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OVMRC Fleamarket



John, VE3ZOV, Graham, VE3GGW, and Peter, VA3KPC. Peter won the grand prize, an ICOM IC-T7A dual-band HT donated by BML Communications.



Busy Bargain Hunters !

Rambler

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OVMRC Repeater

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Next Meeting
Jun 15
Rambler Deadline
Aug 4th

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Ramblings

By Susan Mogensen, VE3MOG
President, OVMRC



If you don't mind my saying so, I think we've had a pretty good year together.

The success of the 1999-2000 OVMRC year can in large part be attributed to the service of all members of this year's Executive, namely: Ken Halcrow, VE3SRS; Peter Hafichuk, VE3LBW; Dan Doctor, VE3XDD; Maurice-André Vigneault, VE3VIG; Bob Shaw, VE3SUY; Glenn McLeod, VE3GLN; Larry Wilcox, VE3WEH; John Barnhardt, VE3ZOV; Tom St. Julien, VA3OFD; Bill Hall, VA3WMH; Don Raymond, VE3DRO; Ken Barry, VE3KJB; and Jake Guertin, VA3TQX.

Also, the Amateur Radio course has benefited from the assistance of Ernie Jury, VE3EJJ; Brice Wightman, VE3EDR; and Bob Kavanagh, VE3OSZ. Thanks to Margaret Copeland, VA3COB, and Miles Copeland, VA3COA, we have enjoyed superb coffee and refreshment service after each general meeting. Len Gelfand, VE3LGZ, has raised a great deal of revenue for the club through the sale of radio manuals, and John Rodger, VE3JR, has kept our web site looking good and up-to-date.

All of our speakers and presenters have been absolutely wonderful. And so many other club members have helped with their advice and participation in a variety of ways, whether pursuing a record-breaking Field Day, operating VE3JW, running the club's weekly nets, writing articles for the *Rambler*, attending to the repeater, and much, much more.

Like I said when handed the key to the OVMRC Executive washroom last June, it's *our* club, and you have definitely shown that. Thank you all.

My only regret, I suppose, is that I did not get around to completing some of the thinking and work I believe is required on the club's by-laws. There probably isn't a single soul who has sat on the OVMRC Executive Committee and wondered even for an instant, "There's got to be a better way." Yes, there *is* a better way, and it starts with developing a better understanding of roles, goals, and accountability for each member of the Board and the Executive. It extends to trimming the by-laws down to the bare essentials, and building a policy guide for things the club should be allowed to change over time.

In my opinion, an improved club would include more feedback between members and the Board of Directors, and fewer discussions between Executive members about relatively minor administrative matters. A more smoothly run operation would attract more volunteers, retain higher levels of energy, and produce exciting results for members, the Amateur Radio community at large, and even for the general public.

But I am not complaining, only reflecting on how next year's Executive could build on what we accomplished this past year. My biggest recommendation to those who will carry the club forward into a new year is to draw from club members a huge list of program ideas from which to choose for the monthly general meetings. For that reason, I assembled a short survey found in this edition of the *Rambler*, June 2000

Rambler, for all members to fill out and return to us at the June meeting. With a clear idea of what you enjoyed, and why, next year's Executive will have an easy time of delivering the types of club meetings you just won't want to miss.

It has been an honour to serve as your President this past year. I think we've all had a great deal of fun, and can look back to a number of highlights, which is exactly how it should be. With Field Day 2000 still on the horizon, perhaps the best is yet to come. ❖

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May 25, 2000

To whom it may concern:

As a member of the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club, I have recently completed the audit of the financial books for the period July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999.

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in these records is accurate and reflects the financial position of the club.

Elizabeth Johnson
VA3ELB

Please note:

Receipts missing to justify cheque numbers 559,558, & 554.

Annual Auditor's Report



Hard
Working
Volunteers

OVMRC Meeting Minutes

May 18th, 2000

The May meeting was a "Graduation Dinner" held at Mr. Keith's Restaurant, 1220 Old Innes Road, to honour and present "Achievement Certificates" to the graduates of the OVMRC Amateur Radio Course. President Susan welcomed everyone to the dinner and invited each table to participate in a novel game of "Originality" during the dinner.

