

FEED BACK

GEORGIAN BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWS

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The February meeting was attended by 25 visitors and members. The business took about an hour as the byelaws were amended so that those who are not paid up for the next calendar year by Dec 31st of the current year, will only get the Jan. newsletter.

Jim, VE3CRV gave notice of a motion to the effect that members who do not pay their dues by Dec 31st for the following year, will be required to pay \$7.50 for reinstatement. He also moved that the nominating committee be made up of the Past President, the President and perhaps one other member. These will be voted on at the next meeting.

Don, VE3HGK gave a talk on VE3LSR and many an eyebrow shot up when he mentioned the membership dues over there - \$25 + \$10.

It was agreed to support the recommendation concerning frequency bands to be brought up at the 1979 Conference.

The club has \$367.79 in the kitty so we are in a sound financial position as far as getting the new repeaters on the air is concerned.

There was a movie on "Glaciers" which was very interesting and VE3BIS concluded the meeting with a talk on his transistor course.

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The nominating committee will have nominations ready at the April meeting and the election of officers will take place at the May meeting. The Field Day co-ordinator and his committee will need to be organised soon as a site has not been chosen yet.

Due to lack of time and space last month I omitted to mention some of the goings on at the January meeting.

The membership voted to become affiliated to CARF after a letter from that body was read. The cost of affiliation is \$10 per annum.

The only question from the floor in relation to the above was, "What do we get out of it?" This type of question is very common and at the same time very hard to answer. In the first place, why must we GET SOMETHING OUT OF IT? The club and the membership should support CARF and RSO in order to have a voice to give representation at a government level. If you as an individual want something done with regard to Amateur Radio, you will have very little success if you try to get changes made, unless you have strong representation by a competent organisation.

Another thing that happens regularly is the case of individuals who drop their membership of clubs, associations etc, or cancel their subscription to magazines because of some difference of opinion with policies or editorial comment. I've even heard people threaten to stop getting QST because it came late. They seemed to suspect that some individual at ARRL HQ was stashing their copy in hiding for a couple of weeks after all the rest had been mailed, in other words they were quite prepared to cut themselves off from an excellent publication and their chief source of information because the post office was slow in delivering their mail. Surely the sensible thing to do if you don't agree with the actions of an organisation to which you belong, is to make an effort to change the policy by getting on the executive and showing some responsibility, rather than burying your head in the sand and going off in the huff.

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Dick, VE3EIS was presented with a super Shavekit built up to make a most unusual keyer. It also had rather a peculiar note, definately not T9x

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I was particularly pleased to have Jim, VE3HIZ and Dorothy his KYL volunteer to take over the editorship of this newsletter. I am sure they will do a good job and with Jim, VE3CRV and Ian, VE3HIP duplicating and making up each issue it will spread the load a bit. One bit of advice to Jim is, don't put too much faith in individuals who are supposed to get copy in to you by a deadline, it rarely happens. Another is to say it like it is without trying to softsoap anybody, call the shots as you see them and if anyone wants to bellyache let them do it in print in these pages. That usually deters them as the effort is generally beyond these types who prefer to mumble in somebody else's ear and try to stir things up that way.

This issue of Feedback is going to be larger than usual as I have a lot of things that have been accumulating and should be passed on to the membership. Also the items on the Dayton Hamvention and Oscar orbital times must get out on time or they are of no use. This issue will cost a little more to mail but I feel that it is worthwhile if the membership gets the information in time to make use of it.

Included in this issue is a membership list and Cy would like anyone who finds errors in the information to please drop him a note with the corrections. This is a list of paid up members to the middle of February, and it is included as a loose leaf supplement so that you can keep it handy without tearing it out of the newsletter.

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If any of the more recent members require more information on how to make use of the Oscar orbital times, I can provide the copy of a page from Feedback that came out last year. Just send an SASE with the request to me at Box 190, Tiverton, Ont.

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VE3FCW is putting a terrific signal into OSR from Port Elgin with a 2w rig. VE3HIP has trouble getting on frequency with the Viking 11. Some help in this department might be of value to all the new amateurs with separate equipment.

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Having trouble with late QSL's? Don't despair, W7YM just got a card from W7HOL confirming a QSO on November 13th 1940. Thirty five years late.

