

# THE OVMRC RAMBLER

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## NETS -- FOR THE NEWCOMER

by Jerry Wells, VE3CDS

Well, here I am with my brand new licence and I decide to get on two metres just for starters. The first question is - "Where is everybody? I've programmed the repeater frequencies with the correct offsets, but there is no one around!" ... Welcome to Two Metres. Getting a licence is just the beginning, learning where the action is the real challenge. Here are a few tips on how to locate activities and how to participate on the two-metre band. Aside from the serendipitous contact you may make throughout the day, there are a number of nets on repeaters in the Ottawa area that operate at specified times. Newcomers are always welcome and no experience is necessary and there no prerequisites. Just listen to the net controller and follow his or her lead. When net control says "call now" jump in there with your call. That's all you need to do. The controller may just acknowledge your call, indicating that you are logged in or you may be called upon to give your name and QTH. Give the information requested, keeping it brief. You will soon become aware of the operating procedures of the particular net and after a few sessions you will understand the format.

The following nets operate on a regular basis throughout the week. Give a listen and call in to make yourself known.

The **Capital City FM NET** is the first net of the week on Monday evenings. It comes on the air at 8:00 pm on VE2CRA 146.94/34. This is a net sponsored by the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club. Listen in on this net and

check in to participate. This net is a good source of info on activities in the area.

The net control station calls for check-ins and will acknowledge your call. This may be all the controller will do. If you want to contact someone tell the controller when you check in. All net activities are controlled.

Let me give you an example. Let's say that I want to talk to Jeff, VE3RCI. At the start of the net, the control station will call for stations with traffic or announcements. Give your call at that time, saying, "VE3CDS with traffic." The net control station will ask, "VE3CDS, What is your traffic?" I would say, "I would like a word with VE3RCI." When VE3RCI checks in, the net control station will tell him to stand by for traffic from VE3CDS. At the appropriate time, depending on other net activities, the control station will call on me and instruct me to pass my traffic to Jeff. I will call VE3RCI and when contact has been established, I will either pass my message to Jeff if it is brief or ask him to join me on another frequency for a longer discussion. That's all there is to it.

On Tuesday evening, again at 8:00 pm, there is a good round table net on VE3TWO the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club repeater. This repeater is on 147.30/90. The net in question is "The Military Net." Participants are mostly, but not limited to, ex-military people. It is good net to listen in on to hear interesting stories. The net is sponsored by Frank Collins, VE3MSC

who welcomes all comers. Give a listen.

On Friday evenings at 8:00 pm, we have the OVMRC Wise Owl Net, also on VE3TWO 147.30/90. This is a controlled, round table net and is open to all radio amateurs. The net control station is Leo VE3NVL. Announcements of interest to Ottawa Valley Radio Club members are a highlight along with the opportunity to participate in the round table discussions. The net format is a call for check-ins and acknowledgement, followed by club announcements and then the round table discussion. This net will keep you up-to-date on Club activities. *The Wise Owl* certificate is issued for regular participants in the net. Ask Leo about it on Friday evening.

Also on two-metres on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at 9:00 pm on repeater VE2KPG, 147.36/96 MHz, we have the **Kingsmere Traffic net**. This net is solely for the purpose of passing formal messages to any country in the world where we have third party traffic agreements. The Net Manager is Devere, VE3AJN and net control is shared by several regular participants. This is a good net to learn message handling via amateur radio. You do not need to have traffic to check into this net. Everyone is welcome. Give a listen and check in...

Every evening at 6:45 pm on VE3STP, 147.06/146.46 MHz, the **Champlain Mini-net** meets for ap-

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## NEXT MEETING OF THE OVMRC

19 September, 1991

1930 hours

Room #1

Multi-service

Centre

1480 Heron Road,  
(East of Alta Vista Dr. near  
Baycrest Drive on south  
side of Heron)

## CLUB CALENDAR

19 September  
Programme

### SPEAKER

Neil Herber, VE3PUE

The Care and Nourishment  
of NiCad Batteries

INTRODUCTION OF  
THE  
NEW EXECUTIVE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
QSL CARD CONTEST  
WINNER

Next Executive Meeting  
26 September - 1900 hrs  
Meeting place T.B.A.

Deadline for Rambler  
articles  
26 September

## AMATEUR RADIO NETS

POT HOLE NET - Sundays 1000 hrs. 3.760 MHz (includes Swap Net)

SWAP NET - (Ed Morgan, VE3GX regular feature of Pot Hole Net and Capital City FM Net. Call Ed 733-1721 for listings and queries.