Following a delicious chicken dinner Susan introduced our guest speaker Hewitt Lines, VA3HU, who has been appointed an Official Observer by RAC of radio procedures used by amateurs in this area. Hewitt congratulated the radio course graduates and urged them to expand their knowledge of amateur radio by participating in various nets. Turning to operating procedures, he maintained the key to participation is to first listen before you tune up or transmit. Listen to the procedures being used by those on the air - then you can join in and not have to worry about what procedures to use. He also recommended using realistic power. Hewitt pointed out that regulations call for amateurs to use their call sign at the beginning and conclusion of a QSO. Do not abbreviate your call sign, use standard phonetics and normal speech when ragchewing and do not use the term "break" unless it is a priority and never use "break break" unless you have an emergency. Hewitt described his role as an Official Observer as monitoring the band when he hears either exceptionally good or improper operating procedures to either phone the responsible operator or send him a post card advising him of what he heard. He concluded his remarks by again congratulating the graduates and advising them to enjoy the greatest hobby in the world. President Susan thanked Hewitt for his comments and, on behalf of the Club, presented him with a small gift.

The Radio Course Instructors, Bob Shaw, Brice Wightman and Ernie Jury, took over the meeting to present each of the course students with "Achievement Certificates". They are: Roderick Affleck, Simon Bukasa, Carolyn and Peter Crouse, VA3CPC, Harold Hamilton, VA3UNK, Richard Houseman, VE3DCT, Maurice Koroniak, VE3MPK, Kaman Mirreh, Keith and Valerie Olson VA3VKO and VA3KVO, Richard Morris. Bob invited the graduates to participate in FD2000 as there will be a Novice Tent. Jake Guertin added an invitation for the graduates to work with him on 6 meters. Susan thanked the instructors for their usual outstanding effort in presenting the course. Peter Hafichuk advised that the OVMRC Flea Market had a net profit of \$1,629.

The dinner meeting adjourned at 2110 hours. ❖

Dan Doctor,
VE3XDD

Executive Meeting 25 May 2000

During the Executive Meeting of 25 May, considerable discussion was generated concerning the Executive Committee's impressions on the accomplishments of the past year and the issues remaining. What did we think we did right and what did we think we could improve on?

The OVMRC Executive feels that the club accomplished the following:

- A. Relaxing, entertaining, innovative, informative and very well attended monthly meetings.
- B. Article contributions to the *Rambler* increased with a new and dynamic presentation.
- C. Excellent presentations of new Amateur Radio equipment and technology.
- D. The development of VE3JW into an outstanding display for the Museum and excellent visibility for the OVMRC.
- E. OVMRC members are the instigators of the FD2000 celebration of Amateur Radio.
- F. The club is financially very sound.
- G. Continuous upgrade to the VE3TWO repeater.
- H. Increased public service initiatives.
- J. The dynamic leadership of President Susan Mogensen was instrumental in the successful accomplishments of the past year.

Indeed, we must also look ahead as well to see what remains as a concern for the OVMRC Executive and by extension the club members. The following are our concerns and wishes for the future:

- A. To sustain and to increase membership attendance at the monthly meetings, we must continue to attract dynamic speakers and have technology & equipment demonstrations of high calibre.
- B. Conduct a program to contact past members and encourage them to rejoin the OVMRC.
- C. Finish the upgrade to the OVMRC repeater VE3TWO.
- D. Increase Emergency Response readiness and exercises.
- E. Increase club membership participation on committees and as volunteers at special and public events.
- F. Encourage more volunteer membership participation for VE3JW.
- G. Review and update the OVMRC constitution and by-laws

All in all it has been a good year with more than enough to keep us busy for the next. We've accomplished a lot and will continue to improve the club for its membership. The OVMRC Executive needs and encourages your guidance and support. ❖

