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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.

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NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING

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

TIME & DATE: 8 PM 16 FEBRUARY 1978

PROGRAM

BUSINESS

TALK & DEMONSTRATION: "A Practical Look At Antennas Through Models Scaled Down in Size"
 By Bud VE3UD (Many of the common antennas such as quads, yagis etc will be demonstrated)

COFFEE, COOKIES & EYEBALL RAGCHEW

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

Ray James VE3CUA and George Roach VE3BNO gave a very interesting talk on the subject of Amateur Radio Satellites. They covered the history of this interesting hobby from the first launching to date, as well as future plans. Home station equipment from the inexpensive to the more elaborate were described including methods and devices for predicting orbits. George had tape recordings of various A and B mode signals to illustrate the quality and operating techniques required. Many thanks gentlemen for a very interesting insight into this fascinating aspect of Amateur Radio. I am sure you must have made a few converts.

SILENT KEY

Ray Dagenais VE3ARJ died as a result of a heart attack 15 Jan 78. Our sympathy to his wife Blanche and to his friends and relatives. Ray was a former member of our Club and will certainly be missed by the fraternity.

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND RENEWAL

At the last meeting the membership voted to increase the membership dues for three classes from \$5.00 to \$7.00 per year to help defray increasing postage costs etc. For the benefit of the newer members the various classes of membership are listed hereunder.

FULL MEMBER: Active Radio Amateur Mobiler - Dues \$7.00

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Licenced Radio Amateur - Dues \$7.00

FAMILY MEMBER: Licenced dependant of a 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. The restriction applies to voting on constitutional matters. All other priveleges apply. Dues \$7.00

DX MEMBERSHIP : Open to any former member of the Club who has moved away 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.

Note: If you are unable to attend the next few meetings, please send your membership dues to the treasurer: Stan Navratil, VE3GYP 1310 Fernwood Drive, Ottawa, Ont., K1V 7J9. Please indicate your membership status per above. Make cheque or M.O. payable to Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club, Incorporated.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

It is anticipated that the new list will be included in with the April issue of the Rambler. Ensure that you are included by prompt payment of dues please. We

WELCOME ABOARD

To the following new members: VE3IDC Bill Thorne, VE3KIL Russel Lowe, VE3KEH Ted Paull, VE3FB Bob Sangster, Don Lombardi. A hearty welcome! I am sure that you will enjoy the various activities and hope that you will participate as fully as possible.

POT LID NET CELEBRATES 5th ANNIVERSARY !!

This slow speed informal CW Net was started by your editor 4 Feb 73. The objectives of the Pot Lid Net (PLN) were as follows:

- (a) To provide beginners (and others) with an informal CW net of their own along the lines of the SSB Pot Hole Net. OPEN TO EVERYONE. MEMBERSHIP IN OUR CLUB OR ANY OTHER CLUB NOT REQUIRED.
- (b) To provide a source of code practice and CW Net procedure.
- (c) To provide a stepping stone for those developing an interest in CW Traffic Nets. (Hopefully as a result of their participation in the PLN)

I think that the objectives have been met over the five years of operation. Many Radio Amateurs have used the Net as a one of the vehicles to obtaining their Advanced Licence. Others have become CW Traffic Net devotees as well as Advanced Radio Amateurs. Many SWLs and beginners have used the net as a code practice source (Some are too shy or unable to call in due to equipment and antenna problems but obtain results from listening) Recently several of the new Net members requested that we introduce some actual traffic net practice after the closure of the regular informal portion. This has commenced for those interested in learning about traffic handling. If anyone wishes further information on the NET just call Ed VE3GX 733-1721. Net meets every Sunday at 11 AM local 3620 KHZ (except Jul & Aug)

RAMBLINGS

Russ VE3FSN and Mike VE3DVH are proud owners of the new Yaesu FT-227R 144-148 MHZ 800 channel "Memorizer" 2 meter transceiver -...- Belated congrats to George VE3GMI on passing his Advanced and a hearty welcome to the Pot Hole and Pot Lid Nets -...- Arlyn VE3AOE and Ed VE3GX recently returned from an 8 day business trip to Germany -...- Doreen VE3CGO has become interested in house plants ---Ed will soon think he is back in the jungles of Burma if she adds many more -...- Congrats to Gord VE3GIN and wife Donna on the arrival of a new baby girl (receiver) -...- Berniè VE3SH reported some damage to quad after recent high winds -...- Trev VE3BMC was heard mobile in town recently -...- Rob VE3ACY was on the Pot Hole Net recently running very low power due to restrictions imposed by DOC -...- Ron VE3FMW called into PHN using CBC station VE3CBC -...-

73 & HAPPY MOBILING CU AT THE MEETING ---BUD VE3UD's talk looks very interesting