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Canada's New Frontier

The Information Highway

**Written by the Honourable John Manley,
Minister of Industry Canada**

Canada's courtship with communications technology began well over a century ago with Alexander Graham Bell's invention of the telephone in 1876. Since that time, Canada has proved herself to be a sure-footed contender in the technological race. In fact, it is largely due to our nation's impressive track record that the Canadian government has recently made the decision to implement an exceptional new advancement in information technology: the information highway.

As a nation, Canada faces several unique communications challenges, all of which would be met by the implementation of the information highway. First of all, the vastness of our nation in relation to her comparatively small population has resulted in the problem of regional isolation. In the past, this isolation had inevitably resulted in a distancing of individuals and organizations, a factor which has complicated communications activities throughout the nation. With the introduction of the information highway, however, the notion of distance would be drastically redefined, uniting Canadians everywhere with a "network of networks", and connecting interests of all kinds with one seamless and powerful communications link. The federal government has committed itself to working with the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) and with network operators to ensure universal and affordable access to all essential services on the information highway. Much in the same



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way that telephone service is now available to virtually all Canadians, the electronic information highway would also assure all Canadians access to a wide range of products and services.

A second challenge facing the Canadian telecommunications industry today is our nation's proximity to the United States. In the past, Canadian publications, television and radio stations have been nearly overwhelmed with material of foreign content - almost all of it American. With an increasing amount of foreign content being
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Our guest speaker will be Dennis
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Ramblings

Wise words from our President, Ernie Jury, VE3EJJ



First, I want to thank the Club membership for the confidence they have shown by electing me to lead the Club for the coming year. I hope I will be up to the challenge.

Due to a summer vacation and publication schedules, I am writing this at the end of June for publication later in August. Hopefully what I write now will not be outdated before you read it.

The Techno days and Field day events went well in spite of some weather problems. The Field Day problem of a few heavy showers were minor compared to what it would have been a day later with a day-long steady downpour. In retrospect, we were lucky! The set up and take down were well staffed and went without mishap. The novice station made a good number of contacts, under the experienced guidance of old hands such as John, VE3NJ. The food prepared by Richard, VE3ZXZ, was good and the chili was hot. The Field Day Coordinator, Al, VE2TYJ, rates our appreciation and thanks for a job well done. As I indicated in my initial address to the Club members at the election meeting, I intend to manage the Club in a manner responsive to the wishes of the membership. However, to do this the executive needs some concrete indication of these wishes. To this end you will find a rather comprehensive questionnaire included with this issue of the Rambler. The results of the questionnaire are intended to establish some of the demographics of the Club membership and

to provide detailed feedback to the executive on how Club activities may be brought more into line with the wishes of the membership. Please invest a few minutes of your time in the future direction of the Club by thoughtfully responding to the questionnaire and returning it promptly to the Club's postal box. For those who will be attending the Club's September meeting there will be a collection box for your completed questionnaires. For those who forget to bring their completed questionnaire with them, there will be blank ones available at the door which you can complete and deposit in the box before leaving the meeting. Although it is not mandatory, it would be helpful if your name and callsign were included on the questionnaire, particularly if you have made the effort to put forward separate comments. I do hope you are all enjoying a good summer. I know my vacation will be behind me by the time you read this. I expect the Club picnic on 16 July went well as it was organized by veterans of the executive. In a sense the radio activities of the day took the Club back to its roots of being a MOBILE radio club. I hope you turned out and, above all, I hope you and your's enjoyed the day. See you at our first meeting of the season on Thursday evening, September 15th, when our guest speaker will be Dennis Mungham, VE3ASO. It will be a very interesting and informative program so plan now to attend.

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read, viewed and listened to by Canadians, Canada's cultural identity and sovereignty have become seriously threatened. The federal government has determined one of the major objectives of the information highway to be the reinforcement of Canadian sovereignty. The information highway strategy will respect Canada's long-standing policies of Canadian ownership and control of the telecommunications and broadcasting systems. In addition, the information highway will provide Canadian artists and cultural industries with new promotion and distribution channels to help them reach their audiences in Canada and around the world. Finally, the government has committed itself to proposing policies and other mechanisms which will ensure that Canadian cultural projects and services remain competitive within the diversity of information available on the electronic highway.

