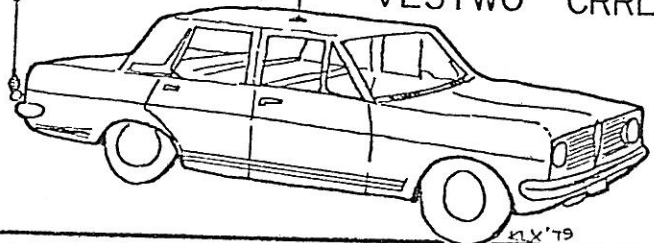


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ALL contributions to this bulletin gladly accepted.

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 8:00pm unless otherwise posted.

OTTAWA VALLEY MOBILE RADIO CLUB - 1979 - EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT	TOM HAYES	VE3ABC	822-2811
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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.



MINUTES * OCT GEN MEETING - The meeting convened at 2004 hrs with 23 in attendance. The Sep Gen meeting minutes were accepted, as printed, by a motion from 3KMG and seconded by 3BDO -- Carried. 3LAR stated that the new HW101 has been received for 3JW. He then briefed everyone on the proposed new layout for 3JW. If anyone has suggestions to improve the layout, they are to contact 3LAR or 3FSN.

3LAR asked for more questions, from members, to be submitted to the DOC as requested for the exams. Only 3 have been received to date. The submission has to be in by end Oct.

3LAR debriefed everyone on our participation in the RSO convention. Out of the \$150 budget, only \$108.56 was spent. A vote of thanks motion was made by 3CV and seconded by 3FHC, for Mike's (3LAR) excellent work at organizing the talk-in on 34/94 and the hospitality suite.

3ABC indicated that the Snowarama meetings have begun and that the Comms are well in hand this year.

3FHC stated that we now have 69 members.

3FSN stated that the new repeater construction is going well and that 3JW is being rewired and shifted around to allow more visitors to see what is going on in the booth.

3LAR briefed everyone on publishing costs and the suggestion to purchase our own Gestetner (or other make) machine. A rebuilt gestetner would cost \$642. For the coming year, publishing costs could be as high as \$420 plus paper. Discussion went on for several minutes looking at alternate means. No decision was made.

3FN re-iterated the Club dinner plans as published in the Oct Rambler. 19 showed interest. If we don't have at least 30 paid seats by 31 Oct, the plans will be cancelled for the Somerset Mess location.

3ABC requested candidates to attend the CARF symposium, Nov 3 - 4. No one indicated interest.

The meeting adjourned at 2153 hrs, with a motion from 3CV and seconded by 3JKR - - Carried.

QSL MANAGER - For those that aren't aware, Barb 3AHV is the QSL manager for 3JW. Unfortunately, due to the limited space at 3JW, most of the cards can't be displayed. Barb has been bringing current ones to the General meetings for everyone to view. Once 3JW is renovated, possible plans could include rotation of cards being displayed on the station wall. As a point of interest, there was a very interesting card from a satellite organization in California. Others recently received were from Vancouver Wash, Duquoin Iowa, Salem Oregon, Sandiago Calif, Bremerton Wash, Buena Park Calif and Florence Alabama.

THE DRINK TANK - From the Nairobi Daily Nation - contributed by Rob (ex 3ACY)

I know a fellow who's working his way down from bottoms up. Life for him is a matter of urps and downs. And who says he's a hard drinker? He does that easier than anything.

Our mutual friend says he enjoys cocktail parties where drinks mix people. From what I have been able to gather, his favourite drink is the next one. If it wasn't for the olives in the martinis, he'd starve to death.

You see, drinking doesn't just drown his troubles -- it irrigates them. He's so sot in his ways that with him, every day is an alcoholiday. And he's never been able to join Alcoholics Anonymous to this day because he's never sober enough to memorize the pledge.

I even hear that the Red Cross rejected his blood donation -- his plasma had an olive in it. At one time, our mutual friend started to write a drinking song, but he never got past the first two bars.

"Here comes trouble," someone said the other day as our mutual friend entered the bar. "Give him a couple of glasses and he's sure to make a spectacle of himself."

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With the article from last month on the SSB Pot Hole net, I thought it would be a novel idea to shed some light on our CW net.

This net is not necessarily intended for the lightning fists. It is designed to permit telegraphers, fast and (mostly) slow, to participate in a net using CW. The net I refer to is none other than the Pot Lid Slow Speed CW net, which takes place every Sunday morning at 1100 hrs local on 3.620 MHz.

