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Museum mayhem! Heavy handed hams topple tower!

Editorial lapse lets loquacious Larry loose!

by Larry Wilcox, VE3WEH

Who would have expected to see so many enthusiastic guys wanting to help remove the VE3JW antennas and tower from the roof of the National Museum of Science and Technology? What a great turnout on such a miserable, sopping wet, rainy day! I didn't count them, but about 20 hams showed up to help or watch. Some left after getting soaked to the skin (no rainwear) but most returned after warming up over coffee.

On April 10, 1993 the antennas and tower were taken down in about two hours, during the heaviest rainfall of the season. Who said we needed good weather?

I found some interesting history about our VE3JW radio station in an article written by Leo VE3NVL, in the December, 1988 *Rambler* with contributions from Mr. Ernie DeCoste, VE3RIM (Senior Curator, Communication and Space) and Ed Morgan, VE3GX.

VE3JW is dedicated to the late Jim W. Cotter, who became a silent key on December 28, 1969, at age 67. The call letters, JW, were Jim's initials and he was an extraordinary "white caner" who owned and operated a radio repair shop prior to World War II. VE3JW was officially opened on Tuesday evening, March 19, 1974.

We have an opportunity to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the station next year! Mark it on your calendar and remind the new executive!

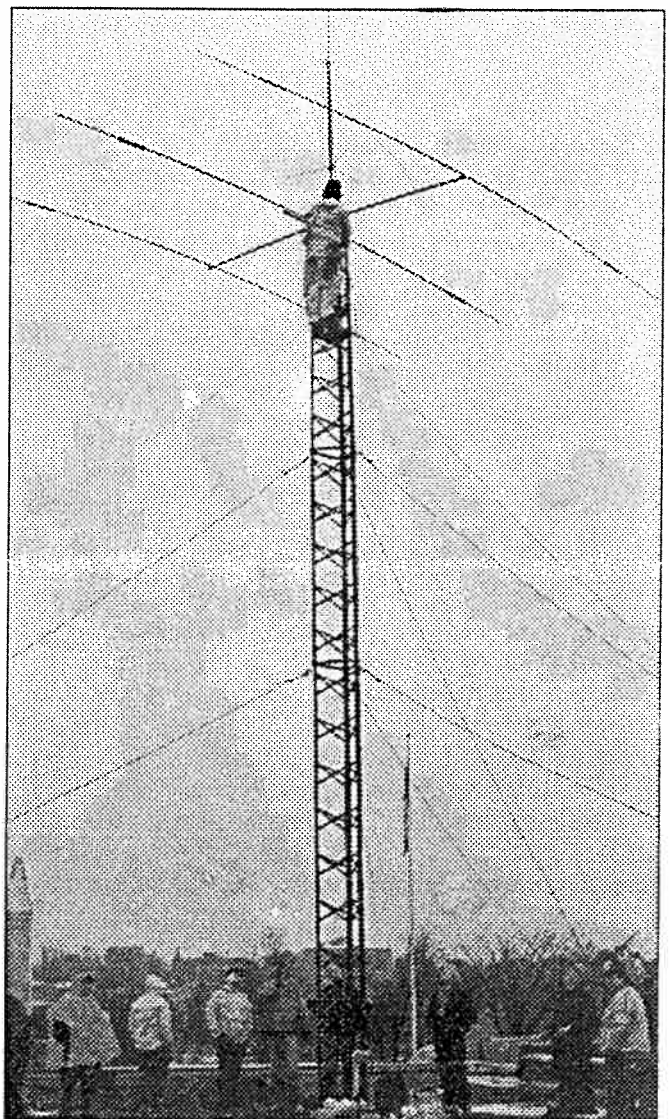
Leo's article notes, "The antenna system and the radio equipment supplied by Heathkit Canada in kit form were initially assembled by members of both the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club and the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club."

