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POT HOLE NET: Official Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club, Incorporated, NET. Meets every Saturday and Sunday at 10 AM local time on 3760 KHZ SSB. All Radio Amateurs are welcome to participate. Membership in the Club is not a requirement.

POT LID NET: Slow speed informal C.W. NET. Meets Sunday at 11 AM local time on 3620 KHZ except during July and August. Designed to foster interest in C.W. and C.W. procedure. Intended for the beginner as well as the Old Timer desirous of keeping his or her "fist in".

SWAP NET: Conducted by VE3GX every Sunday as part of the POT HOLE NET except during July and August. Service also provided to the CAPITAL CITY NET on VE2CRA Repeater 146.34/146.94 FM except during July and August. Contact Ed, VE3GX, 733-1721 to list items or make enquiries.

MONITORING FACILITY: Club Sponsored. Doreen, VE3CGO, monitors VE2CRA Repeater 34/94 FM Monday through Friday from approx. 8 AM to 6 PM. If you have traffic or require assistance call VE3CGO. Repeat her call sign several times and wait at least one minute for a reply.

CLUB AFFILIATIONS: R.S.O., C.A.R.F., A.R.R.L.

1976 EXECUTIVE

<u>President:</u>	Sydney Moorcroft	VE3GVI	820-0093
<u>Vice-President:</u>	Merv Lemke	VE3CV	733-9561
<u>Technical Adviser:</u>	Ian McMillan	VE3FKC	836-4091
<u>P.R. Co-ordinator:</u>	Heinz Stenzel	VE3GOS	836-2238
<u>Treasurer:</u>	George McCullum	VE3DIH	733-3600
<u>Secretary:</u>	Ron North	VE3HDO	733-3684
<u>Past President:</u>	Dan Danielson	VE3EMO	731-6551

NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING

PLACE: National Museum of Science & Technology, 1867 St. Laurent Blvd, Ottawa.

TIME & DATE: 8 PM THURSDAY 16 DECEMBER 1976

PROGRAM

BUSINESS:

ELECTION OF 1977 EXECUTIVE: Please refer to the Nominating Committee Slate of Officers willing to serve & other election data elsewhere in the bulletin.

FREE PRIZES: Your 1976 membership card will be used in the free draw for many prizes. Don't forget it! Remember that you have to be at the meeting to win!

COFFEE, COOKIES & EYEBALL QSO

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

Merv VE3CV gave a very interesting talk on his mobile experiences. Merv has been licenced as VE3CV since 1935 but would you believe that he started his mobile career half a dozen years ago on CB! He hastily explained that he obtained two units very cheaply as a result of a company production phase-out. He became so entranced with mobile operation that he bought an SBE34 80-15 meter SSB transceiver and experienced the joys of long haul comm-

unications on the Amateur bands. He then got into the 2 meter FM stream and has all three systems installed and operating at the same time, much to the chagrin of his XYL. He related many operating experiences on all three systems. To say that you are mobile is certainly an understatement. Many thanks Merv for a most enjoyable talk.

REPORT ON THE CLUB DINNER

This gala soiree was held in the Elegance Room of the Eastview Hotel, Friday 12 Nov 76. Forty persons attended to enjoy a gourmet meal of their choice. Each of the 20 XYLs were presented with a carnation which added a very nice touch to the festive occasion. There was a free prize draw for two exotic prizes which were won by Ed VE3CJD and XYL Sue and Danny VE3EMO and XYL Betty. Many thanks to Ron VE3HDO and XYL Joan who made all the arrangements.

FLASH---CALL LETTER LICENCE PLATES

Good news for all Ontario Radio Amateurs! It will no longer be necessary to replace the licence plates on passenger vehicles every 5 years. Radio Amateurs will therefore not be required to pay an additional \$25.00 for call sign licence plates every 5 years. Radio Amateurs who now have the special plates will not have to pay again in 1978! So those Radio Amateurs who have been holding back need have no fear, it is a one shot deal and you can apply right now.