Job creation is a third challenge which dominates the agenda of the information industry. Many Canadians today equate the introduction of new technology with a decreased demand for traditional skills and job training, eventually leading to a loss of employment. The implementation of the proposed information highway, however, promises to create new jobs through innovation and investment. The federal government will be working hand in hand with the private sector to create a world-class information highway and investment opportunities for Canadian businesses, as well as new value-added jobs for Canadians. Widespread access to the information

highway throughout the nation will also enhance Canada's attractiveness when foreign firms make location decisions for their head offices, research labs, and projection and marketing facilities. Moreover, if Canada does not seize the opportunities offered by the information highway, then the economic growth and new jobs which accompany network, project and service development will be seized by firms in other countries. In order to remain internationally competitive, it is in Canada's best interests to embrace the information highway and to invest in the future of this new and vital form of information technology.

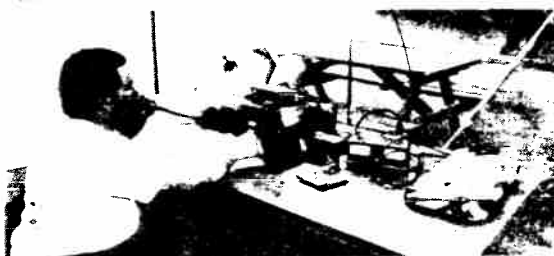
Recognizing Canada's unique national qualities and meeting the many challenges facing her information industry are two important steps towards the implementation of a Canadian information highway. Equally important is ensuring that the system is created by Canadians, for Canadians. Industry Canada, of which I am Minister, is dedicated to ensuring that all Canadians enjoy a smooth ride on this new road leading to the future of information technology.

Editor's Note:

In providing this feature for the Rambler, the Minister stated he would be appreciative of any suggestions or comments that OVMRC and other readers may wish to make as a result of reading the foregoing. Please forward any suggestions or comments to Rambler Editor, P.O. Box 5530, Station F, Ottawa, Ontario, K2C 3M1. We would be pleased to forward them to Mr. Manley.

Do You Know These Amateurs?

OVMRC Field Day - Pictorial



VE3ONT To Be Active In EME Contest

Written by Dennis Mungham, VE3ASO

Again in 1994, the Toronto VHF Society - VE3ONT - will participate in the ARRL EME Contest using the Institute for Space and Terrestrial Science's 46m (150') Algonquin Park dish (grid square FNO5xw). This year's operation will provide an increased opportunity to work 144 MHz stations.

UTC Date	VE3ONT TX Freq	Listening Range	Approx. Times
Oct 29	432.050 MHz	432.050 - 432.060	0645 - 1815 UTC
Oct 30	1296.050	1296.050-1296.060	0754 - 1844
Nov 26	144.100	144.100 - 144.110	0538 - 1645
Nov 27	144.100	144.100 - 144.110	0646 - 1713

Because the Algonquin dish has a 9 degree lower elevation limit, stations with horizon fixed antennas in eastern North America have a limited chance to work VE3ONT. As in 1993, VE3ONT will operate "split". The following operating hints will improve your chances of making a QSO.

- Do not call on VE3ONT's Tx frequency, pick a random frequency in the listening range. Use the full range, they will be looking for stations in the clear.
- VE3ONT will use circular polarization on all bands. You may use linear or circular polarization to work them, and if circular, use RHCP on Tx and Rx for 144 and 432. On 1296 they will have switchable sense, use either the satellite or EME polarization convention.
- Conditions permitting, VE3ONT may start each operating period on SSB to work strong stations as quickly as possible. Please do not call again for a second contact on CW. Conversely, if you work them on CW please do not call again for an SSB QSO.
- All contacts will be "random" with no schedules or sequencing. Please be patient, the QRM on their end was intense in 1993.