But back to the present. Special thanks to the tower climbers, Jeff VE3WWH and Roger VE3XRR, both from the Class of '92. Your efforts were much appreciated. Your climbing was superb (as sure footed as any monkey in the rain) and done safely under Jerry VE3CDS's watchful eye. Ernie

DeCoste, VE3RIM, was very pleased that the job was finished safely.

A special thanks to Jeff's father, Les VE3REX, for the loan of his homemade, sturdy, extra heavy (Jeff knows how heavy!) gin pole.

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One worker, eight supervisors

Photo: VE3WEH

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Mark Your Calendar!

Next general meeting:

Thursday, June 17, 1993 19:30 local time in the auditorium at the National Museum of Science and Technology. **ELECTIONS!!**

Next executive meeting:

Thursday, June 24, 1993 19:00 local time in the volunteer room at the National Museum of Science and Technology.

Deadline for the next issue of the *Rambler*:

Thursday, June 24, 1993

Affiliated clubs

The OVMRC exchanges bulletins with the following organizations:

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Thousand Islands Amateur Radio Association, Prescott, ON
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The OVMRC provides bulletins to the following organizations for their past support of our activities:
Bytown Marine, Ottawa, ON
Kenwood Electronics Canada Inc., Mississauga, ON
Seaway Communications Co., Cornwall, ON

Ramblings

Wise words from our President, Jerry Wells, VE3CDS



June, the last month in the club year before we take our summer recess. Let's look back on some of the club activities and a look to what lies ahead.

The most recent event of the club was the flea market in May, and what a get together! The location at the military establishment at Dow's lake was excellent. The turn out was all that we expected and the weather cooperated. Organization was under the overall direction of Ken VE3KJB. Mike VE3BGP arranged the loan of tables and chairs from DND and Larry VE3WLN ensured that the setup was per Ken's plan and the clean up left the premises as neat as a pin.

Once again Sue VE3SLC and her YLs outdid themselves operating the Flea Bite. Roxanne VE3VON, Judy VE3PAB and Lorraine VE3VAT were right on

the spot ensuring that coffee and goodies were available to all. Next year we must ensure that the fleabite staff get some help in carrying the water for the coffee pots. (That's a promise Sue!)

The club members who helped with the set up and clean up were much appreciated. If you weren't there, you missed a great event. My congrats to Ken, his committee, and all those who contributed to the event.

How about other events? Well, how about the meeting where we listened to one of our life members, Gerry King VE3GK, talk about the many aspects of amateur radio he has experienced? I hope the new amateurs gained some understanding of what ham radio is all about. I can't help but wonder how many other members of the club have hidden talents that we should hear about.

It was unfortunate that our president, Bob VE3YBC, had to step down early in 93 due to other more pressing commitments. I am sure we will see Bob back involved when he can devote the time required. Many thanks Bob, for your work in the first half of the 92-93 year.

The series of events arranged to chase down bunnies have proven to be a major activity on

the 2m band. These activities – although they are not sponsored by the club – add the kind variety we need to have available for club members. I would like to see more of this sort of thing organized by individuals or groups both inside and outside the club.

Let us look into new activities for the coming year that involve the members at large. We will continue to have some guest speakers at club meetings, but I want club members to put on programs that involve participation. What are your interests? What are you knowledgeable about? Why not tell us about your activity in ham radio?

I am sure that there are many club members who have contributed to club activities that have not been formally recognized. To those of you who came forward for antenna raisings (and razings), repeater modifications, furniture moving, Field Day set up, and other activities of the club – I thank you.

I hope to see many of you at Field Day. If you can't make it, have a safe summer and give a bit of thought to the club program for the coming year.

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Silent Key Notices

Over the past few months, several hams – some of whom were members of the OVMRC – have become silent keys. One of the families specifi-

cally requested that we *not* print a notice in the Rambler. To respect the privacy of all concerned, we have decided not to print silent key notices unless

asked to do so by a family member. We hope that this arrangement will prove satisfactory.