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Work 10 stations on Montreal Island for the Montreal Olympic Award and send \$1 in with your log copy to, Secretary, Westminster Amateur Radio School, Box 323, Montreal International Airport A.M.F. P.Q. No QSL's are required.

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Did the Owen Sound paper ever get a story on Amateur Radio into print, it seems to have faded out of existence? We need all the PR we can get these days.

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The ones who got their tickets in June are not in the new Callbook so you should send in your calls and full addresses to the Callbook now so that you will appear in the next listing.

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We now have the new Callbooks , U.S. and DX so if you need an address just give Tess or myself a call on the repeater and we will be glad to oblige.

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The next meeting is on March 18th at 8pm in the CIAC Computer Bldg. Owen Sound.

SNOW RALLY 100 REPORT

By Ian T. - VE3HIP

BY ALL REPORTS, THIS YEARS COMMUNICATIONS SET-UP WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. THE CLUB WAS NOTIFIED IN PLENTY OF TIME SO THAT MAPS, CHECK-POINT ALLOCATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS WERE IN THE HANDS OF THE RADIO OPERATORS EARLY. CLUB MEMBERS INVOLVED WERE JIM -HIZ, JIM - BFV , IAN -HXX , JOHN COTTRELL - SWL (Licence Pending !!) , CAM - CAC , BRIAN - ERT , BILL -EPX, CY -DQA , DICK -BIS , DAVE -DXO , and at BASE JIM -CRV AND IAN -HIP . THE BASE STATION TOWER AND TRANSCEIVER WAS INSTALLED AND TESTED FRIDAY NIGHT. THE NEW SOLID STATE REPEATER AS WELL AS JIM -CRV'S NEW YAESU 2 MTR. VFO RIG DID A FINE JOB AT BASE. ALL MOBILE STATIONS WERE AT THEIR CHECK-POINTS EARLY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CY-DQA (Who slept in) , and BILL -EPX (who decided to take a snowmobile trail to Red Bay and got bogged down in a snow bank -gud thing he had radio link).

IAN -HIP WAS ACCUSED OF BEING TOO LONG-WINDED SEVERAL TIMES -- , WE CAN ONLY PLEAD MISSION CONTROL PRIVILEGE. HT ! SEVERAL PROBLEMS DID OCCUR , I.E. , OUT OF GAS, TOW TRUCK CALLS, BROKEN SKI AND STUCK CARS IN WHICH OUR RADIO COMMUNICATION DID BRING AID. CONTINUOUS COVERAGE WAS GIVEN OVER RADIO STATION C.F.O.S. BY THEIR REPORTER LAWRENCE PHILLIPS WHO GAVE OUR CLUB A FINE REPORT ON THE SET UP. CAM - CAC WENT SNOWMOBILE MOBILE WHEN BRIAN -ERT TOOK OVER THE SAUBLE BEACH CHECK-POINT AND WE WORKED CAM WITH HIS IC 22 FROM HIS SNOWMOBILE FROM THE NORTH SAUBLE BEACH AREA. THIS GAVE JIM -CRV THE ITCH TO GO 2 METER SNOWMOBILE MOBILE NEXT YEAR.

SNOW RALLY 100 --- cont.

ALL CHECK-POINTS HAD A GOOD SIGNAL INTO THE REPEATER WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RED BAY . INFORMATION WAS BY RELAY FROM CAM -CAC UNTIL BILL -EFX MOVED HIS LOCATION OUT OF A HOLE AT THE TURN AROUND POINT. SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND FOR NEXT YEAR.


DAVE -DXO TOOK OVER FROM DICK -BIS AT WIARTON GATES AFTER DINNER . DICK WAS NOT READY TO GIVE UP YET- HE STILL HAD ONE MORE BATTERY TO RUN DOWN , AND SO TOOK OFF TO CHECK POINT 9 TO RELEASE JIM -HIZ. THE STRONGEST SIGNAL INTO THE REPEATER WAS JIM -BFV, AND WE SUSPECT HIS SIGNAL STRENGTH WAS IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO THE 807's and PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES CONSUMED.

