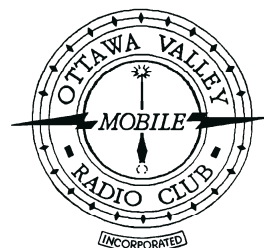


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Time to Renew your membership !

Forms available on-line at:

<http://www.ovmrc.on.ca/Membership%20Form%20P81.pdf>



Field Day 2004

Photo Courtesy of Roy Parsons, VA3CKD

Results from Field Day 26th to 27th June 2004

Once again we had an enjoyable Field Day and the submission figures are as follows:

Station call: VE3RAM Class: 5A
Power Multiplier: 2X

Bonus Points:	
100% Emergency power	500
Set-up in Public Place	100
Natural power QSOs completed	100
Submitted via the Web	50
Total Bonus Points	750

Score Summary:

	CW	Digital	Phone	TOTAL
Total QSOs	178	0	181	359
Total Points	356	0	181	537

Claimed Score = 1,074

For more photographs of the event go to

<http://www.takeone.com/FD/fd2004/>

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OVMRC Repeater

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



OVMRC web page

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Next Meeting

Sep 16
Rambler Deadline
Sep 3

OVMRC Life Members

Ralph Cameron	VE3BBM
Doug Carswell	VE3ATY
Doreen Morgan	VE3CGO
Ed Morgan	VE3GX
Bill Wilson	VE3NR

Club Website

The OVMRC **Rambler** is available on-line at the club website:

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

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QCWA International Convention

Convention time in Ottawa on October 15, 16, 17!

The Quarter Century Wireless Association's International Convention is being hosted by QCWA Chapter 70. **All Radio Amateurs** and their friends are invited to attend. QCWA is association composed of a membership of Radio Amateurs who have held their license for aminnimum of 25.

The following sessions and speakers are on the agenda for Friday and Saturday -

<u>Sessions</u>		<u>Speakers</u>
Software Defined Radios for the Masses	.....	Gerald Youngblood AC5OG
Noise in Receiving Systems	.....	Dave Conn VE3KL
Top Band Reversible Beveridges	.....	Bert Barry VE3QAA
Living with Your Neighbours or EMC(101)	.....	Ralph Cameron VE3BBM
Rechargeable Batteries	.....	Dick Bonnycastle VE3FUA
Field Day 2000	.....	Brice Wightman VE3EDR
What's That Racket - HF Digital Modes 101	.....	Ken Asmus VA3KA Richard Bandla VE3CVG
Truth and Untruth about Electrically Small Antennas	....	Jack Belrose VE2CV
Amateur Satellites; Past, Present and Future	.....	Clare Fowler VE3NPC
Moonbounce, Basics and Beyond	.....	Ken Oelke VE6AFO
Super-Regenerative Receivers	.....	Lea Barker
Forums: QCWA – QCWW – RAC		

For those who just want to see more of our Nation's Capital or are non-Amateurs, they too will find arrangements have been made for their enjoyment. The Lord Elgin Hotel, newly renovated and located in downtown Ottawa, is a great location situated just steps away from the Canadian Parliament Buildings. Within walking distance are the National War Memorial, the Centennial Flame, the Rideau Canal Locks and the National Arts Centre. Shoppers have a choice of walking to the Sparks Street Mall, the enclosed Rideau Centre Mall or the Byward Farmers' Market. The Market is also the centre of Ottawa's night entertainment district, with restaurants, nightclubs, bistros, etc. On Friday, there is a bus tour of the city followed by a Meet & Greet evening. Saturday begins with a buffet breakfast and concludes in the evening with the Annual QCWA Banquet. Astronaut Dr. Robert Thirsk **VA3CSA** may be out guest speaker.

Travel back in time on Sunday after brunch by taking a trip on a steam engine train. A short bus ride to the Quebec side of the Ottawa River, then all aboard for 4 ½ hours of entertainment while viewing the colourful countryside along the Gatineau River with a stop in quaint Wakefield. Enjoy the camaraderie of others in our hobby. QCWA invites you to join us in Ottawa at the QCWA International Convention!

