

# THE HAMILTON AMATEUR

January 1988

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**The Hamilton Amateur Radio Club** meets at 8.00pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month except for July & August. The location is the Nash Auditorium, in the Chedoke Hospital grounds, Hamilton. Non-members & friends are welcome.

**Membership fees** are \$20.00 per year with a common renewal date of January 1. Included is a subscription to the club bulletin. Additional Family Memberships (no bulletin) are \$1 for each person.

**The VE3NCF Repeater** is owned and operated by the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club. Located on the Hamilton escarpment it is available for use by any amateur.

**Input:** 146.16Mhz. **Output:** 146.76 MHz.

**The Swap Net** is held on VE3NCF every Tuesday at 8.00 pm except during July & August.

**Officers, Committee Chairpersons, & Telephone Numbers** are listed on the inside cover.

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## Club Meeting January 20th

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 6 Niagara Peninsula Fleamarket  
 Feb 28 Skywide ARC Flea Market  
 Mar 5 Peel ARC Flea Market  
 June 25 & 26 Field Day  
 Oct 8 HARC Flea Market

Welcome to these recent new members

VE3FYY Julius Csatory  
 VE3SCN Konrad Schmoll  
 VE3TED Ted Barrette  
 VE3MWD Serafino Verticchio

Lost & Found Dept.

Bulletins sent to Stephen Elop VE3SAE and Gorman Lau have been returned by the Post Office. If anyone knows their new address please advise Gordon VE3JSJ.

## THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE SUPPORT GROUP

**THE OPP SUPPORT GROUP IS:** - A body of Amateurs who stand ready to assist the OPP, Burlington Detachment, with two problems:

1. Failure of equipment at the Lakeshore H.Q.
2. Inability to reach certain 'dead-spots' with their 42 Mhz radios.

We represent many areas - Burlington, Hamilton, Grimsby, Waterdown etc.

**OUR SCOPE:** is the same as the Detachment's; Fort Erie to Winston Churchill Boulevard, back from the lake several miles.

**OUR JOB:** is to provide communications under the direct supervision of the Police. We have no duties such as police work, rescue, etc. We are 100% self-supporting (battery power, mobile operation, winter clothing if needed, food, shift relief, etc.).

**HOW WE ARE ORGANIZED:** The police call us out by phoning one of five phone-fan captains, who call out the others as required (numbers, equipment, nature of assignment, send to, etc.).

**WHO'S IN THE GROUP:** at this time we have 54 people. Some have specific responsibilities, as follows:

**-PHONE FAN CAPTAINS:** Frank Gue, DPC; Jack Winterbourne, ITO; Hugh McCully, AYR; Glenn Gibson, FHQ; Ferg Kyle, LVO.

**-PHONE-FAN MAINTENANCE:** Ferg Kyle, VE3LVO.

**-IDENTIFICATION KIT MAINTENANCE:** Hugh McCully, VE3AYR.

**-TECHNICAL/PROPAGATION CONSULTANT:** Barry Garrett, VE3CDX (VE3POX/R Licensee).

**-CALL-OUT EQUIPMENT:** Jacques Boucher, VE3LJQ.

**-OPP OFFICER IN CHARGE:** S/Sgt Augie Ketzler.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Call Frank Gue, VE3DPC, 2252 Joyce Street, Burlington, L7R 2B5, 634-9538.

73, Frank, VE3DPC.

## RED CROSS SUPPORT GROUP

The function of the Red Cross in the event of an emergency or disaster is:

To provide temporary shelter.

To provide food and if needed, clothing (blankets etc).

To handle Registration & Inquiry requests from members of the public who are looking for information about relatives and friends who have been involved in the emergency or evacuation.

To keep the media informed as to progress in dealing with the emergency situation, especially in regard to Health & Welfare.

The purpose of the Red Cross support group is to provide communication assistance to the Red Cross, in the event of emergencies/disasters. We could be called on to provide backup communications between Red Cross Headquarters and emergency shelters which would be set up to provide temporary accomodation in the event of evacuations. Amateurs operating in the Red Cross Support group would NOT be involved with providing communications for emergency groups (Fire, Police, Ambulance etc.) at the location of the disaster or emergency.

At present the following amateurs are listed with the Red Cross as being able to assist:-

VE3FHQ, -BLG, -HLI, -GFE, -OZE, -OSP, -OVV, -ACA, -LWD, -JSJ.

