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Reginald Fessenden Memorial ARC

You don't have to be a big club to be a good club. Reginald Fessenden Memorial ARC only has three members: Bruce Weber, VE3ACN; Tom Vinco, VE3HM; and Al Iridge, VE3JM.

As with all clubs, everyone likes to get together to build, experiment, operate and generally enjoy Amateur Radio. This club, however, has an additional purpose: to publicize the work of "Radio's First Voice," Reginald Aubrey Fessenden.

Fessenden was born in East Bolton, Quebec. As a young man he applied for a job in Edison's laboratory, but was rejected because Edison had "... enough men who don't know anything about electricity." Fessenden persisted and eventually became part of Edison's team. In 1900, Fessenden made the world's first radio voice transmission. Spark and arc transmitters, however, didn't modulate too well. Eventually, Fessenden developed an *alternator* capable of producing RF at 70 kHz.

On Christmas Eve 1906, operating from Brant Rock, Massachusetts, Fessenden made the



The entire membership of Reginald Fessenden Memorial ARC — plus one (l-r): VE3ACN, CRRL President VE3CDM, VE3HM and VE3JM. (VE3AND photo)

world's first radio broadcast. Sailors had been warned to expect something unusual on the air that night. They were greeted with the strains of Handel's "Largo" played on a phonograph.

This was followed by Fessenden himself, playing the violin while an assistant sang "O Holy Night." Finally, the sailors were wished a Merry Christmas.

In years that followed, Fessenden invented everything from submarine communications systems to iceberg detectors. When he died in 1932, he had some 500 patents to his credit.

Members of Reginald Fessenden Memorial ARC feel their man has been a bit neglected. They feel he should be remembered right alongside the other greats of early radio: Marconi, De Forest and Armstrong. They're doing what they can to improve the situation.

Their club repeater, located in Thorold, Ontario, carries the call VE3RAF, and their club call, active every Field Day, is VE3RFM. When they get together for their annual meeting in St. Catharines, Ontario, the talk is usually about promoting Fessenden.

No, you don't have to be a big club to be a good club. You just need a focus, a special reason for coming together. This club's got it.

CRRL REGIONAL DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

To all CRRL members: You are hereby solicited for nominating petitions pursuant to an election for CRRL Regional Directors.

CRRL Regions are as follows: Western (British Columbia and the Yukon), Prairies (Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories), Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland and Labrador).

A petition, to be valid, must carry the names of 10 or more Full members of the League residing in the Region concerned. Photocopied signatures are not acceptable. Signatures must be *on the petition*. It is advisable to have more than 10 signatures on a petition.

Petition forms (EDC-1) are available from the CRRL Headquarters Office in London, Ontario, but are not required. The following form is suggested:

(Place and date)

The Secretary, CRRL

Box 7009, Station E, London, ON N5Y 4J9

We, the undersigned Full members of CRRL, the Canadian Radio Relay League, residing in the ... Region, hereby nominate ... as CRRL Director for this Region for the next two-year term of office. (Signatures ... Calls ... Addresses including postal codes ...)

A CRRL Director candidate must (1) reside in the CRRL Region he or she wishes to serve, (2) have been a member of the League for a continuous term of four years before the date of nomination, (3) have held a Canadian Advanced Amateur certificate throughout that time, and (4) be at least 21 years of age.

Petitions must be received at the CRRL Headquarters office on or before noon EDT August 20, 1984. Eligibility of candidates will be checked shortly after that. If there is only one eligible candidate in a Region, that candidate will be declared elected without opposition. If there is more than one eligible candidate

in a Region, the CRRL Secretary, on or before October 1, 1984, will send ballots to all those in the Region who were Full CRRL members on September 1, 1984. Marked ballots will be accepted at the CRRL Headquarters office in London, Ontario, until noon EST November 20, 1984, and will be counted shortly after that in the manner prescribed in the CRRL By-laws. Results will be announced on WIAW, through the CRRL News bulletins and in QST.

CRRL Regional Directors elected as a result of the above procedures will serve on the CRRL Board for a two-year term that begins on January 1, 1985.

You are urged to take the initiative and file a nominating petition immediately.

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CRRL Secretary

SECTION MANAGER ELECTION NOTICE

To all CRRL members in the Quebec and Saskatchewan Sections: You are hereby solicited for nominating petitions pursuant to an election for Section Manager. Names of the incumbents are listed on page 8 of QST.

A petition, to be valid, must carry the names of five or more Full members of the League residing in the Section concerned. Photocopied signatures are not acceptable. Signatures must be *on the petition*. It is advisable to have more than five signatures on a petition.

Petition forms (CD-129-C) are available from the CRRL Headquarters office in London, Ontario, but are not required. The following form is suggested:

(Place and date)

The Secretary, CRRL

Box 7009, Station E, London, ON N5Y 4J9

We, the undersigned Full members of the League residing in the ... Section, hereby nominate ... as Section Manager for this Section for the next two-year term of office. (Signatures ... Calls ... Addresses including postal codes ...)

A Section Manager candidate must have been a member of the League for a continuous term of at least two years, and be a licensed amateur holding a Cana-

dian Amateur certificate or higher immediately prior to the receipt of nominating petition at the CRRL Headquarters office.

Petitions must be received at the CRRL Headquarters office on or before 5:30 EDT September 10, 1984.

If only one valid petition is received for a Section, the person nominated will be declared elected without opposition. If more than one valid petition is received for a Section, there will be a balloted election. Ballots will be mailed from the CRRL Headquarters office on or before October 1, 1984. Returns will be counted on November 20, 1984.

Section Managers elected as a result of the above procedures will serve for a two-year term that begins on January 1, 1985.

If no petition is received for a Section by the specified closing date, the Section will be resolicited in January 1985 QST. A Section Manager elected after resolicitation will serve for 18 months.

Vacancies in any Section Manager office between elections will be filled by appointment made by the CRRL Secretary, acting on the advice of the CRRL Board.

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CRRL NEWS

□ Many thanks to Norm Waltho, VE5AE, who has retired as Manager of the CRRL VE5 Incoming QSL Bureau. Norm is also CARF Western Director, is moving to Alberta. Best wishes to Bjarne Madsen, VE5ADA, who is new Bureau Manager.

□ More and more amateurs are using the CRRL Outgoing QSL Bureau. Bureau Manager Don Welling, VE1WF, processed some 21,482 cards in the first quarter of 1984. The service is free, but for CRRL members only. It's one of dozens of good reasons to join CRRL.

□ If your Amateur Radio club or group is trying to solve a cable-television-interference problem, ask to

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