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Minutes

from the last general meeting, by Larry Woram, VE3WLN

OVMRC General Meeting
May 20, 1993

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 19:45 by Jerry VE3CDS. Jerry welcomed the members and guests. The evening's guests included Dave VE3DKU, Bill VE3WJM, Greg VE3GJX, Jason VE3BPP, Doug VE3KFQ and Peter VE3IPD.

2) Field Day

Vic VE3BSV announced that the club would operate this year's Field Day from the National Museum of Science and Technology. Vic noted that while Field Day was actually a rehearsal for a potential emergency it was also an excellent opportunity for amateurs, and their families to get together socially. As Field Day was a club event, all members were encouraged to participate.

3) Radio Amateurs of Canada

Doug VE3CDC briefed the audience on the events which he and Doug VE3ATY observed in Guelph and Toronto with respect to the dissolution of CARF and CRRL and the formation of the new club, Radio Amateurs of Canada.

Doug reviewed the corporate chart wherein RAC operates as a non-profit organization providing member services and administrative services.

Two splinter groups were formed – CARF Publishing and CRRL Publishing. CARF Publishing will publish The Canadian Amateur. CRRL Publishing will provide Study Guides, ARRL Books, QST, Ham Software, Call Books, etc. In the future these two groups will be integrated into QUA Publications.

Doug announced that three amateurs were honored by the Canadian Amateur Hall of Fame. They include Ralph Cameron VE3BBM, Noel Eaton VE3CJ and Oscar Hierlichy VO1DI.

Doug strongly encouraged anyone was not a member of a national organization to join to ensure a strong body to represent amateurs.

4) Radio Amateurs of Canada Bulletin

Dan VE3EBI read the highlights of the first RAC bulletin. The RAC has made a submission to the Deputy Minister of Communications, Marc Rochon (copies are available from RAC for \$2).

The CNE is looking for amateurs to operate VE3CNE for the twenty-day period of the exhibition. For information contact Peter VE3NTK.

Dan announced that he has represented CARF in this area for the past 6 or 7 years and is looking for someone to volunteer to take his place at meetings and flea markets. Anyone interested should contact Dan.

5) Flea Market

Ken VE3KJB announced that this year's flea market saw 753 visitors pass through the doors and the club netted \$2132 after expenses.

Ken thanked Ron VE3MUD, Mike VE3BGP, Helmut VE3KCF, Jerry VE3CDS, Mike VE3FFK, Peter VE3LBW, Cy VE3SIY, Al VE3TYJ, Maurice-André VE3VIG, Sue VE3SLC, Roxanne VE3VON, Lorraine VE3VAT and four non-members (who staffed the check in table and sold raffle tickets) for all their help in making the flea market a success.

The raffle prize, a Kenwood

TH-28A, donated by Bytown Marine, was won by Ed VE3GX.

6) Wise Owl Net

Leo VE3NVL, with the assistance of Chuck VE3PDK, handed out 15 Class A certificates for ten or more check-ins and 13 Class B certificates for seven or more check-ins.

7) President's Remarks

Jerry VE3CDS recognized the efforts of several members who have served the club during the past year. Jerry thanked Sue VE3SLC for providing coffee and cookies at every meeting and for running the Flea Bite with the assistance of Roxanne VE3VON and Lorraine VE3VAT.

Jerry also recognized Cy VE3SIY who was instrumental in the club receiving the New Horizons grant which will allow the senior's group to operate VE3JW from the Museum. Doug VE3ATY was recognized for all his time and effort running the club's amateur radio course. Doug was also responsible for publishing the *Study Guide* – now published and distributed through CRRL Publishing.

Jerry indicated that it is his intention to stand for President for next year and, if given the mandate, he will be looking for more participation from the members in the direction of the club. He would like to see more groups form within the club for specific interests, such as packet, CW and DX.