Low power and OSCAR class stations are encouraged to make an EME contact. 100 watts delivered to a single long yagi should be sufficient on 144 and 432. On 1296, stations were worked with as little as 10 watts and a 2m (6') dish in 1993. Use of the dish at the Algonquin Space Complex is always subject to last minute preemption for non-amateur purposes. QSLs with an SAE to Dennis Mungham, VE3ASO, RR#3, Mountain, Ontario, KOE 1S0. Reception reports will also receive a QSL. Be sure and send an EME entry to the ARRL.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dennis Mungham is scheduled to be a guest speaker at our opening OVMRC meeting on September 15th. Better reserve that date now and plan to attend the meeting and enjoy an exceptionally interesting presentation by Dennis Mungham.

**The Wise Owl Net Returns to VE3TWO
on Friday, September 2, 1994
at 2000 Hours**

Minutes

OVMRC Regular Meeting
16 June, 1994.

Call to Order

President Jerry, VE3CDS, called the meeting to order at 1940 hours. He welcomed three visitors ; VE7CVB, VE3WQS and Salim, AP2SAR. Assistance was being sought by VE2WTZ for an FT-One and by VE3VIG who requires documentation for a Tandy Lap Top computer.

1994 - 1995 OVMRC Budget

The 1994-1995 OVMRC budget, which was previously published in the Rambler, was considered. President Jerry reviewed the highlights of the proposed budget and answered a number of questions about specific proposed budgetary items. It was moved by Steve Middleton, VE3RUU, seconded by Ed Sieb, VA3ES and carried that the 1994-1995 budget be approved .

Field Day Chairperson, Al Barnes, VE2TYJ, reported that a good food menu has been arranged for participants in Field Day. Set-up at the Museum of Science and Technology will be on Saturday morning at approximately 800 hours. Assistance is required in set-up and in the operation of the various rigs.

President Jerry advised that set-up for Techno Days will be on Friday morning and that assistance would be appreciated. There will be a 20 and 40 metre station in operation.

After much deliberation, Jerry, VE3CDS, and Larry, VE3WEH, made their decisions concerning the winners of last month's members mobile rig display. The winner was Maurice-Andre, VE3VIG. Honourable mention went to Gord, VE3OSM. Maurice-Andre received a 6 in 1 screwdriver, and Gord received a current Canadian Repeater Directory.

Ed Sieb, VA3ES, read a petition that originated with RAQI in Montreal, calling upon Industry Canada to enforce provisions of the Radio Act. He invited members to add their signature to the petition.

Ed Sieb also mentioned that he intends to place his annual bulk order for coax cable very soon and invited any members

interested in ordering coax to contact him after the meeting.

Coming events

The National Capital Air Show on 2 & 3 July. Amateur involvement is being coordinated by Richard Hagemeyer, VE3UNW. He advised that amateur involvement is being handled principally by the Ottawa ARC, however, 20 to 25 operators are required.

The OVMRC's summer picnic will be held on Saturday, July 16th at the Chrysler Beach Picnic Park on the St. Lawrence River. It is planned to leave Ottawa at approximately 900 hours. A 2 metre and HF nets are planned as talk-in to the park.

Jerry, VE3CDS, acknowledged the work of the members of the club's executive during the past year. In particular, he paid tribute to Brice Wightmen, VE3EDR, with the presentation of a certificate for his many years of teaching code to the OVMRC radio course students. Also receiving a certificate was Larry Wilcox, VE3WEH, for his outstanding leadership as Vice President. Jerry also recognized Leo Desjardins, VE3NVL, for his seven years as Manager of the very successful Wise Owl Net.

Larry Wilcox, VE3WEH, presented a special certificate to Jerry, VE3CDS, in recognition of his untiring efforts to advance the qualifications of other amateurs. The certificate was signed by Fred Noble, VE3BAJ, the club's most senior life members.

The meeting was turned over to Doug Carswell, VE3ATY, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee to conduct the annual election of officers. However, prior to starting the elections, Doug announced the arrival the previous day of a new harmonic in his household, Rebecca-Anne. Both the new arrival and Sue, VE3SLC, are doing well.

The conduct of the election and results are as follows:

President Ernie Jury, VE3EJJ, acclaimed.
Vice President - nominated Steve Dickson, VE3BFG and Steve Middleton, VE3RUU.
Steve Middleton elected.

