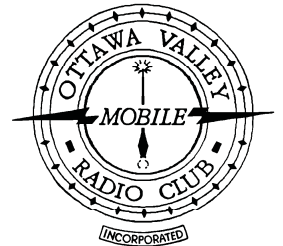


Rambler

Newsletter of the
Ottawa Valley Mobile
Radio Club Inc. (OVMRC)
Volume 45, Issue No 10



Inside...

Meeting Minutes	3
RAC Bulletins	3
National Station	4
Flea Market Photos	4
Yesteryear	5
Yesteryear (Continued)	6
Nets of Interest	6



The OVMRC Annual Flea Market is over for another year and it was another successful OVMRC event! Congratulations!

Reminders...

Club Meeting May 17
Graduation / Volunteer Appreciation
+
FD2001 Meeting

Exec. Meeting May 24

Rambler
Deadline Jun 8

Next Club Meeting · Jun 21

The next **OVMRC** meeting is
Graduation / Volunteer Appreciation Night
featuring a presentation by

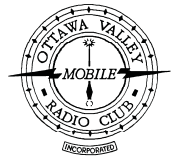
Dave Parks, VE3AV
(RAC Assistant Director - Ontario North)

Entitled

“RAC Membership for the new or veteran
amateur - Much more than a subscription to a
great magazine”

+

For those interested, an organization meeting for
FD 2001 will immediately follow the regular
meeting.



Rambler

OVMRC Executive (2000-2001)

President	Susan Mogensen, VE3MOG 833-2766, ve3mog@rac.ca
Vice-President	Dan Reardon, VE3GUU 721-3339, ve3guu@igs.net
Treasurer	Linda Balke, VA3LJB 737-4003, va3ljb@rac.ca
Secretary	Dan Doctor, VE3XDD 745-9214, ddoctor@magma.ca

Standing Committee Chairpersons

Amateur Radio Exhibit	Maurice-André Vigneault, VE3VIG 749-9010, ve3vig@rac.ca
Amateur Radio Training	Bob Shaw, VE3SUY 737-9443, lycott@fox.nstn.ca Ernie Jury, VE3EJJ 728-3666
Accredited Examiner	Bob Kavanagh, VE3OSZ 225-6785, ve3osz@rac.ca
Field Day	Ken Halcrow, VE3SRS 837-3261, kenh@intranet.ca
Historical	Larry Wilcox, VE3WEH 747-5565, ve3weh@rac.ca
Flea Market	Jake Guertin, VA3TQX 253-3732, va3tqx@magma.ca
Membership	Ian Kennedy, VE3MUD 741-6559, ve3mud@rac.ca
Newsletter	Bill Hall, VA3WMH 830-5580, va3wmh@rac.ca
Publicity & Programs	Susan Mogensen, VE3MOG 833-2766, ve3mog@rac.ca
Radio Operations	Vacant
Emergency Readiness	Ken Halcrow, VE3SRS 837-3261, kenh@intranet.ca
Technical	Jake Guertin, VA3TQX 253-3732, va3tqx@magma.ca
Webmaster	John Roger, VE3JR 747-6577, ve3jr@rac.ca

OVMRC Life Members

Ralph Cameron	VE3BBM
Doug Carswell	VE3ATY
Gerry King	VE3GK
Doreen Morgan	VE3CGO
Ed Morgan	VE3GX
Fred Noble	VE3BAJ
Bill Wilson	VE3NR

Note: Affiliated Clubs

The OVMRC no longer exchanges newsletters with other Amateur Radio Clubs. The *Rambler* is available on-line at the club website:

<http://www.ovmrc.on.ca/rambler.htm>

Sponsors

The OVMRC acknowledges the following organizations for their support of our activities by providing them with courtesy copies of the *Rambler*:

Bytown Marine, Ottawa, ON
Durham Radio Sales & Service, Whitby, ON
Elkel Ltee, Trois-Rivières, QC
Kenwood Electronics Canada Inc., Mississauga, ON

The *Rambler* is produced using Corel's Ventura™ 8 software.