The Museum of Civilization has contacted Jerry with the idea of setting up an amateur radio station in the Children's Museum. Anyone with ideas in this respect is asked to contact Jerry.

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From the mailbox

by Larry Woram, VE3WLN



It appears that the major manufacturers are diversifying. In my March column I reported on the YAESU DX-Caribe Cruise. Not to be outdone, Kenwood just sent me information on the Kenwood Hamfest at Sea, November 14 - 21. The Norwegian Cruise Liner Seaward leaves Miami and visits Ocho Rios, Grand Cayman, Playa del Carmen and Cozumel.

While at sea, Kenwood has planned seminars, activities and contests. Special licenses and callsigns will be available. Fares start at \$1399Cdn plus taxes. Flight leaves from Ottawa. I will be glad to provide anyone with a brochure at the June general meeting, or you can phone me and I will mail one to you.

KEY KLIX is the official publication of the Calgary Amateur Radio Association (CARA). I am going to depart from my normal format and briefly explain a little about the club.

CARA is one of Canada's largest amateur clubs. It is actually several clubs or sections within the club. There is the VHF Section, the Digital Section, DX Section, Experimenters Section and Caratels. Each of the sections meets independently and has its own operating budget. General meetings draw everyone together where they are

briefed on what each section is doing. For anyone traveling west the Glacier-Waterton Hamfest, East Glacier, Montana is being held on July 16, 17 and 18.

In the April issue of *The Feedline* a proposal from a member of the Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club was published, as required by their bylaws. The proposal was for the club to purchase an AEA VSB-70 Fastscan TV Transceiver for use at Field Day, to demonstrate FSTV, to monitor public service events and to televise club meetings. While all of these ideas are worthy, the last one impressed me as an excellent way to bring the club to members who are unable to get to meetings.

The May issue of *The Groundwave* carried a letter from the new President of the Canadian Police College ARC, Rick Guidone VE3NJM to the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club. In his letter Rick assured members that VE3MPC will remain an "open" repeater and that they do not want to discourage its use by the amateur community. However, all clubs are asked to use better repeater procedures:

- pause between transmissions to allow others easier access
- use simplex when possible
- move to an unoccupied repeater when possible
- remain off the air if an emergency is in progress and you have not been asked to assist
- do not monopolize the frequency for long periods of time

In the May issue of *The WIARC Bulletin* the West Island ARC announced a photo contest. Pictures of members shacks, towers, and so on are needed and

prizes will be given for various categories, the neatest, most ham-like, most cluttered.

Burt VE2BMQ has prepared a *User's Resource Manual* for packet radio. The manual is a collection of useful information for packet radio users, beginners and advanced. All proceeds are going to support the Montreal/West Quebec Network linking nodes and servers in the Montreal area to the west and south. The document is available to all for a donation of \$25.00 or more.

The first transmissions of packet over amateur radio occurred at approximately 21:00 on May 31, 1978. An article by Burt VE2BMQ described the first transmission which was held at a special meeting of the Montreal ARC. The first packet message was reported to have been "from John deMercado (Director General - Regulations, DOC) to the Montreal Group - Bravo, well done!"

While not related to amateur radio the May/June issue of *QFA/QOF*, the bulletin of the Heritage ARC carried an article from the 1909 *Calgary Rules for Car Drivers*. (1) When an approaching team is observed the car driver must stop offside and cover his machine with a tarpaulin painted to match the scenery. (2) Penalty for Speeding - one dollar for every mile per hour over ten. Thus a speed of 20mph. would call for a fine of \$10.

The Scarborough Amateur Radio Club is offering a S.A.R.C. 50th Anniversary Award from January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1996. The award is open to all amateur radio operators. Fifty points are required to claim the

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Flea market follies

by Ken Barry, VE3KJB

Well another flea market under our belt. This one was successful monetarily. However, this is the first time we have been in so large a hall, and we may have overlooked a few things that should have been done and weren't. As a matter of fact, I have a list a mile long of things to change for next year.

