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Home brew night hauls out hordes of handymen!

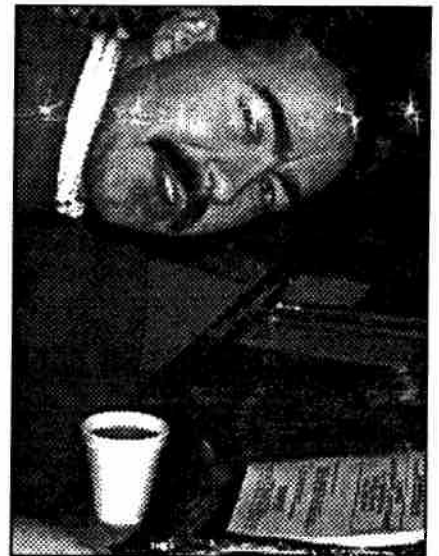


Cheap antennas by the yard

All photos: VE3PUE



Log this one periodically



Home brewed coffee was a big hit

Nobody volunteered to write up this great event, so we swiped a bit of the Secretary's minutes...

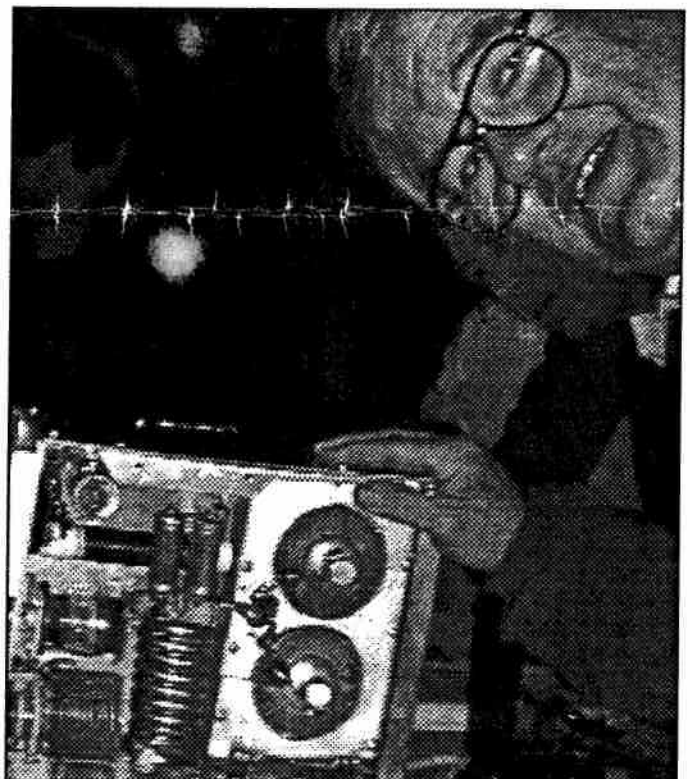
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The judges were Jerry VE3CDS, John VE3ACI and Wil VE3XMT. After considerable deliberation, they announced the six winners:

- 1) Gerry VE3GK
- 2) Rod VE3ROD
- 3) Maurice-André VE3VIG
- 4) Doug VE3UTF
- 5) Doug VE3CDC
- 6) Rich VE3UNW

The pictures on this page show a bit of the activity. Make sure you enter next year!



Gerry shows off the linear accelerator that powers his amp

The Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club

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now there's room for you!*

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Mark Your Calendar!

Next general meeting:

Thursday, February 18, 1993 19:30 local time in the auditorium at the National Museum of Science and Technology. **Nomination and election of a new President to replace Bob VE3YBC.**

Next executive meeting:

Thursday, February 25, 1993 19:30 local time in the volunteer room at the National Museum of Science and Technology.

Deadline for the next issue of the Rambler:

Thursday, February 25, 1993.

Affiliated clubs

The OVMRC exchanges bulletins with the following organizations:

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Ramblings Parting words from our President, Bob Sharp, VE3YBC

Jan. 20/93

Larry Wilcox VE3WEH
Vice President
OVMRC Inc

Dear Sir,

After much thought and consideration I must with regret inform you that effective 12:01, January 21 1993 that I will be resigning my position of President of the OVMRC.

The club is changing and its President needs strength along with tact, diplomacy and patience. As you well know the last three mentioned qualities are not my strongest points.