THE REPEATER ACTED UP LATER IN THE DAY AND JIM-CRV WENT OUT AND THREW SOME SNOWBALLS AT THE SHACK. THIS PUT THE RIG IN CONTINUOUS TRANSMIT MODE AND WE HAD NO MORE PROBLEMS. IT WILL BE GOOD TO GET THE NEW SOLID STATE REPEATER INSTALLED, AS OUR PRESENT ONE HAS BEEN SHOWING ITS AGE LATELY. IAN -HXX AND JOHN COTTRELL DID A FINE JOB AT CHECK-POINT 3 AND RETURNED TO BASE WITH LOG SHEETS DULY COMPLETED FOR EACH TRANSMISSION.

EACH RALLY WE ENTER NEW IDEAS ARE DISCUSSED IN ORDER TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS AND I AM SURE NEXT YEAR WILL BE BETTER YET.

MY THANKS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS !!

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ian', with a long horizontal line extending to the left from the start of the signature.

XJ3EFX has completed the modification to the AGC circuit in the FT101-B and it is a great improvement when trying to copy strong local signals. After I got the rig back on the air I listened to ONTARS for a while and noticed the difference on all signals over S9, but the proof came when my closest amateur neighbour who is VE3GFZ in Inverhuron, came on with his 2Kw and the signal was perfect copy without having to switch in the RF Attenuator or reduce the RF Gain.

The inability of the AGC in the FT101 rigs to handle strong signals has long been a problem so if you are interested in getting full details of the modification, drop me a SASE and I'll send it out.

I would think that if you live in Owen Sound you'll have to do this one with all the signals in close proximity.

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Remember the club net each Sunday at 14.30z on 3.783mhz and the 2m nightly net.

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The CJ Directory is finally out and some of the club members have received them as this is being written. If you want one, just send \$4.75 to The CJ Assoc. c/o Box 284 Chatham Ont. The directory without the binder costs \$3.

The annual CJ banquet takes place on April 24th at the Town and Country. Tickets are \$10 each and available from Box 284 Chatham also. This is the event where Old Slippery made a spectacle of himself last year and later appeared in TOA.

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DY can be easy pickings on 40m in the morning as XJ3EFX discovered lately. There are lots of Caribbean and S. Americans on at around 12.00z and when the skip is long they overpower the W/K stations.

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Gy VE3DQA finally got his TS520 so it will be a change to have him on the net on Sunday morning.

Bill, VE3FOF still has no word on his rig from Peterson in London. I would warn anyone who is planning to buy radio gear to stay well clear of this outfit. He sent the rig back to London in November and so far hasn't been able to get his money or the rig back.

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Interested in AMSAT? Tune in to the AMSAT Information Net at 7pm local time each Tuesday evening on 3.850mhz.

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XJ3EFX has received Canadian Family Award #13 from the Canadian Ladies A.R. Assoc.

BITTEN BY THE HAM BUG....

To say I have always had an interest in electronics is not quite true, even though I did manage to build a two tube radio when I was about 12 years old. At that time I lived in Holland and even building a simple radio like that was no easy matter. It was the second year of World War 2 and to own a receiver of any discription was forbidden. Of course there were a few still around, but they were well hidden in attics and basements. Had I been caught with my radio, I may not have been here to tell my story.

Of course building that two tube set did not get me started in Hamradio. In fact, I did not even know that there was such a thing. The only Ham I knew was what we had for dinner.

In 1951 I emigrated with my parents to this Country and became involved in the construction and building trade. And here is where my story really should start.

I was called by a local resident in Town to do a roof job for him but was told I could not start immediatly because ha had to dismantle his antenna first. I did find that a bit odd, for antennas never had created a problem before. Well you can probably guess whatfollowed next. The purpose of that peculiar contraption was explained to me and a trip down the basement stairs to the Hamshack in all its glory of wires, junkboxes and equipment, which really worked. Fred also showed me his first license dated 1918 and his first homebrew gear (which is now sitting in my basement) and my thoughts went back to that radio I had build back in 1942.

On my way home that day I had visions of making contacts all over the World via Amateur Radio. Little did I know at that time what really was involved and that I had to EARN that priveledge.

The easiest thing was to convince my wife that I was not crazy but only wanted to become a Ham. In fact she was very enthusiastic about the idea, after a lengthy explanation of course. We both settled down to learn the code and the theory with the help of Fred VE3BG and Charlie VE3AYM. Rene did not have too much trouble with the code but for me it was agony. Road signs and streetnames lost their english names and became dits & dahs, and in my work the sound of a hammer hitting a nail spelled out many code letters and words.