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Secretary Roger Rose, VE3XRR, acclaimed.
Treasurer Colin Findlayson, VE3UZU, acclaimed
Radio Exhibit Jerry Wells, VE3CDS, acclaimed.
Field Day Al Barnes, VE2TYJ, acclaimed.
Flea Market nominated Ron Clement, VE3UWR and Ken Barry, VE3KJB. Ken Barry elected.
Editor Dan Doctor, VE3XDD, acclaimed
Membership Dave Scobie, VA3AE, acclaimed.
Radio Operation Jacques Choquette, VE3TSC, acclaimed
Historical Mike Beausoleil, VE3BGP, acclaimed
Publicity & Programs Larry Wilcox, VE3WEH, acclaimed
Training Bob Shaw, VE3SUY, acclaimed.
Technical Rick Furniss, VE3IHI, acclaimed.

It was announced that Sue, VE3SLC, who has been responsible for refreshments after the meetings will no longer be able to do so. Lillian Getkate, VE3ZDK, has graciously volunteered to assume this task.

Len Gelfand, VE3LGZ, suggested a more efficient form of election of club officers. He proposes that the required number of people be elected to fill all of the positions needed as members of the board only. The board members then sort out among themselves who would assume which office.

The President-elect thanked the meeting for the confidence shown in him by his election. He indicated he intends to run the club in a manner responsive to membership. To gauge the membership's wishes there will be a questionnaire included in the next issue of the Rambler. He urged members to invest a half hour in the club's future by thoughtfully responding to the questionnaire and returning it within ten days of receipt. The new section chairpersons were asked to contact their predecessors before the executive handover meeting on June 23rd. The door prize of a finely crafted custom call sign was won by David Scott, VE3ZZU. The meeting was adjourned at 2150 hours followed by a social hour of coffee, cookies and ragchew.

Expo-Techno '94

By Maurice-Andre Vigneault, VE3VIG

A number of OVMRC members turned out on Friday morning, June 17th, to help set-up a tent and antennas on the front lawn of the Museum of Science and Technology for the 1994 Expo-Techno Days.

As soon as the tent and antennas were up the club's Kenwood TS-850SAT was hooked up and Jerry, VE3CDS, was making contacts on 20 meters and Steve, VE3RUU, using his Yeasu FT-890, was on 40 meters joining the Trans-Provincial Net which he took over for a short time as Net Controller. By opening time, 11am, we were in full swing.

I set-up my portable packet system and started making local contacts on 2 meters. I was using a Realistic HTX-202 at 2.5 watts, a quarter wave directly on the HT and a Poor Man's Packet interfacing the HT to my Tandy

1110HD laptop. Busses of students were arriving and visitors started filing through our tent. I connected to Internet and went International. Europe was there : PE's, PA's(the Netherlands) DL's(Germany) also Australia VK's and of course the USA.

Saturday morning saw a crowd of Air Force cadets inquiring about our communications equipment and antennas, and they were curious to know who we were communicating with and how the system worked. We also provided Club info regarding courses and membership.

Unfortunately, 20 and 40 meters were not very good on Saturday. However, the packet networks were busting with activity. I changed my set-up in that I was now using

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a J-Pole made of 1/2 inch copper pipe. Also, I was using a 12 volt rechargeable power pack capable of 6.5 amp/hour which resulted in an output of 7 watts from the HT. The changes were instrumental in keeping a steady connect on the packet duplex frequency (146.85/25). Again, we had excellent contacts - PU (Brazil), OE (Austria), G7 (UK), HA & HG (Hungary), OH (Finland), and even a 9A6 (Croatia).

On Sunday, Expo-Techno was in high gear as we could see from many of the nearby activities. As we only had the TS-850 in operation, Jerry alternated between the 20 and the 40 meter bands. And again, packet was quite good, allowing many demos to amazed and amused visitors.

