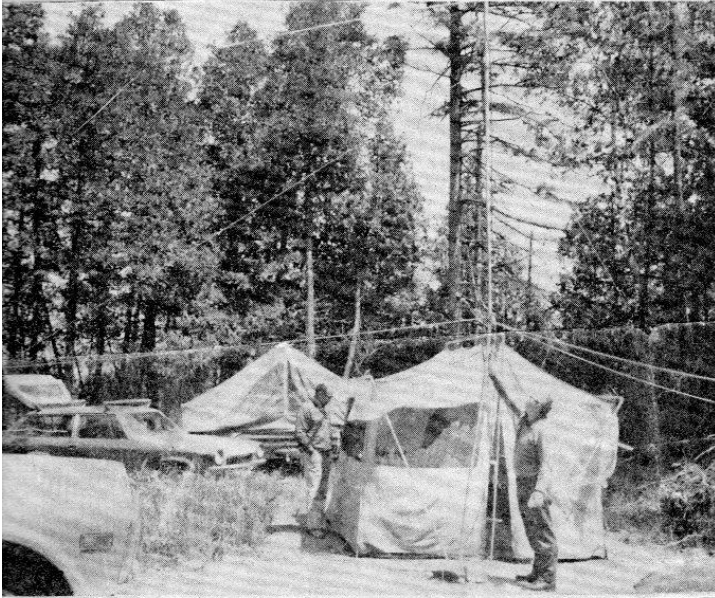
Radio field day

Warton, Ontario, Thursday, June 27, 1974

at Johnston Harbour

Emergency radio installation at Johnston's Harbour June 22 and 23. One complete station was installed in the tent in the foreground and a second identical set-up was located 75 feet

from the above. The operator adjusting the antenna direction is Verne Bohlender of Chesley, club vice-president.



Johnston's Harbour was the location selected by the Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club for participation in the 1974 annual Field Day sponsored by the American Radio Relay League as a test of emergency communication facilities by the amateur radio operators all over North America.

About 20 club members converged on the Harbour Saturday and Sunday, June 22nd and 23rd. In order to simulate real emergencies such as fire, flood, or tornado certain rules are set down, the principal being, all equipment must be operated from portable power supplies such as batteries, gasoline engine generators or similar means; operation limited to 27 hours starting at 2 p.m. on the 22nd and ending at 5 p.m. on the 23rd. The erection of antennas and setting up the stations being part of the total 27 hours; and a power limitation of 200 watts.

In order to gauge the efficiency of the various installations points are given for the number of contacts made with similar stations all over North America, for simulated emergency messages forwarded via radio to EMO offices, and some other features.

The Grey-Bruce Club was led by Mr. William Hardie of Tiverton whose personal gov-

ernment assigned call of VE3-EFX was used for the stations at the Harbour. Approximately 750 contacts were made with stations from coast to coast in Canada and the States. Four operators were on duty at a time over the contest period, in approximately 2 hour shifts. Tents and trailers were set up for sleeping accommodation. One feature of the club activity was participation by a lady operator, Mrs. Tess Hardie, who attended the Georgian College radio course during the winter and passed the government examinations on May 14 and has now been assigned her own call, VE3HIR.

The youngest licensed operators present were Rick (12) and Mike (16) Slack of Owen Sound, who also attended the course and were successful in passing the exams while the results from the thousands of stations taking part will not be available until early fall. The club executive and members are pleased with this test of their equipment and operating ability.

Incidentally, the personnel and equipment are available at no charge for any emergency requiring radio communication; the simplest way to obtain help is to alert the Emergency Measures Organization Officer for the County, who is familiar with the club and the services available.



Another view of the temporary station. The antenna above the tent was rotatable to

increase signal strengths in desired directions



Our gracious host on
field day June 22nd, 1974,
Art Ferguson VE3HP at
Johnston Harbour



Jim VE3HKV and Bill VE3EFX
about to find a sky hook
for one end of the trapped
dipole. What if a bear up
there , Jim ??