Well, all storiés should have a happy ending.

We both got our ticket and in May 1975 Rene and myself became the proud owners of an advanced amateur license.

I should mention our son Harry went right along with us and received his advanced license at the same time.

The only regret I have is that Fred did not have his roof repaired sooner.

Thru Amateur Radio we have met many wonderfull people and some of our best friends are Hamfriends.

very 73

Rene
VE3AYN

HAMS AND SNOWMOBILES

The Southampton snowmobile club held it's annual 100 mile marathon January 24, 1976. It was clear and cold with no snow falling for the first time in three weeks.

VE3FOF reported in 34/94 through the local repeater VE3OSR. 7:30 a.m. VE3CAC, VE3ERT, VE3BFZ, VE3HIZ all checked in each half hour thereafter. The route was to be run up the rugged Bruce Peninsula. Jerry, VE3CAC operating his mobile at HQ broke in to say the first ten machines were on their way. Operating 94/94 HQ was in touch with check point stations via VE3BIS running auto 94/94 link to 52/52 out by beam to cover the route up to Pike Bay 50 miles to the north.

VE3FOF using VE3DQA's rig called in to inform HQ that the first ten machines were arriving at check point one. With over three feet of snow on the level and temperatures well below zero this was to be a rough ride. VE3ERT and VE3BFZ called in from Hepworth Road and Sauble Falls. VE3HIZ with his rig repaired made his way to the most distant point at Pike Bay. With high road side snow banks and single track travel Jim reported in from four miles south of destination, the check point was out of radio range behind rock hills. Problems! Problems!, out of hot dog buns! so reports the lunch trailer at Red Bay, lost machines, broken belts, all handled by Georgian Bay Amateur radio club operators. Where's the gas supply truck? VE3BFZ asked, HQ replies, the truck is on the way! All afternoon the information funnels back and forth.

The lunch wagon claimed a few operators for a time but eventually the familiar voices came back. I'm stuck in a snow bank VE3FOF was on his way to relieve Bryan VE3ERT, OK I'll get the jeep, Bryan responded and soon had Bill mobile again.

On and on the 52/52 signals crackled through the 94/94 line to rally HQ. Where's #31?, #65 through 79 passed check point #3 at 4:10 p.m.!, hold the repair truck at Sauble!, so went the comments.

At last with more snow falling the late stragglers of 85 entrees were in, head light's bouncing over the hard packed snow of HQ area. See you Jerry, 73 Bill, OK Bryan, good night Jim VE3FOF off. The weary snowmobiler's and ham operators went home to a well deserved rest, happy to know their efforts had netted between \$5,000 and \$6,000 for community betterment.

7:15 p.m.



AMSAT

Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation
P.O. BOX 27, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20044

The Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation is a non-profit, scientific corporation founded in the greater Washington, D. C. area. The purposes and objectives of the Corporation are:

- A. To provide satellites that can be used for amateur radio communication and experimentation by suitably equipped amateur radio stations throughout the world on a non-discriminatory basis.
- B. To encourage development of skills and the advancement of specialized knowledge in the art and practice of amateur radio communications and space science.
- C. To foster international goodwill and cooperation through joint experimentation and study, and through the wide participation in these activities on a noncommercial basis by radio amateurs of the world.
- D. To facilitate communications by means of amateur satellites in times of emergency.
- E. To encourage the more effective and expanded use of the higher frequency amateur bands.
- F. To disseminate scientific, technical and operational information derived from such communications and experimentation, and to encourage publication of such information in treatises, theses, trade publications, technical journals or other public media.

Membership in AMSAT is open to all radio amateurs and other interested persons. AMSAT encourages the participation of all interested individuals in its activities regardless of membership and invites licensed amateur radio operators of all countries to engage in radio transmissions to the satellite(s). Membership is possible in two categories:

- A. An interested individual may become a Member by filling out and returning the membership application on the reverse side, along with his dues payment.
- B. A recognized group or organization interested in supporting AMSAT's goals and objectives and wishing to participate constructively in its activities may become a Member Society by completing and returning a Member Society application together with their dues payment. This class of membership was established to encourage interested groups to participate in AMSAT projects within the Member Society's own area of interest.