Passenger cars and recreational vehicles with the standard 3 letter 3 digit plate are eligible however it is understood that certain other vehicles may receive consideration. The Radio Amateur must be the registered owner of the vehicle. The vehicle cannot be registered in the name of a company or other member of the family. It is not necessary to send in a special form, a letter will be satisfactory. Include your name and present plate number per the vehicle registration, your call sign, a cheque or money order in the amount of \$25.00 payable to the Treasurer of Ontario and send to the following address: Special Plate Office, Ministry of Transportation & Communication, MacDonald Block, Queens Park, Toronto, Ontario Attention: Elsie Graham

ELECTION INFORMATION

The Nominating Committee Chairman, Hutch VE3GUJ submitted the following slate of officers willing to serve on the 1976 Executive:

<u>President:</u>	Ron North	VE3HDO
<u>Vice-President:</u>	Trev Hagan	VE3BMC
<u>Technical Adviser:</u>	Adrian Brookes	VE3GOJ
<u>P.R. Co-ordinator:</u>	Ron Adams	VE3FMW
<u>Secretary:</u>	Ron Hutchinson	VE3GUJ
<u>Treasurer:</u>	George McCullum	VE3DIH

It should be noted that nominations can also be made from the floor. Please ascertain if your nominee will be willing to serve before making the nomination. The President Vice-President and Technical Adviser must be active mobilers in accordance with the constitution and of course paid up 1976 members. The balance just have to be licenced Radio Amateurs.

FREE PRIZE DRAW

This draw is by virtue of your 1976 membership card. The draw has two functions; to ensure a good turn-out and secondly to reward members for their support. You have to be present at the meeting. Don't forget your card.

1977 PROPOSED BUDGET

The following budget was prepared by the Executive and in accordance with the constitution must be voted upon by the membership at the December Election Meeting:

ESTIMATED REVENUE

Membership Fees	\$300.00
Coffee (Profit)	10.00
Auction(Major)	250.00
Auction(Mini)	75.00
Miscellaneous	10.00
	<u>\$645.00</u>

ESTIMATED EXPENSES
(plus 10% over 1976)

Publishing	\$175.00
Subscriptions	10.00
Capital	100.00
Licence VE3RAM	13.00
Field Day & Picnic	135.00
Barbeque	50.00
Other	<u>100.00</u>
	<u>\$583.00</u>

ESTIMATED PROFIT FOR 1977: \$62.00

CLUB REPEATER COMMITTEE

The Repeater Committee consisting of the following; Ian VE3FKC, Tony VE3FXG, Russ VE3FSN and Dave VE3HRN report the following progress to date: The committee has approached the owners of an existing repeater with the view of assuming the responsibilities for the operation. Unfortunately a satisfactory agreement could not be reached. The Committee therefore has decided to continue the study re the feasibility of building our own 2 meter repeater. The following parameters have been established to date:

- (a) It will be fully solid state.
- (b) It will have emergency power.
- (c) It will be an open repeater.
- (d) The range will be local area only.
- (e) It will be designed in a manner that will allow future improvements.

It should be noted that the Repeater Committee will need the help of the Club members to find a suitable location. If the final proposal is approved the committee will be interested in locating a suitable transmitter, receiver, identifier/timer and other items necessary to assemble a repeater. It is possible that some of the items might be donated or obtained at a very low price to assist the cause. Keep your eyes and ears open for the necessary bits and pieces.

GREETINGS

On behalf of the Executive and your editor; a Very Merry Christmas to you and yours. May your stockings bulge with exotic equipment!

RAMBLINGS

Did you know that Ron VE3FMW writes the news and Bob VE3CDG reads it on CBO each week day morning? -...- Merv VE3CV is the proud owner of a spanking new FT101 -...- Hutch VE3GUJ spent a week way up in Alert recently and reports that the temperature was -30F -...- Russ VE3FSN is off to Alert for a balmy visit---guess Alert is becoming the Canadian vacation playground -...- Ron VE3HDO had a trip to Wasington recently-...- Al VE3EEC is investigating the 2 meter rig market -...-Gordon VE3HTJ has a new Yaesu linear amplifier which he will be firing up soon -...-Mike VE3DVH has his new Heath SB230 fired up into his random wire on the 26th floor and has improved his signal by 10db .-.-.

HAPPY MOBILING-----CU AT THE MEETING-----DON'T FORGET YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD

Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year