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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
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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 and August) as
part of Pot Hole Net and every Monday as part
of Capital City FM Net. Inquiries: Ed, 733-1721.



MARCH 1979
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April 1979

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 PHN-3CV 3JW-3BNO 3HKG	2	3	4 OARC General Mtg 20:45h CW Pract on 3TWO	5	6	7 PHN-3HJW 3JW - ?
8 PHN-3JQW 3JW-3JZS friend	9 20:45 CW Practice 3 TWO	10 CARC General Meeting	11 20:45h CW Practice 3 TWO	12	13 GOOD FRIDAY	14 PHN-3HDO 3JW-3KMG 3K LX
15 PHN-3JW-3HXE friend EASTER SUNDAY	16	17	18 20:45h CW Practice 3 TWO	19 OVMRC General Meeting	20	21 PHN-3JW-3LAW 2DZT
22 PHN-3JW-3ERO 3EXA	23 20:45h CW Practice 3 TWO	24	25 20:45h CW Practice 3 TWO	26 OVMRC Executive Meeting	27	28 OVMRC Annual Auction Cityview Public School
29 PHN-3JW-3JLP 3JLQ	30		☾ FIRST QUARTER 4TH	☉ FULL MOON 12TH	☾ LAST QUARTER 19TH	● NEW MOON 26TH PHN-3JW-3GYP BKHI

** PHN and 3JW scheduling - Rob 3ACY - 236-5287

OVMRC General Meeting Minutes - March 15, 1979

Introduction - The meeting commenced at 20:12h at the Science and Tech Museum. There were 29 in attendance. Visitors, 3KMO-Moe Grant and 2AKT-Leo Keseris were welcomed to the meeting by the Vice-Pres-3LAR.

A motion of acceptance of the February General Meeting Minutes was moved by 3CCT and seconded by 3AOE.

Old Business - The Spring Auction Co-ordinator (3CCT) gave the membership details on the upcoming auction:

Place: City View Public School - Rosland and St Helen's Place,
(near Pascal's on Merivale Road)

Date/Time: 1979 04 28 / 9:00 - 17:00h

Discussion on last year's results and this year's plans followed. It was agreed to have a Flea Market from approx 9:00-12:30h. Approx 12 tables will be set up. The PR for the auction will be done by 3ACY. The Snack Bar will be set up with the Executive supplying the sandwiches. Three members have volunteered to be auctioneers - 3CV, 3DHO, 3GVI. 3GIN has volunteered to do the talk-in on 2M. 3CCT will still require additional volunteers for registration, manhandlers, cleanup, etc. He will call members as requirements dictate. (talk in on 28/88)

Reports - VPRES - 3LAR reminded everyone of the CW practice and HR report on 3TWO. He stated he has a few copies of a card, listing all repeaters throughout the Maritimes, if anyone is interested.

OVMRC Minutes - continued

Tech Advisor - 3FSN advised everyone that the squelch on 3TWO has been set back a shade to minimize unwanted signals from being picked up.
Pub Rel - 3ACY advised that he has sent a letter to Heathkit requesting a new HW101 for 3JW.

Treas - 3DVH - was absent

Sec - Nothing to report

Bulletin Editor - nothing to report.

Program - Ray - 3FN - gave a very interesting talk on "DXing above 50MHZ" mainly on 2M and 6M. Topics included: troposcatter, temperature inversion, aurora, "E" and "F" layer operations, Ionospheric scatter, meteorite scatter and moon bounce. He completed his talk with a small slide presentation of antennas and gear.

New Business - The Ad hoc committee chairman for Constitution amendments- 3ACY - then took the floor, to present the amendments as listed in the Mar 79 Rambler.

Constitution

- 3ACY - motion to accept amended article 12 para 1 "Full member" as published. CARRIED.
Seconded by 3KMG
- 3ACY - motion to accept amended article 12 para 6 "Life Membership" as published. Seconded by 3KMG REJECTED
3JQW will submit his proposal to 3ACY for a republication of this amendment in the April Rambler
- 3ACY - motion to accept amended article 10 "Voting" as published. CARRIED
Seconded by 3KMN
- 3ACY - motion to accept amended article 12 "Effective Date" as published. CARRIED
Seconded by 3JQW

Bylaws

- 3ACY - motion to accept amended bylaw 1 "meetings" as published. CARRIED
Seconded by 3ABC
- 3ACY - motion to accept amended bylaw 2 "Executive meetings" as published. CARRIED
Seconded by 3CV
- 3ACY - motion to accept amended bylaw 3 "Dues" as published. CARRIED
Seconded by 3HDO
- 3ACY - motion to accept amended bylaw 9 para C subpara 4 "Conduct of Election" as published. Seconded by 3FSN CARRIED
- 3ACY - motion to accept amended bylaw 10 "Pot Hole Net" as published. REJECTED
Seconded by 3JQW
- 3ACY - motion to accept amended bylaw 11 para B "Duties of Officers" as published. Seconded by 3KMG CARRIED
- 3ACY - motion to accept amended bylaw 12 "Representation at Conventions" as published. Seconded by 3CCT CARRIED
- 3ACY - motion to accept amended "issue date" of new Constitution and bylaws as published. Seconded by 3KMG CARRIED

Adjournment - with no further business, the Pres adjourned the meeting at 22:13h. Submitted by LH Carr 3FHC - Secretary

Final Canadian Proposals for WARC '79 appeared late last month with both good and bad news for Canadian Amateurs. Canad's delegation to Geneva in September will work out its position from an amalgam of the proposals and changes, if any, in view of proposals received from other countries. The final outcome, of course, is anybody's guess. Three new bands are proposed; 10100-10300 kHz, 24000-24500 kHz and 902-928 MHz. No change to 2, 6, 10, 15 or 20 metres. Changes would make 160 metres from 1800-1900 kHz exclusive, 6900-7100 kHz exclusive, worldwide on 40 metres and promote Amateur to primary service on 220-225 MHz. The proposed amendment to ITU regulation 41 which would have deleted the mandatory code requirement, which was in the last draft, has been dropped. An Amateur request to allocate 10 kHz of HF bands to emergency use in the event of large-scale natural disasters was not accepted. (Full details of the proposals in the April TCA) (excerpt from CARF Newsletter 1979 #3, March)

Amateur Profile - MERV - VE3CV - by Dave 3KLX

This month's character is Merv Lemke, VE3CV. Merv's involvement in Amateur Radio dates back to 1935 when he earned his licence and his present call - VE3CV. Prior to getting his call, he was an experimenter and builder of radios while going to public school. Merv's first creation was a Peanut Tube Grid Leak Detector built entirely of scrounged parts. Following this, he built a tuned R.F. and Regenerative Detector A.C. radio to copy code on the Amateur bands.

Once Merv made it to the Amateur ranks, he continued to build equipment with either scrounged parts or parts bought from local hardware and radio stores.

In 1939, Merv went to the Marconi Radio School in Toronto and got his commercial radio ticket. Following this, Merv got into the business of Radio Sales and Service.

In 1941, Merv joined the RCAF as a radar officer overseas. He later transferred back to the RCAF Radio School, in Clinton, Ontario, as an instructor in 1942.

From 1948-49, Merv set up an RCAF Radio Teletype Communications System and was also involved in design engineering of the mid-Canada line. Merv retired from the RCAF in 1965.

From this point to 1974, Merv was the marketing manager for Raytheon Canada in Waterloo, Ontario.

Next Merv served as a commercial officer for the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce from 1974-77.

In 1977, Merv retired to Carp, Ontario. Along with Merv's various pieces of homebrew gear, he also used (and is still using) an SBE 34. The SBE 34 was a product of Raytheon Canada and was the first solid state side-band transceiver with sweep tubes in the final, developed about twenty years ago. This rig was perfect for mobiling too, due to its relatively small size (comparable with an Atlas 210X). Merv also has a Yaesu FT 101E for mobile and base and an SB 200 linear amplifier. For VHF Merv runs an IC 22 from his base station and a Yaesu FT 227R (Memorizer) from his car. Merv can be found on the Pot Hole, "Chicken Junction", and Quebec Radio Nets where he handles both formal and phone patch traffic.

Merv is a very valuable and experienced member of our Amateur Fraternity and I would like to thank Merv for devoting his time to introduce himself to those of us who were unfamiliar with his background and involvement in Amateur Radio.

OVMRC CLUB AUCTION - Note details in the aforementioned OVMRC minutes from the last club General Meeting. So the date is APRIL 28th, SATURDAY and Bill 3CCT is the organizer. Pass the word; come and bring a friend as well as all of that equipment you finally decided to part with. Plus, bring some money to buy some gadgets and other devices to enhance your shack.

BOY SCOUTS OF CANADA - Radio VE3SHQ - (Excerpts from letter to Rambler Editor) Many of you had been aware of the activity of the local Scout radio station on the air. The completion of the present station has been the result of a lot of effort by a small group, with the assistance of numerous area amateurs and the considerable financial help of the area Scouting movement. Because of relocation to other areas and changing personal and professional commitments, the group actively supporting the station has been reduced to three people; Shawn 3HXP, Chris 3JRW and Dave 3JBX. We desperately need help from other hams who would be prepared to make a regular effort to expose members of the Scouting movement to amateur radio and keep VE3SHQ on the air.

Anyone who is willing to help is requested to contact Shawn, Chris or Dave. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone with or without previous Scouting experience to do a very useful community service while enjoying our hobby. If YOU can help call Dave Hilborn 3JBX, 722-9811.

Proposed Amendment to OVMRC Constitution - as proposed by George 3JQW.

Article 12 paragraph 6 "Life Membership" shall be amended to read: This membership will be conferred by the Club on individuals in or from the Ottawa Area who, through their amateur activities, have made an outstanding contribution to the community or to the amateur radio service. Any such individual maybe nominated by 3 licenced club members who have been members in good standing for at least 5 years, plus at least one member of the executive. A statement of intent must be published in the Rambler and the granting of life membership will require the support of at least 2/3 of the licenced club members, obtained through a secret ballot. The life member will be granted Full Membership privileges.

April General Meeting - Gord 3GIN will be presenting a half hour talk on Operation of a Net. This is very appropriate with the upcoming Metres for Millions.

Mike 3LAR will be providing some motion picture entertainment single or double feature, I am not sure.

VACANCY: Public Relations Person - The club is soliciting for a replacement for Rob 3ACY. No he is not fired. Rob has been posted to Nairobi, Africa and will be leaving in June, 1979.

The new PR person will take over the duties of the Pot Hole net scheduling, VE3JW scheduling and Touchtone co-ordination, and other public relations responsibilities as defined by the president.

Rob's dedication and efficiency will be hard to replace; but there are keeners out there ... so give it a shot!

METRES FOR MILLIONS - The club will again be involved for St. John's Ambulance communications and helping walkers make contact with home.

Stan 3GYP is presently looking for help; so step forward and call Stan 521-5434; or contact any member of the executive.

Shorts - A new repeater VE3TWR, is now in operation on the CN tower; 449.4 MHz in and 444.4 MHz out.

Touring Studio Facilities of a Broadcast Radio Station: If you are interested, see Mike 3LAR at the April General Meeting.

Mike 3KMG is having a great time on HF, with his new IC 701 ... especially on 10 ~~in~~ fone.

Ontario Hamfest coming July 7th. More info will be coming later.

Pakistan has been removed from the official ITU list of banned countries.

R.S.O. Convention coming October 12, 13 and 14.

Dave 3KLX is sporting the use of his new Yaesu memorizer to supplement his 2M operation.

Your Editor is still awaiting contributions to the Ramblerand waiting!

From Halifax Amateur Radio Club Bulletin - There will be a reunion of Communicators taking place in Dartmouth over the period July 20-22. Information can be obtained by writing to Box 2755 Dartmouth, N.S. B2W 4R4. Amateurs in the Halifax area are looking forward to seeing many amateurs from the rest of the country.

Relocation of Repeater VE3ORA 146.28/.88 - Please refer to your February 1979 issue of the Rambler. In the Feb issue, I described the history of this repeater. Well, they are still looking for contributions to the cost of relocation fund. If you care to contribute, send your cheque, payable to the Ottawa-Rideau Repeater Association - In-trust, to Box 23, Kinburn, KOA 2H0. The repeater had another workout Sunday April 8th, during the Jock River Whitewater Canoe Race.