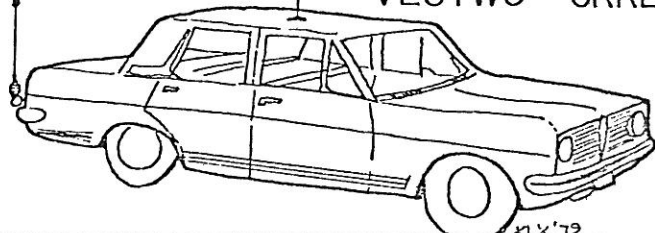


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Membership in the OVMRC is open to all those interested in Amateur Radio. Regular Club meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month (except July and August) at 8:00pm unless otherwise posted.

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### 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.

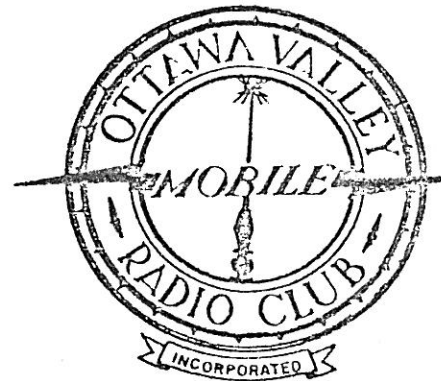
Monitoring Facility - Barb VE3AHV monitors the club repeater VE3TWO 147.90/.30. Stations requiring assistance are asked to repeat VE3AHV's call several times, then wait for a minute or so for a reply. Stations with touch tone pads are asked to precede their calls with touch tone digits 2-4-6 and wait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





OVMRC JUNE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - The Apr General meeting minutes, as published in the Rambler, were adopted by 3BDO and seconded by 3FSN. 3FSN stated the rotator for the 3JW beam has been repaired and that both 3JW and 3TWO were operating satisfactory. 3JQW stated that letters were sent to both newspapers and TV stations, announcing our Field Day and that CJOH/TV has indicated that they will cover it. 3KMG requested a typist for the Rambler - 3FHC volunteered. 3ABC indicated that all Field Day supplies were at his home. A discussion followed outlining eqpt needed for the Field Day and concept of operations. 3GIN covered problems and experiences learned during the 1978 Field Day.

SEPTEMBER 79 CALENDAR -

Sep	1	3JW -	SVI, FHC	PHN - ABC
	2	3JW -	LAR, KLX	PHN - ABC
	5	OARC General Meeting		
	8	3JW -	LAR	PHN - LAR
	9	3JW -	GYP	PHN - ABC
	11	CARC General Meeting		
	13	OVMRC Executive Meeting at QTH of 3FHC		
	15	3JW -	HFD	PHN - HTJ
	16	3JW -	GGQ, KLT	PHN - KMG
	20	OVMRC General Meeting at Museum of Science & Technology		
	22	3JW -	2DZT	PHN - ACE
	23	3JW -	NG, GX	PHN - ?
	27	OVMRC Executive Meeting		
	29	3JW -	ATJ	PHN - ?
	30	3JW -	GZS	PHN - ?

FIELD DAY 1979 - Contributed by Tom 3ABC - The first time ever that I gave up trout fishing to go to a Field Day. Like everyone doing their bit in a happy way. Like the excellent site at Paul's place (3JLP), acres of space absolutely mud free, lots of good parking. Like everything came together as if by magic. The tents, antennas, beam etc. Put up by our crew who I am absolutely positive spent at least ten years with Ringling Bros. & Barnham & Bailey. Like the diesel generator that ran smooth as silk. Thanks to Ron (3HDO) for procuring & Mike (3KMG) for transporting it & Merv (3CV) for mechanical know how, with no less than two stand-by generators.

The constant supply of food by our two Master Chefs Mike (3LAR) & Russ (3FSN) with even a chili expert on hand - Don (3ATJ). Like the faithful key & microphone gang who never once let us down. Some put in many extra hours filling gaps on the Roster. Like some sitting in the cook tent in the small wee hours waiting to spell off their buddies, who would come slowly out of the CW or phone tent to stretch their legs, flex their key cramped fingers & shake their over-worked vocal cords with coffee, while they soaked up a bit of the cookstove heat to take the edge off the PRE-DAWN-AIR. Like some arriving in the wee small hours on motorcycles to lend a hand or voice. Like the Press coverage, thanks to George (3JQW)- the Press who really co-operated with him. No less than four different NEWS OUTLETS all with excellent pictures. Like when the final gun sounded, down come those tents, antennas, beams etc. Even the SUPER-DE-LUX ONE HOLER disappeared into the bush --on the front of Paul's Front-end-loading device on his tractor. All the gear loaded into Bob's (3HLQ) truck, ready for storage in Paul's barn, in about one hour. Like a good job WELL DONE by all. (Editor's note - final submitted results for Fd Day were: 231 CW contacts, 513 Phone contacts; for a total of 1950 claimed points. An additional 300 points are expected for: emergency power, msg origination and publicity )

RSO CONVENTION 12 - 14 OCT 79 - The following is the preliminary Schedule of Events for the Convention being conducted in the SKYLINE HOTEL, Ottawa.