There were 752 people attending including the vendors. Ed Morgan VE3GX won the grand prize, a Kenwood TH28A donated by Bytown Marine. The door prize winners were L. Manuk VE3KLJ, René Beaudry VE3JKR, and Keith Bedal VE3GFI. They won prizes donated by Atlantic Ham Radio, H.C. Macfarlane and Jacob's Ladder.

We had several commercial vendors: Seaway Communication, H.C. Macfarlane, Atlantic Ham Radio, Bytown Marine, R & S Electronics, Software Stop, Canadian DX and (last but not least)

Gem Products. Affirmotif had reserved a space but did not show up. Other "no shows" were the packet display and the test bench.

My thanks to the hams who helped load the tables and chairs onto the truck after the flea market. Their names appear below.

Only nine people stayed to help out after the event. Fortunately the young ladies and gentlemen of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corp of Falkland gave us a hand. Without their assistance we would have been there until midnight cleaning up the place. Many thanks to:

Helmut Schneider, VE3KCF
Mike Beausoleil, VE3BGP
Jerry Wells, VE3CDS
Peter Hafichuk, VE3LBW
Cy Webster, VE3SIY
Al Barnes, VE3TYJ
Mike Kelly, VE3FFK
Larry Woram, VE3WLN
Maurice-André Vigneault, VE3VIG

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Phlebitis*

by Sue VE3SLC

Thanks to the six wonderful people who lent us coffee makers of various sizes for Saturday's fleamarket. We were able to keep coffee, hot chocolate and tea going because of it.

Thanks to the people who donated sandwiches, muffins and donuts to stock the table. Special thanks to Lorraine VE3VAT and Roxanne VE3VON (and her darling harmonic Erin) for all their help at manning [This is her word, not mine. Ed.] the Flea Bite.

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*A disease carried by vendors at flea markets.

Next issue of the *Rambler* (if there is one) will feature VE3UAV on TEC200, UUH on "Ole Boys", VE3KJB on Dayton and much, much more. Maybe.

OVMRC estate adjustment committee disposal

The Membership chairperson, under the authority of OVMRC Bylaw Article 6.6, is to assist the bereaved family (legatees) of a deceased amateur (silent key) to legally dispose of amateur radio and related equipment.

The OVMRC and Committee member responsibilities are only to assist in the disposal of apparatus and equipment. They bear no liability for the condition of the equipment before or after sale nor for injuries sustained in the dismantling and removal of the equipment.

For more information, please contact Mike VE3BGP at 739-8871 between 17:00 and 21:00.

Make / Model	Ser.#	Qty	Comments
Panasonic RF 4900	H569468	1 ea	Gen. Coverage RX
Yaesu FT 207	111862	1 ea	2m handheld
Kenwood TR 7800	1100342	1 ea	2m mobile c/w mike, bracket
Kantronic Interface	21678	1 ea	
CB Radio TNC 203	100737	1 ea	
CB RX Lloyds	003417	1 ea	
CB RX Lloyds	004099	1 ea	
Rotary switch	—	1 ea	
Antenna 14 AVQ	—	1 ea	HF
Soundstage RX	—	1 ea	dual channel
Books, misc.	—	many	
Micronta power meter	—	1 ea	
B & W low pass meter	—	1 ea	Barker & Williamson
Archer f.s.m.	—	1 ea	field strength meter
Speaker/box Seiko	—	1 ea	
Power cord	—	1 ea	
Coax connectors/wire	—	many	

QRP bunny is QRJ – VIG ends up SOL on QTH quest

by Nina and
Maurice-André VE3VIG

I heard it from a Pope, and from La mighty King. I could not go wrong.

I heard it on the airwaves when John (VE3ACI) Pope recommended, for a successful bunny hunt, use a basic dipole antenna.