POT LID NET - Sundays 1100 hrs(except Jul & Aug) 3.620 MHz slow-speed CW.

CAPITAL CITY FM NET - Mondays 2000 hrs 146.94 MHz. Swap Net featured.

PACKET RADIO VOICE NET - Mondays 2040 hrs 146.94 MHz follows Capital City FM Net.

MILITARY NET - Tuesdays 2000 hrs 147.30 MHz.

CUMBERLAND EMERGENCY NET - Wednesdays 1930 hrs, 147.03 MHz

THE WISE OWL NET - Fridays 2000 hrs. 147.30 MHz

OVMRC CODE PHONE - 825-0786 24-hr code practice..

CHAMPLAIN MINI NET - Daily 1845 hrs 147.06 MHz

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# Ramblings

by Jeff Wilson, VE3RCI



Ah, September, what a great month! The start of the fall "Radio Season", as the various clubs and nets resume regular skeds and the first hints of antenna weather can be felt in the air.

Personally, I can't wait for the leaves to explode into their fall colours and then quickly depart their lofty summer residences. Once the onerous task of leaf raking is complete, my new halyards will be fired into the highest branches of the

I spent the last week of August in Sault Ste. Marie, on business, but managed to check into the Twin Soo Mini Net on VE3SSM (146.940 MHz) on two evenings. This net is held "Every Night" at 9 pm and is in the format of our Wise Owl Net, with traffic and brief announcements followed by a ragchew. On the night I kept track, 22 local VE3's and 7 W,K,N 8's from Michigan, across the St. Marys River, checked in. A lot were summer cottagers in the area. I filled them in on the OVMRC and how we hope to have VE3JW back in the National Museum of Science and Technology by next June. It was great to hear all the activity in the Soo area, and all the newly licensed amateurs enjoying 2 meters. If you're in the area, check it out, or should I say, check in to it! Hi.

Speaking of nets, be sure to read Jerry, VE3CDS's article on the various nets in the National Capital Region that we should all be check-

ing into, at least once in a while. They are a lot of fun and a good way of keep in touch with what's going on in the local Ham community.

Hopefully, all of you reading my 'ramblings' this month have received your Rambler at the correct address and that it was sent to the correct name and callsign. If all went according to plan, the herculean efforts of Neil, VE3PUE, our acting Membership Chairperson during VE3BGP's tour in the Middle East, and Judy, VE3PAB, have resulted in an up to date, error-free membership and mailing list. If there are any errors or omissions still out there, please let Neil know. Thanks to Neil and Judy for undertaking this "less than the normal fun" task. Don't forget to renew your membership to keep your name in the database.

An interesting article appeared in the July/August TCA (p.8) about the Orchard City ARC of Kelowna, B.C. It mentioned how a "Senior's Committee" was formed to obtain a New Horizons grant for their new repeater. They also have a "coffee klatch" that meets on Saturday morn-

ings. I think these are two excellent ideas for our Club. What do you think? Is there a group of our senior members who would like to form a senior's committee to help us make sure their needs are met by the Club? Let's think about a good location for a regular "morning meeting of mobile members" (try saying that fast five times!). I'll bring this up at the September meeting for discussion. Let's hear your ideas.

Finally, to all active Club members, I direct your attention to the September 1991 QST, p. 43, which is titled, "One of the Best Amateur Radio Traditions: Elmering." Please read it and then talk to any Executive member to volunteer to assist our recently licensed members and those currently enrolled in this year's OVMRC course. Doug, VE3ATY, and his training committee can help put you in touch with those looking for a mentor or "Elmer". Of course, if you would like help to get on the air, please let us know so that we can help you get the most out of your new amateur radio licence privileges. See you at the September meeting. 73 until then, Jeff.

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proximately fifteen minutes. This is a good net if you are looking for someone in Ottawa or up the Valley. The net is always there, something worth remembering. This is a controlled net with check-ins with or without traffic. There is a good chance of hearing someone you may be looking for. Tune up on VE3STP and check in. It's a good place to meet your friends.....

