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 All contributions to this bulletin gladly accepted.

Membership in the O.V.M.R.C. is open to all those interested in amateur radio.  
 Regular club meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month (except  
 July and August) at 8:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

OTTAWA VALLEY MOBILE RADIO CLUB - 1979 - Executive

PRESIDENT	Tom Hayes	VE3ABC	822-2811
VICE-PRESIDENT	Mike Shacklock	VE3LAR	523-1571
TECHNICAL ADVISER	Russ Pastuch	VE3RSN	741-5637
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P.R.CO-ORDINATOR	Bob Bareham	VE3ACY	523-4246
PAST PRESIDENT	Merv Lemke	VE3CV	839-5577

CLUB SPONSORED ACTIVITIES:

Pot Hole Net - OVMRC Net - every Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m., local time,  
 3.760 MHz SSB

All Radio Amateurs welcome to check in and participate.

VE3JW - Amateur Radio Station of National Museum of Science and Technology.  
 The OVMRC, Inc., maintains this station, schedules operation; and in co-  
 operation with the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club, provides operators for the  
 station as part of an Amateur Radio public relations display.

Monitoring Facility - Barb VE3AHV monitors the club repeater VE3TWO 147.90/.30.  
 Stations requiring assistance are asked to repeat VE3AHV's call several times,  
 then wait for a minute or so for a reply. Stations with touch tone pads are  
 asked to precede their calls with touch tone digits 2-4-6 and wait 15 seconds  
 before calling. A touch tone paging unit will be left on 24 hours each day  
 to help provide emergency assistance at any time.

LOCAL AMATEUR RADIO NET ACTIVITIES:

Pot Lid Net - Sponsored and conducted by Ed, VE3GX - Informal slow speed CW  
 net meeting every Sunday (except July and August) at 11:00 a.m. local time  
 on 3.620 MHz, to promote interest in CW and CW procedure.

Capital City FM Net - Sponsored and operated by the  
 Ottawa Amateur Radio Club, meeting every Monday at  
 20:00 (local time on VE2CRA repeater 146.34/.94.

Swap Net - Sponsored and conducted by Ed, VE3GX. Meets  
 every Sunday (Except July/August) as part of Pot Hole  
 Net and every Monday as part of Capital City FM Net.  
 Inquiries: Ed, 733-1721.





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SECOND MONTH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
☾ <small>Full Moon 10:40h</small>	○ <small>Full Moon 10:40h</small>	☾ <small>Full Moon 10:40h</small>	● <small>New Moon 10:40h</small>	1	2	3 PHN-3EMD 3JW-3AAG -2DZE
4 PHN-3HTJ 3JW-3HRT Friend	5 20:30h CW Practice on 3TWO	6	7 <u>OARC</u> General Meeting	8	9	10 <u>SNOWARAMA</u> PHN-3SH 3JH-3GZS Friend
11 PHN-3FSN 3JW-3AAG 3ICV	12	13 <u>CARC</u> General Meeting	14	15 <u>OVRC</u> General Meeting	16	17 PHN-3HTJ 3JW-3EKA -3AUM
18 PHN - ? 3JW-3HXP Friend	19 20:30h CW Practice on 3TWO	20	21	22 <u>OVRC</u> Executive Meeting OTH-3ABC	23	24 PHN - ? 3JW-3CXL xyl
25 PHN - ? 3JW-3HDO 3BYX	26	27	28			

\*\*PHN - 3JW - scheduling - Rob 3ACY - 523-4246

O.V.M.R.C. - Minutes General Meeting 1979 01 18 - Lloyd VE3FHC - The meeting was opened at 20:05h by the Vice Pres, Mike 3LAR. The Pres Tom 3ABC, was at a Snowarama Press conference for the first 20 minutes of the meeting.

Visitors - Ray 3FM and George 3JQW were welcomed to the meeting.

New Members - VE3FN Ray Perrin and VE3JQW George Morgan

The minutes of the 1978 12 13 meeting were read and adopted by Merv 3CV, and seconded by Sydney 3GV1 - Carried.

As there was no old business to be presented, the new business was opened with reports from the Committees:

The Treasurer reported that he had a cash balance of \$234.84 (of which \$44.2 was petty cash).

The Tech Advisor reported that both 3JW and 3TWO are working well. If any faults are observed with either station, it is requested that Russ 3FSN, be advised. Russ is also looking for anyone who is familiar with the HW101, to assist with the maintenance of 3JW.

Tom 3ABC, presented a framed "Past President Certificate" to Merv 3CV, our Past President.

Mike Graham VE3KMG, was unanimously appointed as our new Bulletin Editor.

The Pres 3ABC, gave the meeting the latest rundown on the "Timmy" Snowarama to be held on 1979 02 10. Russ 3FSN, is to do a Communication check of the area, and assist in organizing the operators required.

