



# Topics

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## WESTERN NEW YORK AND SOUTHERN ONTARIO REPEATER ADVISORY COUNCIL

### OAKVILLE VHF "DO"

The Oakville "Do" at the Riverside Lodge was held on September 19. The meeting was attended by about 30 VHF'ers and FM'ers and was chaired by Stan Podger, VE3DNR. Trophies for top scores on 6-meter, 2-meter, and 432 Mhz., in the preceding VHF CONTEST were presented. Also, Stan gave a very informative talk on the double delta antenna for 2-meters. Watch for the date and location of the next "DO" which will be coming up in January.

### FM PICNIC

September 20, 1970, was the date of the FM Picnic and open house which was held near Uxbridge by the Toronto FM Communications Association. The affair was well attended by about 75 people, who were given tours of the repeater shack. Frequency, sensitivity, and power checks were done on many portable and mobile units. A mini transmitter hunt was held with VE3DSB hiding out with a super signal source. All those with portables then started looking for the hidden transmitter, going up and down hills, through trees and bushes, and getting covered in burrs. The winner was VE3ARV and the runners up were VE3BUI, VE3CSO, and VE3ARE, in that order. A raffle was held, and a flea market did a thriving business. Hams from as far away as Orillia, Jackson's Point, and Peterborough, were there as well as VE3ADO from Port Colborne who brought along his FAX and RTTY machines. It is hoped to do the same thing again next year on a larger scale and with more advance notice given to everyone.

### WINNIPEG ACTIVITY

During Labour Day weekend, I attended VE3BHT's wedding in Winnipeg. In the course of events I worked a number of

stations on 146.94 Mhz with my 1.5 watt portable. To my surprise, I found out that there was a Hamfest in process. So, on Sunday I went over to the Hamfest site and found that Noel Eaton was speaking. I also had quite a chat with some of the local FM'ers. The repeater, VE4XK, 146.46 input and 146.94 output, was not on at the time, but they had hoped to have it on the air by September 30. The boys would also like to get on 52.525 Mhz if they can get the equipment.

The fourth meeting of the Council was held at the Casablanca Motel in Grimsby, with the following results:

VE3KSR will be switching to 146.37 input and 146.97 output by November 1. Bob Miller, VE3CFM, from Hamilton, reported that VE3DRW (.16 to .76) may be moving to a higher location on the mountain, and if they do they will look into the possibility of a frequency change on their output. At the previous Council meeting it was proposed that Hamilton switch to 146.79 output to clear the rag-chew channel, but they would not make any definite commitments in this regard. It was recommended that Harry Lang move the FAX-RTTY repeater, VE3BER, input to 146.070. Bradford, P.A. at present is running .34 to .94 but will be switching to 146.25 and 146.85. London now has the call VE3LAC for their repeater, and they will be using the recommended frequencies of 146.46 input and 147.06 output. It was agreed that the Toronto six meter repeater VE3SIX, could use 52.560 Mhz for a second output. One group in Rochester, N.Y. is presently running a .28 to .88 repeater, WA2UWQ, and

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another group requested a second set of frequencies for another repeater. They were asked to try to either amalgamate the two factions and use one repeater or to look into the possibility of 146.13 input and 146.73 output.