Bob VE3DFS and friend
from Burlington setting up
the beam. Bob: ' I wonder
where this fits ? '

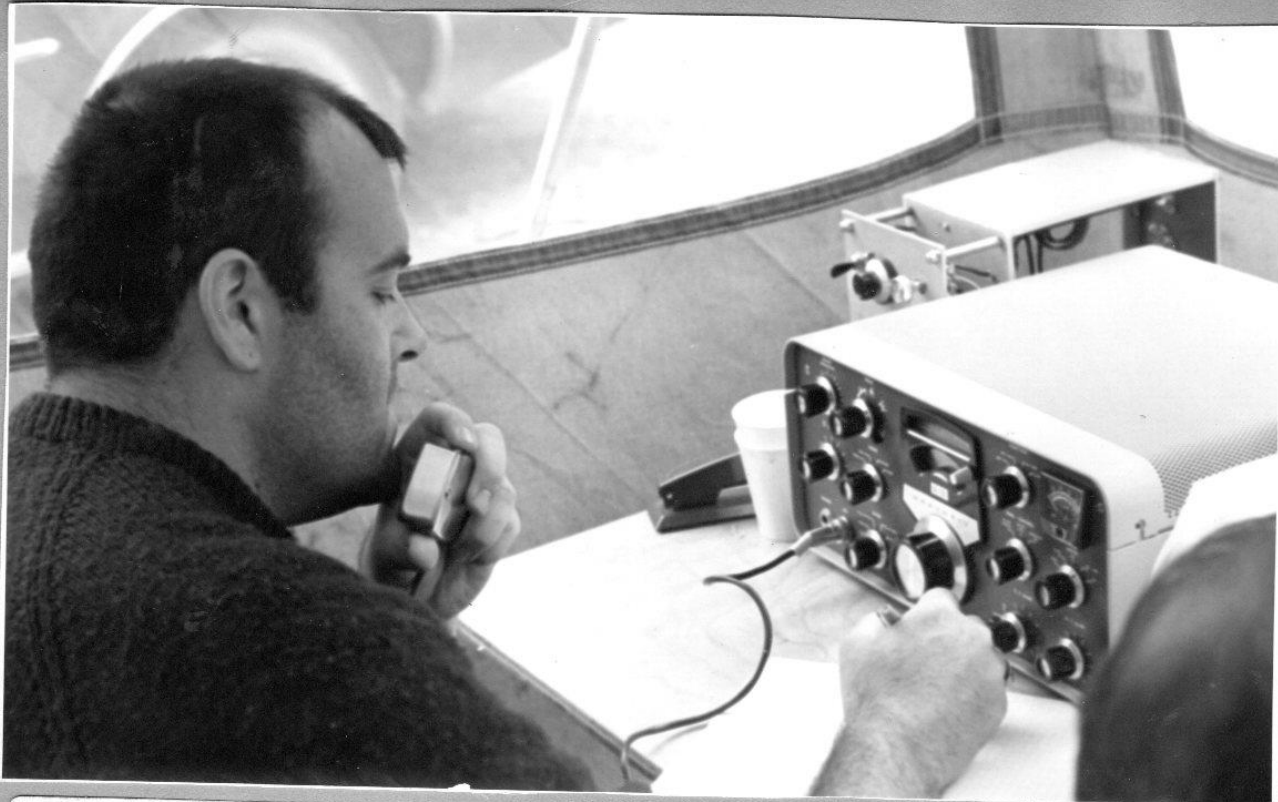




Ian VE3HIP and advisor ?
wking on beam. Those left-
handed spanners are great!!

The workhorses
Papa by VE3HP and MaMa by
EMO. Both did a fine job.





Bob VE3DFS attending to
business with his Heathkit

Hows that fer a fine qso ?





Ian	Vern	Tess
VE3HIP	VE3BSF	VE3HIR
		Bill
		VE3EFX

Rick	Mike	Joan	Ian
VE3HIO	VE3HIN	XYL-CHIP	V
	JIM		E
	VE3EMQ		3
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Bill VE3EFX giving some
fine pointers re. logging
for field day operation
Jim VE3EMQ has VOX ok now!!





Jim VE3EMQ, Tess VE3HIR
and Rick VE3HIO attending
to more fine business with
the FT 101B.

