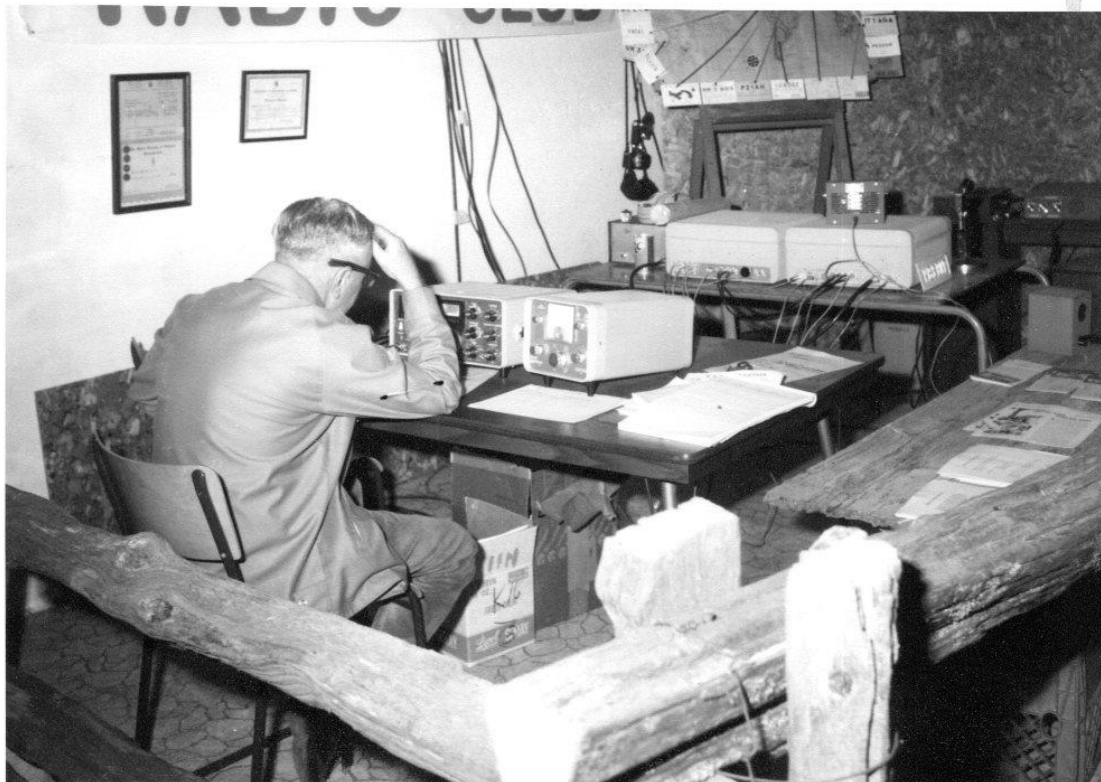
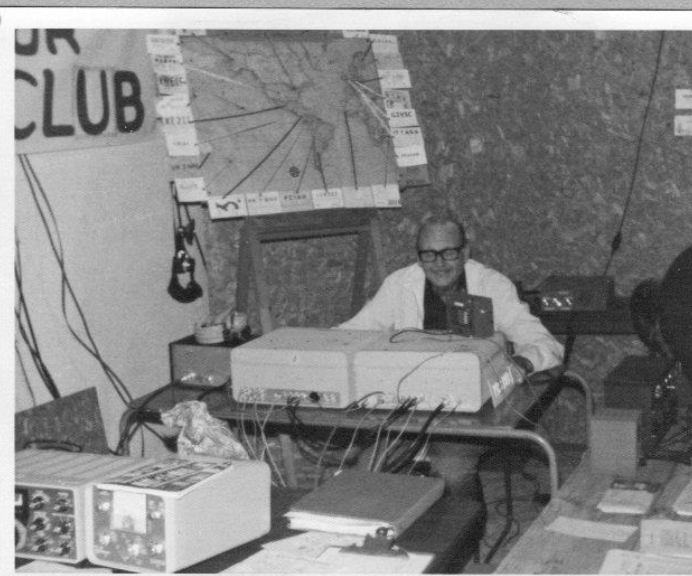


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BILL - VE3HGQ above and
HARVEY -VE3FOT below at Split
Rail Festival Ham Shack
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GEORGIAN BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

DEMONSTRATION AT THE SPLIT RAIL FESTIVAL - 1974

A somewhat different departure from the rural Fall Fairs was taken by the residents of the area around Flesherton, in Grey County, when local community effort resulted in the "Split Rail Festival" held at Flesherton on September 27, 28 and 29. This was the first year of what promises to be an annual display of Arts, Crafts and Hobbies by the local populace.

The Festival had something of interest to offer to all ages, from exhibits to dances, to concerts, to family re-unions. The biggest attraction was at the Arena where all kinds of exhibits delighted the many thousands of visitors, both locally and from distant points.

The Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club, an ardent supporter of R.S.O., was invited to present a display of Ham Radio equipment and to operate a Ham station. Through the cooperation of a local electronics service man, antennas for all Ham bands were erected, including 2-meter operation.

The demonstration was manned by club members during the full period of the show and many visitors were welcomed to the shack. A large number of contacts were made and the field of amateur radio was a surprising novelty to those who stopped to watch. Messages from visitors to their friends



The Split Rail Festival ham shack with Bill Cox VE3HGQ monitoring. The display of QSL cards is the work of Dave VE3DXO.

at home in other places were passed and 'phone patches were put through by the courtesy of Hams in the Province. For the first time, many people talked on the air and were genuinely impressed with Ham Radio.

We who participated felt we had given a big boost to our hobby and are certain that some of our visitors will be joining our ranks in the most useful and intriguing hobby of all.

We hope next year it will be bigger and better than ever.

Harvey VE3FOT

Organizers are out scouting special spots, just known to the local people, and frequent stops will be made for camera buffs.

The Flesherton-Markdale area has a good number of ham radio operators and they are setting up a tower and will be broadcasting all weekend. Do you have a desire to chat with a friend who is a "ham" or an aunt in Argentina, or maybe a cousin in California? Whatever, why not pop in and see what you can hear or even broadcast?

The Royal Ontario Museum is sending its mobile van which will have

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