When I assumed the office of President in June 1992 I was quite enthusiastic and ready to give the job my best shot. Now with another person at the helm maybe the time might of been smoother, but then again maybe not. I feel that it is time for a President with the qualities listed above to take the OVMRC into the future. I hold no regrets over the past six months and prefer to call it a good learning experience.

I thank you and the Executive for the support and patience shown to me over the last six months and I wish the club all the best in the future.

73 de Bob Sharp VE3YBC

Minutes

from the last general meeting, by Larry Woram, VE3WLN



OVMRC General Meeting,
January 21, 1993

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 19:40 by the Vice-President, Larry VE3WEH. Guests at the meeting included Ray VE3RYH, Gordon VE3XGD, Dave, Cory VE3VTR, Gary VE3NJT, Neil VE3DAG, Ken V73C, Dick and Collin. Jacques VE3TSC presented Ken V73C with a "Canada" toque to help him fend the Canadian weather.

2) Help Needed

Ernie (728-3666) asked for help in locating a schematic for a Hallicrafter S38 receiver. Jake VE2TQX needs help with the phone patch for a FT470. An inquiry was also made as to why the packet frequency 145.01 was not working properly.

3) CARF Bulletin

Dan advised that the cost for an amateur license has increased to \$23. Dave Goodwin VE2ZP is the new CARF contest manager. The RAC has been incorporated and is held in trust by the lawyers pending resolution of outstanding issues. Dan announced the upcoming CIDA day and the prefixes available for use. VE2 and VE3 will use CI2 and CI3 respectively. The CARF callsign book and callsign soft-

ware are both available through CARF.

4) Committee Reports

Ian VE3SNX, Radio Operations, reported that Leonard VE3LPG was looking for volunteers to provide communications at a NCC event on February 13. John VE3ACI reported that new cabinets were installed at the repeater site and the 2m and 6m equipment installed. The 2m unit is running at 35 watts while the 6m unit due to age is putting out 70 watts. 70cm equipment is being sought. The Museum chair Cy VE3SIY informed the members that the Museum has put the date back to late 1994 for VE3JW. The committee sent out approximately 30 letters seeking donations of equipment. Early returns look favorable. Jerry VE3CDS clarified that while the date has been set back VE3JW will be on the air within approximately one month's time. With the grant received the seniors group will purchase the necessary equipment from the three local dealers. Those interested in operating VE3JW are to contact Jerry. Mike VE3BGP announced that we have approximately 270 members. Copies of the club's bylaws are available from Larry VE3WLN.

5) Announcements

Larry VE3WEH read a letter from Bob VE3YBC (see page 3) wherein he announced his resignation as President of the OVMRC effective January 23, 1993. Bob cited personal and health considerations for his decision. *Nominations to fill the position vacated by Bob's resignation and the election will be held at the February meeting.*

6) Home Brew Night

Eighteen home brewers presented their projects. The projects ranged from Sharon VE3TDW's simple 2x2 2m dipole to Gerry VE3GK's home brew linear amplifier and Rod VE3ROD's computer interfaces. The judges Jerry VE3CDS, John VE3ACI and Will VE3XMT after considerable deliberations announced the six winners in their order of standing; Gerry VE3GK, Rod VE3ROD, Morris VE3VIG, Doug VE3UTF, Doug VE3CDC and Rich VE3UNW.

7) Guest Speaker

Bill Wilson VE3NR spoke on the Townsend Report commissioned in 1989 and the resultant position of the Department of Communications with respect to the erection of any significant antennas. Bill discussed the issue from its inception to the department's present position of requiring every individual who is considering erecting an antenna to consult and inform the municipality. Examples of problems incurred by amateurs in Edmonton, Vancouver, Kamloops, Quebec City, Clare, N.B. and Calgary were discussed. It was Bill's opinion that "large" antenna support systems and significant antennas were a thing of the past.

8) Door Prizes

The door prize, a copy of HINTS & KINKS was won by Ed VE3VLF. The winning ticket was drawn by Bill VE3NR.

9) Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 22:10 and was followed by coffee and ragchew.