I heard it during a conference when Gerry (VE3GK) King advised, to get peace from a neighbor, “hit him in the null!”

By putting Popes and Kings together I came up with a personal idea which I call (for lack of better vocabulary) the end-fed, T-connected, double-extendible, in-phase-adding, self-attenuating, doubly-polarized, “m.a shack” transmitter-hunting antenna. It only took me an hour to put it together.

For the bunny hunt on Sunday, April 25, we took a radio, battery, microphone, earphones and antenna. The only extras we took were a small field-strength meter and the “McGyver special” – a 50mm loop mounted on a BNC connector. All was ready, except the weather, which was actually perfect for dismounting antennas from Museums! I had been hunting in perfect weather during the fall season; I had been hunting in the snow during the past winter; but never had I been bunny hunting in a “car wash”! Pouring rain it was.

Accompanied by my XYL (on her first bunny hunt) we were all set to go, at our starting point on the experimental farm. We received a very low signal there, so we decided to cover the east portion of the hunt area, driving to Dow’s Lake. We started to get a good signal, and we followed along the canal until we lost the signal around Landsdowne Park. We thought it must be a very low

power transmitter located on the north side of Dow’s Lake. So back we went. I’ll spare you the details of the run-around we had. Suffice it to say that had this been a “minimum distance covered” hunt, we would never have made it.

We finally resorted to the map, and by drawing lines we were able to discover an area we neglected, the Carleton University campus. On our way there the signal became so strong we needed attenuation on the “m.a shack” antenna. This is easy to do by collapsing equal portions of the antenna’s extendible arms. We still had a good null and we quickly narrowed the area to the vicinity of a seven-floor concrete parking garage.

Angles indicated the parking garage, but surely bunnies don’t feed on cement, so we decided to search the grounds around the garage. We went into a gated compound where damaged vehicles and transportable gate-houses were strewn about – an ideal hiding spot for a bunny. I got out of the car, in the pouring rain, hiding my radio and “McGyver loop” under my jacket and began frantically poking about the compound in search of the bunny.

My efforts came to a sudden stop when a police officer approached me carefully and questioned me about my activities. (What was I carrying under my jacket, a gun, a bomb, or some other weapon, or a tool to relieve some vehicle of a wanted part?) Try as I might to convince him that I was really “bunny hunting”, he remained unbelieving to the point where I had to find that silly bunny in order to be set free.

And that’s how we completed the bunny hunt – escorted by a police cruiser to the very top of

the parking garage where the carrot- and HT-eating bunny was laughing his ears and bunny tail off.

The difficulties we had at Dow’s Lake were caused by a mean streak in the hunt organizers’ characters, I think. Not satisfied with their perfect hiding place in a pay parking lot (little did I know that on Sundays access is free) they set up a sharp beam antenna that they alternated between horizontal and vertical polarization while pointing it in different directions, sometimes bouncing it off nearby buildings. I think they may have changed power as well. What a trap for a willing hunter who found himself stalked by a police officer!

Oh yeah! The “m.a shack” antenna is a T-connector and two Radio Shack collapsible antennas (\$5 each) mounted in a shower rod plastic cover allowing dual polarization. It can also be mounted directly on the HT connector when fully collapsed, and it still remains directional.

Our team did not win. Rich VE3ZXZ’s team was ahead of us. Packed into Al VE3TYJ’s van, there must have been at least eight participants with at least a dozen antennas and radios. They were loaded for bear – not bunnies!

I just want to say to all those would-be hunters that you don’t need sophisticated, whizzbang, techno-filled apparatus to have fun in a bunny hunt. This time, basic rigs and simplicity won out. Rich got there with a simple HT and an empty antenna connector. The fun for me is the challenge of experimenting with innovations and getting the most out of the least. Yes, even in the rain where I remained vigilant and listening.