Tess VE3HIR and Bill VE3EFX
Bill: "Quit the chatter
wife, tell the guy 73 and get
on with it".





Dick VE3BIS
He finally gave
up!



Mike VE3HIN
".... Give us this
day our....."
(gud DX contacts)

Vern VE3BSF -
Earning his call Big Sleepy
Fellow. He did'nt spill a
drop !



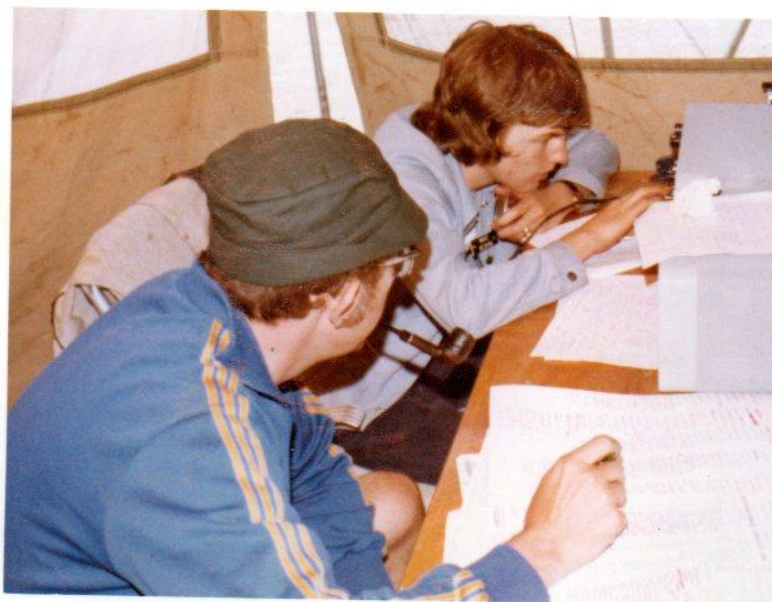
Bob's VE3DFS
portable QTH and
beam. It operates
better than it
looks.



Mike VE3HIN and
Bill VE3DIQ
chasing some CW



Where did he go ?





Dick VE3BIS and
Tess VE3HIR
chalking up more
points for the FD.



Jim VE3EMQ and
Joan(xyl HIP)
looking after nite
operations.

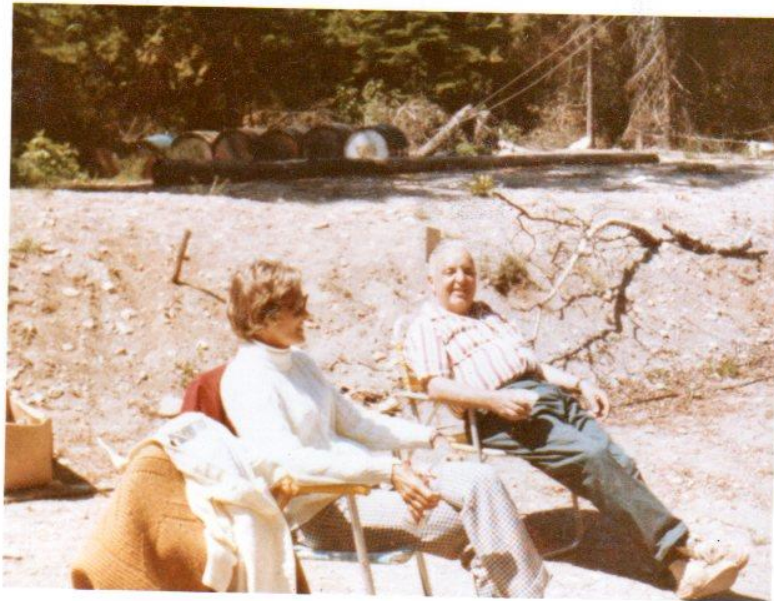


Bill VE3DIQ using
a bug and JIM VE3
FKV -another south
paw scribe !

Tess VE3HIR and
Dick VE3BIS
digging in fer
some DX



Joan and ART VE3HP
enjoying some of
that great sunshine



Bill VE3EFX keeping
an eye on things
from a distance.