The OVMRC website is hosted by Magma Communications Ltd.



OVMRC code phone

Practice your CW
737-0197



OVMRC Repeater

147.300 MHz(+)
444.200 MHz(+)
53.030/52.030 MHz



OVMRC web page

<http://www.ovmrc.on.ca>
Webmaster: John Roger,
VE3JR, jcr@magma.ca



Next Meeting

May 17
Rambler Deadline
Jun 8

The *Rambler* is the official newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club Inc. and is published 11 times a year (monthly, except for July). Opinions expressed in the *Rambler* are those of the authors and not necessarily those of the OVMRC Inc., its officers or its members. Permission is granted to republish the contents in whole or in part, providing the source is acknowledged. Commercial use of the contents is expressly prohibited. Submit articles to the editor or by e-mail to: va3wmh@rac.ca.

Thursday, April 14th, 2001

President Susan opened the meeting at 1940 hours by welcoming members and guests.

President Susan called upon Ian Kennedy, VE3PSK, a sight handicapped amateur, to accept a \$300 donation to the Guide Dogs for the Blind. Susan explained the money was given to the OVMRC for the members work in providing communications for the Italian Festival. In accepting the donation Ian thanked the OVMRC and explained that to fully train a guide dog costs approximately \$40,000 and it has a active life of about 8 years.

Bob Shaw, VE3SUY, took over the meeting with his very interesting presentation of a relatively new digital mode called PSK31. He explained the Varicode Alphabet used with PSK31 and demonstrate how it all combines amateur radio and computers with the assistance of Ernie Jury, VE3EJJ. Bob displayed a number of PSK31 kits which had been put together. He asked that members vote which kit looked best. The results of the vote gave first place to the kit assembled by Bob Shaw, VE3SUY, and second place to Harold Hamilton, VA3UNK. President Susan thanked Bob for his very interesting and informative presentation.

Ken Halcrow, Chairman of Field Day 2001, provided an update on plans for the June 23rd and 24th event. He stressed that this year's event will be kept as simple as possible and will be designed to meet the challenges of emergency preparedness. He hopes to form individual tent groups who will be self sustaining for the 24 hour period responsible for their own food and drinking water. While the location has not been finalized, he has a tentative location at Petrie Island on the Ottawa River.

Jake Guertin reported that he had some flyers promoting our Flea Market, Saturday, May 5th at the Stittsville Arena. He asked for volunteers to help set up tables on Friday, May 4th and others to operate the snack bar on the 5th.

Susan asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominations Committee. Interested members are asked to contact Susan.

The 50/50 draw of \$42 was won by Harold Hamilton, VA3UNK.

The door prizes were won by Ian Kennedy, VE3MUD, a cheque of \$20, second prize of \$15 was won by Larry Kearns, VE3WSB

The meeting adjourned at 2120 hours.

RAC Bulletins

Date: April 22, 2001

Subject: IARU HF World Championship

Radio Amateurs of Canada would like to invite Canadian amateurs with an interest in HF Radio Contesting to participate in a Canadian Headquarters entry in this coming July's 2001 IARU HF World Championship. Participants are welcome in any part of Canada, and we will be using various official RAC call signs.

Complete contest rules can be found in the April 2001 issue of QST magazine, or at:

www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/rules-iaru.html

Interested parties can contact Derrick Belbas, VE4VV, at ve4vv@rac.ca, or by telephone at 204-224-2641, prior to 10 June 2001.



Date: April 8, 2001

Subject: New Incoming QSL Bureau Manager

RAC Appoints New National Incoming QSL Bureau Manager

RAC President Kenneth Oelke, VE6AFO today announced the appointment of Leonard Morgan, VE9MY, as RAC National Incoming QSL Bureau Manager replacing Jim Irvine, VE9WH, who recently retired from the position.

Leonard was first licensed in 1964 and has held callsigns, VO1GT, VO1CM, VO2AB, VE1MY and VE9MY since 1993. He is President of the Loyalist City Amateur Radio Club in Saint John, NB.