An annual financial contribution is requested from Members and Member Societies in an effort to offset the costs of printing and mailing newsletters. This donation may be waived at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Donations are tax deductible.

Members of AMSAT are entitled to

- A. The opportunity to participate in the activities of AMSAT and to vote in the elections for the Board of Directors.
- B. Receive newsletters and other information which may be generally distributed by AMSAT.
- C. Be acknowledged as supporting the activities of AMSAT with a membership certificate or card.

Member Societies of AMSAT are entitled to

- A. Participate in AMSAT's activities.
- B. Nominate two Members per annum as candidates to the Board of Directors.
- C. Receive newsletters and other information which may be distributed by AMSAT.
- D. Be acknowledged as supporting AMSAT's activities with a Member Society card or certificate.

The 2m evening net is degenerating into a ragchew session instead of a means of getting traffic into the area as it was originally intended to do. The other night we wanted a Markdale station and couldn't raise one, tonight there was a request for an Owen Sound station on the CJ net and it took nearly an hour to get one on there. Instead of monitoring the nets everybody was telling everybody else what the weather was like while it was common knowledge that there was blowing snow for 100 miles in all directions. Only three nets need be listened to and they are the Laurentian, Ontario Phone, and Chicken Junction Nets. The first two can be monitored by one person as they follow one another and the CJ Net can be monitored by a second person, while others gather on the repeater in readiness to take traffic for their area.

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Another problem is still rearing it's ugly head, Cy is getting club dues in with no application form accompanying them. Now just why do you guys think we troubled to make up and send out these forms? It wasn't for the exercise and it certainly wasn't to kill time. We need that info for the club records and if you don't give it to Cy he has to get it by contacting the delinquent party and getting the info and filling out an other form himself. If you feel that Cy needs the practice maybe you will stand for Secy/Treas next year and we can all exercise you for a change, it'll be a lot more fun for Cy and you can see what it is like to be given the treatment. Maybe next Fall Jim can run a course on the reading and understanding of simple instructions as a prerequisite before taking the amateur course.

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Maybe it's not amateur radio but if you have a radio that covers the VHF PSB it can be interesting to listen in on the snowplows operating in your area. At least you will keep up on the road conditions in the immediate vicinity if you plan to drive anywhere. The Bruce County operation is on approximately 167mhz.

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Lots of DX on 20m these days with KG6, 6W8, KM6, KH6, EL1, 5W1, D2, CP, NC, EI, and lots of the more usual Europeans coming in. How about some of you others telling me what you are working and hearing for a change? Surely I'm not the only one in the club working DX.

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Still no comment on a club award, it must have died a natural death, but then I never hear much comment on anything, Novice licence, ARRL election etc. doesn't anybody out there care about anything that may influence their operating privileges until it happens?

The club is now officially affiliated to the ARRL. I hope we are able to maintain this affiliation in the years to come by keeping up our membership in the League. For the information of those who plan to join, you can send your \$10 to Cy and the club will benefit. If you wish to write to ARRL for any of their publications or information on the services that it provides, the address is ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, Connecticut, 06111.

VE3EFX has now received his Life Member plaque and it makes a fine addition to the shack.

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XJ3HIR made the most contacts in the Trillium Contest and has been given a one year free membership to that organisation in recognition.

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A DXpedition to St. Paul Island is scheduled to take place from May 28th till June 3rd. The call is expected to be VY9B, and remember this counts for DXCC. Surely everyone can get this one as it is a group from the Ottawa area that is going.

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The new prefix for Angola is D2A. Not too much activity due to internal fighting but at least a couple of calls have been active lately.

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The cost of equipment is still going up as evidenced by the latest Glenwood catalogue recently received. If you are in the market for a new rig in the FT101 class you would have saved about \$150 if you had bought a "B" last year. The 2m Multi 7 is up \$20 and most other items have gone up in price by similar amounts. The moral appears to be , buy now before the price goes out of sight.

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How about all the 2m operators getting rocks for 52 simplex operation ? We are getting involved in a number of public service operations and it would be to our advantage to have everyone geared up for operation on that channel in order to keep the repeater free for other users and also for longer distance relays if they are needed.

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In this issue of Feedback I am including some information on transistors that should be of value to those who are starting to use them, also there are some handy circuits that some of you may want to put together. The part number cross reference to manufacturer list should be handy when trying to identify some of the odd transistors you may come across in the junkbox.

This list of nets is far from complete but it represents those that are most likely to be of use to amateurs in this area.

TRANS CANADA NET	14.130 mhz	Sat. 18.00z
	14.140 mhz	Sun. 18.00z
N. W. ONT. NET	3.750mhz	Dy. 00.15z
ONTARS NET	3.755mhz	Dy. 07.00-18.30 EST or EDT
MANITOBA NET	3.765mhz	Dy. 01.00z
ALBERTA PS NET	3.770mhz	Dy 01.30z
ONTARIO PHONE NET	3.770mhz	Dy 19.00 EST or EDT
QUEBEC RADIO NET	3.775mhz	Dy 19.30 EST or EDT
CHICKEN JOE. NET	3.790mhz	Dy 18.30 EST or EDT
ROADRUNNER NET	3.795mhz	M-F 19.00 EST or EDT

In the U.S. they operate EASTCARS, MIDCARS and WESTCARS which all provide the same type of service as ONTARS. EASTCARS and WESTCARS operate on 7.255 mhz and MIDCARS is on 7.258 mhz.

ARRL members can obtain an up to date copy of the NET DIRECTORY by sending in a request for one and a SASE of about 10*x6¹/₄.

It pays to monitor the nets at all times while in the shack as well as monitoring the local repeater so that you are alerted if anyone requires your area. The nets can only provide a service as good as the people who monitor them.

For those trying to get all the States worked there is a net on 3.738mhz each Friday and Saturday evening after the CJ net closes and it runs till around 05.00z if there are enough people wanting the States that are available. The NCS for this one is W4OQ.

There are two SWAP NETS that are interesting if you want to buy or sell any gear. The LONDON SWAP NET is on 3.750mhz each Sunday at noon, and the ONTARIO SWAP NET is on 3.790mhz each Sunday night after the CJ NET closes.

Other nets fill the 30m band each night and range from club nets to wheelchair and whitecane nets.

I haven't mentioned any CW nets but there are many of them and they are mainly traffic nets operating on 30m.

If anyone has any questions on what nets are on they can contact me on the air or drop me a line

Bill Hardie VE3EFX

Box 190, Tiverton, ONT. N0G 2T0

I'd like to hear how your Bicentennial W.A.S. is coming along. Nobody seems to be saying much about it.

3EFX worked all 50 States and got 30 confirmed in January, the last State to be worked was Colorado on the 31st .

KJ3HIR worked 44 States and had 20 confirmed in January, the ones she still needs to work are all fairly easy so it won't be long till she get's them.

The fastest WAS I heard about was by a W2 who completed it in 40 hours, Jan. 182.

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Remember the election of a new club executive is coming up in May so it is time you were giving the matter some thought. I'd like to see an election of the club officers this time so if you are nominated, let your name stand and perhaps take office for a year, you may find the experience enlightening.

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There wasn't one entry arrived by the deadline, for the January contest. The thing that amazes me is that only a couple of weeks ago I was told that we should be having another contest as it was so long since we put one on. The guy that was saying this obviously hadn't read his FEEDBACK with the info on the SET weekend contest, and even when he was told about it he didn't bother to get an entry in. A similar experience in October with the last hidden xmtr hunt tells me that you are not interested in contests of any type, even when there are prizes for the winners.

Incidentally, the prize for the January contest was a multimeter which I am sure most of you could have made use of in the shack. In future if anyone wants a contest they can organise it themselves or enter the ones run by ARRL, CQ etc. where the competition will be a lot stronger and the top score a lot harder to achieve.

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Judging from the membership application forms that were sent in to CY, it is quite obvious that some of you can't read and understand English. The revised form was simplified so that you had only to write "YES" or "NO" to some of the questions and still there were a few who were too lazy or stupid to accomplish that.

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Still no sign of the VE3DTS story which was supposed to be in to me by Jan. 25th so it is fortunate that VE3AYN sent his in without being asked. The DTS story is now scheduled for the APRIL issue , surely it will be here by March 25th.

My nomination for the May issue is VE3BIS, let me have it by April 25th Dick.