The Pot Lid net is in its seventh year of operation under the very capable management of Ed Morgan, VE3GX. Who participates .. you may ask? The regulars are usually Doreen VE3CGO, Serge 3JRG, George 3JQW, Chip 3JLL, Mike 3LAR, yours truly Dave 3KLX, Bob 3EEK, Fraser 3JRT and Pete 3JRO. Of course this list expands and contracts from week to week.

The check-in procedure isn't too difficult. Further details on this can be acquired from the Net Manager, Ed 3GX at 733-1721 or by listening to the net. The net is in an informal style and gives each check-in a chance to pound brass for his/her contribution to the rag chew.

Don't be scared by this net. Listen to a few nets and then check-in. The net control station will always be keeping his/her speed down for the benefit of newcomers to the net (and/or to CW hi!). While sometimes many of the gang have a tendency to increase speed, don't feel you will be embarrassed in front of your peers, by being asked a \$64,000 question. The only way to get that fist back, is to practise!

Why not join in? If you really get ambitious you can try a spot as net control station.

CUL OM ON PLN DE 3KLX

CHARACTER PROFILE - Assistant to the Editor - by 3KLX

This month the spot light will shine in my eyes. The departure of the Editor next month will bring about my departure as well from the world of news gathering. I thought it would be a good time to describe myself briefly. My name is Dave Coutts and I answer to the call VE3KLX.

I was born on 1 Dec 59 in the city of Red Deer Alta. After 3 months there, I was moved to Edmonton, where I remained for 8 years. From there, I moved to the Nation's Capital (in 58) and have been here ever since. Actually, now I am a resident of Nepean.

I began my Ham radio career in May 78, after an intensive self-study program. My first ticket was earned entirely on my own and the feeling of satisfaction I got when the examiner told me I mad it, was none like I had experienced before. The only other time the old adrenalin flowed, to that level, was when I got my Advanced a year later.

Now that I have the full license, I can proceed to investigate all the different modes that are open to me. With my whole life ahead of me, I can proceed as slowly or as quickly as my pocketbook permits, Hi!

At the present time I am equipped for 2 Metre mobile & base, as well as HF SSB & CW. Eventually I will run HF mobile as well.

I think that the first time I touched a key, I fell in love with CW. I find it more challenging and there is a certain fascination about CW that makes is irresistable. The only thing that is hindering my HF activities is an inadequate antenna. Unfortunately, I am not permitted to put anything better up so I must endure until I graduate from college and change my QTH.

Presently, I am a second year Architectural Technology student at Algonquin college. I will probably graduate next year (barring unforeseen difficulties such as teacher strikes etc).

Mobiling and CW are a big interest with this kid. Maybe even CW mobiling Hi! I enjoy the rag chew type of contact and have that guilded rag chewers club certificate signed by the old sock.

My shack is endowed with a TenTec century/21 and a Heath HW100. For 2 metres, I have a Yaesu FT227R and a Drake TR33C. Besides being a shack, I also sleep in this room and spend many an hour at my drafting desk burning the midnight oil. Being a small room, I have to step outside to change my mind. (.... ..).

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This marks the start of a monthly (I hope) technically oriented column by the tech adviser. It seemed about time that the Tech Adviser should attempt to put some words of wisdom together on the Rambler. I don't know what the format of the column will consist of but I intend to keep the members informed of construction on VE3JW and VE3TWO, hints and ideas, as well as answers to member's questions. So, if anyone has a favourite trick of a technical nature, handy-dandy circuit or a question that might interest other members, please let me know.

VE3JW - As many of you already know, I am now in possession of our new HW101 transceiver and power supply for JW. I still have a few minor mods to complete before the rig can be put into service. Standing outside of JW and looking in, as a visitor would, it suddenly seemed to me that the station could certainly use some sprucing up. It appears that I was not the only person sharing this notion, so a major face lift has been scheduled for the station. A tentative console design, U shaped layout, has been selected. The two HW101's will both be used, the newer unit for CW/SSB and the old unit for SSTV. A master mode select switch will cause all equipment required for CW/SSB or for SSTV to be energized by simply selecting desired operating modes. A rough estimate places the construction of the new console around March 1980. As this project is only in the planning phase, I'm sure that some of you have ideas on layout, etc. As you'll be operating the proposed station, if you have some ideas, scribble them down, with a sketch or two, and get them to me.