Ken Halcrow
VP OVMRC

Yesteryear

by Larry Wilcox VE3WEH

Henry Greenway, VE3OMU, wrote a very interesting article entitled "The Wise Owl Goes to War" on the front page of the February 1990 issue of the RAMBLER. It was not about the "Wise Owl Net" but rather about stories he heard from veterans of World War II and the Korean Conflict on the "Military Net" every Tuesday evening at 2000hrs on 147.300. They would recall their military experiences and exchange tall tales at times. Henry wrote about one story, which was confirmed by Jerry VE3CDS, Bob VE3KLLK, George VE3XS, and Ed VE3GX. Apparently, the Military Net had a "bugle-blowing introduction" that caused more than a ripple over the airways! Using his best Sylvester the Cat imitation, Frank VE3MSC described the incident as "dithplicable." The perpetrator, whose name will never be revealed, was informed that despite his lack of talent, the sounds were considered musical and not appropriate for Amateur transmission. Henry also wrote, "Naval watch bells were used for a time, but it was never quite clear whether it was four bells in the port watch, three bells in the dog watch or too much port in the wristwatch." Henry said either Bob VE3NJI or Art VE3ZS, might have explained this mystery but both became silent keys (SK) and the mystery remains. Currently, George VE3XS still checks into the Military Net whenever he can but I'm sure if he knows who "the bugle blower" was, being a gentleman himself, George would never reveal the culprit's name.

Henry noted some of the participants including: Serge VE3JRG (SK), Peter VE3JLE, who was a teenager in Belgium during WWII, Sid Shear VE3BCL (SK) who maintained the clocks at the Dominion Observatory and worked at CHU Canada, Brian VE3MJD, Herb VE3DWA, Fred VE2DNQ, Chuck VE3PAP, always covered the Canadian Amateur Radio Federation (CARF) News Bulletin, along with George VE3CAO, Bob VE3BXG, Vance VE3CAO, Ray VE3RT, Paul VE3NPD, who all reminisced about their years in the Air Force during and following the War. Henry held a discussion on UFO's and Arn VE3SD presented a rebuttal. Fred VE3BAJ, always reported in and gave news of interest to Amateurs.

As the current Manager of the Military Net, I invite you to check-in and participate. We have a dedicated group of net controllers and you will hear stories of the past experiences of the participants as well as current issues. Although today's discussions are very interesting and cover many military subjects as well as general subjects, I don't think they are as stimulating as those which Henry wrote about. Especially, since he ended his article with an invitation to check in and "Wear your helmet and flak jacket!"

Charles King, VE3PDK, wrote "The Editor's Corner," February 1990 about the concern expressed by several Amateurs in the January issue of "The Canadian Amateur." They were concerned about how to cope with the flood of new amateurs that would result from "lowered" amateur licensing standards and their anticipated "poor operating procedures used on GRS/CB (General Radio Service/Citizens Band).

Charles wrote that Amateurs are intelligent people who can see the benefits of a larger cohesive Amateur community. He expressed that Newcomers would be welcomed and made to feel at home and part of the family. He saw the new amateur as an opportunity to increase the ranks of productive Amateurs and expected they would

make significant contributions to the hobby. Charles thought their numbers alone may help save the frequencies for use by Amateurs for many years to come. He wrote, "If we insist on being purists and elitist, we may have fewer opportunities to show how pure and elite we are as the frequencies are handed over to commercial interests. He cautioned, "USE THEM OR LOSE THEM!"

Have you welcomed any new Amateurs, offered your helping hand or good advice or knowledge to any new Amateurs lately? Well you have an opportunity to do so at this year's Field Day 2000 (FD2000). This multi club Capital Region Field Day is the "Place to be" this year. It will be the largest Amateur radio event ever held in the area. All Amateur Radio clubs in the National Capital Region and beyond are welcome to participate. The entire grounds in front of the recently named "Canada Museum of Science and Technology" have been made available for FD2000. The grounds are an ideal and very appropriate site because the Canada Museum of Science and Technology is mandated to promote and exhibit Science and Technology. FD2000 will serve as a valuable and public display to showcase the latest and newest Amateur Radio technology. Officials from Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC), Radio Amateurs of Quebec (RAQI), American Radio Relay League (ARRL) will be attending along with local, regional, provincial, federal politicians and other dignitaries. Radio and TV news media will provide coverage.