Place: Ottawa ON Lord Elgin Hotel, 100 Elgin St. - Reservations 613-235-3333 QCWA Guest

Registration: Amateur \$20, Spouse/Guest \$5

Pre-registration required to attend the following -

Sat. buffet breakfast \$15; Sat. Banquet \$42; Sun. Brunch \$25; Friday City Bus Tour \$15;

Sunday Steam Train, 4 1/2 hr. up the Gatineau River Valley, Quebec \$53 (from and to hotel).

Talkin: 146.34/94 More info at www.qcwa.org or

Contact: Donald Heaslip ve3njh@rac.ca phone (613) 727-2769

Seems I spend more time apologizing for things than I should! Therefore, I apologize that we did not have our elections back in June or that I could not find a nominating chairperson to find us victims for the Executive!

It has been tough to find people; most of us have been there and done that, many times over in some cases. Many people are also afraid of having to speak to more than two people, it is quite possible that we can do something about that but that is something the Executive will try to address in the future.

In any case, I will be stepping down as President; I am looking at having a busy year business wise and did not feel that I could commit enough of my time to the Club to make me feel comfortable.

Some people have said that I have done a fine job and I thank them for their kind words but I still was not happy with the amount of time and effort that I was able to give to the Club. The up coming year should be even busier for me with quite a bit of travel involved if everything goes through. Knowing my luck, it will all fall apart and I will have no travel and lots of time on my hands.

In any case, it has been great being President for a year and I look forward to continuing as the Vice President for the coming year.

Results from the 2m Simplex Contest held 8th May 2004

The results from the submitted logs are:

Call	StationType	Power	Contacts	Points
VE3VIG	Base	>10W	27	812
VE3CPH	Mobile	≤10W	28	768
VE3JW	Club/Base	>10W	14	341
VE3OSZ	Portable	>10W	16	333
VA3PCJ	Portable	≤10W	10	230
VE3RAM	Club/Mobile	≤10W	5	104
VA3GLT	Mobile	≤10W	7	84

Awards:

Elections! Elections!

Better late than never! Come to the September meeting and vote on your new Executive.

The following members will be standing for Executive positions;

Directors;

President: Paul J. Henry VE3CPH

Vice President: Ken McKenzie VA3NEK

Treasurer: Dan Caracaleanu VA3XYO

Chairperson;

Publicity and Programs Duane Avery VA3ODD

All other committee chairs are remaining the same.

Any member in good standing may serve in an Executive position. If you are interested in running for a position, please, make your intentions know to any member of the Executive. We will be happy to hold an actual election.

We are still looking for a chairperson for the Flea market. It is an event greatly missed but we have not been able to have one in two years as we have not had a chairperson. In addition, Patricia Rowan, VA3PUR, has been holding down two positions as Radio Operations Chairperson as well as being Corporate Secretary.

Highest Scoring Base Station: VE3VIG, Maurice-Andre.

Highest Scoring Mobile/Portable Station: VE3CPH, Paul with Duane.

Highest Scoring Novice Station, VE3CPH, Paul with Duane.

Longest distance for contact: between VE3VIG and VE3CPH approx. 50km (Vanier to North Gower).

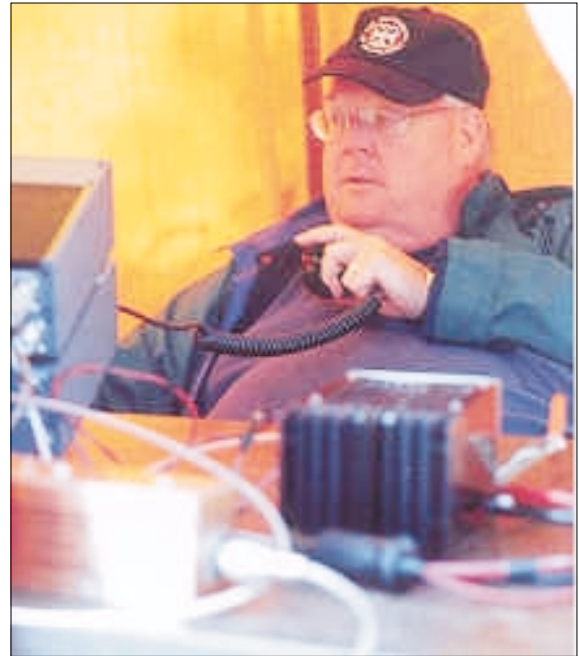
Congratulations to the award winners and thank you for all who participated.

