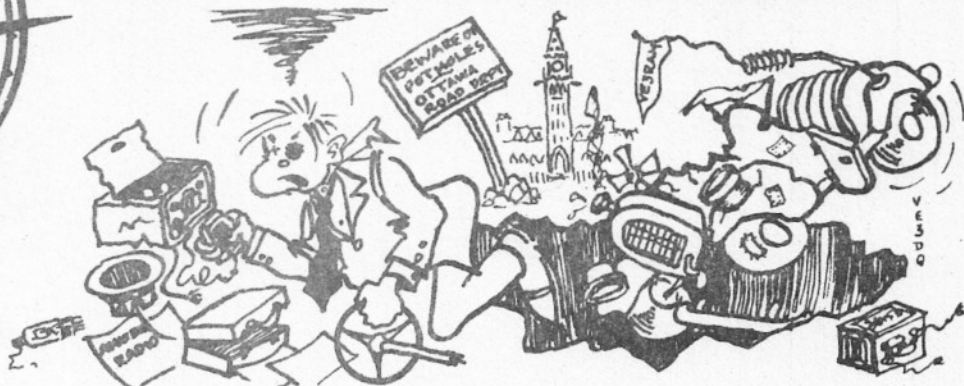




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POT HOLE NET: Official Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club, Incorporated, NET. Meets every Saturday and Sunday at 10 AM local time on 3760 KHZ SSB. All Radio Amateurs are welcome to participate. Membership in the Club is not a requirement.

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.

1977 EXECUTIVE

<u>President:</u>	Ron North	VE3HDO	733-3684
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<u>Treasurer:</u>	Gordon Chambers	VE3HTJ	822-0326
<u>Past President:</u>	Sydney Moorcroft	VE3GVI	820-0093

NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING

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

TIME & DATE: 8 PM THURSDAY 20 JANUARY 1977

PROGRAM

BUSINESS:

TALK: Communications For the Ski Marathon 27/28 February 1977 by Larry VE3CRX
 Emergency Co-ordinator for the Ottawa area.

COFFEE, COOKIES & EYEBALL QSO

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

The December meeting was election night! The proposed budget for 1977 was reviewed and approved by the membership. The election was conducted by Hutch VE3GUJ assisted by Bernie VE3SH. Many prizes were drawn for using the 1976 membership cards. The NEW EXECUTIVE for 1977 is indicated above. Congratulations to you. I am sure that the membership will give you their closest support. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee consisting of VE3GUJ and VE3SH for a job well done!

(Report on Last Meeting Continued)

Sydney Moorcroft, VE3GVI, 1976 President, expressed his appreciation to the Past President, members of the Executive and all those who participated in Club activities such as Field Day, Metres for Millions, Spring Auction, BBQ, Club Dinner, and demonstrated Club support by attending meetings and checking into the Club Nets. He also thanked non-members of the Club who helped with VE3JW, Metres for Millions etc.

The following individual Club members were thanked for their services:

Bernie VE3SH: For Rambler Printing Services.

Harry VE3BEB: For Services as Pot Hole Net Manager.

Doreen VE3CGO: For her services as Monitor Station, typing Rambler envelopes, sending out get well and sympathy cards on behalf of the club.

Ed VE3GX: For services as Bulletin Editor, Swap Net Manager, Pot Lid Net Manager, collector of artifacts for the Museum, coffee maker, maintainer of VE3JW.

George VE3DIH: For services as Operator Procurer, VE3JW for 8 months.

Sean VE3HXP: For services as new Operator Procurer for VE3JW.

Sydney reviewed the regular meetings of the past year and the 1976 Club Activities and Achievements as follows:

1976 CLUB ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

24 April 76: Sponsored and organized the Amateur Radio Spring Auction. Very successful! Earned a small profit for the club coffers and at the same time were able to empty some basements and fill others.

8 May 76: Club sponsored and organized the communications for the St. John Ambulance Brigade First Aid role in the Metres for Millions Walk. 13 First Aid Posts were provided with communications to Net Control Station located at Brigade HQ. The Officer i/c the Brigade operation was provided with continuous communication as he constantly roved over the route. A medical supply vechicle was also provided with communications. 34 Radio Amateurs provided communications in shifts from 7 AM until 1215 AM the following morning. Over \$180,000.00 was raised for charity.

26/27 June 76: Participated in Field Day under the Club call VE3RAM. Operated 2 transmitter class, one CW one SSB. Total contacts 707, Total score 2402. We came 2nd in Ontario, 5th in Canada in a field of 249. Most horrible wx experienced to date. Hail, lots of rain and lightning!

27 August 76: Club BBQ held at the QTH of Heinz VE3GOS. Very well attended and all had a wonderful time.

12 November 76: Annual Club dinner held with YLs and XYLs in attendance. Forty persons enjoyed the repast and repartee. An excellent evening.

GENERAL

The Club digital clock project was successful. 12 members purchased kits.

Three Club members brought us honour in 1976. Heinz VE3GOS for his communication work during the Guatemala disisaster. Ed VE3GX and Doreen VE3CGO were jointly awarded the Radio Society of Ontario Amateur Radio Operator of the Year trophy at the RSO convention held in Toronto 22-24 October 1976.