VE3TWO - Despite desensing, intermod and power amp output fluctuations, the repeater keeps pumping along. As far as the new repeater equipment is concerned, the control boards and card cage are presently being mated and I expect to have the new machine up for testing at VE3LAR's by next meeting. Cabinet work is progressing and the back-up battery supply has been received. The new repeater will be tested for a month or so, and then taken to the EMR building on Booth St, hopefully in time for the new year.

Club Project - A number of members approached me concerning a 12 volt supply, for powering mobile rigs in the home. This seemed to me to be a great idea for a club project. I'm sure that many of you could use a supply for that FT-227R or TS-180. The current rating I will leave to the majority. So, if you are interested (this is starting to sound like a stuck record), let me know and I'll attempt to determine the cost.

Ramblings - Well, that wasn't as bad as I had first thought, just a lot worse. If it sounds as if I'm asking for input, you're right. This column will only contain ideas from you, as I guarantee, mine will dry out in a month or so. Until next month -

Lesson of the Month (cut out & put on sunvisor, etc)

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

1. Keep calm - you can't help anybody if you sound like a blithering idiot at the other end.
2. If calling via a patch, notify the other person that you are an Amateur mobile unit calling by two way radio.
3. Give the position of the incident FIRST.
4. Give them details of the emergency, how many people are injured, what property is damaged.
5. Wait for them to ask you questions. It's guaranteed that if you hang up, they will have something important to ask you that you forgot.

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL ! !

Don't grasp your mike button as if you will die if you let go. Let it go when you pause for breath. This will let the emergency dispatcher break in if anything is not clear and avoid time-wasting repetitions.

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CLUB DINNER

By now we hope everyone has been contacted about the Club Dinner.

After further investigation into holding a Dinner at the Officers Mess on Somerset Street, we found that there would be an additional charge of \$1 per plate for the china. This seemed to be the final blow on top of the other problems and extra expenses associated with a Dinner at the Mess. These included:

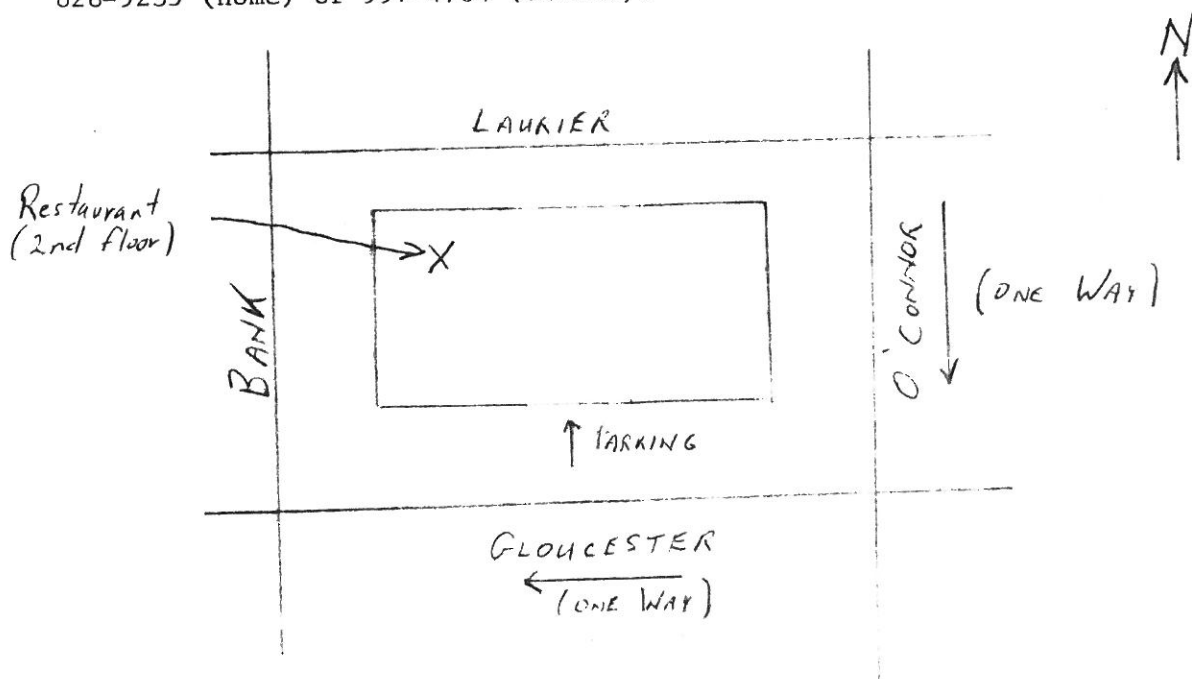
1. the complete roast beef dinner (including all overheads, taxes, etcetera), would now cost \$14 per head for 40 people;
2. the price per head would increase slightly if there were a few less than that number, and it would be prohibitively expensive for fewer than 30 people;
3. everyone must have the same meal; and
4. some members expressed concern over the cost.

