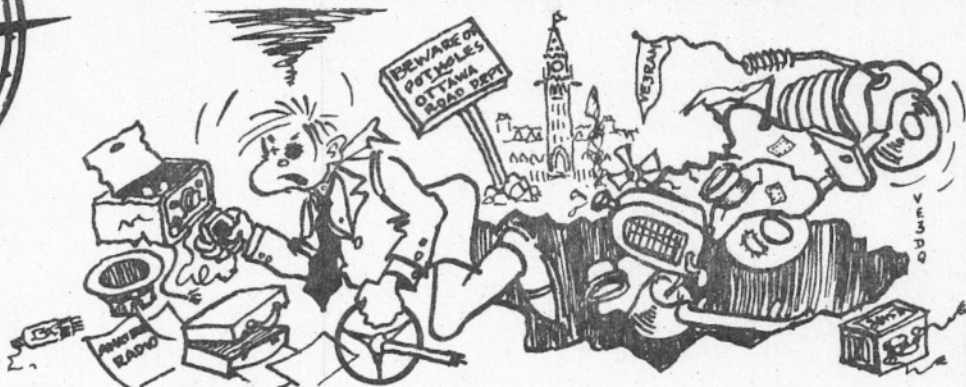




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**POT HOLE NET:** Official Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club, Incorporated, NET. Meets every Saturday and Sunday at 10 AM local time on 3760 KHZ SSB. All Radio Amateurs are welcome to participate. Membership in the Club is not a requirement.

**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
<u>Vice-President:</u>	Bill Fretwell	VE3CCT 224-3016
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<u>P.R. Co-ordinator:</u>	Leo Cave	VE3FFC 731-3449
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Gordon Chambers	VE3HIJ 822-0326
<u>Secretary:</u>	Ron Hutchinson	VE3GUJ 749-3449
<u>Past President:</u>	Sydney Moorcroft	VE3GVI 820-0093

NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING

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

**TIME & DATE:** 8 PM THURSDAY 15 December 1977

**ELECTION OF 1978 EXECUTIVE:** Annual Election of Officers. Please refer to the Nominating Committee Slate of Officers willing to serve and other election data elsewhere in the bulletin.

**FREE PRIZES:** Your 1977 membership card will be used in the free prize draw for many prizes  
DON'T FORGET IT! REMEMBER THAT YOU HAVE TO BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING TO WIN!

COFFEE, COOKIES & EYEBALL QSO

The CARF sponsored Symposium "Amateur Radio in the 1980's" to be held in Ottawa 26 Nov 77 and the various workshops relating to Amateur Radio was the subject of the meeting. The attendance was poor, perhaps the subject matter was too heavy combined with the fact that the Club 20th Anniversary dinner was the following evening! Doug Burrill, VE3CDC gave a well presented background on the events leading up to the Symposium. Many thanks Doug. Ed VE3GX was invited to discuss the Club position with the membership. Bernie VE3SH, Russ VE3FSN and Ed VE3GX were selected by the President to represent the Club prior to the meeting since the deadline for replying to the CARF invitation did not permit discussion at a regular or Executive meeting. Bernie and Russ were to be slotted in the Amateur Experimenter Workshop and Ed in the Novice. The representatives decided that a positive approach to the Workshops i.e. support of the proposals within very strict limits would be the most appropriate and intelligent attitude. More in the Report on the Symposium later in the bulletin.



### FIELD DAY RESULTS

We were entered in the two transmitter class using emergency power (CW & SSB) on all HF bands. We had a total of 863 contacts for a final score of 2,852. There were 275 entries in the same class. We came 5th in Canada, 3rd in Ontario and 74th in the Canada/US field of 275.

### REPORT ON THE AMATEUR RADIO SYMPOSIUM

This historic event was held in the Conference Centre (former Union Station) 26 November 77. Groups, Clubs and organizations from all over Canada had representatives in attendance. There were four workshops as indicated in the last issue of the Rambler. Ed VE3GX presented an in depth proposal for Novice Licencing in Workshop 1. The RSO and CRRL representatives were in favour of this class of licencing based on polls taken by them and other organizations. One other individual was for, the remainder of 12 persons were against it. A letter was tabled from the Nova Scotia Amateur Radio Association indicating that they were not in favor. The Newfoundland representative stated that the Amateurs of Newfoundland are not in favour. Later in the afternoon session Dr. De Mercado made it abundantly clear that the DOC are not in favor of this class of licence because of the financial implications which would result from the additional personnel required to administer such a licence. He indicated that if in the future someone presented a good enough case it might be considered. There are no DOC plans for this class of licence now or in the immediate future.

Bernie VE3SH submitted a proposal for an Experimenter Class of Licence with extremely stringent technical requirements in lieu of code for segments in the 220 and 420 MHZ bands with no restrictions in the SHF segments. The proposal was co-authored by Bernie VE3SH and Ed VE3GX. You may recall the original DOC Experimenter Licence proposal which advocated no code and full privileges on all bands after 6 months experience on VHF. This caused great alarm and heartburn in the Canadian Radio Amateur ranks and certainly clouded the atmosphere at the Symposium until the DOC in a surprise move tabled a new proposal in Workshop 2. The new proposal was a no code VHF licence for 144 MHZ and above with a very stringent technical examination. The workshop findings were reported by Jack Belrose VE3CV in the afternoon session. The workshop members agreed that this class of licence should be introduced for use by the pure experimenter but that licencees should be restricted to segments of 220 and 420 MHZ bands with no restrictions on SHF. It was recommended that the DOC liaise closely with Amateur Radio representatives in formulating the regulations and strict technical requirements. It was recommended that the prefix VX be used for this class assigned from the regular block of call signs so that if the Experimenter decides to pass the regular examination it would be merely necessary to change the X to an E. Dr. De Mercado assured the assembly that measures will be taken to ensure that this class of licence will not degenerate into an elite CB class used for general rag chewing. He advised that the DOC will work in consultation with Radio Amateurs and estimated that it will be at least 9 months before the first candidate can be examined. He also estimated that only several hundred will be interested in this class of licence therefore no additional strain will be imposed on DOC manpower that cannot be handled by present staff.

It was most heartening to note the common theme that the Radio Amateurs advocated in workshops and assemblies. It was very evident that they did not want the requirements to be relaxed for the two other classes of licence, in fact many indicated that they should be tightened somewhat.

It was announced that the symposium will become an annual event and will be held in various cities in Canada.

My hat is off to CARF for the tremendous organizing job and for the wonderful luncheon. I am sure that their coffers must be very low after such an event and that they would welcome some new memberships. I intend to join even though I belong to numerous Amateur Radio organizations now. My hat is also off to the high calibre of Radio Amateurs attending the Symposium, I am sure that the DOC must have been impressed and possibly might have a new respect for Amateur Radio as a hobby and a valuable national resource. I am sure that your Club representatives VE3SH, VE3FSN and VE3GX would be pleased to brief a meeting early in the new year since it is impossible to cover all aspects in the space available.

### REPORT ON THE CLUB 20th ANNIVERSARY DINNER 18 NOVEMBER 1977

We celebrated our 20th anniversary in the Elegance Room of the Eastview Hotel. There were many prizes for the men and ladies. Ed VE3GX gave a brief history of the Club. The gala affair was organized by Hutch VE3GUJ and wonderful selection of prizes also purchased by him. He also wrote to 12 local electronic emporiums asking for donations to commemorate the historic occasion. Only one replied, Wackid Radio, who generously donated a Mosley RV4 40-10 vertical antenna. The food was excellent and I am sure that everyone had a very good time. Three doffs of our mobile whips to Hutch for a job well done! Happy Anniversary to the Club!

### MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CELEBRATES 10th ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the staff of this wonderful museum which has provided residents and visitors to our city with an insight to new and old technology in most commendable manner, despite a very low budget and shortage of staff. We wish you continued success in this very important area of our culture!

IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy to Mike VE3DVH and family on the recent passing of his wife Nancy.

1978 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 71 @ \$5.00 ea	\$355.00	
COFFEE (PROFIT)	10.00	
AUCTION	250.00	
MISC.	10.00	
		\$625.00

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

PUBLISHING	\$175.00	
LICENCE VE3RAM, VE3TWO	26.00	
FIELD DAY & PICNIC	135.00	
BARBEQUE	50.00	
OTHER	150.00	
		\$536.00

1978 ESTIMATED PROFIT \$ 89.00

ELECTION INFORMATION

The Nominating Committee submitted the following slate of officers willing to serve on the 1978 Executive:

PRESIDENT: Bill Fretwell VE3CCT, Merv Lemke VE3CV

VICE-PRESIDENT: Ernie Tierney VE3AOX

TECHNICAL ADVISER: Rob Bareham VE3ACY

P.R. CO-ORDINATOR: Dave Hayman VE3GQE, René Beaudry VE3JKR

TREASURER: Stan Navratil VE3GYP

SECRETARY: George McKenzie VE3GMI

Note: 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. All nominees must be paid up members (1977). All other offices can be held by licenced Radio Amateurs.

FREE PRIZE DRAW

This draw is by virtue of your 1977 membership card. The draw has two functions; to ensure a good turnout and secondly to reward members for their support. YOU HAVE TO BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING TO WIN ----DON'T FORGET YOUR CARD.

SPECIAL THANKS

TO Leo VE3FFC our untiring P.R. man who prepared a giant Club logo with 20th Anniversary marked on it. He also took pictures of those at the dinner with the logo in the foreground which he will be sending to various publications. Many thanks Leo !

RAMBLINGS

Nice to hear Gordon VE3HTJ back on the Pot Hole Net --Speedy recovery to you OM --...- Also a speedy recovery to Betty XYL of Danny VE3EMO who is recuperating at home from an operation -...- Chicago and New Orleans style of Jazz fans (Dixeland to the uninitiated) will be pleased to hear that Martin Lax VE3EFL has joined the group and plays trumpet every second Friday alternating with another musician in the Capital City Jazz Band at the Chez Lucien Hotel. -...- Arlyn VE3AOE is recuperating from an operation --speedy recovery OM .-.-.

MEMBERSHIP LIST CORRECTIONS

Please amend your list as follows;

VE3JCR has moved to 234 St.Laurent Blvd Telephone 741-9654

In section M Andy Kazimer call sign should read VE3JSL

HAPPY MOBILING AND A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL