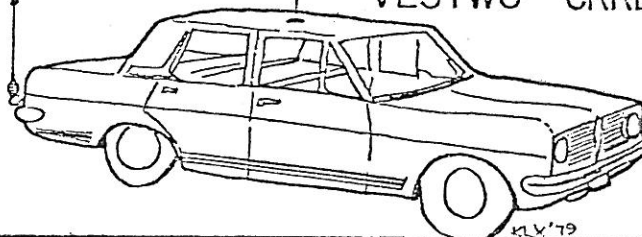


# OVMRC's RAMBLER

PUBLISHED & DISTRIBUTED BY  
The Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club Inc.,  
P.O. BOX 5530, Station "F",  
OTTAWA, Ontario K2C 3M1 CANADA

VE3RAMI CARF  
VE3JW RSO  
VE3TWO CRRL



VOLUME 22

NUMBER 5

DATE May 1979

EDITOR MIKE GRAHAM VE3KMG (825-2972), Assistant to the Editor Dave Couits VE3KLX (829-2537)  
ALL contributions to this bulletin gladly accepted.

Membership in the OVMRC 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 pm 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	VE3FSN	741-5637
SECRETARY	LLOYD CARR	VE3FHC	825-1070
TREASURER	MIKE HUGHSON	VE3DVH	224-2376
P.R. CO-ORDINATOR	ROB BAREHAM	VE3ACY	236-5287
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.

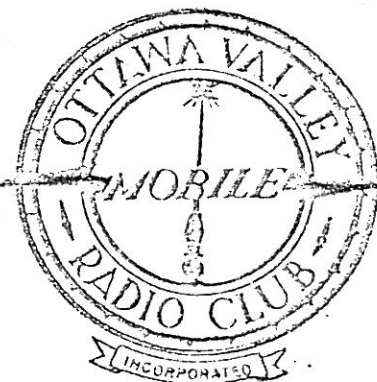
Monitoring Facility - Barb VE3AHV monitors the club repeater VE3TWO 147.90/.30. Stations requiring assistance are asked to repeat VE3AHV's call several times, then wait for a minute or so for a reply. Stations with touch tone pads are asked to precede their calls with touch tone digits 2-4-6 and wait 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 procedures.

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.



Doreen and Ed Morgan,  
VE3CGO & VE3GX  
755 Hamlet Road,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.  
K1G 1P7

OTTAWA, ONTARIO



P.O. BOX 5530  
STA. "F"  
K2C 3M1



APRIL 1979

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

# May 1979

FIFTH MONTH

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
☾ FIRST QUARTER 4TH	○ FULL MOON 12TH	1	2 OARC Gen Mtg 20:45 CW Pract 3TWO	3	4	5 PHN 3GVI 3JW-3BYX -3GVI
6 PHO-HDO 3JW-3BNO -3HKG	7 20:45 CW Practice 3TWO	8 CARC General Meeting	9 CW Pract. 3 TWO	10	11	12 PHN-3SH 3JW-3NG -3GX
13 PHN-AOE 3JW-3EYJ -3CAM	14	15	16 CW Pract. 3 TWO	17 OVMRC General Meeting	18	19 PHN-3CV 3JW - 3HFD - 3 JKR
20 PHN-3DVH 3JW-3GYP -3KHI	21 20:45 CW Pract 3 TWO VICTORIA DAY	22	23 CW Pract. 3 TWO	24 OVMRC Executive Meeting	25	26 PHN-3GVI 3JW-3CXL xyl
27 PHN-3JQW 3JW-3JLP -3JLQ	28	29	30 CW Pract. 3 TWO	31	☾ LAST QUARTER 18TH	● NEW MOON 26TH

MAY 1979

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

# June 1979

SIXTH MONTH

JULY 1979

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
☾ FIRST QUARTER 2ND	○ FULL MOON 10TH	☾ LAST QUARTER 17TH	● NEW MOON 24TH		1	2 PHN 3VI 3JW - 3BNO - 3 HKG
3 PHN 3JQW 3JW - 3 ERO friend	4 CW Pract. 3 TWO	5	6 DOC CW Test OARC Gen'l Meeting 3TWO CW Pract.	7	8	9 PHN 3AOE 3JW - 3CJD - 3JSE
10 PHN ? 3JW - 3EYJ - 3CAM	11	12 CARC General Meeting	13 CW Pract. 3 TWO	14	15	16 PHN ? 3JW - 3LAR - 3CDG
17 PHN ? 3JW 3GYP 3KHI	18 CW Pract. 3 TWO	19	20 CW Pract. 3 TWO	21 OVMRC General Meeting	22	23 PHN? <u>FIELD DAY</u> 3JW - 3HRJ - Friend
24 PHN ? 3JW 3CXL xyl	25 <u>FIELD DAY</u>	26	27 CW Pract. 3 TWO	28 OVMRC Exec Meet'g	29	30 PHN ? 3JW - 3JRY - friend

OVMRC General Meeting Minutes - April 19, 1979

Introduction - The meeting convened at 20:08h in the Auditorium of the Science and Tech Museum. 3LAR introduced the one visitor, 3BDO.

A motion for adoption of the March General minutes was moved by 3FHC. Seconded by 3ACY. Carried.

Old Business - A briefing of the Spring Auction (28 Apr) was given by 3CCT. All is going well. The school is ready, and most volunteers are organized. Sandwiches will be sold at 50¢ each and coffee at 25¢ per cup.

3ACY introduced the new Constitution amendment reference Life Membership. He made a motion to accept the amendment to article 12 para 6 as published in the April '79 Rambler. Seconded by 3FHC. The vote was 12 for and 11 against. However, the motion was nullified - not 2/3 majority! ~~Carried.~~

New Business - 3ABC asked for a member to volunteer to assume the duties of Public Relations chairman, to replace 3ACY - who departs on a foreign tour of duty in June. No volunteers came forward.

3ACY addressed the membership on a proposal to drop one Club call. It was suggested to use 3RAM only. The repeater would be 3RAM and when on field day, the site would be 3RAM portable. No motion was made, as both licences are paid for 79/80. This point should be re-introduced in late 79/80.

3GYP briefed everyone on our progress for the "Meters for Millions" (5 May) We will be manning 14 aid stns from 7:00h (Parliament Hill) to 24:00h (Lansdowne Park). 2CRA has been approved for our dedicated use, on 5 May. 3GYP has 25 volunteers to-date and needs 11 more to make a light load for everyone.

3ABC stated the proposed citywide Ham Directory has died but is being started again.

3ACY read the reply to his letter, from Heathkit. Heathkit has agreed to supply a new pre-built HW101 for 3JW. The existing set will remain at 3JW as a backup.

3GVI indicated that he can get the address and submit an order for new Club name tags for anyone if enough are interested.

Committee Reports

- 3DVH-Treas - \$380.00 in Club account. 62 members have renewed.
- 2ACY-PR - We no longer have a 51% ARRL membership, therefore we cannot be classed as an affiliate member club of ARRL.
- 3FHC-Sec - Nothing to report
- 3FSN-Tech - 3JW and 3TWO are working OK. The construction of the new repeater is progressing well.
- 3KMG-Rambler - He is looking for ANYONE to present articles, gossip notes or otherwise. Send them in please.
- 3LAR-VPres - Played the tape of the current HR report and proposed a visit to CFRA studios. Anyone interested is to contact him soon.

Program - 3GIN gave an interesting talk on net operations. He covered both HF and VHF and the differences between phone, CW, formal, informal.

Adjournment - New Executive meeting - 19:30h April 26, 1979  
Next General meeting - 20:00h May 17, 1979. A motion for adjournment was moved by 3GVI. Seconded by 3ACY. Adjourned at 21:35h.

