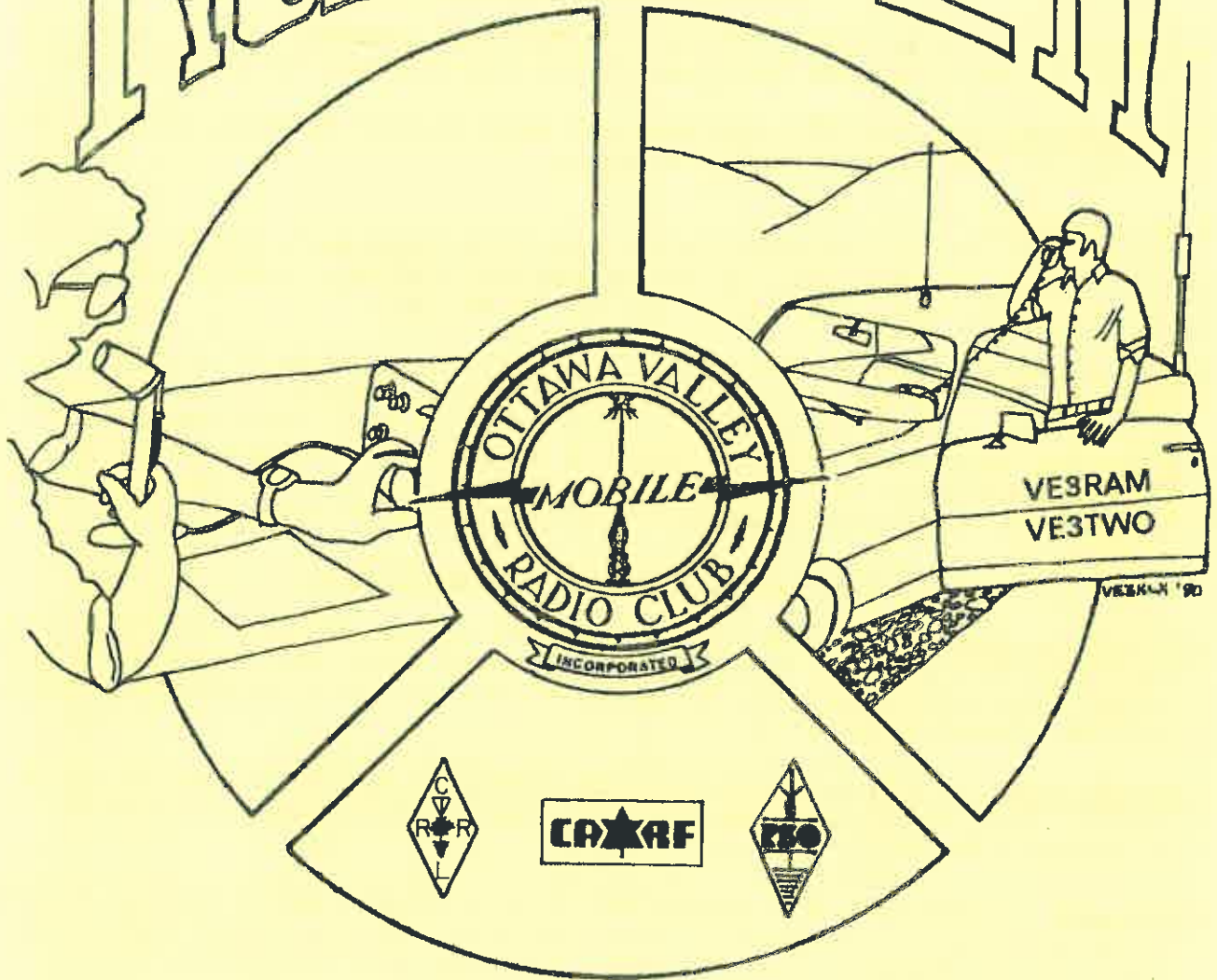


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EDITOR	Jerry Wells	VE3CDS
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CLUB SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

POT-HOLE NET - OVMRC Net - every Saturday and Sunday, 10:00, local time on 3.760 MHz SSB. All Radio Amateurs are welcome to participate.

THE WISE OWL NET - OVMRC - Ragchew net each Friday evening at 2000 hrs local, on the club repeater VE3TWC.

CODE PRACTICE

Code practice is transmitted on the club repeater, VE3TWC, by Dave, VE3KIX at 1925 hrs. on Wednesday and Friday. Speeds are; 7,10 and 13 on Wed. and 13,15 and 18 on Friday.

VE3JW - Amateur Radio Station of the National Museum of Science and Technology. The OVMRC, Inc., maintains this station, schedules operations and in cooperation with other Ottawa area Amateurs, provides operators for the station as part of an Amateur Radio public relations display. VE3JW operates on all HF bands, both CW and phone. Slow scan Amateur TV is also demonstrated.

LOCAL AMATEUR RADIO NET ACTIVITIES

POT-LID CW NET - Sponsored and conducted by Ed, VE3GX. Informal slow speed CW net meeting every Sunday (except July and August) at 1100 local time on 3.620 MHz, to promote interest and proficiency in CW and CW procedures.

CAPITAL CITY FM NET - Sponsored and operated by the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club, Inc., meeting every Monday at 2000 local on VE2CRA repeater (34/94)

SWAP NET - Sponsored and conducted by Ed, VE3GX. Every Sunday (except July and August) as part of the POT-HOLE net and every Monday as part of the Capital City FM net. Listings and inquiries; Ed at 733-1721.

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 2000 hrs unless otherwise posted. Meetings will normally take place at the National Museum of Science and Technology on St. Laurent Blvd. (south of Queensway).

THE PREZ SEZ

The annual OVMRC club banquet was held on the 21 Nov. and is now just a fond memory. The affair was attended by 30 people and this is the most in recent years. The comments resulting from the banquet were all favourable and everyone appeared to have had a good time, including your prez who tried not to flatten too many toes while dancing. The prize draws were very successful, even if they did appear fixed. A total of four amateur radio handbooks and two bottles of wine were given away, one bottle to Ray Perrin and one bottle to Elizabeth Perrin.

Now a thought for the new year. Between the banquet in November and the field day in June, the club has no social activities. It seems that since Ottawa has the world's longest skating rink, even though Bill CCT may disagree, this might make the focus of a winter event. It should be possible to arrange a Saturday afternoon/evening in late January or early February, the idea being a sakte on the canal followed by a potluck supper at someone's QTH. Mention the idea to your family and we can discuss it at the December meeting.

I'll keep it short this month but before I close, all the best for this Christmas and New Year, and I hope 1982 finds you in good health.

73 kuss VE3PSN

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OVMRC MEETING DEC 17

One of the aspects much talked about in amateur circles is our ability to provide emergency communications in times of disaster. We here in the Ottawa area have never really been tested. Our guest at the December meeting—a non-amateur resident of Mississauga who experienced the rail car disaster and subsequent evacuation of the city is going to give us a first hand report of his views on the entire operation. Should prove to be interesting and provide us with food for thought.

Also a short film entitled B.L.E.V.E. (Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapour Explosions)—vivid footage of what happens when compressed gas explodes.

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SEASONS GREETINGS

The members of the Club Executive extend to all of our members and all of our readers the very best for the Christmas Season and the forthcoming New Year.

The support of the members and their interest in the Club is just reward for those who have been chosen to serve on the executive. May the New Year, 1982 be another good year for the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club and may all of you enjoy the Holiday Season.

Ed. Jerry VE3CLS

MINUTES OVMRC MEETING 19 NOV. 1981INTRODUCTION

The Nov. meeting of the OVMRC was held at the Museum of Science and Technology and was opened by President Russ VE3FSN at 2000 hrs who welcomed a visiting amateur, Ernie VE7HX from Maple Ridge B.C. Pres Russ called attention to the advertisement on the last page of the RAMBLER.

It was moved by Dave VE3KLX seconded by Bob VE3ALK that the October minutes be adopted as printed. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technical Advisor Dave VE3KLX stated DOC had finally been convinced of the excessive level of spurious emissions from the paging system that has caused havoc in the repeater operation of VE3TWO. Some improvement has been noticed and the subject of a suitable cavity is being investigated.

Dave also advised that Code practice is still being conducted and the club project of an electronic keyer is ready to take off when sufficient interest is shown. e.g. when Dave gets that warm feeling of your Q45 in his hand.

Vice President Tom VE3ABC gave a brief statement on "Snoworama" and stated that involvement of several clubs is planned for this winter's activities.

Treasurer Phil VE3CUK announced the following new members who were welcomed:

VE3DVH Mike
VE3AWP Al
VE3GJY Jim

Phil stated that club membership was now 47. Phil also advised that Canterbury High School has been reserved for Apr 17 for the spring auction/hamfest.

President Russ VE3FSN said that commercial representatives would be welcome to display their wares at the hamfest. He also emphasized our reliance on donations of equipment as a source of income to support club activities.

Public relations - Bucky said that operators are required for VE3JW.

Secretary - Bob VE3MPB asked for a volunteer to take minutes of Jan-Apr meetings. Tom 3 ABC agreed to provide cassette recordings of the proceedings.

Editor - Jerry VE3CLS encouraged club members to contribute more articles for the Rambler. He said that printing deadline is two weeks before the Monthly Club Meeting.

REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS

CARF representative Mike VE3LAR stated that the club benefits financially from club memberships taken out or renewed through the club. Mike also reminded the members of the CARF Canada Contest 27 Dec 81 0001-2359 details will be published in the Dec Rambler.

Merv VE3CV discussed RSO membership and gave details of using the QSL bureau for incoming QSL Cards by sending SASES to the Ontario Trillium Box 157 Downsview, Ont M3M 3A3.

Ray VE3FSN announced the success of CARL in changing the wording of Tariff No. 44534-2 to read quote primarily for amateur use unquote for imported amateur equipment.

President Russ showed a picture of the proposed layout of VE3JW and advised the new Ten Tec equipment would be used for CW, SSB and the old Heathkit equipment for K1TY and Slow Scan TV.

President Russ announced that EMO was progressing in its activities to organize Schools, Hospitals, etc and amateurs desiring to volunteer their service should contact Joe McPherson or VE3CAT or Dave VE3ANV.

Dave VE3ANV gave a presentation on an emergency touch tone decoder which can be built for \$25-\$30 (for PCB board).

A short general discussion on local Amateur Courses concluded with the decision not to get the club involved at this time.

Pres Russ said that the 450 MHz repeater VE3YOW will be co-located with VE3TWO and there will be a two meter link with it.

Nerv VE3CV described an electronic keyer as in October QST that could be built for about \$35.

The evenings entertainment consisted of a short film on orbital extra vehicular activity and a feature film on Radio Astronomy.

It was announced that the next club executive meeting will be at the home of Ray 3FN at 1930.

Dave KLA moved the meeting be adjourned at 2130. Seconded by Don VE3ATJ. Motion carried.

Bob Daye VE3MPB
Secretary

SPURIOUS EMISSIONS FROM THE T.A.

Well, it's November already. In fact by the time this article hits the street December will be about half gone. There have not been any earth shattering developments with the repeater. The last word that I heard is that the pager licensee is buying some cavities to put on his transmitter. Hopefully that will eliminate the tale of the repeater jamming operation and the endless loop in trying to urge the DOC to understand our plight.

The club project has been laid to rest. To put it in a nutshell we've had "S.F.A." (SFA)², "Smiths Falls Autopatch" and a large "Goose Egg" as a response for the Curtis keyer project. If you still want to go ahead with a keyer project contact Nerv VE3CV who is trying to assemble a group to construct the memory keyer which appears in the October QST.

I hear the banquet was a big success this year. Everyone who said they would show up did, except the coordinator (me). My reason was quite sound, a long time friend, whom I haven't seen in years was in Ottawa for Saturday and wanted to get together. Being a good student I had to put priorities into perspective. From the reports I heard, everything carried on including the fixed crew (just kidding Ray). Calling myself coordinator is kind of silly because Ray VE3FN did the phoning and Russ VE3FSN got the menu. I guess my job was to take the flack if the operation went over like the proverbial dead squid.

I'd better end this before the instructor notices. See you at the December meeting...

CANADA CONTEST

The Canadian Amateur Radio Federation is pleased to announce the Canada Contest

- TIME 0001-2359 UTC on 27 Dec.1981, and 0001-2359 UTC on July 1, 1982
- CLASSES OF ENTRY Single operator all band, single operator single band, multi operator single transmitter all band.
- CONTACTS All contacts with amateur stations are valid
The same station may be worked twice on each band, once on CW and once on phone. No crossmode contacts and no CW contacts in the phone bands allowed.
- EXCHANGE Signal report and cosecutive serial number starting with 001, VE1 stations will also send province.
- SCORING 10 points for each contact with Canada
1 point for each contact with others
10 bonus points for each contact with any CARF official news station using the suffix TCA or VCA
Multipliers are the number of Canadian provinces or territories worked on each band and mode.
(12 provinces/territories x 8 bands x 2 modes for a maximum of 192 possible multipliers)
- PROVINCES TERRITORIES VO1/VO2, VE1-NB, VE2, VE3, VE4, VE5, VE1-PEI, VE1-NS, VE6, VE7, VE8, VY1.
- FREQUENCIES Phone-1810, 3770, 3900, 7070, 7230, 14150, 14300, 21200, 21400, 28500, 50100, 146520.
CW- 1810, 3525, 7025, 14025, 21025, 28025, 50100, 144100
- TIMES Suggest phone on the even hours UTC, cw on the odd
- ENTRIES A valid entry must contain log sheets, dupe sheets, and a summary sheet showing a chart of multipliers per band/mode and score calculation. Send your entry with comments to: Canadian Amateur Radio Federation, 203-1945 York Avenue. Vancouver, B.C. V6J 1E3, postmarked before 15 January 1982
- AWARDS The CARF Canada Contest Trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring single operator entry. Certificates will be awarded to the highest score in each entry class in each province/territory, USA call area, and DX country, and to the highest score from a Canadian non-Advanced Amateur (no phone on 3.5-21 MHz), and where participation warrents.
- RESULTS Will be published in TCA The Canadian Amateur Magazine. Non-subscribers may include an SASE for a copy of the results.

SOME OF WHAT YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT "QSL"ing

The following "blurb" was condensed from an article published in the October 1981 CARF TCA which was written by Thelma Woodhouse VE3CLT in the Credit Peel ARC News, and, CARFORM "A" - 5/81 written by VE3DGG Jean Evans of the CARF National QSL Services.

It would be well to divide QSL's into two obvious types. The outgoing and the incoming! But first the card itself.

Your completed QSL's should show the following information about your contact:

1. His call
2. His name
3. His province (state, county etc.)
4. His country.

When your contact is using a QSL manager, ensure that his call is clearly shown as well.

When you have enough outgoing QSL's to mail, they may be sent direct to your contacts as per the address given in the Callbook or to the World Wide QSL Bureaus listed on page 27 of the Callbook. CARF members may forward their completed QSL's to:

CARF National QSL Service
P.O. Box 66
Islington, Ontario
M9A 4X1

Your CARF membership number should be included in your return address. In all cases be sure to sort your QSL's by prefix alphabetically.

Well that looks after the outgoing QSL's; how about the incoming QSL's. Your international and national QSL's will be routed to The Ontario Trilliums where all Ontario incoming QSL's are sorted. Because every amateur who goes on the air will be heard by some one, the chances for incoming QSL's is very high. Therefore every amateur should have at least two suitably sized self addressed stamped envelopes (SASE) on file with the Ontario Trilliums.

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VE3 ARRL QSL BUREAU
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M3M 3A3

Even if you aren't terribly interested in QSL's send off a SASE anyway. It would clear your file with the Trilliums. They are keenly interested in clearing all QSL's and won't be aware of your non-interest in QSL's

Well there you go; and if there's anything I should add it would be to print clearly and be sure your name and call appears on your SASE's.

73 Mike VE3LAR

EDITORIAL

Here we are almost at the end of another year and from what I have heard on the bands a reasonably successful one insofar as the Club is concerned. There were a number of public service activities carried out by the club with little fanfare or public attention. I guess that is the image that most Amateurs accept. What we do is a hobby, if we can serve our fellow man by doing something we enjoy, well, that's a bonus. One of the really nice things about Amateur Radio is that no one pushes you to do things you don't want to do, well, not very often. In fact if you don't like what you are hearing on the air you can shut down the rig and go read a book. No one insists that you listen. It has been my observation that there are a lot of listeners. How many times have you given a call on any band and right away someone comes back to you. If you decide you don't want to talk to the guy on the other end for whatever reason you exchange signal reports and sign. What other hobby offers total control of your involvement?

The club activities seem to provide some of what people enjoy, in my opinion the Friday nite Wise Owl Net is one of the best of the local nets and is not only good entertainment but informative as well. One of the problems which is always a topic of discussion at executive meetings is what do the members want? Lets face it most people are hesitant to speak up for fear of getting roped in to doing something. Never fear there are always some who will. Take your ideas and put them into action. The biggest problem with any organization is getting an input from the members.

Anyway, as I so often hear, the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club seems to be having some sort of appeal to the members judging from the attendance at meetings and the number of stations calling in to the nets.

Let us know what you want, We'll try and give it to you- within limits of course.

I hope you all have a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year

73 Jerry VE3CDS

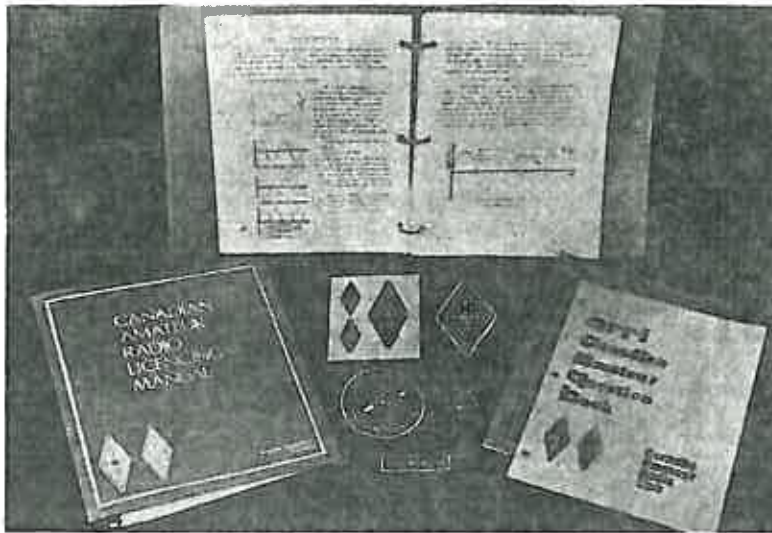
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