Leonard's interests are Contesting, chasing DX, activating and working IOTA and CISA islands.

Leonard holds a CET with over 35 years of Industrial Instrumentation and Controls experience in the mining, petrochemical and teaching industries. He is Field Service Representative for a major Process Controls Company responsible for customer training and technical support in the maritimes.

Guy Charron VA3FZA
Bulletin Editor
Radio Amateurs of Canada
Email: va3fza@rac.ca

National Station VE3JW

Maurice-André
Amateur Radio Exhibit
ve3vig@rac.ca

By the time you read this, Radio Station VE3JW would have been renovated once again and reopened for you to operate and enjoy. This is not the first renovation undertaken by volunteers at the station. The most recent one was in 1993/95.

While reading into the original planning and development documentation I became aware that many dedicated Amateurs took part in making VE3JW what it is today. And these Amateurs were not solely from the OVMRC. Enthusiastic participation from regional Amateurs has seen this project through.

Although, the main OVMRC partner was the OARC whose members were present at the time of initial planning and building, throughout the early phase of operation, during the renovations, and they are still active at VE3JW through the participation of Rick, VE3IHI, Clare, VE3NPC, and others.

In fact, early documents attest to the joint efforts of OVMRC/OARC in “establishing an Amateur Radio Exhibit at the National Museum of Science and Technology”.

The VE3JW station is an Amateur Radio window to the world. It is our National Station as noted on a dedication plaque now proudly displayed in our Exhibit. Visitors from everywhere have signed our Guest Book and when on the air, VE3JW is a choice contact for many stations around the world.

It is your Station, yours to show, yours to operate and also yours to help maintain and improve. We certainly would welcome renewed participation by the members of OARC in the activities and progress of VE3JW. Simply call up my number (613-749-9010) and leave your callsign and telephone number. We'll get back to you to find out your choice of operating times, or, in what way you would like to contribute to the success of our National Station, which is a place of training, of new experience for all amateurs, and of public relations for our hobby.



Welcome to an exceptionally, record setting dry spring. Where did all the rain go? Why do we have these high temperatures of summer already? Perhaps May will be wet and rainy. Enough about the weather, on with Yesteryear and some more of our history. You may have noticed I am still writing events from RAMBLER issues dating ten years ago. I hope you are enjoying these columns. This month I will cover only the June 1991 issue.

JUNE 1991 RAMBLER - Editor Charles King VE3PDK, a very prolific writer/editor covered the new slate of Officers for 1991-1992. Charles was fortunate to have five members on his Editorial Committee and four members assisting with Circulation. Sounds like it was quite a production requiring a lot of assistance to produce the RAMBLER ten years ago. Charles covered the Nominating Committee which consisted of Jerry Wells VE3CDS, Fred Noble VE3BAJ and Ken Barry VE3KJB. They had the tremendous task of finding four Directors and ten Chairs of the new Standing Committees created as a result of the new *Bylaws*. The nominations included Jeff Wilson VE3RCI for President. Jeff was a young and dynamic man who had already served terms as Vice-President, Program Coordinator, Chairman Field Day and was the DX DE YOU columnist. Larry Woram VE3WLN was nominated for Vice-President. He was the Chairman of the Flea Market and did a marvelous job. The Treasurer Judy Taetz VE3PAB, offered to take on the job again following her success at putting the Club finances on computer. The nomination for Secretary was Ted Paul VE3KEH, who was recently licensed, and had a varied background working on the club's behalf with the National Museum of Science and Technology and with VE3JW. Cy Webster VE3SIY, a graduate of the OVMRC Radio Class of 1990 offered to serve on the ARE Committee overseeing the reopening of VE3JW, planned for 1992. Doug Carswell VE3ATY, the Chief Instructor on the Amateur Radio Course volunteered to serve as Chairman and planned on streamlining the course and study material. In fact, with assistance from many other devoted and dedicated club members, he eventually produced and wrote the new OVMRC "Amateur Radio For Beginners" Manual. I was a member of the "Class of 91" and we were the "guinea pigs" for each and every Chapter - what fun! The Field Day Committee nomination was unfilled. Flea Market Committee was again headed up by Ken Barry VE3KJB. He was a graduate of the OVMRC "Class of 90", a member of the RAMBLER Editorial Committee and columnist for the "Novice News." The Historical Committee Chair nomination was Pat Brewer VE3KJQ, who was also working with Doug on the Amateur Radio Training Committee. Mike Beausoleil VE3BGP, offered to fill the Membership Chair even though he would leave for a six-month tour of duty with the United Nations Observer Force in Damascus, Syria. His Committee would continue the day-to-day work for members until he returned in December, 1991. The Newsletter Committee Chair, Chuck King VE3PDK, offered to stay on for another term. Keith Beardsley VE3SVQ, a graduate of the 1991 OVMRC Amateur Radio Class, volunteered to take on the Publicity