Submitted by LH Carr 3FHC - Secretary

Field Day 1979 - June 23, 24, 1979. Rain or shine; hot or cold. (SARC News, Vol 24, #3, 1979)

Field Day is a contest. Why should you or a club participate in a contest for radio amateurs? Why do so many organizations including ARRL and SARC Inc sponsor and participate in contests? Why do so many individual amateurs participate in so many contests on so many weekends? There are many answers offered to these questions. The main reason or best answer in my view is:

TO IMPROVE YOUR OPERATING SKILLS

Any other reason for contesting is secondary to this particular reason. This means that contesting is for everyone, provided you wish to improve your operating skills. If you think that contesting is for the super<sup>person</sup> and "fast operators", consider also that they achieved those enviable skills by practice

Field Day - continued

No one is born with a natural knowledge of CW proficient at 40 WPM. There is plenty of room in any contest for amateurs with operating skills at any level.

Field day is a unique contest because competition is usually club against club, on emergency power, and remote from your usual location. A field is obtained, electric generators are rented and stations assembled in a field, housed in tents and trailers over a full 24 hour period.

THE PURPOSE of this contest is to improve your operating skills and emergency preparedness.

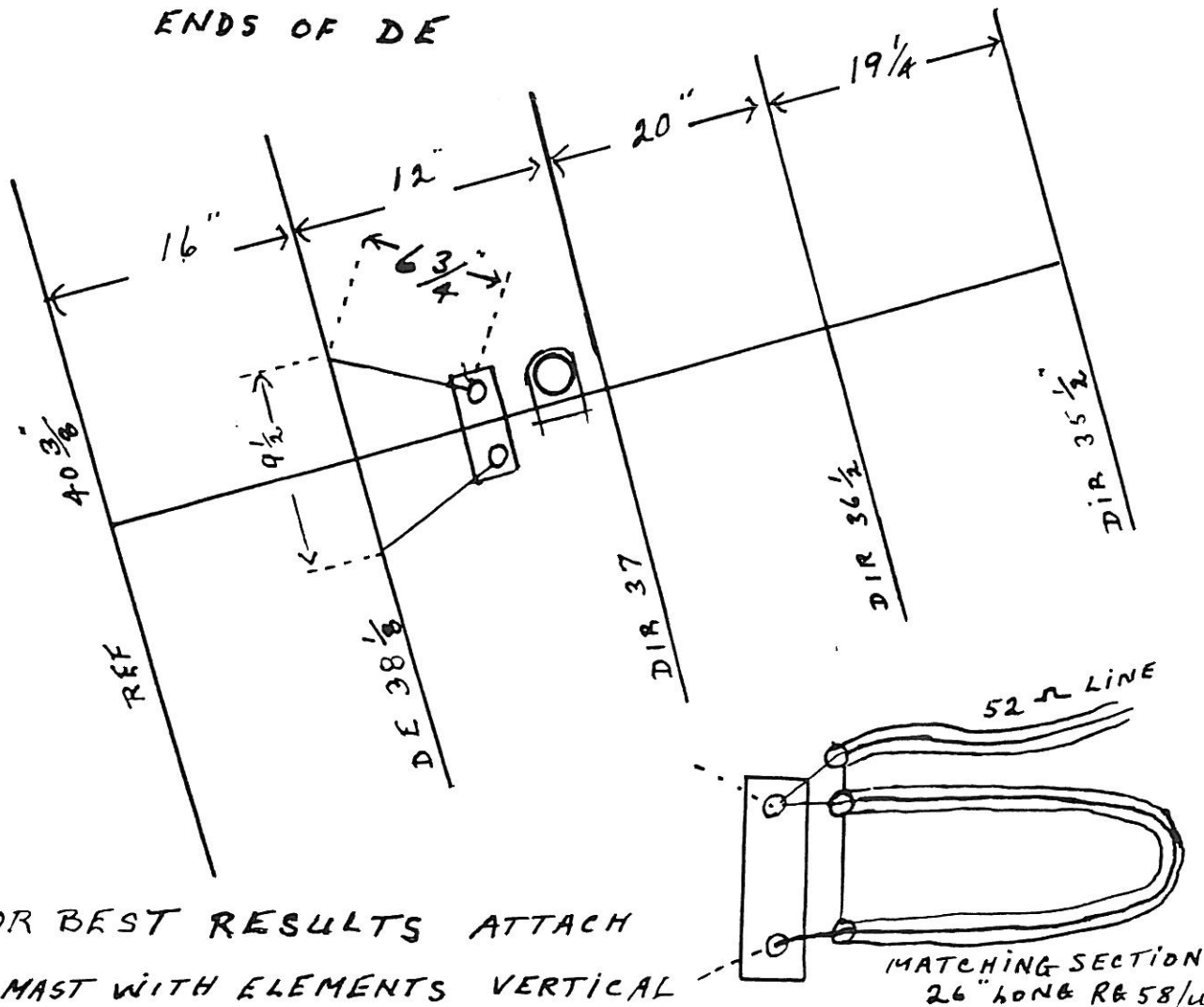
THE OBJECT of the contest is to contact as many other stations while under these emergency conditions.