There are other two-meter nets in addition to those we have mentioned. The Packet Radio Group meets on VE2CRA immediately following the Capital City FM Net on Monday evening. This is an excellent technical net for those interested in or with questions about packet radio. Some of the nets feature special activities on a regular basis. For example, the Swap Net, managed by Ed, VE3GX, is a part of the Capital City FM Net on Monday

evening. The Swap Net features articles for sale or wanted by amateurs. If you are looking for equipment or info on equipment the Swap Net is the place to be. Ed is on at approximately 8:15 pm and will answer questions about articles available for sale, swap or to buy. The Rambler publishes a list of nets on page 2 as an aide memoire. That's it for Two Metre nets for this go around. Next time we will talk about some of the nets open to those of you who have 80 metre privileges.

# Secretary's Minutes

by Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell, VE3SLC



## MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING June 20, 1991

1. **Call to Order.** Pres Doug, VE3ATY, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

2. **Technical Problems.** Pres Doug asked if there were any technical problems. Merv, VE3CV, asked if anyone could help him with a copy of the service manual for a Collin 30L1 Linear Amplifier. Chuck, VE3PDK will advertise for this item in the *Rambler*.

3. **Field Day Committee.** Jeff VE3RCI gave his report on the preparations for Field Day. He has 3 tents but requires transportation for them from Uplands before 4:00 p.m. on Friday and to return them on Sunday. He was told to contact Bob, VE3YBC. Jeff said that there would be only two stations operating. Wire is also required for the antennas. The stations will operate on 20M, 40M, and 80M. John, VE3ACI, will bring a vertical. A chef is needed for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. Doug, VE3ATY, and Sue, VE3SLC, volunteered to do this. Tables will be provided at the sight but chairs might be required. A volunteer is needed for the packet demo. Jeff said he had the station roster and schedule of operators if anyone wants to check their. All are welcome to come out and participate from 9:00 a.m. on Saturday June 22 until 2:00 p.m. on Sunday June 23. Judy, VE3PAB, will do a talk in on VE3TWO.

4. **Coffee Convenor.** Evelyne, VE3OAM, would like someone to replace her as the coffee convenor at Club meetings. A volunteer is being sought. A round of applause and thanks were given to Evelyne who has

untiringly done this job for many years now.

5. **VE3OWY Silent Key.** Doug asked all for a moment of silence in memory of Kathy Pastuch, VE3OWY, a Club member and recent silent key. Kathy is the wife of Russ Pastuch, VE3FSN.

6. **Budget 1991-92.** Doug asked all to take a look at the proposed budget that was published in the June *Rambler*. There were 3 motions on the budget to be considered.

a) **Motion to Adopt.** Moved by Judy, VE3PAB, seconded by Merv, VE3CV, that the membership accept the proposed budget. MOTION CARRIED.

b) **Motion to Set Dues.** Moved by Judy, VE3PAB, seconded by Chuck, VE3PDK, that the annual membership dues be set at fifteen dollars (\$15) in accordance with Article 2.3.1 of the bylaws. MOTION CARRIED.

c) **Motion to Reduce Dues.** Moved by Judy, VE3PAB, seconded by Chuck, VE3PDK, that the annual membership dues for a Club member, who is a family member of a full member, life member or associate member and is living at the same address where a single mailing may be made of Club correspondence and the newsletter, be reduced by the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) in accordance with Article 2.3.3 of the bylaws. MOTION CARRIED.

7. **September Meeting Venue.** A member asked if the September meeting would be at the present facility or if we would be back at the Museum. The new exec will have to look into this. Word will be sent out later. (*Secretarial Note: It has been determined that the September Regular Meeting will be held at the Multi-Service Centre as usual.*)

8. **Life Membership Certificates.** Doug took a few minutes to present the Life Membership certificates to Ralph Cameron, VE3BBM, and Bill Wilson, VE3NR. Both of the gentlemen were unable to be present at the May awards night.

9. **Six-Meter Repeater Project.** Ed Sieb, VE3RDZ, informed all that he has possession of a 6M repeater and is looking for people who want to help get it running. If anyone is interested they can contact him. He also can get coax cable in bulk and if anyone is interested in this, they should also see him.

10. **Repeater Linking - VE3STP.** Merv, VE3CV, told all of a meeting that is taking place in Pembroke for the linking of repeaters. If anyone is interested in attending and becoming involved in this, they can see him.

11. **VE3ELQ - Silent Key.** Merv informed the meeting of the passing of Brian Nichols, VE3ELQ, of the Champlain Repeater Association.