Amateur Radio Stations will be transmitting for 24 hours on all Amateur radio frequencies ranging from 160 metres through to 2.5 GHz and using all modes of radio transmission under Callsign, VA3RAC. Volunteers for setup, phone and CW operators and loggers and radios, antennas and equipment, are still required. If you want to learn more or volunteer, please attend the June 14 or 21, 2000, "FD2000" meetings being held on Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Museum. If you can't attend these meetings, please contact either:

FD2000 Coordinator, Glenn McLeod VE3GLN, Email: ve3gln@rac.ca Home telephone: 613-746-3776 (only between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.)

FD2000 Quebec Region Coordinator, Pierre Cyrenne VE2GPF Email: ve2gpf@rac.ca Home Telephone: 819-671-5943

If you are unable to attend but would like to help financially, you may make a donation. Please mail your cheque, made payable to FD2000, to the following address:

FD2000
P.O. Box 384
Val-des-Monts, Qc J8N 7X1

In the event that contributions exceed FD2000 expenses, 75% of the remaining funds will be donated to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) and 25% will be donated to the Defence of Amateur Radio Fund (DARF).

VISIT THE "FD2000" WEB PAGE:
<http://www.qsl.net/fd2000>

"FD2000" will make history. Will you be a part of it? ❖

Field Day 2000 Set-up and Take- Down

The Triathlon

You no doubt have heard of the big multi-club field day being planned to take place at the National Museum of Science and Technology on St. Laurent Blvd. this year on 24 - 25 June. We hope to break a North American record for the number of stations participating at one location. Such a large event does not successfully occur without a great deal of planning and preparation, but the final stages i.e. the set-up and take-down depends entirely on manpower to implement the planning and preparation activities. Under the guidance and impetus of VE3GLN the planning and preparation is well in hand for the monster field day. **THIS IS A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY MANPOWER TO PUT IT ALL TOGETHER, AND TAKE IT DOWN AFTERWARDS.**

The set-up will begin at 2:00 PM on Friday 23 June with the installation of the emergency power generator and distribution system, and the setting up of tents at predetermined locations. The following morning at 8:00 AM we will need three crews of 5 or 6 each to erect the towers and antennas. Specialized tools such as sledge hammers will be provided but it would be most helpful if volunteers could each bring some simple tools and equipment such as screwdriver(s), wrenches (9/16" or 14mm will be the largest needed), pliers, sharp Knife, work gloves, and an old bath towel, or similar item, to spread on the grass under a working area so that screws, washers, nuts, etc. do not disappear when dropped. The work/gardening gloves are particularly needed as ropes and rougher metal objects will need to be handled.

The take-down will commence at 2:00 PM Sunday, 25 June. Again simple hand tools and something to catch dropped items are needed as well as gloves. In addition a few pipe wrenches, 14" or larger will be helpful at take-down to pull stubborn stakes out of the ground.

FD 2000 is going to be a record breaker. Turn out and be part of it, make it happen. ❖

Ernie, VE3EJJ,
Power and Antenna Coordinator.



Friendly Fleamarket Workers

Good will is alive and well in the Amateur community. Many thanks to all who participated in the Triathlon held last Saturday May 27th. We had 10 amateurs turn out for the event, which was more than enough. We had two graduate students from the OVMRC Amateur radio course and we had two Amateurs who were not members of our club, which proves that volunteering knows no boundaries when it comes to charity. There was only one incident of a lost runner who was quickly tracked down and found by our operators. I personally toured the course when everybody was in place and I found that all amateurs were looking after their stations diligently. Every Amateur who participated should be very proud of himself. They are listed below.