Field day is many things; too many things to list here and all of them good (at least in hindsight, HI) An organization is as follows:

More discussion on this subject will be brought forward at the general meeting. Presently we do not have a site and are looking for organizers, operators, etc.

2 M. 5 EL. BEAM (VE sect) de.  
TNX TO BILL...3KMG.

MATERIAL - SALVAGED TV ANT  
TUNING - ADJUSTABLE SLEEVES IN  
ENDS OF DE





CARF NEWS SERVICE - Get the news fast for your club bulletin - tune in VE3TCA, the No 1 CARF official news station. This newsletter and any special CARF bulletins are transmitted each week on the following SKED:

Sundays:	SSB 14.140 MHz	1745 GMT	Tuesdays:	CW 3.590 MHz	0100 GMT
	RTTY 14.080 MHz	1830 GMT		RTTY 3.610 MHz	0130 GMT
	CW 14.070 MHz	1930 GMT	(Note: GMT times for Tuesdays are Mon-		
	SSB 3.755 MHz	2300 GMT	day evening times in Canada)		

REPORT ON THE SPRING AUCTION (submitted by Bill 3CCT)

The OVMRC has had another very successful auction. As auction chairman I wish to thank all those club members who came out and assisted in the many tasks associated with a function of this size and complexity.

The response I received when a member was asked to help was generally very good indeed. A special mention and thanks must however also go out to several non-club members. These were Bernie VE3SH; Danny VE3EMO; Brian VE3FXS; Vera and Pam in the snack bar, the XYLs and YLs who made up sandwiches and others I'm sure who participated in the "registering in", "handling", etc. As usual Gord VE3GIN provided a most helpful "talk in" service. VE3ORA gave us excellent coverage and its availability to us was much appreciated. Thanks VE2SD. Last and by no means least special thanks to Ron, Leon, Herb and Merv for adding the professional touch at the auction block. All of the aforementioned united effort is what makes for a successful auction and proves once again that people pulling together can make it work even if we are only Hams!

From the financial point of view, I understand we did very well. Mike VE3DVH our treasurer, reports that approximately \$480. was netted for the club.

Again on behalf of the OVMRC many thanks to all who participated. To our many visitors the mere fact that you honoured us with your presence was in itself very much appreciated.

Amateur Profile - SERGE 3JRG - by Dave 3KLX

This month's character is Serge Stucken, VE3JRG. Serge has been a resident of Ottawa for about 35 years. He also spent a brief while in Calgary, Alberta.