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From the mailbox

by Larry Woram, VE3WLN



The January issue of *The Groundwave* noted the passing of a local amateur, Claude Baron. Claude in his support of amateur radio left his station equipment to the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club. An advanced amateur course is scheduled for February and is coordinated by Richard Hagemeyer VE3UNW. The February meeting of the OARC will feature Peter VE3JBT on cellular radio and Jim VE3IQ will follow the next month with a talk on Naval communications.

The Pioneer Amateur Radio Club (Ottawa) in their January issue of *TelePARC* report that modifications to the new transmitter and power supply have been completed on the repeater VE3TEL. A motion was proposed and carried that the club support a digital radio repeater for use on packet using the VE3TEL call-sign on 144.99Mhz. and that the necessary equipment be purchased. The repeater will connect via the Lavant repeater and the Roblin repeater to VE3KBR at Belleville. The issue also carried an excellent article on Virtual Reality as published in *Macleans*. "Proponents of virtual reality say it will change the way people live and do business". A system is said to be demonstrated at Dayton in April.

The Kingston Amateur Radio Club announced their new executive for 1993 in the *Kingston Amateur News*. Jim Stoness VE3XJS was elected President replacing Don Ede VE3KBN. Don cited various highlights for the year including the annual flea market, Field Day, the Club amateur radio demonstration at a local mall and the KARC amateur radio course.

The annual HAM breakfast, sponsored by the Halifax Amateur Radio Club was held on January 30, and hopefully was as successful as last year. The *HARC Reflector* featured part 12 of Introduction to Packet Radio by Larry Kenney WB9LOZ as well as part 2 of the DXpedition Report to Sable Island. Part 1 concluded with the author having completed his preparations and his heading off to Halifax International Airport. In part 2 he contemplates the mechanics of flying and Murphy's Law of Selective Gravitation. At the airport judicious use of a non-conductive lubricant and a shoe horn were needed to get the last bit of cargo on board with room for the author's TenTec. The group then headed off in a south-easterly direction towards Sable Island, an hour and a half away. On arrival and upon stepping out of the plane it became apparent that the island is inhabited by horses. More to follow.

The Sudbury Amateur Radio Club was successful in obtaining a New Horizons grant of \$8918 from the government. Well done. Members there are also looking into chartering a bus to Dayton. The *SARCommunicator* was kind enough to list in their upcoming events column the OVMRC flea

market. Thanks. Featured in their December issue was a GM bulletin for Radio Telephone/Mobile Radio Installation Guidelines covering model years 1980-90. I will be glad to make a copy available to anyone who would like one.

The Chatham Kent Amateur Radio Club held an auction and fleamarket at their January 14th meeting. The following Saturday they held a breakfast and social gathering at a local restaurant, sounds like a good idea. The *Clear Signals DX News* and *Notes* reported a good mixture of DX being worked, including P51AA.

Ground Waves, printed by the Windsor Amateur Radio Club carried a brief article on *Bones of an Organization*: the Wishbones, who spend all the time wishing someone else would do their job, the Jawbones who do all the talking, but very little else, the Knucklebones who knock everything that everybody else tries to do and the Backbones who get under the load and do the job. The WARC is starting an emergency net which will give members practice in handling formal traffic and some experience of ARES procedures.

The Thousand Islands Amateur Radio Association are looking into the possibility of setting up a 2m station at Riverfest this year to handle traffic for the public and forwarding it on via HF traffic nets. The club was also approached by their local Kiwanis Club to provide a speaker to talk on amateur radio. The TIARA are distributing the *TIARA Newsletter* at their meetings to cut expenses.

See Mailbox..... page 6

Bulletin bits de CARF

Interesting extracts from the CARF bulletin.

Six meter expansion

Over a year ago, a 50 KHz-wide splinter of 6m was opened in Israel, but for the benefit of Class "A" licensees only. Now that same license class has a 200 KHz-wide band to work in - 50.000 to 50.200 MHz. The Class "B" ticket holders have been allowed into the band as well as the new Class "D" Technical codeless license, the first licenses just having been issued this past month. Maximum output power may not exceed 25W.

Israel Ham News

Three new DXCC countries

QSL cards may be submitted after January 1, 1993, for Croatia (9A, formerly YU2), Slovenia (S5, formerly YU3) and

Bosnia-Herzegovina (4N4, YU4) for DXCC credit.