The target has been set for next year's contest!

2M & Field Day Results - Alan Steele, VA3STL



R to L: Ian, VE3WVP, son & father spectators, Ernie, VE3EJJ, Adam, VA3PIP.



VE3WVP in a tent, out of the rain operating Ernie's VE3EJJ Elecraft K1 on 80m.



L to R: Dan, VA3XYO, Ken, VE3SRS, Bob, VE3SUY, Ernie, VE3EJJ.



L to R: Ernie, VE3EJJ, Bob, VE3SUY operating Ernie's Elecraft K2 on 80m.



L to R: Ernie, VE3EJJ, Bob, VE3SUY, Dan, VZ3XYO operation Ernie's Elecraft K2 on 80m.



L to R: Gerry, VA3GLT, Alan, VA3STL operate Alans Elecraft K2 QRP on 40m.

Bob VE3SUY-Moderator

General points

-at this time no one has stepped forward to fill available spots on the executive

Currently the spots that **need** to be filled are President and treasurer to maintain continuity with the bylaws

Currently the only officer that has/can committed to staying on is Patricia, VA3PUR

-if there is no one to fulfill the needed executive positions there will be no executive for the next club year and the club will be faced with the possibility of winding down.

-Please Please Please consider filling in a spot on the executive so we can keep the OVMRC going

-We do have the needed officers to maintained the club until June 30th, 2004

Presentation

Bob VE3SUY Presented Fowler VE3NPC as our discussion this evening. Clair is active in satellite modes of operation, a member of the OARC, the QCWA and is an area coordinator for AMSAT.

He has been involved in satellite communication for 16 years, has made several thousand contacts on satellite, has 226 confirmed countries and has achieved CQ WAZ on satellite.

Claire Discussed the history of amateur satellite and the various satellites that have gone up over the years since sputnik made the first trip around the earth on October 4th 1957(a mere 47years ago) he also discussed the many milestones that Hams have achieved over the years as well.

It was an excellent presentation.

Post presentation

There is a serious problem regarding executive. Ken VA3NEK must step down as president; Ken VA3KJG has fulfilled his mandate as treasurer and must step down as per bylaws.

At this time the only person that is able to fulfill their position as an officer of the club and that is Patricia, VA3PUR. There is a requirement that we have a President and treasurer to meet the standards set out in the club bylaws, we would as that if you think that you can commit to the executive in the New Year please consider it so that we can keep our club alive. If we can't

maintain an executive there is a real possibility that the club will have to wind down, and the OVMRC will cease to exist.

Updates

Club trailer Ken VE3SRS

Ken VE3SRS will be receiving funding from the club to purchase radio equipment for the emergency trailer.

-the emergency trailer will be at the OVMRC field day at the science museum, and will continue to be involved in The Civil Air Search and Rescue (CASARA)

Ken VE3SRS has received a request for the emergency trailer to be used at the Air show in carp this year. There is a need for on site communications and a crew of Hams to provide a net for emergency response for the air show grounds, if interested please get in touch with Ken VE3SRS at the date for the airship is august 28th and 29th 2004 with setup on Friday august 27 2004

VE3TWO

Jake VE2TQX, all is well with the repeater, 580 booth did lose power a while ago and the repeater was down for a couple of hours, but all is well now.

