

ANNOUNCING THE THIRD ANNUAL OVMRC AMATEUR RADIO COURSE

The course will cover:
International Morse Code
Radio Regulations
Radio and Electronic Theory

Registration:
Tuesday September 4, 1984
7 to 9 pm
Emergency Measures Organization H.Q.
495 Richmond Road

Course Fee:
\$80.00 paid in FULL at registration
(class size is limited!!!)

Each student receives at no extra cost:
CARF study guide
CARF regulations handbook
Morse code practice tapes
One year assoc. membership in OVMRC

For more information or to pre-register contact:
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Mike Shacklock VE3LAR 523-1571
or Pat Brewer VE3KJQ 725-1528

SUPEREX STATION

There will be an amateur radio station at this year's Superex. The Ex will run from August 16 to 26 and hopefully the station will be manned every day from noon to 11 pm. The OVMRC has been asked to supply operators for Sunday August 19 and Monday August 20. We will be supplied with six admission passes for each day as well as four car passes (which admit the driver free). The station will be in the same location again this year, however the rides which caused so much QRM in the past will be moved. If you want to help out with this worthwhile PR activity please contact Pat VE3KJQ at 725-1528.

SUMMER BARBECUE

The annual OVMRC summer barbecue will be held on August 18th at the new QTH of Alan VE3LNH. His address is 719 Halstead St. The club will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and condiments. You can BYOB and anything else you would like to have. You should also bring something to sit on and we could use one or two barbecues if you have one. There will be a talkin on 52. This is an RSVP affair so please contact Pat VE3KJQ at 725-1528 or Dave VE3KLX at 829-2537 no later than August 15th if you plan to attend.

RSO CONVENTION '84

The weekend of October 5-6-7 is fast approaching when the Radio Society of Ontario Convention comes to the Westin Hotel, Ottawa. Festivities start Friday evening with an Eyeball and dancing to a live orchestra. Saturday there is a program for ladies and non-amateurs.

Amateur papers and forums include: a Department of Communications Forum-a DX contest forum-an Amsat paper and satellite tutorial-papers on both fast-scan and slow-scan colour TV-packet satellite communications-a session on antennas-a talk on VHF, the world beyond FM-RTTY will be covered and how to set up a basic amateur station-antennas and BIG towers-amateur emergency communications-EMI/RFI-intruder watch-the computer in the hamshack-operating packet radio stations.

In addition to hourly prizes there will be major prizes of: a Kenwood TS 430S HF transceiver with microphone, external speaker and power supply, an Incom IC 27A mobile VHF transceiver, a Yaesu FT 203R VHF handheld, a desk top printer terminal, and for the ladies a G.E. microwave oven.

There's a Saturday night banquet followed by dancing to Champ Champagne and his fourteen piece orchestra and a very light program for Sunday morning.

The OVMRC will be running a Morse Code contest/proficiency run. Certificates will be awarded to participants indicating their top speed. We will also be running the talk-in. If you can help out with these activities please contact the executive.

Registration before September 1 is \$7.00 for RSO members/\$8.00 for non-members - \$8.00 and \$9.00 after. Ladies pay \$4.00 before September 1 and \$4.50 after. The Friday night Eyeball and dance is \$6.00 and the Saturday banquet and dance is \$27.00. The mailing address for the convention is:

RSO Convention '84
P.O. Box 15806
Station "F",
Ottawa, Ontario
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PRESIDENTIAL SALE

Your President would like to get rid of a few things to make way for some new toys.

- G.E. Terminet 300 serial printer/terminal complete with pin feed and friction feed plattens. Also 1000 sheets of pin feed paper for same.
- Heathkit HW-101 transceiver with power supply
- Yaesu FR 400 DX receiver in excellent condition

call Pat VE3KJQ at 725-1528

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO. APPLICATIONS WERE STAPLED TO THE COVERS OF THE LAST TWO RAMBIERS.

FROM AMATEUR RADIO...courtesy ARRL

The amateur radio experience supplies a necessary ingredient for friendship-- something in common. Radio amateurs are goodwill ambassadors, spreading a special form of camaraderie that knows no territorial boundaries. In effect, "have signal, will travel."

Communicating with another unseen person, without wires, is a magical is not mystical excursion. That must be the basic appeal of Amateur Radio; why we operate and continue to come back for more.

Most amateurs (and would-be amateurs) believe that communication is indeed a spirited adventure. Getting on the air is fun. It's good therapy; a legal and non-toxic respite, an oasis perhaps, in a hectic society. It permits you to become immersed in a completely different world, made up of electronic impulses and the exchange of specialized information, in a unique language. Positive reinforcement and recognition come from accomplishments of various sorts.

The mystic traveller through this realm has much to choose from; vivid and soul-stirring encounters with the ether. The uninitiated find it strange and hard to understand. But listen. One can enjoy the Morse code like good music, because code is, after all, an art form. In the aftermath of an emergency, it's the sense of fulfillment after competent service rendered. It's the thrill of the hunt, as an amateur stalks a contact with a "new" country like a distant quarry. And it's the pride and respect that very proficient operators draw from the smooth running of their communications network. Or it's the basic realization that someone on the other side of town or the other side of the globe thinks a lot like you do. The diverse Amateur Radio subcultures abound with personal enrichment.

The radio amateur knows that operating his station can change into something more than just a pleasant diversion. After a tropical storm, his shack will be in the forefront of disaster relief efforts. Amateur Radio serves as a veritable lifeline for a community in need.

All this is a far cry from the initial novelty of talking to another station a hundred miles down the pike "for nothing." The idea is that ham radio provides an endless variety of operating activities and services to the public in time of need.

Ham radio can bring about a chain of events that provides direction in a rudderless existence. Furthermore, ham radio is sometimes more interesting than real life. Is there any other explanation why generations will bridge their gap on the Amateur Radio, while barely allowing an exchange of grunts at the dinner table?

Yes, hamming is all so intriguing, creative and energy-efficient. It's been said that an average amateur station consumes less energy than a 300-watt light bulb. And ham radio lets you become the program director of your own entertainment. No commercials, no time constraints, no ratings. The only limitation

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is your own imagination.

What's the point? An invitation. We invite you to come join us. Tune into the realm of Amateur Radio, that magical privilege of sending and receiving signals that traverse neighborhoods and nations, that vault high mountain ranges, deep ocean seas, and even outer space.

And something more. When you're out there, we invite you to take along the most important tool you can ever use in your enjoyment of anything - a sense of wonder.

NEW AMATEURS

Congratulations to club members Joan VE3OSE and Susan VE3OSP on getting their amateur licenses....Look for them on the air.

NEWS FROM CARF

At the June meeting held in Ottawa in the latter part of the month, a well known Ottawa area amateur took over the reins as President. None other than the President of the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club, Joan Powell, VE3FVO. Congratulations Joan....

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