Croatia and Slovenia are added for contacts made

June 26, 1991 and

after; Bosnia-

Herzegovina QSL

cards are accept-

able for contacts

made October 15,

1991, and after.

ARRL News,

January, 1993

Old equipment manuals

There is a source (collector) of service manuals for old equipment. If you write to Hi-Manuals, P.O. Box 802, Council Bluffs, Iowa, USA 51502-0802 and give them the manufacturer and model of any radio that you have, they will advise you of the

Canadian Amateur Radio Licenses

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
VEO	165	172	177	201	221
VE1	2,105	2,158	2,149	2,249	2,708
VE2	4,474	4,594	4,882	5,505	5,505
VE3	9,086	9,256	9,715	10,723	12,390
VE4	842	841	893	1,033	1,220
VE5	830	826	864	940	1,027
VE6	2,024	2,049	2,144	2,471	2,857
VE7	4,249	4,393	4,600	4,912	5,658
VE8	90	85	73	87	118
VOI	483	499	540	640	760
V02	32	29	29	47	54
VY1	50	50	48	39	50
VY2	-	-	163	168	210
VY9	-	2	2	2	2
TOTAL	24,430	24,954	26,279	29,017	34,543

cost of the manual. This is a boon to all of us who would like to see the older tube-type communications receivers live a little longer!
The Hamilton Amateur

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Mailbox..... from page 5

Members who are unable to pick up a copy at the meeting are mailed one later. The amateur radio course was to start in January with between 15 to 20 students.

Members of the Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club also meet regularly at three locations for coffee and a rag chew. The January issue of *Feedline* featured part two of an Antenna Tutorial by Joe Reisert W1JR and plans for a 2m J-pole antenna.

The *WIARC Bulletin* published by the West Island Amateur Radio Club noted in their December bulletin the efforts of Paul VE2PWA for the initiative to meet with 25 grade 6 students at a local school and demonstrate amateur radio. Paul made a short QSO with VE2SFA on 2m and then answered ques-

tions and explained how to become an amateur. Paul has only been recently licensed and is only 13 years old. QSL cards have been printed for the WIARC VE8 DXpedition. Please send your QSL card via VE2YAK. At their last meeting they featured a show 'n' tell. One project was a "sweet chocolate radio" by Owen VE3POD. The name alone raises interest. James R. Hay VE2VE submitted an article entitled *Please Don't Encourage the Jammers*. It is sad that we have to go to these lengths to enjoy our hobby. James' bottom line is **ignore them** and don't admit that the jamming is working.

The January issue of the *LARC Bulletin* carried a transcript of a speech by Peter Allen, District DOC Supervisor from the London, Ontario office as delivered to the members of the London Amateur Radio Club. Peter started his speech by

noting an ancient Greek philosopher who once said that nothing endures but change. He said that change is something we have no choice but to accept or we'll be left behind. The biggest change cited was the restructuring of the amateur service in October 1990 which has led to a 25% growth in the number of amateurs. In addition technology has changed a lot of things such as commercially built transceivers which are simply "push-to-talk". In his closing Peter warned not to expect a lot from government as people are demanding less government and with less government comes less service. We are going to have to ensure amateur radio does not go the way of the rain forests. More news from the mailbox next month, see you then.

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Class of '92

by Ron Clément, VE3UWR & Roger Rose, VE3XRR

Rambler readers rocked – Rog' and Ron resign!

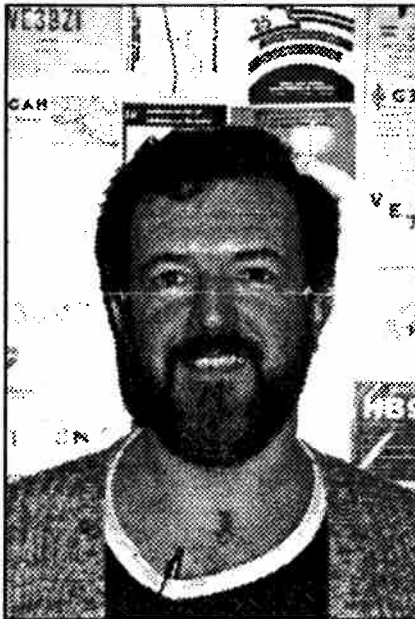
This is the last *Class of '92* column that will appear as a regular feature in the *Rambler*.