12. **Hospitalized Member.** Merv informed us of Bill Manston, VE3YK, who is recovering in hospital from open heart surgery. He is at the Civic in Rm 316.

13. **Nominating Committee Report.** Doug announced that Jerry Wells, VE3CDS, Chairman of the Nominating Committee is unable to be here to run the election of officers. Doug informed all that with their approval he would fill in for Jerry. He read out the slate of officers as prepared by the Nominating Committee as follows:

### Directors

President - Jeff Wilson, VE3RCI

Vice President - Larry Woram, VE3WLN

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# A RADIO COURSE WITH A DIFFERENCE

by Charles King, VE3PDK

You know what you want to teach new amateurs. You want them to know the vocabulary of radio; they should be able to operate equipment safely; they should know how to avoid interfering with other users; they should be courteous and know radio etiquette; and they should be motivated to advance themselves in the hobby and to experiment and build, at least some components. What do you do when currently available manuals don't seem to come to grips with these issues. They have the all the technical information, but they do not quite match the needs of our students. Well, if you have the courage of your convictions, you do as Doug Carswell, VE3ATY, has done. You write your own manual!

The decision evolved throughout last year's training programme when material had to be developed to fill the blanks and other material modified to enhance its presentation. Doug determined to assemble a Training Committee with the necessary skills and talents to produce a manual geared directly to the student's needs.

Because Doug does most of the electronic theory teaching, he elected to write this portion, and John Pope, VE3ACI, and Dennis Rule, VE3JGR, are proof-reading the manuscript for technical accuracy and clarity.

Pat Brewer, VE3KJQ, teaches the Radio Act and Regulations and he prepared material on this subject. Pat also works with Jerry Wells, VE3CDS, on Morse code training, so he prepared the Morse code audio tapes and the instructions for their use.

Brice Wightman, VE3EDR, looks after the operations side of the programme and also runs analyses on the students' progress in Morse code. He has prepared text and reference material on operating procedures, etiquette and safety.

Chuck King, VE3PDK, is editing the manuscript, typesetting it and preparing master pages for printing. Allen Ablett, VE3SUP, is arranging for printing and is making up the binders for the students.

The printing is being done by a course member -- Mukhtar "Mike" Shaikh of Printing and Promotions Canada Incorporated. Mike has agreed to print the book at a very low margin for the privilege of joining the course.

The new manual, entitled *Amateur Radio for Beginners*, has several innovative features. First, its design follows the sequence of information as it is presented to the students. The contents are non-mathematical in nature and are aimed at the student who has no technical background. Therefore, the material was developed to flow from first principles, proceeding from known, common experiences to more complex electronic concepts.

Each chapter contains the material normally presented in one classroom session. Such a session could be two or more hours and include theory, practice and homework. The practice portions will include hands-on operations and the homework will include questions from the Communications Canada Question Bank. The Bank has been scanned and questions appropriate to each classroom session have been segregated.

The manual will have numerous appendices for information that does not normally fit into one of the chapters. There will be CW instructions, operating procedures, Q codes presented with mnemonics, resistor values and their mnemonic, and other material of value to the new amateur for operating and experimenting. The binder is sufficiently large that the appropriate

Communications Canada Radio Information Circulars can be included.

To make *Amateur Radio for Beginners* easier to use as a reference book, there will be a full table of contents, a list of figures and tables, a glossary, and a comprehensive cross-index. Ohm's law, for example, will be indexed under "O" for Ohm, under "L" for laws, and under "F" for formulas. It will be further indexed under "E," "I," and "R."

In a second phase of development, it is planned to have master lesson plans for each topic prepared and printed as a companion volume.

The amount of work involved is shared by the Training Committee and it is estimated that it will take well in excess of two thousand hours. The value of this time, computed at even the lowest rate for technical writers, and typesetting, is left to your calculations. For this reason, the Club, to whom the copyrights have been assigned, is admonished not to grant permission to reprint and to safeguard the copyright from unauthorized use. It is intended to produce a marketable product, consisting of manual, tapes and lesson plans that may be of interest to individuals and clubs everywhere.

Registration night on 3 September, brought out twenty-one candidates. More will appear at the second registration and on the first official class night on 10 September at Laurentian High School. This has all the markings of a bumper year and with the new manual in hand, the students will find it easier to grasp the basics of radio, operations and safety. They should find the exams easier to face and there should be more successes on the first try. There should be a large crop of new call signs by the Spring of '92!

# ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDIT

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INCOME 1 Jul,1990 TO 30 Jun,1991

REVENUE			EXPENSE		
INCOME			EXPENSES		
Field Income	50.00		Rambler Supplies	143.75	
Memberships	2,611.31		Rambler Postage	971.14	
Bunny Hunt Income	332.00		Code Telephone	152.76	
Fleamarket Sales	841.79		Station Licenses	66.00	
Fleamarket Raffle	949.00		Repeater Maintenance	45.00	
Equipment Loan Deposit	0.00		Rent For Meetings	171.20	
Donations	12.31		Donations	35.00	
Bank Interest	460.91		Field Day Expense	158.62	
Miscellaneous Income	0.00		Membership (Awards Etc.)	121.56	
TOTAL CLUB INCOME		5,257.32	Name Tags	269.08	
Course Registration Fees	3,418.00		Insurance	580.00	
Miscellaneous Course Income	57.04		Office Supplies & Postage	298.24	
TOTAL COURSE INCOME		3,475.04	Bunny Hunt Expense	506.55	
TOTAL INCOME		8,732.36	Raffle Expense (Fleamarket	440.45	
			Fleamarket Expense	410.24	
			Club Promotional Expense	193.03	
			Bank Charges	17.60	
			Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	
			TOTAL CLUB EXPENSE		4,580.22
			Course Supplies	1,788.56	
			Course Classroom Rent	185.00	
			Instructor Honoraria	650.00	
			Miscellaneous Expense	19.72	
			TOTAL COURSE EXPENSE		2,643.28
			TOTAL EXPENSES		7,223.50
			TOTAL EXPENSE		7,223.50
			INCOME		1,508.86
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# ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDIT

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BALANCE SHEET 30 Jun, 1991

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
CURRENT ASSETS		EQUITY	
Bank - Club Acct. 5314075	4,345.65		
Bank - Course Acct. 5314075	1,331.76		
Petty Cash	0.00	TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00
Miscellaneous Receivables	0.00		=====
Receivable Field Day OARC	<u>50.00</u>		
TOTAL ASSETS	5,727.41	EQUITY	
		Equity Beginning Of Year	3,505.55
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>5,727.41</u>	Equity To Date	1,508.86
	=====	Accr. Memberships 1992	863.00
		1990 Field Adjustment	<u>150.00-</u>
		TOTAL EQUITY	5,727.41
		TOTAL EQUITY	<u>5,727.41</u>
		LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>5,727.41</u>
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1454 Woodward Ave.  
 Ottawa, Ontario K1Z 7W3  
 August, 26, 1991

Sir:

**Re: Auditor's Report**

As requested, the Ottawa Valley Mobile Club accounts for the Fiscal Year 1990-1991 have been examined by the under-signed.

These accounts are accurately presented and clearly reflect the financial operations of the Club for the fiscal year under review. Bank and ledger balances are in agreement - with all ledger entries reflecting the normal activities of the Club and the Amateur Radio instruction Course operated by the Club.

I should add that the computer printouts and the clearly presented supporting documentation have been most helpful and I would strongly recommend that the Club adopt this system of accounting as a permanent fixture.

Sincerely  
 W.R. Campbell - VE3KLLK  
 Auditor

President,  
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Treasurer - Judy Taetz, VE3PAB

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- Amateur Radio Exhibit - Cy Webster, VE3SIY

- Amateur Radio Training - Doug Carswell, VE3ATY

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He informed all that no further names had been submitted to the committee and called for a motion of adoption.

**Motion to Adopt Slate of Officers.** Moved by Bob, VE3KLLK, and seconded by Joe, VE2JHT, that the proposed slate of officers be adopted as read. MOTION CARRIED.

**14. Handing Over the Chair.** Past-President Doug passed over the gavel to President Elect Jeff, VE3RCI. As a final act as retiring President, Doug presented the the key to the Executive washroom to the new President.

**15. Vote of Thanks to Retiring Executive.** Jeff proposed a vote of thanks to Doug, and to the retiring members of the Executive. This was seconded by Dave, VE3ACT. The motion was carried with a round of applause. President Jeff presented Doug with a

certificate attesting to his two terms as President and to the Club's gratitude for the exemplary services rendered.

**16. Door Prizes.** Judy, VE3PAB, announced that the door prizes for this month was a free year's membership in the Club. Also a prize would be given to Doug Burnside because he had brought the most guests to the Club meetings. Doug, VE3ATY, drew tickets for the the door prizes. The winners were Jeff, VE3RCI, and Earl, VE3IMP.