- Friday - 12 Oct - 1500 - Registration desk opens  
1700 - Manufacturers displays open  
2000 - Light buffet, dancing & entertainment  
- Some Hospitality suites open
- Saturday - 13 Oct - 0900 - Film showings start  
- Manufacturers displays open  
- Technical sessions & forums begin  
- Sightseeing tour "A" leaves  
0930 - Sightseeing tour "B" leaves  
1000 - Hourly prize drawings commence  
- Shuttle bus service starts  
- QCWA, PARC, RSO and CNIB Hospitality suites open  
1300 - Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show  
1900 - Radio Society of Ontario Banquet  
- Draw for Grand Prizes  
2100 - Dancing until the wee hours  
2230 - Live Stereo Broadcast on CFMO FM
- Sunday - 14 Oct - 0900 - Flea market opens  
1000 - RSO delegates' meeting  
- AMSAT tutorial  
- Shuttle Bus leaves for Non-Amateur Flea Market  
1100 - Shuttle Bus leaves for Non-Amateur Flea Market  
1400 - For Football fans - BC Lions vs Ottawa Rough Riders  
(don't bother watching -- BC will win !!)

TICKETS for this Convention are available from: RSO Convention Committee,  
PO Box 5076 Stn "F", Ottawa Ont K2C 3H3.

THE NEW MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS - Compliments of CARF News Service.

At 43, DAVID MACDONALD, is one of the YOUNGEST members of the new Clark cabinet. He represents a PEI riding. An ordained minister, he has worked as a radio announcer and operator in Charlottetown and Halifax and has broadcast on the CBC. He is deeply involved in human rights and cultural affairs both at home and abroad as well as being associated with international parliamentary organizations. To top it all off, he also wears the hat of Secretary of State.

EASTERN ONTARIO DIVISIONAL CANOEING TRIALS - by Mike (3LAR)

Sunday, 29 July, saw the running of the Eastern Ontario Divisional Canoeing Trials in Carleton Place on the section of the Mississippi River opposite the Community Park. A total of thirteen area amateurs under the direction of Art (3ZS) assisted the host Carleton Place Canoe Club with the communications necessary for the day's events. Things got underway a bit late at about 10:30 and with only a short half hour break for lunch, the operation continued until 18:30. The weatherman smiled on all those involved; the cloud cover of early morning dissipated by race-time and the sun shone throughout the rest of the day.

146.52 MHZ was used and the communications were organized as follows:

Net Control -	Jim 3CIJ & Art 3ZS
Starting Position -	Bill 3BDO & Dennis 3KLI
Judges Stand -	Ernie 3AOX & Brian 3ELQ
Whipper Inner -	Jan 3JMG
Referee Boat 1 -	George 3 JQW
Referee Boat 2 -	Larry 3IHZ
OPP Boat -	Bob 3KLG & Dave 3GFY

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Pick-up Boat 1 - Brian 3BRT  
Pick-up Boat 2 - Mike 3LAR

The Rideau Canoe Club came away with 276 points in the 46 race card; the Carleton Place Canoe Club placed second, more than 100 points behind the winner. Other canoe clubs in attendance were Gananoque and Cataragui.

Another successful community activity supported by Ottawa Valley Amateurs !

OTTAWA NEW EDINBURGH SAILBOAT REGATTA - by Dave 3KLX

A group of Amateurs demonstrated, once again, their ability to provide top notch communications on 18 & 19 Aug, by assisting in a sailboat regatta which was being hosted by the New Edinburgh Canoe Club.

The group of Amateurs were assembled by Russ 3FSN, under the direction of Ray 3FN. The Net Control post was manned by Lloyd 3FHC. Dave 3KLX was on board a power boat which was skippered by Stan 3GYP. Ray 3FN and Mike 3LAR were manning the other two crash boats while Russ 3FSN was aboard the committee vessel.

The duties of the marine mobile stations involved: setting out markers, observing the sailboats as they passed each respective marker and to provide assistance to anyone who tumbled into the drink (Fortunately - no one did!).

The series of races were spread out over the two days. The first day saw quite a bit of precipitation, but this didn't dampen the spirits of the Amateurs or the sailors. With rain-gear (some without) and rubber ducks, the Amateurs managed to maintain smooth communications. The second day saw clearer skies, but an unfortunate lack of wind. As a result, the races had to be shortened to prevent the gradual drifting, of the sailboats, in the direction of Montreal.