Joe Norton Trust Award for amateur radio

Exclusive from Maria, VE3KIP

The Ottawa Amateur Radio Club Inc. awards annually the Joe Norton Trust Award for the advancement of amateur radio. The amount of the award this year is approximately \$800.

Eligibility

To be eligible, a candidate must:

1. Be a resident of the National Capital Region as defined by the official federal government map.
2. Have received a Certificate of Proficiency in radio from Communications Canada during the period June 1, 1991, to June 1, 1993.
3. Send a written submission of no less than 600 words and no more than 900 words to the Executive of the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club Inc., setting out their interests, achievements and plans to contribute to the advancement of amateur radio.
4. Present themselves for an interview if so requested by the judges.

Rules

1. Entries must be received on or before September 3, 1993. No entries received after that date will be considered.
2. The club will send acknowledgement in writing upon receipt of an application.
3. A panel of judges appointed by the Executive of the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club Inc. will evaluate all entries submitted before the deadline.
4. Finalists may be interviewed by members of the Executive of the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club Inc. or the panel of judges or both.
5. Submissions will not be returned unless accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
6. If the judges do not select a candidate in any year, no award shall be made in that year and the monies shall return to the Fund to be awarded in subsequent years.
7. The decision of the Executive of the Ottawa Amateur Radio

Club Inc. in the selection of a recipient of this award is final.

8. The winner will be notified on or before September 20, 1993.
9. The winner will notify the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club Inc. of their acceptance of the award no later than September 27, 1993.
10. The award will be made during the regular club meeting in the month of October 1993.
11. The winner agrees to have their name, photograph and address published in club bulletins, trade papers and on the airwaves.

Send your entry, to be received no later than September 3, 1993, to:

The Joe Norton Trust Award for Amateur Radio
The Ottawa Amateur Radio Club
Box 8873
Ottawa, ON K1G 3J2

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8) Announcements

Leonard VE3LPH asked that those interested in purchasing a club jacket contact him this week. If not enough orders are received, the money will be returned.

Richard VE3UNW and Mike VE3FFK ran an advanced amateur radio course and graduated VE3CEP, VE3NHN, VE3TSC, VE3QDM, VE3CUZ, VE3ZPR, VE3ZGR, VE3IHI, VE3QDX and VE2JHT.

Ed VE3RDZ announced that

co-ax was still available and anyone interested should contact him. VE3XGD and VE3OIJ advised that the next bunny hunt would be held on June 19 or 20.

9) Door Prize

Doug VE3ATY drew the ticket for this month's door prize. Paul VE3PGL won a copy of the CARF Call Sign Directory.

10) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 20:45 and was followed by coffee and ragchew.

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Top five reasons not to be elected to the OVMRC Executive

5. Lousy pay.
4. I hate listening to whiners complaining about how good the club was in the old days before I was on the Executive.
3. Would cut into the time I spend talking on ham radio.
2. I might actually enjoy myself.
1. I might do a good job by accident, and then would get re-elected.

Important notice to all members

June 17, 1993 meeting of the OVMRC Annual General Meeting Nomination and election of OVMRC Executive

by Jerry Wells, VE3CDS

The June meeting is the OVMRC Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is your opportunity to elect new members to the club executive.

A number of members of the current executive have agreed to stay on. Some are willing to stay in the same capacity, some would like a change. At this time, the following members of the executive have agreed to stay on:

- Jerry Wells VE3CDS, president
- Larry Wilcox VE3WEH, vice-president
- Richard Adams VE3EIT, treasurer
- Cy Webster VE3SIY, amateur radio exhibit
- John Pope VE3ACI, technical

Larry Woram VE3WLN, our secretary for the last year, would like a change to some other office on the executive

Ken Barry VE3KJB has served over two years as flea market chairman. He would like to stay on the executive in the same capacity, although some one else may assume the chairmanship of the committee.

Neil Herber VE3PUE, our *Rambler* editor, has agreed to stay on the executive in virtually any capacity, but he would like to give someone else the opportunity to edit the *Rambler*.