**17. Adjournment.** There being no further business, the President called for a motion to adjourn. Moved by Vic, VE3BSV, seconded by Fred, VE3PAA that the meeting adjourn. MOTION CARRIED.

Everyone moved to the back for coffee, cookies and conversation.

Sec Sue

VE3SLC

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## I PASSED THE TEST! NOW WHAT?

by Bob Sharp, VE3YBC

*(Bob answers the oft heard complaint -- "What will I do now?" with his own solution to the problem. If "new" licensees take his advice and get involved, does it not behoove "old" operators to show the amateur spirit by making them welcome? See also how Bob got involved in the Sony Cycle Tour and see the front page on nets. Ed.)*

Most new amateurs have asked themselves, "What do I do now?" shortly after getting their call sign. Two meters is fun, but it seems that something is missing. The "missing link" is involvement.

Check in on the nets; it's the only way to find out what's going on in the local amateur community. The nets tell us

who is selling or buying and who is doing what and needs help. Jump right in, the people are fine!

If you take the initial step and check into a net, the local hams will welcome and talk to you, but don't expect them to go looking for you. After all, you can't expect them to know that you are cowering behind your microphone, too nervous or shy to announce your call. Get involved. Check the nets. Volunteer for events such as Field Day, and communications for other events. Drop in at Club meetings. *(The next OVMRC meeting is announced on page 2.)*

I know that I've learned more in the past six months about ham radio than books could ever teach. The greatest source of knowledge you could ever expect or hope to find is at the end of your antenna ... your fellow hams. Call them, talk to

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## IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT? THIS MAY BE THE LAST ISSUE OF THE RAMBLER IF YOU DON'T RENEW BY THE SEPTEMBER MEETING!



# FROM THE WISE OWL NET

by Leo Desjardins, VE3NVL

The Wise Owl Net is an informal net where you can meet new and old friends. The Wise Owl Net operates every Friday evening at 2000 hrs local on repeater VE3TWO, on frequency 147.90/30 MHz. Club announcements, CARF AND CRRL bulletins and subjects of general interest to the amateur radio community can be heard.

On 7 September 1990, the Wise Owl Net resumed operations for another season. The net was operational until 28 June 1991. During that period, a total of 106 hams checked in for a total of 902 QNI. There was a total of 44 nets for a total time of 2503 minutes (41.72 hours). A special net was run and controlled by Sydney, VE3GVI, on 25 December.

From 18 January 1991 to 29 March 1991, eleven qualifying nets were run for Class A and Class B Wise Owl Certificates. There were 13 recipients of Class A and 11 recipients of Class B Certificates. These awards were presented at the regular monthly Club meeting in May.

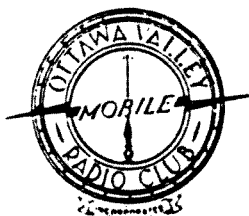
The recipients of Class A Certificates were: Steve, VE3SKJP; Betty, VE3ZZB; Chuck, VE3PAP; Jim, VE3GJY; Peter, VE3SNU; Pat, VE3KJQ; Jerry, VE3CDS; Fred, VE3BAJ; Paul, VE3PPC; George, VE3XS; Doug, VE3SPF; Mike, VE3FFK; Neil, VE3PUE.

Class B Certificates were awarded to Paul, VE3NPD; Joe, VE2JHT; Brian, VE3MJD; Henry, VE3OMU; Ed, VE3RDZ; Doug, VE3ATY; Tom, VE3OFM; Rob, VE3SHZ; Jeff, VE3RCI; Gord, VE3OSM; George, VE3ZEZ.

As your net manager and controller, I hope everyone who participated enjoyed themselves as much as I did. I want to thank you for participating throughout the season.

The Wise Owl Net will resume operations on Friday, 6 September 1991. I look forward to meeting everyone again.