It was an interesting two days, and the Amateurs were also provided with hot lunches both days courtesy of the New Edinburgh Club.

Thanks to all involved for a job WELL DONE !

MEMBERSHIP LIST - an updated one will be available shortly. Watch for it !

SHORTS - - For your record's, here's 3CCT's new address:

Bill Fretwell  
6 Hartley St  
Brockville Ont K6V 3N1

- - Bud 3UD attending WARC this month & operating with VE3UD/HB on 14.170 & 21.230 at 0600Zulu and 1200Zulu.

- - OVMRC RSO Convention Hospitality Suite on 13 Oct (Sat) by Mike 3LAR. Also looking for volunteers and operators for 3RSO on 34/94 with back-up on 28/88. Hours of operation Fri 12 Oct 1300 - 2300 Local; Sat 13 Oct 0700 - 1200 Local and Sun 14 Oct 0700 - 0900 Local.

- - Next set of EXAMS for Amateur licence will be 17 OCTOBER. Last date for application to write is 19 SEPTEMBER.

- - Wonder if Rob 3ACY is on the air yet, in Nairobi Kenya, or is he still enjoying the sites !!!

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH - next page - -

SEP GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM - Remote Control Model Aircraft - by Mike 3DVH

AMATEUR PROFILE - By Dave 3KLX

This month's character is BILL FRETWELL, more commonly known as VE3CCT. Bill hails from Maynard near Prescott Ont. Somehow farming and Bill did not agree right from the time the first radio bug bit him back about 1933 when he built his first receiver. This was a crystal set with a very touchy cat's whisker. After High School, a course in radio at Ottawa Tech, and more radio "stuff" at Queen's University, Bill was off to Europe in an RCAF uniform. Bill spent about four years with the RAF as a radar technician. At this point in time, Bill was still not a Ham but was hamming it up just the same ! By the end of 1945, Bill was a civilian for eleven months. This was long enough to convince him that the RCAF had not been so bad after all. Approximately thirty years later, Bill retired prematurely from the Canadian Forces as a Telecommunications Maintenance Superintendent. From this point on, Bill has been a "jack-of-all-trades". Oh yes, the coveted certificate of proficiency in radio was earned in 1950. The examining officer at that time was one of our own Club members - Bruce Spanton.

The equipment in the "shack" of VE3CCT was always of the home-brew variety until the mid sixties. Bill is extremely proficient at scrounging much to the chagrin of Vera, his XYL.

Bill has worked all bands and has acquired many pieces of wallpaper. Bill's main interests are net operation, phone patching and just plain rag chewing when he isn't fixing up old houses (Hi) !

We all wish Bill, and his XYL, the best of luck and happiness in their new QTH in Brockville. Bill should be back on the air when he gets a chance to harvest an antenna farm sometime in the fall.

## LATE FOR THE PRESS ITEMS

-- VE3GIN has moved to Bancroft. He should be on HF shortly. The latest heard is that he has his tower base set in concrete, and the rest should follow shortly.

-- VE3ACY/HB has arrived in Nairobi, but his equipment hasn't. He expects to have it shortly and be on the air on 25 SEP 79. Look for him every day on 14.140 or 21.250 between 1600Z and 2300Z.

## ANNUAL BBQ- by Barb 3AHV

The Annual Club Barbeque was held on 9 Sep 79 with 27 adults and 4 children in attendance. The weatherman cooperated nicely and a good time was had by all. Those members who were able to make it out included VE3ABC, 3AHV, 3AOE, 3ATJ, 3BDO, 3EEC, 3FHC, 3FSN, 3HDO, 3JLP, 3JLQ, 3KLP, 3KLX, 3KMR, 3LAR and 3LC. Special thanks goes out to Russ and Mike who provided the food, manned the barbeques and supplied the music to cook and eat with. Someone was heard to say it reminded him of Harveys ! Tom Hayes had extra booze available while Ruth kindly supplied the coffee. Helen Reavely brought along her famous chili con carne and Don supplied a folding picnic table to put it on. Peter North, son of 3HDO, brought along his dog KASEY and little Susan Carr, daughter of 3FHC, went home with a bee sting on her hand. Finally, a thank-you to all who helped make this year's Barbeque a success and especially to Paul Cooper for the use of his property.

## MEMBERSHIP LIST AMENDMENTS

Not sure if the information listed is correct? Please check it at the General meeting on the 20th or if you can't attend, call Lloyd (3FHC) at 825-1070. We hope you will have the latest list with your Oct RAMBLER.

## PRINTING OF RAMBLER

Our previous source for the printing of the RAMBLER has gone QRT. It is now costing a fair chunk to print our excellent Bulletin. To try and reduce the cost, assistance is requested from anyone who can assist in this area. If you can assist or recommend a reasonable source, how about giving the Editor a call at 825-2972.

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