We now propose to hold a Dinner at the Restaurant in L'Esplanade Laurier where live entertainment is provided for dancing. A copy of the menu is attached. The advantages of going to this Restaurant are fairly obvious - there is no minimum quantity of people required, and everyone can choose what he wishes to eat and how much he wants to spend.

Please note that there is free parking available under the building.

We hope to see all of you - and your guests - at the Dinner on Saturday 17 November, at 7.30 p.m.

For further information and/or reservations please contact Ray Perrin at 828-9235 (home) or 997-4764 (office).



PATE MAISON \$1.95
 CHAMPIGNONS FARCIS \$2.75
 Fresh mushrooms filled with crabmeat, scented with Sherry and glazed with Hollandaise Sauce
 CREVETTES A L'AIL \$2.35
 Gulf shrimps sauteed in butter, shallots, parsley and finished with White wine and a hint of garlic
 SOUP OF THE DAY \$.85
 CONSOMMEE A L'ESSENCE DE CHAMPIGNONS \$.95
 ORION SOUP GRATINEE \$1.50
 Flavoured with Beer, glazed with Emmenthal
 SALAD DE SAISON \$.95
 SPINACH, MUSHROOMS AND BACON SALAD \$1.05
 SALADE CEASAR FOR TWO \$5.50
 FILETS DE SOLE AU VERMOUTH \$8.10
 A double cream and Vermouth Sauce with mushrooms and Matane shrimps
 MEDALLION OF PORK TENDERLOIN D'ESPLANADE \$6.85
 Fresh Time Juice with the addition of honey, watercress and basilicum makes this an outstanding creation
 PEPPER STEAK OF SALMON SAUCE MOUSSELINE \$7.25
 Salmon finished in the pan with crushed black peppercorns
 SUPREME DE VOLAILLE AMARETTO \$6.95
 Boneless chicken breast sauteed gently in a double cream and Almond Sauce
 BROILED LOBSTER TAILS \$16.95
 Grilled to perfection and finished with a savoury Bernaise Sauce
 NEW BRUNSWICK LOBSTER A LA NEIGE \$14.50
 A whole Lobster poached in a court-bouillon stock served with clarified butter

CARRE D'AGNEAU FINES HERBS \$11.95
 Rack of choice Spring Lamb sauteed to order with a hint of garlic and fine herbs compliment the chapelure
 RAINBOW TROUT ALMANDINE \$7.75
 Beurre noisette and almonds are the finishing touches of the fish
 SCALLOPS EN BROCHETTE DIANE \$9.95
 Marinated in White wine, spices, wrapped in bacon, then broiled and served on a bed of Rice Pilaf finished with a herbed butter sauce
 CHATEAUBRIAND BOUQUETIERE FOR TWO \$24.95
 Corn fed choice beef tenderloin broiled to order accompanied by a fine selection of vegetables, and the addition of Sauce Choron makes this an elegant dish for two
 ENTRECOTE GRILLE MAITRE D'HOTEL \$10.95
 LE COEUR DE FILET DE BOEUF \$9.95
 PETIT ENTRECOTE GRILLE \$7.25
 PETIT FITET DE BOEUF \$7.25
 BA-BA AU RUM \$1.75
 Ba-Ba's served with fresh whipped cream and Rum
 SOUFFLE TRIPLE-SEC \$1.50
 A delicate iced souffle flavoured with Triple-Sec
 LA GRANITE LANSON 21 \$1.50
 A Lemon and lime sherbert scented with Champagne
 ASSORTED FRESH PIES \$.95
 with ice cream \$1.25
 Please consult your waiter
 IMPORTED HOUSE WINES RED OR WHITE
 Glass \$1.50
 1/2 Litre \$2.50
 1 Litre \$4.95
 1 Litre \$7.95
 CANADIAN BEER \$1.25
 IMPORTED BEER \$1.75



CRRL Incorporation Approved

For a vast majority of Canadian Radio Amateurs, *a dream come true* heralds the ARRL Board approval of the incorporation of the Canadian Radio Relay League . . . a *self-governing* and *self-administering* division of the ARRL!