Russ 3FSN gave a very informative talk on the building of the present repeater 3TWO (along with a slide presentation) plus comments on general repeater usage. He also expressed his thanks to Ian 3FKC, Rob 3ACY and Ed 3GX for their heartaches and dedication in putting 3TWO together.

The Pres. advised everyone that the next General meeting would be at 20:00h 1979 02 15 at the Science and Tech Museum.

O.V.M.R.C. - Minutes - continued

George 3GMI, on behalf of Rob 3ACY, indicated that problems were encountered in obtaining net control stations for the Pot Hole Net. Comments were made about reviewing the time and frequency of operation of the Pot Hole Net. Comments included: change hour of operation, change to once per week, move to VHF to include non-advanced operators. This will also be an amendment to the constitution.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:35h with a motion by George 3GMI and seconded by Sydney 3GVI.

C W Practice - Rob 3ACY has initiated scheduled code practice on the Club fm repeater 3TWO. CW, at various continuous speeds, will occur on 3TWO at 20:30 local time, every other Monday night starting 1979 02 05, on a trial basis until positive feedback encourages its permanent scheduling. Good idea Rob, let's get our fists back into action or reach some new plateaus.

Relocation of Repeater VE3ORA 146.28/.88 - Did you ever wonder who was behind 3ORA? Well, it's 2SD Arn; 3GNW Henry; 3EKS Gordie; 2MX Frank; and 3HRW Derek. The first four are the directors and 3HRW is one of the most active supporters. The repeater has been on the air for about 5 years, located at the Bromley Place site donated by Frank 2MX. It is proposed that the equipment originally donated by 2MX, be moved to the new site near Vernon. The relocation has been necessitated for sundry reasons. It is anticipated the new site c/w 300' tower, will improve the southerly and easterly coverage that the repeater presently provides. Derek 3HRW, did mention, however, that the new location is going to require an expenditure of approximately \$1,000. for cavities to be the property of 3ORA. Apparently, there has never been a fee solicited for the use of this rag-chewing facility. At this time, 3ORA or the Ottawa-Rideau Repeater Association is looking for donations to make-up the cost and thereby continue to provide a repeater, which has certainly been one of the most heavily used in the area. If you feel the need to contribute, mail your cheque, payable to the Ottawa-Rideau Repeater Association In-Trust, to Box 23 Kinburn K0A 2H0. Looks like it's time that some of the rag-chewers owned up. We wish you luck on financing the improvements to your repeater.

New West End Amateur Club - The Carleton Amateur Radio Club recently held its first meeting at the Lynwood Community Centre, Bells Corners, with 32 interested people in attendance. In honour of the late Ray Seabrooke, the Club has adopted the call VE3JQR.

The Club's first executive is composed of: President - Heinz 3GOS; V.P. - Roy 3AXC; Treas - Gary 3JRP and Secr - Gale xyl. Meetings will continue at the aforementioned location, at 20:00 local time, the second Tuesday every month. For further information: Box 271, Richmond, Ontario K0A 2Z0 or Gary 3JRP at 838-2592.

We wish you luck and look forward to future QSO's.

Amateur Profile - by VE3KLX - This month's character is our Vice-President Mike Shacklock VE3LAR.

Mike graduated from the British Columbia Institute of Technology in 1967 and joined the Canadian Armed Forces to pursue a career in electronics.

He got started on the road to earning his ticket, while living in Nova Scotia in September 1977. He signed up for an Amateur Radio course at the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology, which was run by three Amateurs from the Halifax Amateur Radio Club. Mike went on to write for his ticket on February 27, 1978. He passed and was issued his first call sign VE1BSN.

Amateur Profile - continued

With the intention of working on HF, Mike purchased the gear he is running at this time. His HF equipment included the Ten Tec 544 with VOX and remote VFO. Unfortunately he had problems getting an HE station going, as he lived in an apartment and could not put up a suitable antenna system. To circumvent this problem, Mike portabled his gear into the Amateur Radio Station at CFB Shearwater and used the antenna system there. This process produced better results but was very tedious.

Mike persevered with this arrangement until he was transferred to Ottawa in the summer of 1978. Recalling problems in the past with HF antennas for apartments, he decided to find a house in Ottawa. Once he had found the appropriate place for his antenna farm, he went on to acquire his present call, VE3LAR.

He began working on plans for putting up a 40' delhi self-supporting tower and a TA 33JR beam. Mike received the Delhi tower first, but still had his TA 33JR on order. Unfortunately the beam did not arrive until after the first snow storm Mike hopes to have it up in the spring of this year, but until then he will be using a random wire antenna for eighty metres. Mike also does some two metre FM work both at home and in his car.

Mike's future goals are to acquire his advanced ticket this spring; modify the arrangement of his shack; work some DX on HF; and possibly getting into UHF.