When we first went to print in December 1991 (Vol. 34, No. 12), under the headline I M I, our objective was to keep club members informed of the progress of the students taking the course and to provide an outlet for course participants to express their views and describe their experiences of their new-found hobby. In other words, we wanted to provide a voice for the class participants.

In July of 1992, following the graduation of most of the class, we figured we needed to change the name of the column and we decided on *Class of '92*. Our objectives had changed as well. We would provide club members with information on the accomplishments of participants of the graduating class of '92.

To some extent, the objectives were met, but overall, we obtained most of our information secondhand or by chance. Interest seems to have dwindled and very little participation exists. That is why we feel that this column had its place for a while, but it no longer fulfills the intended objectives. Most of the *Class of '92* accomplishments are reported elsewhere in the *Rambler*, so this column becomes an unnecessary duplication.

However, don't despair, we don't intend to fade away into oblivion. Although we sadly say good-bye to the *Class of '92* column, we will continue to write for the *Rambler*. After all, the



Roger VE3XRR



Ron VE3UWR

club needs our wit and wisdom. (Well . . . nobody has said so *directly*, but we can feel it.) We are in the process of planning a series of articles which we hope will appeal to club members. We have received encouraging comments on past articles we've done, so you can blame our persistence on the members reading our material. We just have no shame.

So, on to bigger and better things. A big "thank you" to all those who have given us material to work with. A big "you're welcome" to all of those who have so generously thanked us for our articles. And of course, a big "thank you" to the *Rambler* editors (past and present) who have been very careful when editing our material.

As always, we encourage everyone to come up with material for the *Rambler*. We look forward to the *Rambler* every month, so that we can read up on the club's activities and the members' participation and accomplishments. We are sure that our esteemed editor, Neil VE3PUE, would love a cabinet full of articles that he can pick and choose from for each bulletin. It would certainly make his job easier. (There's no charge for that plug Neil.)

We hope you will continue supporting your club and we will do our part to try to keep the *Rambler* alive and entertaining for all club members. We hope to meet again very soon.

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How many hams have conversational constipation?

by Ed LeBlanc, VE3VLF

The well known saying, "The medium is the message", rings true for amateur radio. The main message or topic hams discuss on the air is the medium, namely amateur radio. This is no surprise, since ham radio is a tremendous hobby possessing a wide variety of facets ranging from QRP to SSTV.

Despite the nobility and value of amateur radio as a topic of conversation, hams seem to have a tendency to talk about nothing else except ham radio. When I discuss the hobby with non-amateurs, one of the most frequently asked questions is "What do you guys talk about?" I usually reply that we can talk about anything but admit that most hams just talk about amateur radio.

Sometimes, I feel a little embarrassed. With the tremendous means that this hobby has to bring ordinary people together from around the world, it seems a pity that many of the QSOs are centered solely around one subject. Although ham radio is fun to talk about, it would be nice to talk about other interesting subjects. In some ways, it seems as if the ham community has lost the art of conversation, better known as ragchewing.

General ragchewing is very easy when conversing with your ham friends on the 2m repeater or on 80m. The real trick is getting a conversation going with

an absolute stranger, something that happens 95% of the time on the DX bands and less, but still quite often, on the local repeater. Obviously, ham radio is a common starting point but with a little effort and forethought, many QSOs can be made ripe for good ragchewing. Here are a few guidelines that may help you in sprucing up your ragchewing capabilities.

Be a good listener

Good listening is not the absence of talking. A good listener takes a genuine interest in what the other person is saying and asks lots of good questions. If you can, make notes on what the other person is saying for later comment.

Geography

Ham radio is usually touted as an excellent means of learning about other parts of the world. Yet, if you listen on any of the DX bands, geography is hardly ever discussed. Few hams ask other hams in faraway places about what it's like to live in their country, what the climate is like, what are the favorite foods, what are the major sources of energy, do they watch Oprah Winfrey, and so on. Your horizons can be greatly expanded when DXing in this manner. Most DX contacts are limited to a simple signal report, QTH, name, 73 and QSL via the bureau. What a waste of our potential if we limit DXing to that level!