At this historic point in time, we feel that it is of sufficient interest to look back to our official beginnings. In 1920, *at the specific invitation of Canadian amateurs*, the League organized the Canadian Division. So let's roll back the pages of time to the August 1921 issue of *QST* (page 33):

"There has been a little agitation in Canada about a separate relay league. It has been intimated that 'the Yanks are trying to run things for their own fun.' [Sound familiar? — Ed.] The flag has been waved and lurid talk made of the danger of continuing in the A.R.R.L. because of the possibility of war between Canada and the States, etc.

"Fortunately saner views have prevailed and the wild bolshevistic part of the movement has expired, so that it is assured that if Canada has a league of her own it will be hand in hand with A.R.R.L. We want to take this opportunity to clear our hook to our good Canadian friends on a few matters that are not as well understood as they should be:

"The A.R.R.L. Operating Department was expanded to take in Canadian work in cooperation with our own at the earnest request of some well-informed Canadian amateurs. The Division managers are Canadians, and always will be, and except in the broader observance of A.R.R.L. policies as universally known and approved these managers direct their divisions in complete accordance with their own peculiar local conditions. We have never really dared to hope that Canada would want always to remain with the A.R.R.L. organization, much as we would like to see

such a permanent union. [Apart from several minority movements, this statement has been proven wrong. — Ed.] Our idea has been to give a helping hand to a land in which amateur radio is much younger than it is in our own, and in this we honestly believe we have been succeeding and that the well-posted Canadians agree with us. Let us say, if there be those who don't know it, that it isn't at all a case of the Yanks trying to run things to suit themselves. Such a policy is entirely contrary to basic A.R.R.L. ideas, which are founded on democracy and for that very reason have stood the tests of seven years. Whenever it is apparent that Canada needs a separate organization and a promising framework and supporting stations for that organization come into existence, the A.R.R.L. will be ready to recognize it and co-operate fully.

"But that time is not yet here. Canadian stations are as yet limited in number and in range, and for a season or two more the bulk of the relaying into and out of Canada will be north and south via various cross-overs from the States. The best minds in Canadian amateur work are agreed that until such time as Canada has east and west lines of its own it needs the supporting arms of the A.R.R.L. This is vastly wiser than any hasty proposal of separation, and after all we are all of us working to a single end: the furtherance of citizen relay communication.

"Let brotherly love prevail!"

"What exceedingly wise men our forefathers were!"

In 1937 the thoughts expressed editorially above were included in the ARRL Bylaws as follows:

"The policy of the League in Canada shall be that of a friendly hand for the amateurs of a sister country pending their growth to such numbers and strength that their ability to form and conduct a self-governing non-commercial amateur organization throughout the Dominion is evident. The activities of the League in Canada shall be regarded as a temporary stewardship undertaken at the request of Cana-

dian amateurs. Whenever Canadian amateurs shall petition for their own organization, and it is manifest to a majority of the entire Board of Directors that the success of a separate Dominion organization is assured, the Board of Directors shall aid in establishing and proclaiming a separate all-Canadian organization to be known as the Canadian Radio Relay League to operate under a constitution similar in tenor to that of this League; and this League shall thenceforth relinquish all direct activity in Canada."

It is interesting to note that it has been this specific Bylaw which several other Canadian amateur organizations, over the years, have irresponsibly taken out of context as their "blank check" to assume all of the responsibilities of the League in Canada. Thankfully, for the welfare of the Canadian Radio Amateur, all such proposals were turned aside, for the key words in the Bylaw were: "pending their growth to such numbers and strength." Previous applicants to date have not been able to meet this requirement and even the latest (CARF) were never able or willing to submit substantiated *full* membership figures to indicate otherwise (CARF-published membership *claims*, at the most, have never been more than approximately two-thirds of that of the Canadian Division of the ARRL). Therefore, it remains today, as it always has been, that it is the League, in Canada, which has the majority support of the Canadian amateur. It is as simple as that!