Any other amateurs who are able to make themselves available to assist should contact me. We need to organize a call-out system (perhaps in conjunction with the OPP support group). In the event of a worst-case scenario (large scale disaster/emergency involving thousands of persons, with no Bell Canada lines available) we will need to coordinate the use of frequencies/repeaters etc with the OPP support group.

73,

Gordon VE3JSJ



# THE SWAP SHOP



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- W A N T S
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- VE3FBU- Jim 575-4535 H\_milton. MS4 spkr. & RV4 vfo.

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## HAMILTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.



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Bulletin 37 CRRL 1987 December 06

1: Since mid-summer, CRRL has been working with DOC to find an acceptable frequency for a 1-MW ERP Doppler-shift radar, to be located near Egbert, Ontario, for the purposes of detecting wind-shear at Pearson (Toronto) International Airport. DOC's original assignment, at 433.5 Mhz, promised to play havoc with weak-signal work and amateur satellite operations near that frequency. CRRL pressed to keep radar out of the 430-450 Mhz band altogether. However, the only other suitable frequencies were in the 403-406 MHz range and the Department of National Defence said those frequencies were needed by them. That meant that the radar would have to be in the 430-450 Mhz band where RADIORELOCATION operation was primary and, unfortunately, AMATEUR and AMATEUR SATELLITE operations were secondary. After consulting with interested parties and studying the alternatives, CRRL recommended a frequency in the 441-442 Mhz range. Choosing the exact frequency, however, has become a challenge. Going low adversely affects ATV operation. Going high displaces a number of repeater links. Latest word is that, for reasons of cost, the radar may not be installed for at least two years, and that its potential for creating interference to Amateur Radio operations may not be as great as was first thought. More later.

2: Some short takes: According to WSYI Report, a new Amateur Radio law has been enacted in Thailand. The law established three classes of licence: a Basic with limited privileges on 2-metres, and an Intermediate and Advanced with voice and code privileges on 40, 20, 15 and 10-metres.

AMSAT UK recently launched a high-altitude balloon carrying a 70-centimetre 2-metre transponder that, while aloft, provided communications over many thousand square kilometres.

ARRL now publishes NCJ, The National Contest Journal, a bi-monthly forum for contest and DX enthusiasts. The November-December issue includes articles on contesting for non-contesters, a profile on JASBJC, and how to shunt-feed a tower for 160-metres. Subscription information is available from ARRL or CRRL.

Amateurs in Australia are kicking off Australian Bicentennial celebrations with commemorative

callsigns. Listen for special event station VI88ABC between 1988 January 04 and 1988 March 04.

Finally, EARS, the Egyptian Amateur Radio Society was recently admitted to IARU as that organization's 126th member.

Bulletin 38 CRRL 1987 December 13

1: Congratulations to John Henry, VE2VQ, who was recently elected Director (First Alternate) of AMSAT North America.

2: Skiers on the joint Soviet-Canada Skitrek expedition will know exactly where they are, thanks to a fleet of international search and rescue satellites (SARSATs) and Amateur Radio. Each day, skiers will key an emergency locator transmitter (ELT) whose signals will be received by a SARSAT. A special address on the signal will prevent confusion with a signal from, say, a downed plane. Signals received by SARSAT will be analysed and the skiers location will be determined. That location will be relayed to the University of Surrey in the United Kingdom and transmitted on 2 metres over the digitalker on the University's UoSAT OSCAR 11 Amateur Radio satellite. Skiers will copy their location on a handheld transceiver as the UoSAT OSCAR 11 satellite passes overhead.

3: According to Westlink Report, AMSAT has undertaken a crash program to build and launch an amateur radio packet satellite (PACSAT) within the next two years. A special fund is being created to support this project. Meanwhile, plans are still "go" for launch of a Phase 3C satellite early next year.

4: CRRL Ottawa Liason Ray Perrin, VE3FN, represented radio amateurs at a recent meeting of the Cable Television Advisory Committee (C-TAC). Ray expressed concern that present limits on radiation from cable systems do not adequately protect users of the VHF-UHF spectrum, that the revised limits in Broadcast Procedures 23 (BP-23) were a step backwards, and that the ultimate solution to problems of radiation from cable television systems was to move to fibre optics technology. Ray's comments were supported by the RCMP who reported problems - some impacting on public safety - right across Canada. Motorola also

reported interference problems and noted that frequency congestion in most commercial bands precluded moving to alternate frequencies. All good messages for the cable television industry to hear.

- 5: The appeal in the Jack Ravenscroft RF susceptibility case is scheduled to be heard on January 28. Dennis Conner, an expert in constitutional law, will be presenting Jack's case.

