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GENERAL MEETING

Feb. 10th @ 7:00 p.m.

City of Regina EOC Centre **2425 4th Ave.**

Presentation:

Jay O'Connor

Manager: Emergency Management & Business Continuity, City of Regina

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2015 PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

EVENT DATE ORGANIZER

UPCOMING

Klondike Hike - Feb. 20th - Justin VA5RED
RPS Half Marathon - May 1st - Terry VE5TLW
Cosmo Learning Centre - May ? - Harv VE5AD
Queen City Marathon - Sept. 11 - Terry VE5TLW

COMPLETED

Maker 2015 (RPL) - Dec. 4th - Neil VA5SCA
Santa Parade - Nov. 15th - Rick VE5RJR

Klondike Hike

It's that time of year again for the Klondike Hike.
Date: February 20th from 730am -3pm.

I am looking for volunteers for this event, I would like to have 2 shifts a 730am-12 and a 11am-3pm. If you are interested in coming out and having a blast with the Scouts contact Justin at <va5red@hotmail.com> and let me know if there is a spot you would prefer to be located at.

I would appreciate any help you can provide for this public service and helping us with our event.

Moose Jaw Flea Market April 23rd, 2016

Western Development Museum

Please contact
Brenda VE5TRG <ve5trg@sasktel.net>
for a Table, (\$5.00),
and for any further information.

Excerpt from Radio Regulations 1925

Fortunately some things have changed.

Quiet Hours

Amateur stations when using frequencies of 1,500 to 2,000 kc. (wave lengths between 200 and 150 meters) are required to observe a silent period from 8 to 10:30 p. m. daily, standard time, and on Sundays while church services are being broadcast. Such stations, when using frequencies higher than 3,500 kc. (wave lengths below 85 meters) , and having a pure continuous wave or where a full wave rectification is employed, are not required to observe a silent period, provided no interference is caused to other services.

What's In A Name

Edited by Jerry Proc VE3FAB

One of the most classic radio receivers ever made was the National HRO. The way in which the model number of the receiver was designated is interesting, and the story is related by Ed Gable who is on the Board of the Directors of the Antique Wireless Association (AWA) and a former employee of the National Company.

"Several years ago, I had the pleasure of visiting with James Millen, the former president of National at his estate outside Boston. This was a special occasion since he was donating his entire, collection of National equipment to the AWA. It was there that he gave us his personal, original, 1935 vintage HRO receiver, as well as a truck full of historical artifacts from the National company.

At that time, James retold the story to myself and to several others. At the National plant, certain work orders in their pre-production shop were marked HOR for 'Hell of a Rush' order. James (and probably Dana Bacon) decided that should be the name of their new receiver but even in those days, HOR was politically incorrect so the letters were switched to HRO. The rest is history".

Who knows how many other products that we use on a daily basis have model numbers designated by the initials of people, birthdays or whatever else happened to fancy the whim of the designer at that moment in time.

Interesting Websites

A quick history of the telegraph key
<<http://forums.qrz.com/index.php?threads/history-of-the-morse-key.509880/>>

An introduction to Slow Scan TV
<<http://www.k3as.com/SSTV.html>>

VE5SDH

Admitted To First Class Operators Club

Congratulations go out to Summer, VE5SDH, who has received membership in the prestigious First Class Operators Club. Only 12 other Canadian hams have received this award.

The First Class CW Operators' Club (FOC) promotes good CW (Morse code) operating, activity, friendship and socialising via its worldwide membership of approximately 500. Members are active on all HF bands and the character of the club is best expressed in its motto.

If you have a genuine love of CW with a minimum operating speed of 25 wpm, and enjoy socialising with others of like interest then FOC could be just right for you. It takes some work to join - it's not simply a matter of filling in a form and sending off a cheque.

First, someone must nominate you - based on their experience of working you on CW on at least two bands within the last year and your sponsor's belief that you will live up to the aims of the club that are listed above. While you may feel free to ask members for information about the club, actually asking to be nominated is considered soliciting and violates club rules.

Once you have been nominated, and you accept, you are added to the Nominations List, which means that all FOC members know you are seeking further sponsorship.

You must then receive sponsorships from four more members within the next six months. Sponsors must come from at least two continents, with no more than three of the five from any one continent, and at least one must be from the UK. All sponsors must have a CW QSO with you on at least two bands.

In recent years, just over half of those nominated have gone on to attain membership. If you are active on the bands, particularly around 25kHz up from the band edge (10120 to 10125, 18080 to 18085 and 24905 to 24910kHz in the WARC bands, 5373 on 60m and 50095 on 6m), you will often find FOC members and, if you can hold a QSO at 25 WPM or so without your CW falling apart, you will find members eager to sponsor you.

LAST MONTHS PUZZLER

If you had a wire antenna that was resonating too high in frequency, would you have to (a) trim the ends of the antenna (b) add to the ends of the antenna or (c) shorten the feedline?

Answer: (b)

THIS MONTHS' PUZZLER

Marconi couldn't explain why radio waves could travel long distances until Arthur Kennelly and Oliver Heaviside independently predicted the existence of an ionized layer in the atmosphere which reflected signals.

Which of the following statements are true and which are false.

1. Arthur Kennelly was an academic who worked for communications companies.
2. Oliver Heaviside worked for Marconi.
3. Oliver Heaviside was a hermit who lived alone on the moors of south England

Answer next month

The Updated List Of Q Signals

QBA - My antenna is BIG!
QBA? - How big is your antenna?
QBO - Don't sit next to that guy in the meeting.
QBO? - Buddy, can you spare some soap?
QBS - It's getting deep in here.
QBS? - Did I tell you about the one that got away?
QCP - I am using Cat Power(From Rotary Cat
Power Wheel)
QCP? - Are you using Cat Power?
QCW - I am going to whistle Morse Code on
FM (or SSB)
QCW? - Why are you whistling Morse?
QDR - Damn Right the frequency is busy!
(In response to QRL)
QDR? - Do you have a Receiver?
(In response to QRL)
QET - Phone home.
QET? - Has anyone called me from another
planet?
QFH - This frequency is MINE! - go elsewhere.
QFH? - Is this frequency hogged?
QHI - I am jumping in quick to say hi,
then going QRT.
QHI? - Are you leaving after only one
transmission?
QLF - I am sending with my left foot.
QLF? - Are you sending with your left foot?
QOK - Your last transmission was Okie Dokie.
QOK? - Was my last transmission OK?
QPM - Your signal is purr modulated.
QPM? - Is my signal purr modulated?
QRC - Warning, rag chewer on frequency.
QRC? - Are you a rag chewer?
QWC? - Who cares?
QWC - I don't care
QZZ - I fell asleep at the mike.
QZZ? - Is that a 60Hz hum, or are you snoring?

Free QST Magazines

I have QST Magazines from the following years
which I would like to get rid of:

January to December 1972 (old format)
January to December 1976
January to December 1977
January to December 1978
January to December 1979
January to December 1980
January to December 1981
January to December 1982
January to December 1983

These I will part with at no cost to the recipient.
I would rather see them go to someone who may
appreciate them rather than a recycling depot.

These are available immediately, and come in
magazine holders by year.

Thank you
Harv (VE5AD)
Contact me at <arsve5ad@gmail.com>

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Aerial photo showing location of the City of Regina EOC building.

The EOC Building is located East of Albert Street on 4th Ave.
Note the parking location and the building entrance.

2425 4th Avenue