and Programs Chair. He was a contributing columnist for The Canadian Amateur also. The nomination for Radio Operations Chair was Jerry Wells VE3CDS. Jerry volunteered to take on the job himself after no one could be found. Ed Sieb VE3RDZ gave up his Public Relations Chair to offer his services as Technical Advisor in place of Ed LeBlanc VE3VLF. Ed planned to upgrade the Club's repeater and to enhance its capabilities with assistance from technically inclined members.

Our current Nominating Committee also have their hands full trying to fill so many positions this year. There are many positions on the Executive to fill including four of the most important, the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Where have all the volunteers gone? It seems we only have one person on each Committee nowadays. I wonder why? A Committee of one is certainly easier to manage and meetings are easy to arrange! However, a small Committee of several members can accomplish a lot more and come up with fresh new ideas to further the objectives and goals of our club and Amateur Radio in general. My Grandmother always said, "Many hands make light work, so get in here and help!" This is still applicable today! I hope many of you have volunteered when someone from the Nominating Committee called you. I'm sure you will be pleasantly surprised to find out how much enjoyment you can derive from your role in serving on the new Executive for 2001-2002.

The OVMRC/OARC JOINT FIELD DAY 1991 was announced in the June, 1991 RAMBLER and was held at Fred's VE3PAA and Judy's VE3PAB home with two stations, CW and Phone and also a novice 80m station.

During the regular May 16th meeting of members, Gerry King VE3GK announced the OVMRC would be responsible for the second Bunny of the upcoming Bunny Hunt. The first Bunny had to be found before moving on to find the second Bunny which was moving through a shopping mall. There were \$500 worth of prizes to be won with the OVMRC and the OARC donating \$200 each toward the purchase of prizes. There was a registration fee of \$3.50 per person or team. Registration took place at Black's Rapids parking lot from 8.30-9.30am Saturday June 1, 1991. The transmitter was turned on at 9.35am. Interestingly, Treasury Judy informed the members that the NCC would be charging \$3.25 per car for parking at Vincent Massey Park where the BBQ was held after the Bunny Hunt was over.

During this meeting, Pat Brewer, VE3BGP was presented with a certificate "Executive Vote of Thanks", from the membership for his continuous and dedicated service over the past eight years as Vice-President, President, Past President, Membership Chairman, as an instructor on the Amateur Radio Course, as a contributing editor for the RAMBLER and for running the annual raffle for the Flea Market.

Yesteryear *Cont'd*

President Doug Carswell also read out a motion that Ed Morgan VE3GX be presented with an "Executive Vote of Thanks" for his continuous and dedicated service over the years in conducting the Swap Nett on the OVMRC Pot Hole Net and in conducting the Pol Lid Net that has benefitted many of the Amateur Radio Course Students. The motion was carried unanimously and Doug would deliver the Certificate as Ed was absent. Two motions were also published to set the annual membership dues at fifteen dollars (\$15) in accordance with Article 2.3.1 and to reduce to \$10 annual membership dues for a Club member who is a family member of a full member, life member or associate member and is living at the same address where a single mailing may be made of Club correspondence and the newsletter in accordance with Article 2.3.3 of the Bylaws.