One might then ask, why has not the Canadian Division long ago requested self-governing status? Responsibly the answer is equally simple. Previous directors of the Canadian Division never felt that the Division membership then met the "such numbers and strength" requirement of that 1937 Bylaw.

Wisely, our immediate past Director, George Spencer (VE2MS — now VE4IM) then saw the time rapidly approaching when the Canadian Division membership would meet that qualification and consequently, a few years ago, created with Board approval the alternate name of the Canadian Division: the Canadian Radio Relay League. Your present Director then gradually furthered the concept which he knew was in the mind of Spencer, by creating informal advisory boards of *Canadian* officials to assist him in governing the Canadian Division, while all the time carefully monitoring the League's Canadian membership figures vs. the total Canadian amateur population.

A few short months ago when our Canadian membership finally reached approximately the same percentage as that of U.S. League members vs. U.S. amateur population, coupled with the important consideration of the total number of Canadian *Life* Members of ARRL, the decision was democratically reached by *Canadian* League officials to petition the ARRL Board of Directors for self-governing status *while still retaining all the important membership services offered by the ARRL* as a Canadian Division. Let's face it . . . that

*Director, Canadian Division



Immediately following the affirmative vote on the question of CRRL incorporation, a group of League Officials involved with the decision posed for this photo. They are, 1-r (back row): Vice Director Bill Loucks, VE3AR; Director Ron Hesler, VE1SH; Associate Counsel Bob Benson, VE2VW. Front row: Vice President and Chairman of the Canadian Ad-Hoc Committee Carl Smith, W0BWJ; President Harry Dannals, W2HD; and Vice President Noel Eaton, VE3CJ.



Marv Nash, VE3FON, RSO immediate past president, is shown here being presented with the ARRL/CRRL Certificate of Merit by Canadian Division Vice Director Bill Loucks, VE3AR, at a recent meeting of RSO delegates. Also presented with this certificate was George Davis, VE3BBW, who unfortunately was not available at the time this picture was taken.

concept was certainly asking a lot of any Board of Directors, for it could easily be considered as a case of "wanting one's cake and eating it too!"

To our mind, it is a tribute to the present ARRL Board and their continuing dedication to the binational society League policies that this Board by an overwhelming vote (14 affirmative, two negative) officially sanctioned the federal incorporation of the Canadian Radio Relay League, as a self-governing division of the ARRL! We are especially grateful for the active support extended to our incorporation by President Dannels, Vice Presidents Clark, Smith and Eaton, and General Manager Baldwin (all of whom had no vote in the motion itself).

As this article is being written (early August), CRRL General Counsel Bob Benson, VE2VW, is immediately proceeding with the official federal incorporation papers and it is expected that it shall be the Canadian Radio Relay League Incorporated, within six to eight weeks.

Following incorporation, a printed copy of the CRRL Constitution and Bylaws will be available to any League member (s.a.s.c. please). It is expected that this will be available for mailing by the end of October.

The CRRL Board of Directors shall consist

CRRL AMATEUR OF THE YEAR

The votes are all in and we are pleased to advise that well-known Guelph, ON, amateur Fred Hammond, VE3HC, has been elected CRRL Amateur of the Year for 1978. The presentation will be made to Fred by CRRL President Ron Hesler, during the October RSO Convention in Ottawa. Congratulations, Fred . . . you certainly deserve the honor.

THOSE NEW DOC EXAMINATIONS

A few months ago, we submitted for analysis and evaluation several of the recent examinations to the ARRL Club and Training Department. After careful study we were advised by that Department that, to all intents and purposes, they were very similar to the U.S. comparable class examinations. They further stated that, in comparison, the Canadian exams were neither harder nor easier than those of the U.S., and

of the following: President — Elected by the CRRL Board; Vice President — ARRL Canadian Division Director; Secretary — ARRL Canadian Division Vice Director; Director (Quebec and Atlantic Provinces) — membership elected; Director (Central) — membership elected; Director (West) — membership elected; ARRL President — Board member *without vote*.

It should be noted that the CRRL President will, in addition to the Canadian ARRL Division Director, now sit on the ARRL Board but, like the seat on our Board for the ARRL President, it will be without vote.