Good Luck on the advanced ticket Mike!

Memberships for 1979 - Membership dues are trickling in, but will hopefully speed-up to help the Executive get a more accurate number of members for upcoming programs. We know that everyone wants to be a member of the Mobile Club, it's just a matter of remembering to transmit the applicable fee to our treasurer. With thanks.

Hints, Gadgets and Investions - We have some space in the Rambler and for those of you who have not taken the time to write articles describing some of your ingenuity, here's your chance. All contributions will be published, no matter how long. If its that long then we will use the installment plan.

This is an opportunity to pass along some of your ideas to those members who are just getting a foothold in Amateur Radio and would like to benefit from your experiments.

Letters to the Editor - So you have some positive or negative vibes you would like to vent. We are not looking for QRM, but if you want something published in this forum, please address the editor.

February 15th MEETING - Films: "Sisters of the Space Age" and "Operation Morning Light" - Tnx to 3LAR.

Ramblings On - Rob 3ACY, notes that he has obtained, for minimal cost, a couple of 23 channel CB rigs and is presently converting same for 10m operation.

If you have not heard Merv 3CV, lately, that's because he is basking in the sun in Florida. Don't we all wish we could follow him to warmer climes. Bill 3CCT, now has a scanner for his Yaesu FT227R ... following in the footsteps of Merv 3CV. Rob 3ACY, now has a model 28 teleprinter and hopes to be active on RTT shortly.

Recently, we heard that some mobile equipment has been illegally removed from some unfortunate hams' vehicles. Keep your equipment secure.

The upcoming OARC sponsored directory will be a composite of all local hams, Ottawa and surrounding areas. It is anticipated by Marshall 3JGT, that the directory will be out early in the spring. We all look forward to an up-to-date, complete, new directory.

Hopefully, we will be publishing our own membership list in March.



Snowarama - We can't give a progress report on this event, since it will be taking place while this issue is in the mail. However, at the last Executive meeting, Tom 3ABC, our Pres., was looking for about 5 more people to help.

Thanks to all those that helped and we should have further news at the next general meeting.

Repeaters that can be Hit from Ottawa - by VE3LAR

SVR Morrisburg	146.16-146.76	150°	RM	Montreal	146.40-147.00*	90°
CRA Camp Fortune	146.34-146.94		MT	Mt Tremblant	146.13-146.73	
ORA Ottawa	146.28-146.88		AGQ	Russel, N.Y.	146.31-146.91	165°
RKO Montreal	146.04-146.64#*	90°	CPC	Ottawa	147.75-147.15	
STP Renfrew	146.46-147.06	250°	??	Tupper Lake NY	147.93-147.33#	165°
TWO Ottawa	147.90-147.30		??	Monroe N.Y.	146.22-146.82#	110°
OEA Ottawa	146.07-146.67*					
KPG Ottawa	147.96-147.36*					#-depends on conditions
RLR Smiths Falls	147.81-147.21	195°				*-auto patch
OXM Ottawa	147.72-147.12					
TEL Ottawa	146.43-147.03					
OCR Ottawa	146.25-146.85					

Proposed Amendments to O.V.M.R.C. Inc Constitution - In accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, this issue includes the following proposed amendment to the constitution (as submitted by Rob 3ACY);

Club By-law Number 11, paragraph b, to be amended to read:

Technical Advisor - will be responsible for the maintenance of all club owned electronic apparatus. At the Technical Advisor's discretion, standing committees will be formed to provide this maintenance under the direction of the Technical Advisor. The Technical Advisor will also advise members on the operation and maintenance of their Amateur stations when requested, to the best of his ability. Holds licence VE3TWO.

Vice-President - Assumes the duties of the President, during the President's absence. Is responsible for the publishing and distribution of the Rambler. The Rambler editor, who will be a member designated by the Vice-President, will report directly to the Vice-President of any difficulties or requirements arising concerning the publishing of the Rambler. The Vice-President also holds the club licence VE3RAM.

Secretary - Records minutes of all meetings, both general and executive, and forwards a copy of these minutes to the Bulletin editor. The Secretary will also give a briefing of the executive meeting to the members at the general meeting and of the general meeting, to the members of the executive at the executive meeting.

Treasurer - Tends to all club's financial matters. Reports financial status as explained in By-law Number 4.

Public Relations Co-ordinator - Reports club functions to organizations such as CARF, ARRL and RSO. Attempts to involve the news media with club functions which would be of interest to the general public. Organizes operators for museum station VE3JW, including the handling of QSL cards and liaison between museum staff and club's executive. Also organizes net control stations for Pot Hole Net Holds licence VE3JW.

The aforementioned is intended to be a guide only, and the designation of various responsibilities is the privilege of the President.

If you are a member and require a copy of the club constitution, please contact our Secretary.