SUMMARY

In summary; Sydney observed that the Club had a very good year indeed and made the following suggestions:

1. The fall season of 1977 will mark the 20th aniversary of the founding of the Club and that something special should be done to celebratè the occasion.
2. Continue to place strong emphasis on involving the wives and families in Club activities. e.g. Field Day, Club Dinners, topics for meetings.
3. Continue to support VE3JW at the National Museum of Science & Technology.

ONTARS CELEBRATES FIFTH BIRTHDAY

8 Jan 77 marked the 5th anniversary of the commencement of the Ontario Amateur Radio Service (ONTARS) operating on 3755 KHZ from 7 AM to 6 PM daily. The father of ONTARS is Bruce Carveth, VE3BC, manager and Chairman of the RSO Communications Committee for the same 5 year period. Bruce watched over his prodigy with a dedication that will be hard to match by successors. Doreen VE3CGO had been monitoring 3760 KHZ 7 days a week 8 AM to 6 PM for over 13 years prior to the implementation of ONTARS. Bruce used to call her at various times during the early evening to exchange ideas on the implementation of ONTARS. I think that Bruce was secretly surprised that our Monitoring Service worked so well because Doreen was always on deck when he called. Doreen continued the Monitoring Service 8 months after the implementation of ONTARS and had frequent traffic referrals from ONTARS for Ottawa one or two-ways. In October 1972 it was decided to terminate the 3760 KHZ Club Monitoring Service in view of the fact that ONTARS was doing such a good job. The Club Service was well known throughout Ontario and Quebec and provided a reliable traffic outlet for fixed stations as well as for the 75 meter mobiles for which it was originally established in May 1959. (The two meter service commenced in August 67 and continues to date)

I am sure that it was with mixed emotions that Bruce VE3BC relinquished the tender loving care of ONTARS 8 Jan 77. I am also sure that Bruce will be standing in the wings ready to lend a hand when required. Many thanks Bruce for your devotion to the job, as we say in our Club, three doffs of our mobile whips. Also thanks to the Assistant Managers, and controllers without whom the Service could not operate. Bill Finlay VE3CLK succeeded Bruce as ONTARS Manager as of 8 Jan 77. Best of luck to you Bill and continued success to the very valuable Service of ONTARS! HAPPY FIFTH BIRTHDAY ONTARS !

COMING ATTRACTION - FEBRUARY MEETING

The guest speaker at the 17 February meeting will be the Canadian Director of CRRL, Ron Hesler, VE1SH. His subject is the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) and will also cover a recap on CRRL activities to date and future plans. Ron VE1SH will also present Holland Shepherd VE3DV with League Certificate of Merit issued by the Canadian Director in recognition of Shep's 6 years service as Ontario SCM. Larry Thivierge VE3GT his successor will also be in attendance. Visitors from the OARC and other Amateurs are invited to attend.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Treasurer, Gordon VE3HEJ will be on hand to take membership renewals or membership dues from new members. Memberships are as follows:

FULL MEMBER: Active Radio Amateur Mobiler -Dues \$5.00

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Licenced Radio Amateur - Dues \$5.00

FAMILY MEMBER: Licenced dependant of member. Dues \$1.00. If they are licenced to drive a motor vehicle and operate the mobile equipment in the Full Members car they are entitled to Full Membership otherwise they shall be Associate Members.

RESTRICTED MEMBER: Open to anyone having an interest in Mobile Amateur Radio. An Amateur Licence is not required for this class of membership -Dues \$5.00.

DX MEMBERSHIP: Open to any former member of the Club who has moved away from Ottawa area and wishes to maintain his association with the Club and receive a bulletin. Dues \$2.00

LIFE MEMBER: No dues are required for those members receiving this Award.

If you are unable to attend the next few meetings you may send your membership dues (Indicating your status FULL, ASSOCIATE etc) to Gordon Chambers VE3HTJ, RR#1 8th Line, Carlsbad Springs, Ontario, KOA 1K0. Make the cheque or money order payable to Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club, Incorporated. Your prompt attention would be appreciated and will help in the preparation of the New Membership List.

RAMBLINGS

Congrats to Danny VE3EMO on being awarded the Worked All Ontario Counties Award ----
Ron VE3HDO has new Heath HD-15 Phone Patch ---- Gordon VE3HTJ erected his new TH3 MK3 recently --should work extremely well as is the case for antennas erected in the winter----
Ted VE3GGQ made his annual appearance on the Net recently and received a new IC22S for Xmas---sure hope you have made a New Years Revolution to call into the Net more frequently
Ted --we miss you ---- Congratulations to Merv VE3CV who has just retired for the second time --all the very best Merv---- Ian VE3FKC acquired a SWAN 350 from the Swap Net to replace the HW100 that he sold ---- Bill VE3CCT has a new Heath Monitor Scope ----
Russ VE3FSN had to do a little bolstering to his new multi-band vertical mounted on the roof of the high-rise due to high winds ---- Ed VE3GX is disappointed in the low participate of newcomers to the Slow Speed Pot Lid Net- Pass the word around to any newcomers you might encounter .-..

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY, HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR FROM THE OLD AND NEW EXECUTIVE and your editor. 73 Happy Mobiling CU at the Meeting !