Other hobbies

Believe it or not, ham radio is not the only hobby in town. Many hams, (those that can afford it), have at least one or two other hobbies up their sleeves that can be interesting to talk about. I know that many amateurs are engaged in ham "spin off" hobbies such as shortwave listening and radio controlled aircraft. Making another hobby a topic of conversation is a great way of introducing it to other people.

Make and look for door openers

Getting a good conversation going depends on using a couple of good door openers. For example, on the HF bands, after the usual exchanges of temperature and rig, I state what I do for a living. This can lead to further discussion on my field of work, the education involved to get into that field, Canada's educational system, and so on. Something as ordinary as the weather can lead to discussions on local climate conditions and sports associated with changing seasons.

Conclusion

The above list is far from complete, but hopefully it will provide you with a starting point to exercise your ragchewing muscles. Remember, you are only limited in your ragchewing abilities by your imagination.

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Fiscal..... from page 9

Our practice of extending memberships from the April flea market to the end of the next fiscal year actually cost money! The club loses \$1.50 for every member that joins in April and gets an extended membership. It

even loses 10¢ on members who join in June.

Now, this is not to suggest that we change anything drastically. Let's keep charging the regular \$15. Let's keep giving extended memberships for people joining at the flea market.

If you still think this scheme

is unfair, consider the fact that if you joined in March, paid \$15 and then had to renew in July, your "excess unfair" payment would in fact be a loss to the club of 40¢ (the difference between new and renewing members). Not a bad deal, I think.

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Gung-ho geezer group gets going!

by Jerry Wells, VE3CDS

Once again we are into the doldrums of mid-winter with many hams longing for the warming days of spring. Well there is one way to help make the days pass quickly. Get involved with the seniors group of the club.

We are in the process of procuring equipment and we will have an operating station at the museum some time in February. In spite of the delays in getting the new communications exhibit up and running (it is now going to slip to the end of 1994) we will be able to operate from temporary facilities at the museum. Let me explain what we are in the process of working out with the museum.

The initial operation of VE3JW will take place from a temporary setup in the green classroom at the museum, this is the classroom where we hold the radio course on Tuesday evenings. The existing transmission lines to the antennas on the roof of the museum are available

in this classroom. The antennas include:

- a tribander for 20, 15 & 10m
- 80 and 40m dipoles
- a 2m antenna

These antennas are available until they are dismantled to rebuild the roof. Roof rebuilding is not anticipated during this year. We will be using a new Kenwood 850 operating on the HF bands during this temporary phase. We will also set up the 2m rig after we get the HF station up and running.

Our first task is to set up the station in such a way as not to interfere with other uses of the classroom. There have been discussions with the museum staff and we are working out a schedule.

Some members may be wondering about getting into the museum now that there is an admission charge. We will not have to pay if we are coming into the museum to operate VE3JW. We do need to schedule operators so that the security staff will let us into the museum at the appropriate time. We are currently

planning to operate one or two evenings during the week and one session on the week end. This, of course, will change significantly when the final communications display and the revamped VE3JW is commissioned.

During the temporary phase, we will train and check out the senior operators on the setup and operation of the station. We encourage all club members to help the senior operators to get the museum station back on the air. I will keep you informed as we progress.

Club members must be checked out on the station prior to having access to the equipment and classroom. Several hams have expressed interest in operating VE3JW and we are looking for more. You will be contacted by phone as we get the station operational. Call me at 225-7374 for further information.

I hope to see you at the next club meeting where the 850 will be on display.

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Startling study shows fiscal folly!

by Neil Herber, VE3PUE

Once upon a time, when I was acting membership director, several new members who joined late in the year asked if they could join at a reduced rate. Since the constitution doesn't allow for it, I had to answer "No".

I did wonder why anyone would begrudge \$15 to help support the club, but times are tough, and for some folks every penny counts. Ever the curious creature, I wondered how we could provide lower admission later in the year. Suppose we said that as of January, you

could join for half fare, \$7.50. Now, of course, we would have to contend with the people who join in December. If they had only waited a few days, they could have saved \$7.50! Well maybe in December you could join for three quarters of the dues. How about decreasing the dues by a dollar each month? Do any of these schemes make sense (or cents)?

Well as it turns out, all of these schemes have considerable drawbacks, not the least of which is that the club can actually lose money on new members.