Field Day Report

VA3PIP, Adam

Everythis is set to go for FD

Set up is 10:30 on the Saturday

We have 30 feet of tower

2 pushup masts

The emergency trailer will be there so if you'd like to see it...;.....

The club will be supplying the power and food

Looking for more operators, especially on CW

Tear down will be on Sunday @ about 13:00 or 13:30

There will be operations all night

Bathroom facilities available in the facilities for the entire FD

Using Callsign VA3RAM

PS don't forget you membership dues.....

Radio course

Ernie VE3EJJ and Bob VE3SUY to run course in the fall (even if club winds down)

Registration night will be October 5th, 2004 at 7pm in the Science Museum.

Treasurer

Ken VA3KJG

No financial information presented tonight

25 dollars donated to DARF on behalf of VE3GK and VE3MHX

VE3BNO, George gave a brief presentation on the QCWA, and informed us that the Ottawa Chapter of the QCWA will be hosting their convention here in Ottawa this year,

Further information can be found at

Awards for The 2 Meter contest

Presented by Alan VA3STL

VE3GLT, VA3STL 84 points

Ken (VE3SRS) using the call VE3RAM and the emergency trailer 104 points

Jose VE3PCJ 230 points

Bob VE3OSZ 333 Points btw this was Bobs first non cw contest☺)

Ernie VE3EJJ 341 points (at VE3JW)

Paul VE3CPH and Dwayne (Callsign? Sorry I missed it) 812 points

Maurice Andre VE3VIG with 812 points

Paul VE3CPH holds the distinction of having the highest score (newcomer) as well as the farthest confirmed contact between himself and VE3VIG. Paul was in North Gower and Maurice Andre was at his QTH in Vanier, a calculated distance of 50 KM.

All participants will receive a certificate of participation; just make sure to submit your log to VA3STL

50/50 23 dollars won by VE3CLW

Door Prizes

Jose VE3PCJ OVMRC Patch

VA3CMD- Museum Pass

VE3LOW- Museum Pass

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VE3JJK-OVMRC Patch

VE3BDK- Museum Patch

Again,

Please consider what you can do for the OVMRC, Please if you can volunteer for a position on the executive as an officer of the club, Lets keep the OVMRC going! ☺

Acting- Secretary Patrick VA3CMD

Tentative Club Calendar

Month	Rambler Deadline	Club Meeting	Exec Meeting
Sep	3	16	23
Oct	8	21	28
Nov	5	18	25
Dec	Nov 26	9	Nil
Jan	7	20	27
Feb	4	17	24
Mar	4	17	24
Apr	8	21	28
May	6	19	26
Jun	3	16	23



L to R: Ian, VE3WVP, Ken, VA3NEK, Bob, VE3SUY, Dan, VA3XYD, Ernie, VE3EJJ check out an antenna and feed line.

The Ottawa Amateur Radio Club



is pleased to announce its 8th Annual

Hamfest

Saturday, September 4, 2004 (Labour Day weekend)

Tailgaters Open and Building Vendor setup: 9 am

Building Opens: 10 am until 1 pm

Radio Amateurs of Canada Forum and Technology Update: 1 pm - 4 pm (approx)

Carp Agricultural Fairgrounds
3970 Carp Rd (at Falldown Lane)
Ottawa (Carp), Ontario

Highway 417 west to Carp Road exit, north to the fairgrounds
We are in the Arena, so follow the signs on the site

\$5 general admission

\$10/table (plus admission)

\$5/tailgate (plus admission)

This year's door prize is very generously donated by:



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5 Corvus Court
Nepean, Ontario, K2E 7Z4
Phone: (613) 723-8424

The OARC is proud to sponsor the RAC Forum and Technology Update. This highly informative event follows immediately after the close of the Hamfest at 1 pm. We are very fortunate to have Doug Leach (VE3XK), RAC's Ontario North Director, as Moderator.

For further information or reservations contact:

Greg Danylchenko (VE3YTZ)

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Talk-in on VE2CRA, 146.94 - MHz