**Bulletin 39 CRRL 1987 December 20**

- 1: In Bulletin 37, we reported on problems associated with finding a frequency for a 1-MM ERP Doppler-shift radar to be located near Egbert, Ontario. The main purpose of this radar was not, as reported, for detecting windshear at Pearson (Toronto) International Airport, but as a wind profiler for finding tornados. The final decision, made by DOC after consultation with representatives of Toronto-area repeater groups and other users of the 430-450 MHz band, CRRL, CARF and RSO: 441.0 MHz. Fortunately, as stated in the earlier bulletin, because of high cost, the radar may not be installed for at least two years and its potential for creating interference is probably less than was first thought.
- 2: Much of the initial work of finding a frequency for the Doppler-shift radar near Egbert, Ontario, was done by members of the CRRL VHF-UHF Advisory Committee (VUAC). Members of this committee include top VHF-UHFers from across Canada: VE1UT, VE2FO, VE2FUT, VE3CRU, VE3EMS, VE3DSS (Chairman), VE3MWM, VE4MA, VESLY and VE7BQH. If you encounter non-amateur stations or interference on the VHF-UHF bands, contact any committee member for assistance.
- 3: Recently, amateurs in Vancouver found a beacon station on 440.0 MHz identifying itself as being operated by Canada Customs and Excise. It is believed that this station, located on Grouse Mountain, was conducting propagation tests prior to the construction of a permanent station and was assigned the 440.0 MHz frequency in error. At press time, the station was no longer in operation.
- 4: CRRL Outgoing QSL Bureau Manager, Don Welling, VE1WF, reports that this year, by 1987 November 24, his bureau had processed some 92,000 cards.

Don expected to break the 100,000 mark by December 31. CRRL outgoing QSL service is free, but only to CRRL members: a good reason for belonging to CRRL.

- 5: This is the last CRRL News bulletin of the year. CRRL bulletin service will resume in January. From your CRRL officers, directors, section managers, and volunteer workers, at CRRL Headquarters in London, Ontario, and right across Canada, best wishes for a happy holiday season. May 1988 be your best year ever.

**Dates to remember:**

- Jan 01-Feb 29 Olympic Prefixes (CJ1-2, VX1-8, CH1).  
 Feb 06 St. Catherines Ontario Big Event.  
 Feb 20 Skywide Toronto Fleamarket

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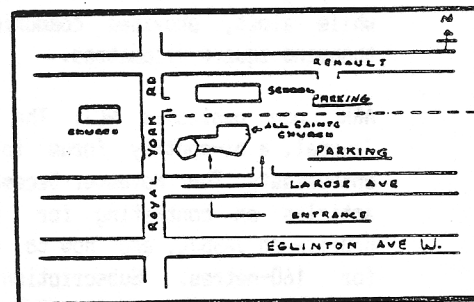
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BY: R. F. BURNS

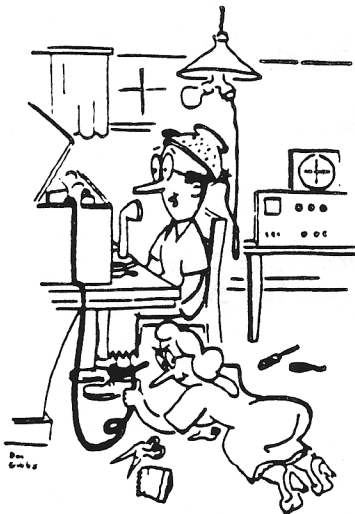
Just as most of us thought that T.V.I. (Tennessee Valley Indians or Television Interference) had been relegated to the status of a bad dream because of cable T.V. - the video tape recorder (V.C.R.). These devices are built around record and playback heads that are unshielded and have bandwidths of six or more MegaHerz. Even the slightest bit of R.F. entering the VCR causes severe interference.

Of course the Cable T.V., VCR and TV set are all joined together with coax cable, so why should there be a problem? Coax is, after all, a self shielding cable. Unfortunately, what seems to happen is that any stray RF is picked up on the outside of the coax shield. These RF currents then enter the shielded enclosure of the VCR and wreak havoc.

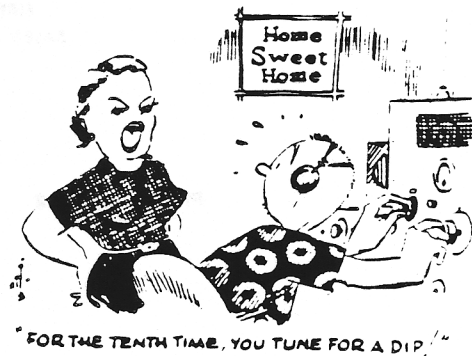
A sure fire cure has come to our attention. It is, simply, a toroidal or other RF ferrite core around which is wrapped four or five turns of the cable before it enters the VCR. This forms an extremely high reactance RF chock, preventing the flow of RF currents. The core should be designed for maximum permeability below 30 MHZ.