The two major fixed costs of the club are the Rambler (70¢

per month per member) and the free badges (\$6 per new member). If you joined the OVMRC at the start of the year and got a badge, the club retained a grand total of 60¢ from your membership. That's \$15 dues less \$6 for the badge less \$8.40 for a year's worth of Ramblers. That 60¢ has to support all of the other club activities and the repeaters.

Even if you joined in March, the club gets \$6.20, which is less than it gets from renewing members (\$6.60).

See Fiscal..... page 8

Upcoming Events, Help Wanted

Still (always!) looking

Net controllers needed to relieve the regulars. The Wise Owl net, the Pot Hole net etc., etc. No experience necessary. Contact Ian VE3SNX at 747-8387.

Contributed by VE3SNX

January 15, 1993 to March 26, 1993

VE3TWO (147.300+) Wise Owl Qualifying Nets

From January 15, 1993 to March 26, 1993 anyone checking-in on The Wise Owl net (Fridays at 20:00) can qualify to be a Wise Owl. During that period, you must check-in ten times or more to receive a class "A" certificate. Check-in seven times or more for a class "B" certificate. Certificates are awarded at the May OVMRC club meeting.

Contributed by VE3NVL

March 27, 1993

Laval-Laurentide Hamfest, Ste Therese, Quebec. About 10 minutes north of Montreal on Highway 15, go East on highway 640 and exit at Boulevard Roy Rene, turn left on Roy Rene North, go 2km. (147.315+ if lost) General admission \$3, Tailgates \$5, Flea Marketers \$7 (Tailgaters and Flea Marketers also pay general admission) Info: Richard Desaulniers (VE2STN @

VE2CRL) 514-689-4591 or Roger Legeault (VE2BWG @ VE2CRL) 514-430-2424

Contributed by CARF

April 14, 1993

Class of '92 dinner & reunion for students who graduated from the spring 1992 OVMRC class held at Laurentian High School. Guests and instructors invited too. Place to be announced. For information contact Lorraine VE3VAT at 228-7111.

Contributed by VE3NVL

May 15, 1993

OVMRC flea market. Canadian Forces Reserve Barracks, Dow's Lake, Ottawa, Ontario. Free admission. Doors open to vendors at 08:00, to the public at 09:00. Tables (\$20 for commercial vendors and \$10 for all others) can be reserved by contacting Ken Barry, VE3KJB at 746-4823. Wheelchair accessible. Refreshments. Talk-in on VE3TWO, 147.300+.

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June 26-27, 1993

Field Day! Contact Vic VE3BSV evenings at 726-9270.

To put a notice in here,
call Leo VE3NVL
at 225-0902.

Errata, stupidia et alia

Shepherds donation

There appears to be some confusion about OVMRC donations caused by an incorrect report in the last *Rambler*. The OVMRC did not donate any funds to the Shepherds of Good Hope. The Christmas coffee fund receipts (about \$37) were donated to the Salvation Army Copper Kettle Fund. Sue VE3SLC thanks all those who chipped in.

Rambler printing

For the past three years, Kevin Still and DY-4 Systems have generously donated the *Rambler* photocopying. We thought he deserved a rest, so when Dave Scobie (VE3BOX) of Advanced Copy Systems offered to print the *Rambler*, we accepted. Unfortunately, we forgot to tell Kevin. A thousand apologies!

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Lost or Stolen

Electronic Organizer Lost

Sharp electronic organizer containing valuable data lost at the January 21, 1993 meeting of the OVMRC in the auditorium of the Museum of Science and Technology on St. Laurent. If you have any information concerning its whereabouts, please contact Earle, VE3IMP at 443-0100 (home) or 990-8547 (office).

Yaesu FT890 Stolen

Stolen from Bytown Marine - Yaesu FT890 with built-in antenna tuner. Serial number 2F060378. Anyone with information please contact Graham at 820-6910 from 12:00 to 18:00.

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Feb 18 1993 Nomination and Election of New OVMRC President

Next General Meeting!

Thursday, February 18, 1993, 19:30 local time in the auditorium at the National Museum of Science and Technology. Lets all get out to the next meeting to nominate then vote for your choice of a new President! Bring your Checkers and Chess Boards for socializing after the election. Video of VE3TWO will also be shown! Refreshments will be available following the election (for the usual small fee!).

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