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM HERE AND THERE, of notable interest in his column, Pat Brewer VE3KJQ wrote the Kingston Amateur News bulletin indicated their May meeting topic was about repeater links in the C.P.R. Roger's Pass Tunnel. (Intriguing, I wonder if they still have a repeater in the pass?) The club had received a special event call VA3JAM in order to commemorate the death of Sir John A Macdonald 100 years ago on June 6th. The station was to operate from inside Bellevue House. Also of note, the Calgary Amateur Radio Association "Key Klix" newsletter noted at a recent club auction, "The only requirement on items was the ability to hold it over your head with one hand for 10 seconds." (I guess that prevented anymore so called heavy duty boat anchors from appearing at the auction!) And the ARES group of their club

might try to use ATV to monitor the Calgary Stampede parade by using "Creepie Peepie" transmitters mounted on top of cameras which would transmit pictures to city hall along with the regular two metre transmissions.

Paul Cooper VE3JLP wrote a column entitled, SPOT YOUR DX ON PACKETCLUSTER. He reported a local group of DXers had installed a Packet Cluster node on 145.11 Mhz, VE3XDX, a special-purpose packet radio node designed to share, store and retrieve DX information and WWV propagation information. He noted PacketClusters were operating in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver with dozens of such networks in the USA and throughout Europe. (Anyone know if they are still in use via packet radio or have they all been replaced by Internet sources?)

The "WELCOME NEW MEMBERS" corrected the 199th member's name. It was not Ted Thaddeus VE3TGS who became the 199th member but rather Ted Starr. Bill Flowers, Dan Kelley VE3ENV, Bob Gillies VE3AJ, Claudette McMaster VE3TCT, Gail Beausolleil and Trevor Beausolleil, the youngest member in the Club at the age of 2 months were all welcomed as members. When asked how this happened, Trevor said, "Da-da-di-dit!"

Next month, this column will feature the results of the combined OARC/OVMRC 1991 Field Day Report to close out the year. I am certainly enjoying reading and writing the YESTERYEAR column for you and have recently learned that some of you really look forward to reading about our club events that occurred ten years ago.

DAY	TIME	BAND	FREQ MHZ	MODE	NAME - COMMENTS
Sunday	11:00 AM	80 Metres	3.620	CW	Pot Lid Net - Low Speed CW
Sunday	9:00 PM	80 Metres	3.755	LSB	Ontario ARES Net
Week Days	7:00 AM	80 Metres	3.755	LSB	ONTARS
Sunday	10:00 AM	80 Metres	3.760	LSB	Pot Hole Net OVMRC Sponsored
Daily	7:30 PM	80 Metres	3.775	LSB	Quebec Net
Sunday	3:00 PM	40 Metres	7.150		Ontario ARES Net
Tuesday	9:00 PM	2 Metres	144.250	USB	Two Metre SSB Net West Carleton ARC except 1 st Tuesday
Monday	8:00 PM	2 Metres	146.940	FM	Capital City Net - Swap Net - Repeater - VE2CRA
Wednesday	7:00 PM	2 Metres	147.300	FM	Welcome Mat Net Repeater - VE3TWO
Thursday	8:00 PM	2 Metres	147.030	FM	VE3QCWA Chapter 70 Net Repeater - VE3TEL
Thursday	8:30 PM	2 Metres	147.150	FM	CPC Net Repeater - VE3MPC
Tuesday	8:00 PM	2 Metres	147.300	FM	Military Net Repeater - VE3TWO
Friday	8:00 PM	2 Metres	147.300	FM	Wise Owl Net Repeater - VE3TWO
Daily	7:00 PM	80 Metres	3.742	LSB	Ontario Phone Net, National Traffic System (NTS)
Daily	7:00 PM	80 Metres	3.667	CW	Ontario Section Net, NTS
Daily	10:00 PM	80 Metres	3.667	CW	Ontario Section Net, NTS
Monday Wednesday Friday	9:00 PM	2 Metres	147.360	FM	Kingsmere Traffic Net, NTS