We've tried this trick twice with RF toroids with complete success. Another possibility are the snap-on chokes sold by Atlantic Ham Radio at three for ten dollars. They can also be used to decouple line cords, speaker cables, etc. Remember - RF has to enter an appliance before it can cause trouble.

That's it for this month. 73 and good DX.



"And, Fred, you'll never guess who's finally got the bug and is working on some big secret project."



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VE3CHH...OUR FRIEND JIM

MANY OF US WERE SADDENED AT THE PASSING OF OUR FRIEND, JIM BASKEY...1971 PRESIDENT OF HARC. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, OUR HEARTS WERE WARMED BY THE MEMORIES OF OUR AFFILIATION WITH HIM; FOR JIM WAS FULL OF LIFE,...A HAPPY SMILING PERSON, LOVED DEARLY BY HIS CLOSE-KNIT FAMILY. HE WAS KINDLY, CONSIDERATE, AND OBLIGING.

I RECALL SO VIVIDLY, BACK IN 1971, AS BULLETIN EDITOR, STOPPING BY THE FEDERAL BUILDING WHERE JIM, AFTER COMPLETING HIS DUTIES WITH THE NAVY, WAS EMPLOYED IN THE RECRUITING DIVISION. WE WOULD GRAB A QUICK COFFEE, COMPARE NOTES IN REGARDS TO THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE..WHERE WE TRIED TO INSPIRE FELLOWSHIP AMONGST OUR GROWING CLUB MEMBERS, WITH CONCERN FOR ONE ANOTHER AS OUR THEME.

THAT YEAR, I MET WITH HIM ON SIGNAL HILL, TO CASE OUT THIS OLD FIELD DAY SITE,... AND WERE APPALLED AT THE CONDITIONS THERE,...NOT TO MENTION, THE LONG GRASS,... BLACK FLIES,...AND MOSQUITOES! "JIM", I SAID, "THE CLUB DESERVES BETTER THAN THIS!" "COME WITH ME TILL I SHOW YOU A REAL SITE!" "LEAD ON", HE SAID,...AND WE PROCEEDED TO RATTLE SNAKE POINT CONSERVATION PARK, WHERE THE AIR WAS FRESH AND CLEAN,...NO INSECTS,...SHORT CROPPED GRASS,...PICNIC TABLES,...A NEW WELL AND MEETING OUR REQUIREMENTS OF CONTAINMENT IN A 1000ft+ CIRCLE. JIM WAS ELATED..."LETS GO FOR IT!" HE SAID.

WE HELD A MEETING AT MY HOUSE FOR THE EXECUTIVE, AND UNVEILED PLANS FOR AN ARMY-STYLE POWER NETWORK. THE EXECUTIVE JUMPED IN WITH BOTH FEET UNDER JIM'S GUIDANCE, AND WE PROCEEDED TO SET UP THE POWER EQUIPMENT STILL IN USE TO-DAY. VICE PRESIDENT JOE BLANCHETTE VE3BAD ARRANGED FOR A 20KW MOBILE DIESEL GENERATOR FROM "BELL" TO BE DELIVERED ON SITE AS "A YEARLY TEST", AND FIELD DAY FOUND US WITH 10 STATIONS OPERATING,...INCLUDING RADIO TELE-TYPE IN COMMUNICATION WITH HAWAII!