Commencing with the 1981 Canadian Division ARRL election (for the 1982-83 term), the election of the three CRRL regional directors shall also take place. Unfortunately, inasmuch as it was not officially possible to "piggyback" the election of these three directors with the Canadian Division election for the 1980-81 term (because the CRRL was not constituted in time for the current election call), the charter CRRL directors and officers shall continue in office until the end of 1981. The only possible changes could be in the offices of vice president and secretary which, of course, are dependent on the outcome of the current Canadian division election. Therefore, the following are your officers and directors of the CRRL Inc., from this date until 1200 hours, January 1, 1983: President — Ron Hesler, VE1SH; Vice President — Bill Loucks, VE3AR; Secretary — Gordon Steane, VE3BMG; Director — Albert Daemen, VE2IJ; Director — Tom Atkins, VE3CDM; Director — George Spencer, VE4IM; General Counsel — Bob Benson, VE2VW.

The Executive Committee will consist of the President, Vice President and Secretary. Board meetings shall take place once per year with the Executive Committee responsible for decisions between such Board meetings. The first Board meeting will take place in Ottawa this year, immediately previous to the RSO Convention.

The CRRL President will, to quote from Article 2 of CRRL Bylaw 4, "preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall, subject to instruction from the Board of Directors, represent the Corporation in its relationships with the International Amateur Radio Union, with the public and with the various governmental agencies and governments and officials with which the Corporation may be concerned and shall be the official spokesman of the Board of Directors in regards to all matters of Corporation policy." This shall then leave the ARRL Canadian Division Director free to attend to the normal corporate responsibilities of an ARRL Director plus, of course,

vice-versa. Therefore, we feel confident that Canadian class instructors could be well advised to fully utilize the professionally prepared U.S. examination training materials offered by the ARRL. As far as we have been able to ascertain, other than regulations, this material is now completely applicable in Canada. For further information, write the Club and Training Department, ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.

A UNIQUE AMATEUR PUBLIC SERVICE

Oakville has a radio reading service (for blind and print-handicapped listeners) which broadcasts on a sub-carrier of Burlington's CING-FM and is Canada's only such service.

Jim Goodman, VE3FZG, tapes a weekly program about Amateur Radio, which is broadcast by the station. At a recent annual conference of such stations, a



Caught gabfesting at the Maritime Old-Timers hamfest, held at Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB, were (l-r) Fred Rafferty, VE1AN (licensed in the early 1920s); Pat Solomon, XYL of VE1OC; Aaron Solomon, VE1OC (SCM, Maritime-Newfoundland); Max Ross, VE1QM; and Ron Hesler, VE1SH (CRRL president). (photo by VE1BKD)

any duties and/or responsibilities which may be assigned by the CRRL Board, in his dual capacity as the CRRL Vice President. The CRRL President will also manage the day-to-day administration of the CRRL.

In order to endeavor to clarify to whom you, as a member, should address a communication henceforth, permit us to make the following suggestion. If it is a matter strictly relating to Canadian affairs, you should direct your inquiry to the CRRL President. If it be a matter concerning any of the membership services of the ARRL (i.e. awards, QSL Bureau, membership/subscription problems, etc.), then it is the ARRL Canadian Division Director to whom you should refer. Normally, it will be the Division Director or his designate (i.e., one of the CRRL Directors) who will attend affiliated conventions and hamfests; although, of course, in the case of CRRL National Conventions, which shall soon take place, all CRRL officials will be in attendance. Likewise, in the case of large conventions, such as that of the Radio Society of Ontario, it could be expected that the CRRL President and other directors and officials will be present.

So there it is . . . the baby has been born, but not without the considerable legacy of experience and service which is more than 50 years as an ARRL Division affords. It's here . . . it's viable . . . it's strong and, it's here to stay. It's *your* organization . . . VEs and VOs.

It's a proud and historic day for Canadian Amateur Radio . . . a dream come true!

competition was arranged to judge which was the best program aired on the North American continent (there are 80 such stations in the U.S.). The VE3FZG programs, which were entered in the competition, were judged to be best!

Jim's programs open with a cw background and he then narrates selected readings from various Amateur Radio publications, with ad-lib comments interspersed here and there. The weekly tape fades out with cw, which gives the program an excellent documentary touch.

As a result of the aforementioned competition the radio-reading-service station in Birmingham, AL, has arranged to utilize the VE3FZG programs and it's believed that a second station, in Massachusetts, will soon be doing likewise.

Congratulations, Jim, for an extremely fine bit of Amateur Radio public service. As previously advised on this page, several months ago, Jim was recently awarded the ARRL/CRRL Certificate of Merit. Tnx *Hot Bananas* newsletter. [QRP]

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