I allowed a visitor (Cindy from Toronto) to chat with three stations in Germany, simultaneously and in real time. Paul, Bernd and Peter, who live in a region she had visited while in Germany. She was dumbfounded. Even more so was the gentleman, originally from Amsterdam and now living in Canada, who was very sceptical about packet and thought I was running a computer program. I asked him what country he would like to communicate with. He said "Holland". I made a selection from the Internet connect list, introduced my visitor and invited him to say a few words in "Dutch". He exchanged a few words with a fellow from his Homeland. Thereafter, absolutely convinced, he requested all the information I could give him about amateur radio and Club membership. I have since Techno Days received a very nice letter from this chap thanking me for allowing him to talk to Holland and taking the time to tell him about our hobby. He is now planning to take a radio course and get his amateur licence.

This was a very special weekend spent working the hobby I so very enjoy, meeting all kinds of interesting people, and having the opportunity of talking about and promoting amateur radio. If it sounds interesting to you, join in the fun next year.



Everyone is hard at work, Steve, VE3RLU, on 40 meters and Rick, VE3IHI, on 20 meters, and Jerry, VE3CDS, is supervising.



Rick, VE3IHI, demonstrated an unique DF'ing unit he had installed in his car which was designed, built and loaned to him by Wil Warren, VE3XMT



A long distance view of the OVMRC tent in which was being demonstrated amateur radio communications equipment.

From The Wise Owl, Himself

Written By
Leo Desjardin, VE3NVL

The Wise Owl Net resumed operations for 1993 on September 3rd and ran 41 nets until it closed for the season on June 24, 1994. Over that period of time, 192 amateurs checked into the net using a total of 2,855 minutes (47.58 hours) of repeater time for 1,176 QNI. In addition to the regular Wise Owl Net, Sydney, VE3GVI ran and controlled a highly successful special Christmas morning Wise Owl Net.

A feature of the net were the eleven qualifying nets from January 21 to April 1, 1994, for which Wise Owl Certificates were awarded. There were 19 amateurs who qualified for a class A certificate and 9 amateurs who qualified for a class B certificate. Class A certificates were awarded to David, VE3ZZU; Maurice-Andre, VE3VIG; Paul, VE3NPD; Rick, VE3IHI; Gerben, VE3SUV; Joe, VE2JHT; Pat, VE3KJQ; Jim, VE3GJY; Steve, VE3RUU; Sydney, VE3GVI; George, VE3PYC; Sharon, VE3TDW; Denny, VE3OFV; Len, VE3AWT; Leonard, VE3LPH; George, VE3XS; Gary, VE3GAP; Dan, VE3XDD; Jacques, VE3TSC; and Fred, VE3BAJ.

Class B certificate recipients were Mike, VE3FFK; Archie, VE3NJY; Larry, VE3WEH; Herb, VE3HRB; Danny, VA3DLM; Paul, VE3PRH; Eric, VE3OTT; and Mark, VE3HYU. A very special thank you goes out to Chuck, VE3PDK, for his work in designing the Wise Owl certificates.

The Wise Owl Net is off the air for the summer months of July and August and is scheduled to resume operations on Friday, September 2nd at 2000 hours on repeater VE3TWO on frequency 147.30/90 Mhz.

A thank you goes out to the following who acted as net controllers during 1993/94 - David, VE3ZZU; John, VE3ACI; Rick, VE3IHI; Ed, VE3VLF; Larry, VE3WEH; Jerry, VE3CDS. Thank you guys, a job extremely well done !

Spread The Word

Written By John Moffat, VE3NJ

Tell your friends - tell your family, the OVMRC will again this year be holding its Amateur Radio Course. This course is designed to teach non-technical persons the necessary electronics to become licenced Amateur Radio operators; help learn the International Morse Code at a minimum of 5 wpm with the aim of achieving 12 wpm; provide on-air experience in the conduct of conversations using a variety of transmission modes and frequency bands; and provide sufficient technical training to enable students to build simple radio station accessories and amateur station antennas. The \$150 fee for the course includes the following:

- Tuition - approximately 26 weeks of instruction/tutoring by knowledgeable amateurs;
 - Course manuals and other material as necessary for practical sessions;
 - Morse code audio tapes, IBM PC Morse Code software, 24 hour code practice by telephone;
 - A code practice oscillator kit, to be built under supervision during one of the class periods;
 - The opportunity to purchase a quality Morse code hand key at approximately half the retail price;
- Industry Canada licencing examinations in theory and Morse code;
- Membership in the OVMRC.