Ottawa Triathlon Saturday May 27th 8.00 am

VA3TQX	Jake,
VE3VIG	M.A.,
VA3CPC	Carolyn
VE3DRO	Don
VA3WMH	Bill
VE3WSB	Larry
VE3UNW	Richard
VA3TJP	Mike
VA3UNK	Harold
VE3FFK	Mike Kelly,

In addition to the above Peter Crause and Annie Barry also helped out. ❖

Ken, VE3KJB
Radio Operations



Fleamarket Talk-in host, Don, VE3DRO

ELUSIVE BUNNY HUNTED BY FOX

FAMILY PICNIC MINI FIELD DAY

Lots of fun was had during the last monthly Bunny Hunt which took place on Sunday May 28. The hunt was already seen as very interesting in the upcoming week to the event as we got more details from Mike, VE3FFK, who never fails to bring up a new trick.

The event was double-fold. First we had to chase Mike and find him before we were allowed to go on foot searching for the bunny which was hiding in the forested park. I found the idea of a foot hunt very exciting as it is close to what we can encounter during an international hunt competition. (Only, they do it with five hidden transmitters)

There were five hunters looking for the bunny. I'm sure Jake, VA3TQX, would have preferred to stop at the Byward Market and pick up a rabbit there, as a parts failure on his truck during the hunt cost him a bundle to repair! (not hunt related though)

As with any sport, you need the proper equipment and clothing. Larry, VE3WEH, fought mosquitoes and mud holes, and he lost his time on the return trip from the bunny due to disorientation in the woods. Don, VE3DRO, sent his partner, Eric, chasing.

Young, and inquisitive, Eric, VE3LNX, put these qualities to work as we searched in the same area, within sight of each other. He did a fine Houdini disappearing act after he found the bunny. I was not watching him though, as I thought he did not have the proper equipment to find the bunny!! as compare to my EZ-Finder antenna and my small beam.

Peter, VE3EPB, a bunny hunt veteran, encountered no difficulty in pinpointing the furry rodent. His time was best. Mike had hung the transmitter on a tree branch at about six metres. It was transmitting in Morse code, an identifier preceded by the familiar greeting of the first Amateur Satellite: "Hi". The hand-held was triggered by a mini-coder engineered and built by Mike and the antenna was a rubberduck. The whole unit slipped in a small, dull colour, canvas bag. The bunny was sitting comfortably smiling at the base of the same tree.

After the hunt, we fired up the BBQ and sat around trying to figure out better ways to fool hunters. As for me, when I got home, I found out why I did not see the bunny. When I took my T-shirt off, I noticed I was wearing a fox on the back of it. I'm sure the bunny did not stay in one place when I was around. It smelled a fox and hopped away at every one of my attempted approaches. ❖

Maurice-André
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Don, VE3DRO, invited all the radio amateurs in the region, regardless of Club affiliation, to what we hope will become a series of monthly summertime family picnics in one of the Ottawa area parks. The sort of picnic where you bring your own necessities and you BBQYO.

On May 21, 2000, about a dozen of us gathered at a nice site in the Vincent-Massey Park for a Sunday afternoon picnic. The early morning fresh temperature may have kept families away from the first outing of spring, but the May sun soon warmed things up to a comfortable shirt sleeve do.

The site was ideal, with plenty of picnic tables, nice grass area, some BBQ pits and lots of trees to hold antennas...!

This first outing turned into a "mini field day"! We had been talking about it on the 2m band and we mentioned that some of us would be putting up an HF demo in the park. This mention perked the interest of some listeners and they made their way to the park.

One of them was a VE1 visitor, Jos, who was in the area for the repatriation of the Unknown Soldier at the end of the month. He joined a group of military personnel that had to practice drill every day for that very special parade. He said the outing was a welcome change!

After some refreshment and bits-and-bites (food that is) we were ready to play radio. Mike, VE3FFK, who biked in, strung a 40m dipole antenna up high into the trees. He was using his all-HF-bands bicycle-mobile radio which he built himself from a kit, in the true Amateur Radio spirit.