This is your net; together we can make it bigger and better. CU ON THE AIR. Leo Desjardins, VE3NVL



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club Inc.,  
P.O. Box 5530, Station "F",  
OTTAWA, Ontario K2C 3M1

Radio Call Sign

Family Name		Given Name & Initials		Preferred Radio Name	
Address - Apartment, House Number, Street				Home Phone	
City/Town		Province	Postal Code	Business Phone	

Applies for membership/renewal for the Membership Year.....in the following category:

- REGULAR MEMBER\* - as a licensed amateur.....\$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- ASSOCIATE MEMBER\* - as a radio enthusiast.....\$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- FAMILY MEMBER(S) - of a Regular or Associate Member.....\$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed  Cheque  
 Cash

Given Names

Date

New Member  Member Renewal

Association Memberships

CARF  CRRL

OARC  Other

For Office Use

Membership Number

Membership Registered

Receipt Issued

Card(s) Issued

Subscription Registered

\* Includes subscription to *The Rambler*

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## SONY CYCLE CLASSIC - OPERATION REPORT

*by Bob, Sharpe, VE3YBC*

The Sony Cycle Classic, a Halifax to Toronto cycle tour, rolled through our region during the last week of August. Of course, Amateur Radio was there providing communications. Our role was to supply a base control and checkpoints for the riders. We were assisting fellow hams who were participating in the tour. Doug, VE3RNC was one of the cyclists and Monica, KB7FIT, and Steve KB7HMM, were driving support vehicles for the tour. Monica and Steve hail from Seattle, Washington.

Our coverage area was from St. Andres Est, Quebec, to Perth, Ontario. The author volunteered to be the Area Coordinator and to take on some of the duties as a mobile station. To maintain communications throughout our area of responsibility, we utilized three repeaters -- VE2RM from St. Andres to Rockland, VE3TEL from Rockland to North Gower and

VE3ORA from North Gower to Perth. Due to summer holidays and work commitments, the duty roster looked like a listing of every radio club in our area.

On Monday, August 26th, the base station was run by Don, VE3RM, from the Montreal ARC and mobile stations were operated by Roger, VE3KKR from ECC ARES, Cornwall and Bob, VE3YBC of the OVMRC, Ottawa. On Tuesday August 27th, Don, VE3RM continued to operate the base station assisted by Peter, VE3SOF of PARC. Mobile stations were manned by Bob, VE3YBC and Keith, VE3IMT. Wednesday, August 28th, Wayne, VE3WDP of PARC took over the base station duties while mobile stations were manned by Bob, VE3YBC, and Doug, VE2VMS, both of the OVMRC.

The manager of the tour, Tim Kneefield, stated that the hams in the

Ottawa area did a great job and he hoped we would be available for next year's tour. Special thanks go out to the following:

Ed, VE3GX, for supplying us with information via packet. Devere, VE3AJN, Net Manager for the Kingsmere Traffic Net. Her operators handled heavy traffic between us and the tour. Pioneer Amateur Radio Club for the use of VE3TEL, which we tied up for two days.

And finally, our thanks to the hams in the Ottawa area, who were so patient and courteous while we tied up repeaters for our communications. Without their support and understanding, the Ottawa area leg could not have worked.

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## Joe Norton Trust Award for the Advancement of Amateur Radio

*by Jeff Wilson, VE3RCI*

As last year's winner and this year's chairman of the Joe Norton Trust Award selection committee, it is my distinct pleasure to announce that this year's winner is Roxanne Delmage, VE3VOU. Roxanne's initial interest in amateur radio was sparked by husband, Craig, VE3KKU, but her vocation as a Victorian Order Nurse (hence the callsign!) has given her excellent uses for amateur radio.

Roxanne has performed missionary work in the Dominican Republic and enjoys communicating with missionaries around the world through the International Mission Radio Association (IMRA) Net. Roxanne

maintains a twice-weekly sked with Sister "Bernie" Murdoch, 9L3BM, in Sierra Leone, to help maintain her radio link with her Canadian family. She also acts as the QSL manager for 9L3BM.

Roxanne, is on the Health Committee of NOW (Nepean Outreach to the World). She and husband Craig are assisting NOW in obtaining a formal third party traffic agreement with Sierra Leone. This will allow Roxanne to set up phone-patches for Sister Bernie and for Nepean officials to talk to officials from the town of Bo, which is twinned with Nepean.

Roxanne plans to continue doing missionary work through amateur radio and plans to become active in CLARA to share the Amateur Radio hobby with other women. She is active in the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club, but the recent arrival of their first harmonic Erin Anne on August 23 is providing yet another outlet for Roxanne's energy.

Roxanne was presented with the Joe Norton Trust Award, a cash prize in the neighbourhood of \$700, at the September OARC meeting. On behalf of all of your fellow OVMRC members, I offer our congratulations and 88!