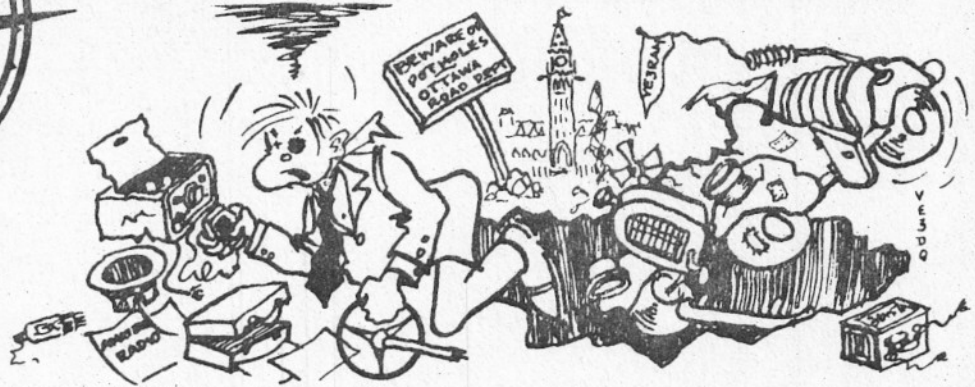




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POT HOLE NET: Official Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club, Incorporated, NET. Meets every Saturday and Sunday at 10 AM local time on 3760 KHZ SSB. All Radio Amateurs are welcome to participate. Membership in the Club is not a requirement.

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.

1978 EXECUTIVE

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NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING

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

TIME & DATE: 8 PM THURSDAY 16 March 78

PROGRAM

BUSINESS:

TALKS: Practical Approach to Nets and Traffic Handling : CW Message Handling Rob VE3ACY
 Voice Message Handling Ron VE3AUM

COFFEE, COOKIES, EYEBALL QSO

REPORT ON THE LAST MEETING

Bud, VE3UD gave a very interesting practical and comprehensive demonstration of antenna systems using antennas scaled down to the 430-450 Mhz band. He demonstrated inverted Vs and horizontal dipoles and the effects of balanced and unbalanced feeder systems; quads, yagis quagis and the effects of adding directors and reflectors to them; vertical antennas; effects of antennas on one another when in close proximity: just to mention a few! An extremely interesting talk and demonstration which answered many questions in the complex realm of antenna design and construction. Many thanks Bud for an extremely informative program!

IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy to Merv VE3CV and family on the recent passing of his mother.

CLUB DINNER

Tentatively planned for 14 April 78. if sufficient interest is indicated at the meeting (March)

ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION 29 APRIL 78

Rob VE3ACY is the co-ordinator for this popular event and I am sure he would like to hear from anyone wishing to offer their assistance as equipment registrars, equipment handlers etc. The location will be different this year and will be announced shortly.

METRES FOR MILLIONS 6 MAY 78

Stan VE3GYP and Doreen VE3CGO will be organizing this annual communications event which provides communications for the St. John Ambulance Brigade First Aid posts, Net Control Station and mobile requirements. This will mark the 12th consecutive year that our Club has provided this valuable service for a worthy cause. If you would like to participate I am sure that Stan and Doreen would like to hear from you. If you don't have two meter equipment there are slots for operating only. If you can't participate and would like to loan equipment it would be appreciated. Standbys are also required to fill in scheduled shifts in the event of sickness. If you haven't participated before and are a little shy, don't worry, full instructions will be included in packages given to each operator as well as by briefings and by telephone.

13 MAY 78 GENERAL MEETING

May be in the form of a field visit to an interesting place. Further details to be announced.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP LIST

Will be included with the April issue of the Rambler. A reminder about membership dues has been included with this issue of the Rambler for those unable to attend the March meeting. Please complete the form and send it in along with the necessary payment.

CLUB 20th ANNIVERSARY PICTURE

Appears on page 11 of the February 78 issue of The Ontario Amateur. Our thanks to the RSO and Leo VE3FFC.

WELCOME ABOARD

A sincere welcome to the following new Club members: VE3KHK Noel Pitre, VE3ET Bud Jones, VE3JKN Pierre Laporte and to Pierre Labelle VE3EKZ a former member that has returned to the fold.

CLUB REPLATER VE3TWO NEWS

Rob VE3ACY distributed a list of parts required for a new identifier and requested that if any of the membership had any of the items it would defray the cost. He also suggested that a separate fund be set up for the purchase of a duplexer (cavities) necessary for proper operation. Donations and money obtained from mini auctions at club meetings would be the main source of funds. We need approximately \$500.00 .

RAMBLINGS

Keith Jones VE3MH is on the air as G3WLJ 17 miles from London --He worked Gordon VE3HTJ and will be on the lookout for any of the gang -...- Congrats to Ron VE3JCM on passing his Advanced -...- Bernie VE3SH was confined to his bed for 12 days owing to a back problem-- glad to report that he is back on his feet again -...- Helen XYL of Gordon VE3HTJ was in hospital and is now recuperating at home from surgery ---Speedy recovery Helen -...- George VE3GMI has an FT221R which he bought via the Swap Net and is enjoying 2 meter operation generally and is getting the OSCAR bug -...- Ed VE3GX had a business trip to Manitoba and was able to visit old friends VE4IF, VE4GE and VE4PE at Lac du Bonnet as well as number one son in Brandon -...- Ted VE3GGQ vacationing in Arizona -...- Ron VE3HDO and family have taken up cross country skiing -...- Heinz VE3GOS busy with fone patches to SU land -...- Hutch VE3GUJ back from another jaunt to Alert --he's getting to be quite a "husky" lad ! -...-

AMATEUR RADIO STATION VE3JW CELEBRATES 4th ANNIVERSARY

On 19th of March 1974, the station was officially opened. The children and grandchildren of the late Jim Cotter former holder of the call were in attendance. In view of the fact that the station is dedicated to the early pioneers, a 10" spark coil and hand sending key from radiotelegraph station VAS, Glace Bay N.S. were used in lieu of the traditional ribbon cutting. Nine year old Jane Arbuckle, one of the many grandchildren of the late Jim Cotter pressed the key and the ensuing fat spark and the delightful sound it made symbolized the opening. Your editor had the honour of sending VE3JW on it as a fitting climax. As the initiator of the project I wish to thank everyone who over the years has operated the station and assisted in other ways. Also thanks to Heathkit Canada for the loan of the equipment which has performed admirably and been seen by millions of Canadians and people from all over the world. May it continue to show the public the wonders of Amateur Radio. The station is permanently installed in the National Museum of Science & Technology and is operated by Ottawa area volunteer operators.