I brought along a 10m rig, the HTX-100, and soon had an inverted Vee set up on an extendible pole. I heard some far away stations pumping 500 to 600 watts into their beams, PQ2 and LU2, (Brazil and Argentina) but could not get back to them with my QRP rig and due to my East-West propagation. Nevertheless, Rob, VA3ZZB, who had been listening for us, gave me a nice 5/7/9 report on CW.

Rob also caught Mike-on-the-bike as VE3FFK was making his way in to the park. This contact was also on CW but on the 40m band. I was really amazed to see Mike's CW key on his handle bar, which consisted of a couple of micro-switches imbedded in some resin. Very ingenious, and effective too as he let me try it; but stationary only. Must be quite a trick to key up while rolling up the street!

Eric, VE3LNX, was another station on the air at the site. He was transmitting our co-ordinates through his Kenwood TH-D7A. The one includes a TNC inside the radio and providing packet APRS. This little hand-held unit can also receive and transmit short packet messages.

Another station at the site was that of Don, VE3DRO, who was taking QSOs and standing watch on 2m. How about that for a mini field day? Four stations in operation and a picnic to boot! Or the other way around for some; whichever way you like it. Next time I may bring 100 watts and a 20m dipole propagating North-South.

Join us as summer will be around! ❖

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VE3JW OPERATION

Members of the OVMRC Amateur Radio Club started the VE3JW Amateur Radio Exhibit in 1974. About 20 years later it was redesigned, and rebuilt. It reopened under the purview of a group of regional amateurs, the Senior Operator's Group.

The station then consisted of Museum's equipment supplemented by recent equipment obtained through a federal grant under the New Horizon program with an understanding that when the Senior's Group would dissolve the new equipment would be donated to the OVMRC.

When the Senior's Group dissolved, the OVMRC appointed an Amateur Radio Exhibit chair. The chairman is elected by the membership at the yearly Club elections and he is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and development of the VE3JW station in co-ordination and co-operation with the Museum.

Since December 1995, over 6000 hours of volunteer operator's time have been devoted to showing the public what Amateur Radio is and what it is doing. Many changes and improvements have been incorporated into the station to keep it in step with the fast development in communications in general and the hobby in particular.

The VE3JW station has been extremely popular with the visitors at the Museum and we accommodated many special events such as Scout Jamboree On The Air, Guides On The Air, White Cane Week, Talk to Santa and many others. The station has been a very successful window to the world for Amateur Radio.

VE3JW is a national showcase bringing many advantages to all concerned. The Museum is advantaged by the presence of volunteers catering to the many visitors. RAC and Amateur Radio benefit by the demonstration, to thousands of visitors, of what the hobby can be. Equipment manufacturers and vendors are advantaged by the demo of equipment to the many radio amateurs visiting the station. Therefore, shouldn't the financial responsibilities be spread amongst all concerned.

The burden of operation, maintenance and development is taken on by the OVMRC, and done in a very successful way as gauged by the visitor's appreciation and the Museum's confidence and trust. Since 1995, we've always met and surpassed, at times doubled, the agreed amount of station operation hours required by the Museum.

The Museum provides the space, the counters and shelving, the power and lighting, an inventory of radio and video equipment, as well as access to the roof where antennas are mounted. The OVMRC also has the use of the Auditorium for our monthly meetings and of the classroom for the Radio Course. Note: Rental of the Auditorium alone is normally priced at \$650.00 per night.

RAC provides video cassettes, surplus TCA magazines, and pamphlets on Amateur Radio, as well as the Bureau Service for our QSL cards that are sent around the world.

It would be a great benefit to manufacturers and vendors to have the opportunity to display their newer equipment "in operation" at the VE3JW station. They can avail themselves of this benefit by providing a donation of equipment to the Museum, for use at VE3JW. This advantage also includes, for any donation to the Museum, a tax deduction.