YES, THROUGH THE YEARS, WE COULD ALWAYS DEPEND UPON JIM TO BACK US 100% WITH A CATCHING ENTHUSIASM. BACK IN THOSE EARLY YEARS WE DECIDED WE SHOULD ATTEND THE NIGHT SCHOOL ADVANCED CLASSES. OUR TEACHER WAS GLEN SIMPSON VE3DSP, AND SOME OF THOSE WHO ATTENDED WERE...MAX 'DNM;JOHN DYKSTRA 'BOY; ED CHARLESWORTH 'FSI NOW 'ZF; GEOFF LEGG 'GLL; JIM BASKEY 'CHH; AND MYSELF 'ARX. I CAN REMEMBER GLEN ASKING EACH ONE TO STAND AND INTRODUCE HIMSELF AND TELL WHERE HE LIVED. I REMEMBER JOHN DYKSTRA SAYING HE LIVED IN CAYUGA...AND JIM RECALLING THE NAME OF A NAVAL SHIP CALLED OUT..."CAY-U-U-GA!" WHICH SET US ALL LAUGHING BECAUSE IT SOUNDED LIKE THE KLAXON HORN ON A SUBMARINE. FRIENDSHIPS WERE MADE IN THOSE CLASSES THAT WILL REMAIN WITH US FOR LIFE, AND IT IS NO WONDER THAT WE MANNED THE 15 METER BAND YEAR AFTER YEAR AS A TEAM. JIM WOULD BRING HIS SON JIMMY, AND DAUGHTER CHRISTINE TO THOSE FIELD DAYS, AND THEY REALLY FOLLOWED IN THEIR FATHERS'FOOTSTEPS FOR THE LOVE OF AMATEUR RADIO. (YOUNG JIMMY TO-DAY, AS A CAPTAIN IN THE AIR FORCE, HAS RECEIVED HIS LICENSE AS VE1VAQ AND ALREADY HAS SET UP A RADIO CLUB WITH 20 MEMBERS!)

HIS WIFE MURIEL STOOD SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH JIM THROUGH THE YEARS, SUPPORTING HIM IN HIS HOBBY...BUT WITH JIM, THE FAMILY CAME FIRST.

IT WAS A BLOW TO US A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE NEWS OF CANCER CAME TO US, BUT WE BOTH KNEW FROM OUR MILITARY EXPERIENCE THAT NO ONE,..AND NOTHING CAN TAKE YOUR LIFE,... EXCEPT BY THE EXPRESSED WILL OF GOD...AND SHOULD IT BE HIS WILL...(PROVIDED WE BELIEVE HIS PROMISES, AND ACCEPT HIS CONDITIONS) OUR FUTURE IS GUARANTEED TO BE MORE FULFILLING THAN OUR STRUGGLE HERE?...SO AS JIM SAID, "LET US NOT WORRY!" JIM THUS GREW GRADUALLY STRONGER SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY AS WE STUDIED GOD'S WORD TOGETHER. IN THE SUMMER, THE CHEMO TREATMENT WAS STOPPED AND THE REPORT WAS, THAT THE CANCER SEEMED TO HAVE STABILIZED.

THE END CAME SUDDENLY JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS. JIM APPEARED TO HAVE GIVEN UP THE FIGHT. HE WASN'T DEPRESSED, OR IN PAIN, BUT IT SEEMED AS IF HE HAD DECIDED TO CLOSE THE

DOOR HIMSELF. IT SEEMED AS IF HE SENSED THAT THERE IS SOMETHING MUCH GREATER BEFORE US, THAN BEHIND US, AND HE WAS REACHING OUT TO A NEW CHALLENGE, AND BEST OF ALL, AT PEACE WITH GOD! HIS WIFE MURIEL SENSED THIS TOO AND KNEW THE COMFORT OF GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED.

SO WE SAY TO OUR DEPARTED FRIEND, "THANK YOU JIM, FOR LETTING US SHARE YOUR ZEST FOR LIFE, AND FOR INSPIRING US TO BUILD OUR CLUB ON FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP."... "I'M JUST A LITTLE PEEVED THOUGH,..NOW THAT WE FINALLY HAVE OUR CLUB STATION ON THE AIR, I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR LEADERSHIP IN GETTING THE SHOW ON THE ROAD IN RADIO OPERATING CLASSES!" "WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU JIM!"

"73"

BILL MC CASLIN

VE3ARX

### THE LAST WORD

Although I had never met Jim Baskey, I had heard of him through mutual friends and had prepared an obit based on what I knew. However, the one above prepared by Bill is so much better that I used my editorial prerogative and used it instead.

The January meeting of the Executive was quite successful with much accomplished. Yet there is still much to be done as the various committees get organized and functioning.

Field Day is one activity that requires many people and considerable planning. It is not too early to start and Paul VE3HTF would like to do even better than we did last year. Start thinking of how you can help and let Paul know.

It is surprising what can be learned from other club bulletins. London now has a reverse autopatch, meaning that the repeater can be accessed by telephone. For obvious reasons the number is very private.

You notice that our bulletins are now in an envelope. The Post Office refused to take them stapled as we have done previously. Yet many of the bulletins that we receive from other clubs are not in envelopes. The Windsor club beats all though. Their last bulletin of ten sheets stapled came for two 2¢ stamps.

73

VE3SON