In this course, there is an emphasis on understanding the theory and practice of all modes of amateur communications. It emphasizes the diversity of communications modes, including voice, Morse code and various digital modes, particularly those available on the high frequency bands. Handheld and mobile local communications using VHF bands is also covered.

The course is held every Tuesday evening at the Museum of Science and Technology from 7:00 to 10:00pm. Registration for the course is Tuesday, September 6th at the Museum,

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We Get Letters

The Following happened in April while I was mobile, returning from the Grenville fleamarket. When I turned on my 2 meter radio there were a couple of conversations going on and then all went silent. I contacted a friend on frequency who informed me that an emergency was in progress which required a CAA tow truck. I IMMEDIATELY STOPPED TRANSMITTING but others who on frequency kept right on talking mentioning that because they were mobile they could not make the required phone call and proceeded to offer suggestions to the stranded motorist. We were still out of town but why couldn't those mobiles stop to use a phone? Were they just being curious? Finally a base station came on frequency and said he would call CAA and proceeded to ask for the motorist's location, licence plate number, etc. While he was placing the call another station ventured forth. He stated to the motorist that also required was his CAA membership card number, expiration date and other details - YET he was also mobile! The distressed person thinking that this station "X" was placing the call to CAA gave him all the requested information. When the base station came back to advise the time interval until the arrival of CAA, he asked for the same details the motorist had already given. And here a mess of confusion ensued. Station "X" kept bothering both the motorist and the base station with all sorts of questions and opinions. Fortunately, a

passing motorist stopped to help the stranded motorist.

Later, another station mentioned how badly the situation had been handled and that some training should be provided to handle such events. He went on to ask station "X" why he intruded in this matter since he was also mobile. Station "X" responded that with all kinds of excuses - such as he had been doing this for 20 years and other nonsensical statements, all of which set off more confusing transmissions.

The lesson to be learned is that amateurs are here to help in such emergencies. The mobile stations could have stopped to find a phone and call the CAA. The situation, by the way, happened on a repeater which has an autopatch function.

The most important lesson is that once someone assists in an emergency situation all others should stop transmitting on that frequency unless their assistance is requested. As seen from these events, station "X" transmissions caused all sorts of confusion and disruptions. When I came on frequency and was informed of the situation I went silent - the other stations should have done the same. Without their disruptive input the entire situation would have been simpler and more clear for everyone.

In the future, let's stay with the adage "LISTEN FIRST"

Jacques Choquette, VE3TSC.

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or at the first class (room permitting) on 13th September. The cost is \$150 per student. Student average 2 to 3 hours of self study per week in addition to the classes. As with last year, practical sessions will be held on using tools, building simple circuits and station accessories, learning operating practices and procedures, and operating various amateur equipment.

Tell your friends - tell your family, so that they might take advantage of this opportunity to enroll in the best Amateur Radio Course the OVMRC has ever offered. They, too, can become licenced Amateur Radio operators! For further information please contact Bob Shaw, VE3SUY, at 737-9443, or John Moffat, VE3NJ, at 224-5204.

OVMRC Members Survey

*This survey was compiled by your executive and includes specific questions from each chairperson. Please complete this important survey and return it by mail to:
OVMRC Inc., P. O. Box 5530, Station "F", Ottawa, Ontario, K2C 3M1*

(Please check all answers that are applicable.)

1. Your current age? Under 20 ___ 20-30 ___ 30-40 ___ 40-50 ___ 50-60 ___ over 60 ___

2. Number of years as a licensed amateur? Under 3 ___ 3-10 ___ 10-20 ___ over 20 ___

3. Do you have children and/or grandchildren interested in amateur radio?
Yes ___ No ___ If "yes", their ages are 6-12 ___ 12-20 ___ over 20 ___

4. What parts of the hobby interest you the most? Please indicate with a star, those in which you are currently involved.
HF ___ VHF ___ UHF ___ Packet ___ ATV ___ Phone ___
Satellite ___ Morse code ___ Nets ___ Mobile operation ___
Moon bounce ___ Experimentation ___ Equipment building ___
Equipment repair ___ Direction Finding ___
National issues affecting the hobby ___
Other(specify) _____