When reading the original planning documents for the VE3JW station I became fully aware of the aim of this project: To make of VE3JW a state of the art demonstration station for Amateur Radio, at world class level. In order to help attain this objective, the present requirements are:

- for satellite communication: All-mode Dual-band radio, Antennas and cables, Line amplifiers;
- for digital communication: TNC capable of doing AMTOR and PACTOR.
- for video demonstration: Video Tape Player to feed our 36" monitor.
- for television communication: Hand portable units.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the supporting crews that have made of VE3JW what it is today. Planners, advisors, maintenance and repair crews, operators and supporters of the Amateur Radio Exhibit.

I have to mention here the weekly regular operators who have continually responded, throughout the year, to the needs and challenges of our Radio Station: Sundays: Ernie, VE3EJJ; Tuesdays: Bob, VE3AKV; Wednesdays: Keith, VA3KER, Paul, VE3NPD, Bill, VE3BDK; Thursdays: John, VA3LAR, Don, VE3DRO; Fridays: Ken, VE3KJB, Larry, VE3WEH, Graham, VE3GBD.

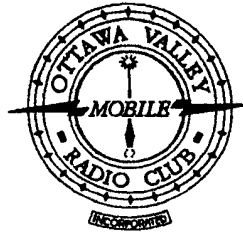
Congratulations! Job well done! I'm sure the Canadian Amateur community echoes these accolades and I also want to add the messages of congratulations that we receive from distant stations around the world when they find out what we are doing at the CMST for Amateur Radio. They are proud of their contact with VE3JW. To all THANK YOU! ❖

Maurice-André Vigneault
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Happy Fleamarket workers & their leader.

Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club



Box 5530, Station F
Ottawa Ontario K2C 3M1

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- The Membership year starts in July and runs to June 30th of the following year.
- Regular membership is only open to licensed amateurs.
- Associate membership is open to all radio enthusiasts.
- The family rate is for second and subsequent members of the same family living at the same address.

Call Sign	Surname	Preferred First Name	Date
Mailing Address		Apartment Number	BBN For Office use only
City	Province	Postal Code	
Home Phone	Work Phone	Email Address	

<input type="checkbox"/> One year membership. Regular or Associate. Includes mailed Rambler - \$25/year	Amount Enclosed \$
<input type="checkbox"/> One year membership. Regular or Associate. Without mailed Rambler - \$20/year	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family rate. For family of current members . No mailed Rambler - \$ 5/year	

My interests are:

<input type="checkbox"/> VHF/UHF	<input type="checkbox"/> Packet	<input type="checkbox"/> HF Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque
<input type="checkbox"/> Satellite	<input type="checkbox"/> HF CW	<input type="checkbox"/> AMTOR/RTTY	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash
<input type="checkbox"/> SSTV/FSTV			

Current Occupation: _____

If Retired, Former Occupation: _____

Skills: (Please list them all) _____

COMMENTS

Order OVMRC Name Tag			
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	First Name	Call sign	Cost: \$6.00

OVMRC Membership Survey

Please complete this survey and bring it with you to the June 15 Annual General Meeting, or mail it to the OVMRC at P.O. Box 5530, Stn. F, Ottawa, Ontario, K2C 3M1.

A. Please rank the club meetings you attended this year from 1 (enjoyed the most) to 9 (enjoyed the least):

September - APRS	_____	October - Contesting	_____
November - Elkel demo	_____	December - Variety show	_____
January - Operating procedures	_____	February - ZL9CI DXpedition	_____
March - CFRA Field Trip	_____	April - Morse Mania	_____
	May - Graduation Dinner	_____	

B. Which, if any, of the meeting programs or ideas above would you like to see repeated?

C. What other things would you like to do or see or learn about at future club meetings?

D. Is there anything you strongly *don't like* or *don't want* to see at future club meetings?

E. Why do you attend club meetings? Rank from 1 - 5 your top five (5) reasons.

Social reasons	_____	For entertainment/enjoyment	_____
To learn something new	_____	To help/volunteer	_____
Curiosity about OVMRC	_____	To participate in club business	_____
Habit	_____	To maybe win door prizes/50-50	_____
Sense of obligation	_____	Other _____	

F. What is the main reason that you are a member of OVMRC?

Thank you for helping us to design an interesting program for you next year!