Mike Beausoleil VE3BGP, our membership chairman, would stay on the executive but would be interested in some other responsibility.

There are several positions open:

- Radio operations: Ian Kennedy VE3SNX has been posted out of Ottawa.
- Field Day chairman: Vic Bajaj VE3BSV will have served two terms after the upcoming Field Day.
- Amateur radio training: Doug Carswell VE3ATY is stepping down after several years involvement.
- Historical committee: Pat Brewer VE3KJQ, acting, position is open.
- Publicity and programs: open.

We expect a full slate to be put forward at the AGM, but if you are interested in serving on the executive, give me a call.

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For those of you who don't know, Les and his family (XYL Doreen, daughter Janet, their cat CQ and dog Taffy) left Ottawa on May 15, 1993. After living here for more than 20 years, they decided to head for their real home in Nova Scotia and are now living in Kingston. You can check-in to the Trans-Provincial net to say hello!

In closing, Jerry Wells and I extend our sincere thanks to each and every one of you who came out in the rain to help or to provide moral support or humorous remarks. Hope you enjoy the wet pictures!

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Dedicated ham had to be shaken off tower

Photo: VE3WEH

Upcoming Events, Help Wanted

June 26-27, 1993

Field Day! Be there or be square. Contact Vic VE3BSV evenings at 726-9270.

New Rambler Editor Needed

Editor, club president, historical officer, etc., etc. positions available. Wages have been doubled from last year's rates. Get in on the ground floor. Join the exclusive ranks of the OVMRC executive. Wield limited power. Help your club. Have some fun.

Contributed by Rambler staff

tired of seeing the same bunch of ugly faces - We need new ugly faces!

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

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

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award and endorsement seals are available for 100, 150, 200 points. CW contacts are worth 2 points and phone contacts 1 point. Log sheets are to be signed by 2 licensed amateurs and submitted to Scarborough Amateur Radio Club Inc.

VE3WE, c/o Parkway Mall, P.O. Box 62503, 85 Ellesmere Rd., Scarborough, Ontario M1R 5G8.

For members of the SARC only they are offering a CW Proficiency Award. Contacts are worth 1 point however there are six designated stations worth 10 or 5 points. First- and second-place trophies will be won with all participants receiving a certificate.

In the May issue of *TelePARC*, the editor. Bill VE3EKA notes that amateurs

fall into two groups; those who have been to Dayton, and those who wish they had. (I unfortunately still fall in the latter group.) Bill reported that the parking lot at the Hara Arena has 1500 spaces for vendors and tail-gaters and 650 inside exhibitors booths. Attendance was said to be 39,500.

Two members of the OVMRC have found themselves published in very prestigious organs. Neil VE3PUE's article, *Repeater Etiquette* was picked up by the London Amateur Radio Club newsletter, the *LARC Bulletin* while Ian VE3SNX was picked up by the Augusta (Maine) Amateur Radio Association, Inc. *The Augustan* for his article, *Make Mine Morse - is CW Completely Worthless?*

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Jumpin' Jimminy! Jacket Jackpot!

Break out the champagne!

Messieurs Montgomery VE3?TD and Leonard VE3LPH, purveyors of finely-tailored body coverings for amateur radio operating personnel, are pleased to announce the successful conclusion of their round-the-world hunt for the perfect ham jacket. [Question: Is a ham jacket a pigskin?]

Purchasers who failed to render the necessary specie to the vendors are requested to bring same to the upcoming club meeting, where it will be received with gratitude in exchange for the aforementioned clothing article.

Not content with resting upon their laurels, the two enterprising gentlemen have hinted rather broadly that they would be willing to undertake yet another purchasing expedition. Disappointed individuals who missed out on the previous arrangements will thus be afforded an additional opportunity to grace their wardrobes with what is sure to be the fashion statement of the 90s.

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