Serge is a graduate mechanical engineer from Cambridge University in Eng. He served an apprenticeship with Metropolitan Vickers in 1924, from 1936-1941 (approx) Serge worked for the Jardine Engineering Corporation.

In 1941 Serge joined the Canadian Army and was also the Director of engineering services for Canadian arsenals in the manufacture of armaments and explosives. In his involvement with Canadian arsenals, he found that a knowledge of electronics was important. Be coming familiar with electronics, Serge laid the foundation for becoming involved in amateur radio. Serge continued with Canadian arsenals until he retired in 1967.

From here he worked on his amateur ticket and earned his first call VE3GEA. Serge held this call from 1967-1975. In 1975 Serge moved to Alberta and stayed there about a year. His call was VE6AQR from 1975-76. He returned to Ottawa in 1976 and got his present call VE3JRG.

Serge frequents the fifteen metre band where he makes CW contacts in the morning hours. He is also a regular on the Pot Lid CW Net.

Serge operates a Kenwood TS 520 from his ninth floor apartment. He gets on forty and eighty with what Serge calls his "Zig-zag random wire antenna". It is literally a random wire which zig zags around his balcony. He connects this to a tuner to load up his TS 520 effectively.

For fifteen and twenty, Serge he a B & W whip which is about 50" long.

Serge enjoys working CW and making rag chew contacts. He expressed an interest in becoming proficient at sending with his new electronic keyer. Being a "straight key man" for quite a while makes using a keyer a little awkward, but if anyone has copied Serge's sending they will soon discover that he is developing quite an "Electronic Fist" (HI).

May General Meeting - Mike 3LAR will have some motion pictures on Fighter Aircraft. Mike 3KMG may have some slides from checkpoint #4 on the Meters for Millions.

## METRES FOR MILLIONS

Once again the Radio Amateurs of the National Capital Region have demonstrated that when it comes to using their hobby for the good of the public, they are without equal.

On a cool but sunny May 5th, 38 Hams enthusiastically gave up part, and in several cases, all of their Saturday to provide a radio communication network for the St. John Ambulance Brigade at 14 First Aid Posts and in 5 mobile vehicles along the Metres for Millions route. Except for Ambulances No. 1 and 2, which began their operations at Post 1 and Post 2, the five vehicles were mobile for the whole 18 hours of operation, starting at 6:30 AM and covering the whole of the 50 km route several times over. In fact, Command Car No. 1 clocked up a total of 560 km - that's 350 miles to the "non-converters" ! - and in the process giving VE3ZS's constitution a thorough shaking up.

The Net Control Station VE3RAM was set up in the St. John Ambulance Headquarters at 30 Queen Elizabeth Driveway and was most efficiently operated throughout the day by Gordon VE3GIN and Mike VE3LAR, with Sean VE3HXP acting as relief for part of that time.

Although this is an activity in which all Radio Amateurs in the Ottawa area are invited to take part, it is especially gratifying to note that of the 38 operators and 5 stand-bys involved on that day, no less than 25 were members of the OVMRC Inc. - a truly commendable effort.

Bill Hlatky, the Officer-in-Charge for the St. John Ambulance Brigade, has asked that the Brigade's appreciation and heartiest thanks be passed on to all the Hams who helped in providing the radio net and added that without it their job would have been extremely difficult, if not impossible.

As organizers of the St. John Ambulance Net, the OVMRC Inc. wishes to extend its appreciation to the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club Inc. for the use of their repeater VE2CRA, which again performed flawlessly throughout the day. Above all, the organizers wish to give a special pat-on-the-back to all the operators for the proper and efficient manner in which the Net was conducted.

Below are listed the Radio Amateurs who took part on May 5th, with locations and hours of operation.

Command Car No. 1: VE3ZS	Art	- 18 hrs.	Supply Vehicle: VE3JQW	George	- 18 hrs.
Command Car No. 2: VE3BDU	Walt	- 18	VE3KEQ	Steve	- 6½
Ambulance No. 1 and Post 1: VE3GFY	Dave	- 18 hrs.			
Ambulance No. 2 and Post 2: VE3LOW	Russ	- 18			
Post 3: VE3JKR	René	- 6½ hrs.	Post 10: VE3CCV	Ken	- 3½ hrs.
Post 4: 3KMG	Mike	- 7½	3CV	Merv	- 4
	3KLX	Dave	3GGQ	Ted	- 4
Post 5: 3KMR	Arline	- 4½	Post 11: 3KHK	Noel	- 4
	3JQY	Gord	3KMN	Craig	- 4
Post 6: 3AOE	Arlyn	- 4½	3KLN	Ron	- 4
	3FSN	Russ	Post 12: 3HYS	Harry	- 6
Post 7: 3AMK	Ian	- 4½	3IDC	Bill	- 6
	3JMV	Rudi	Post 13: 3JRX	Ray	- 4
Post 8: 3KLT	Terry	- 6	3AOX	Ernie	- 4
	3FHC	Lloyd	3ATJ	Don	- 4½
Post 9: 3HVA	Rick	- 4	Post 14: 3HDO	Ron	- 4½
	3JDB	Bob	3IHW	Bruce	- 4½
	3JLQ	Bob	3IVQ	Ron	- 4
Net Control Station: VE3GIN	Gord	- 18 hrs.	Stand-bys: VE3CCT	Bill	
	3LAR	Mike	3JRH	Jim	
	3HXP	Sean	3KMV	Dave	
	3GYP	Stan	3KEQ	Steve	
			3IVQ	Ron	

Corrections to Membership List

- VE3AHV Barb - Phone No 523-4246
- VE3CEP Paul - Postal Code K1H 6G8, Home Phone No 733-0148, Bus No 566-2955
- VE3FSN Russ - Bus No 995-3135
- VE3JQW George - xyl Vivian, postal code K1V 7G6
- VE3KLT Terry - Home Phone No 523-2472
- VE3LBG Ron - Home Phone No 521-7385
- VE3LOW Russ - Home Phone No 237-5093
- VE3KMG Mike - Bus No 746-4611 (after May 28th)
- VE3ACY ROB - Address - Box 30481 EMBASSY OF CANADA, NAIROBI, KENYA (eff. 010779)

Shorts

If you have found any errors in our club membership list, please report them to the Rambler editor for publication, so all may correct their copy. Barb 3AHV is continuing to take care of the QSL cards for VE3JW. Tnx Barb. Contributions for the Rambler have been coming in and are much appreciated. The deadline for submissions is the Monday of the week preceeding the general meeting.

Well, the May 9th Amateur and Advanced exams have been written. Some of us found them a little hard, but not unreasonable. For those interested, the next set of exams is July 11th, 1979. and CW tests can be taken on the morning of the second Wednesday each month -...- Dave 3KLX has passed the 15 wpm code!!

Meters for Millions went off very well in spite of the negative contribution of a certain religious group. The contribution of this club and other area hams is well documented in this Rambler. A super vote of thanks goes to Stan Navratil 3GYP for organizing the amateurs.

Guelph Ontario will host the Central Ontario Flea Market, now an annual event, June 9th, 1979.

Pakistan has been taken off the banned country list. Austria now has reciprocal operating privileges with Canada, along with India and Indonesia. Visitors at April General Meeting: Bill 3BDO, Geo 3EQH.

Club Auction - There certainly was a lot of help from all participants, as Bill 3CCT described. Commendations must go to Bill for organizing the whole affair and providing the location. Also special thanks to Vera (Bill's xyl) for looking after the food and coffee concession for the club.

Public Relations Co-ordinator - We are still looking for someone to take over this position starting in June.

Rob 3ACY will be on his way to Nairobi, Kenya, late June or early July. 73's Rob.

*Mike 3KMG  
73's*