Financial Statement

Nominations

OVMRC Profit & Loss Statement (98-07-01 - 99-06-30)

INCOME/EXPENSE (All Accounts)

INCOME

50/50 Draw	340.00
Coffee Fund	122.25
Flea Market Sale	2,554.19
Course Registration & Misc. Course	3,180.00
Manual Sales	461.45
Membership	2,979.00
Misc. Income	<u>525.67</u>
TOTAL INCOME	10,162.56

EXPENSES

Course	2,678.30
Rambler	2,159.59
Fleamarket	656.43
Administration, Promotion, Misc.	<u>2,042.74</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,537.06

Revenue over Expenses **2,625.50**

OVMRC Balance Sheet

All Accounts

Assets

Cash & Bank Accts	11,925.79
Cash Advances	20.87
Damage Deposit	375.00
Furniture	376.68
Radio & Equipment	<u>5,051.52</u>
TOTAL	17,749.86

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities (Other)

Payables	151.20
Prepaid Members	<u>446.00</u>
TOTAL	597.00

Equity 17,152.66
TOTAL Liability & Equity **17,749.86**

Respectively submitted

Peter Hafichuk
Treasurer, OVMRC

The Nominating committee consisting of Patrick Tunney, VA3CMD, Maurice-Andre Vigneault, VE3VIG and Larry Wilcox, VE3WEH have produced the following slate of officers for 2000-2001. This slate of officers will be presented to the membership for approval at the June annual general meeting.

The proposed slate is as follows:

President - Susan Morgensen, VE3MOG

Vice president - Dan Reardon, VE3GUU

Treasurer - no nomination

Secretary - Dan Doctor, VE3XDD

Amateur Radio Exhibit Maurice-Andre Vigneault, VE3VIG

Amateur Radio Training - Bob Shaw, VE3SUY

Field Day - no nomination

Historical - Larry Wilcox, VE3WEH

Flea Market - John Barnhardt, VE3ZOV

Membership - Ian Kennedy, VE3MUD

Newsletter - Bill Hall, VA3WMH

Publicity and Programs - no nomination

Radio Operations - Ken Barry, VE3KJB

Technical - Jake Guertin, VE3TQX

The three positions without nomination will be the new executive's responsibility to fill. The O.V.M.R.C. club bylaws do not permit nominations of candidates for executive positions from the floor during the annual general meeting. ❖

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**Ottawa Amateur Radio Club, Inc (OARC)
2000 Annual Hamfest**

When: Saturday, Sept 2, 2000

Time: Tailgaters and Vendor set-up - 9:00 AM;
Building; 10:00 AM till 1:00 PM

Place: Arena at the Carp Agricultural Fair Grounds, follow
the signs on the grounds
3970 Carp Road (at Falldown Lane)
Carp, Ontario
Highway 417 to Carp Road exit, North to the
fairground

Cost: \$10.00/table (plus admission)
\$5.00/tailgate (plus admission)
\$4.00 general admission (includes door prize raffle,
must be present)

Following the Hamfest there will be an APRS
demonstration and an APRS Summit (1-4 PM aprox)

Talk-in On VE2CRA (146.94 -)

Contact: Greg Danylchenko (VE3Y TZ)
(613) 236-9291 (H) or

E-mail: fleamarket@oarc.net

Web address: <http://oarc.net/fleamarket>

The OARC Hamfest is held at Carp Agricultural Fair
Grounds at the same time as the Carp Farmer's Market. So in
addition to their amateur radio needs, attendees can also enjoy
stocking up on farm fresh produce or crafts from local
artisans. ❖

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**Next Meeting
Thursday, June 15, 2000
Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

Be sure to attend the OVMRC AGM - the last and most important meeting
of the 1999-2000 club year - on Thursday, June 15. Your input is needed
on agenda items including next year's priorities, budget, and slate of
elected officers. See you there!

Please bring your survey sheet !