5. Do you normally attend Club meetings? Yes ___ No ___
If "No", why not? Meetings too long ___ dull and uninteresting ___
Time of meeting inappropriate ___ Can't be bothered ___
Other (specify) _____

6. How can meetings be improved? More interesting speakers ___
Shorter business portion of meetings ___ Longer social period after
meetings ___ Meetings to start earlier ___ or later ___
Other (specify) _____

7. Do you participate in OVMRC activities? Field Day ___ Techno Days ___
Bunny hunts ___ Club nets ___ If you do not participate, why not?
No equipment ___ Not interested ___ Don't have the time ___
Timing of activity not convenient ___ Other (specify) _____

8. List the Club activities that you enjoy the most and any suggestions to improve these activities?

9. What other activities would you like to have with the membership of the Club?
 Family social events such as Dances ___ Wine & Cheese Party ___
 Annual Dinner ___ Breakfasts on the weekend ___ Amateur of the Year Award ___
 Training /Building Workshops ___ Sleighride ___ Hayride ___
 Other (specify) _____
10. Should the Club charge a \$2 Admission Fee to next years Flea Market? Yes ___ No ___
11. Could you provide a vehicle to move tables and chairs for the Flea Market?
 Yes ___ pickup truck ___ van ___ 3 ton truck ___ No ___
12. Could you provide a vehicle to move the tower to the Field Day site?
 Yes ___ trailer ___ pickup truck ___ van ___ 3 ton truck ___ No ___
13. Should the Club issue a Membership Card? Yes ___ No ___
14. Are you willing to assist with the organization, set-up or operation of
 Field Day ___ Flea Market ___ Techno Days ___ Bunny hunts ___
 Club nets ___ Other(specify) _____
15. Are you satisfied with the range of our 2m repeater, VE3TWO, to your home
 location? Yes ___ Home location _____ No ___
16. Are you interested in establishing a link with the VE3ULR repeater system which
 links with repeaters to the south of Ottawa along Lake Ontario? Yes ___ No ___
 If Yes, would you work on this as a special Club project? Yes ___ No ___
17. Are you interested in being a Net Controller for the
 Pot Hole Net 3.760 Mhz 10 a.m. Sundays ___
 Welcome Mat Net 147.300 Mhz 7 p.m. Wednesdays ___
 Wise Owl Net 147.300 Mhz 8.00 p.m. Fridays ___
18. Outside of repeater maintenance, repair, installation, or other repeater issues,
 please note anything that you think or expect the Technical Committee should do
 or could do for you personally or for the Club?
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19. The Rambler is mailed at various times prior to General Meetings. Check off the time frame you prefer to receive your Rambler before our meetings.

3 weeks prior to meetings _____ 2 weeks prior to meetings _____
1 week prior to meetings _____ or the week of the meeting _____

20. Indicate the type of articles/features that you would like to see in the Rambler?

Technical articles _____ Legislation affecting our hobby _____ Home brew _____
RAC News _____ Summary of Executive Minutes _____ General Interest _____
Other(specify) _____

21. Suggestions for subjects/speakers at General Meetings

22. Are you willing to be a speaker at a General Meeting and what would be your choice of topic?

Yes _____ Topic _____ No _____

23. Are you interested in serving on the Executive? Yes _____ No _____

or any committee Yes _____ No _____ or part of an "interest group"
such as ATV _____ HF Remote Site _____ VHF/UHF _____ Packet _____
Moon bounce _____ Other (specify) _____

24. Do you have any personal or OVMRC records or documents about the Club that you would like to donate to the Historical Committee? Any donations will assist in preserving the history of our Club and would be much appreciated! Yes _____ No _____
For further information, please contact Mike Beausoleil VE3BGP, 739-8871.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have other comments or suggestions, please put them below or on a separate sheet of paper .

Although not mandatory , it would be of assistance if you add your name or callsign on this survey and any accompanying sheets .

Thank you for thoughtfully completing this survey. Your cooperation is much appreciated!

NAME:

CALLSIGN: