



## President's RAMBLINGS

### Greetings;

One of the things I hope to do this year is to become better acquainted with persons in the OVMRC who I only hear about or talk to occasionally on repeaters. According to our bylaws, "the President shall be ultimately responsible for the smooth and efficient functioning of the Club." Actually, I'd like to do a little more than this. Before I show my hand, though, you'll allow me a little time to get the lie of the land. For the moment, I'll keep it short with just a word or two on something I consider vital to this club.

### The Rambler

No organization like ours can thrive without a news letter that is informative and as comprehensive as possible, a news letter that everyone associated with the club receives. To these ends, Bill Hall and I have agreed to divide up the work. As of the next issue, I will be responsible for content and editing the paper while Bill will continue to produce and distribute the final copy, the latter task very time consuming. As of now, please send material for the news letter (articles, announcements etc.) to me at [jerry.neufeld@rogers.com](mailto:jerry.neufeld@rogers.com). I would appreciate it very much if documents are in .txt file format. Mail hard copy pieces to:

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To spread the word about who and what we are, electronic copies of the Rambler will now be sent to everyone who has been a member of OVMRC during the last two years and to anyone we think might like to hear about us. We will continue to mail the print version of the news letter to members who have expressed a preference to receive it in this form. Other than very superficial changes, I will not modify the content or style of any contribution unless the author requests it. Help the paper grow. Please forward anything to me you believe will be of interest to the club.

### A Plea

Folks, like you, I'd prefer that regular meetings of the club begin with something lively

rather than with perpetual entreaties for someone to take minutes. It's not a sexy job, I know – writer's cramp and little recognition. Nonetheless, we do need a hand, so, if anyone's is predisposed to offer him/herself up, we'll all be very grateful. ❖

## Next Meeting

### October 18<sup>th</sup>

Our guest speaker for the upcoming October 18th meeting will be Bernie Murphy, VE3FWF, on ALE (Automatic Link Establishment). This mode is new to amateur radio and enables automatic multi-band communications over newly deployed infrastructure.

OVMRC membership fees for July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 are now due. To save time, visit our web site, [www.ovmrc.on.ca](http://www.ovmrc.on.ca), to print the application form.

See you Thursday evening at 7:00 P.M., October 18th. ❖

## Breakfast Club

Hello Folks,

The Breakfast Club is back for now .....

**NOVEMBER 03, 2007** at 0900 hrs - SUMMERHAYS GRILL - 1971 Baseline Road

**DECEMBER 01, 2007** - Time to be determined - SUMMERHAYS GRILL - 1971 Baseline Road

SANTA CLAUS will be there with bells on.

MORE INFO TO COME!

I have been hearing rumblings that I will be back at the helm of the PHOENIX NET in the near future. Well your information is wrong! It has been a slice for many many years but it is time for me to move on. I will not be back any time soon! I have found a new hobby that I really enjoy and keeps me busy at least one hour a day on average. Yes I teach Safe Boating at least once a week Fall Winter and Spring with the Ottawa Power & Sail Squadron and have now taken on the position of Membership Officer for the Squadron. Marjorie and I are very involved with the Squadron activities and having a party!

As for the Breakfast Club next year, I will take a real good look at whether or not I want to continue with and I will let Santa tell you the news at the Christmas Breakfast in December.

By the way, I am not out of Ham Radio completely! I still have my radios and I do monitor when I am working at my computer. I am still the Net Manager for the Champlain Regional Repeater Association and you will find me there most nights unless I am out teaching or doing Squadron business at 1845 hrs on Repeater VE3STP 147.060 (-).

I am not dropping out of the hobby .... I am taking a break from it and channelling my energy elsewhere!

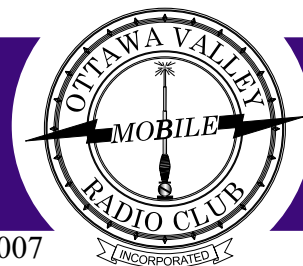
I will not be a stranger and if you need me you know my number!

73 & 88 my dear friends .... It is time to pull the plug for awhile!

Guy A. Ladouceur  
VE3WGL ❖

## OVMRC Calendar

<b>OVMRC 07/08 Calendar</b>			
Month	Rambler Deadline	Meeting	Exec Meeting
<b>Oct</b>	5	18	25
<b>Nov</b>	9	22	29
<b>Dec</b>	7	20	37
<b>Jan</b>	4	17	24
<b>Feb</b>	8	21	28
<b>Mar</b>	7	20	27
<b>Apr</b>	4	17	24
<b>May</b>	2	15	22
<b>Jun</b>	6	19	26



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147.300 MHz(+)  
444.200 MHz(+)

## Amateur Radio Exhibit

### VE3JW

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## Minutes of the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club Meeting 20 September 2007

### OPENING

The meeting was opened at 19:50 by Steve VE3SBC acting for the club president.

### VISITORS

Visitors welcomed to this meeting were:

Robert, VA3BJH  
Brent, VA3BR  
Chris, VE3/VK3KQU

### GUEST SPEAKER

Steve introduced Ken VE3SRS who gave a presentation on emergency preparedness.

Ken started his presentation with a video "Ice Storm 1998" to demonstrate an example where emergency communications are a necessity.

He identified Jim VA3KU as the emergency coordinator for our area and provided the web site address where you can find the frequencies to monitor during emergencies:

[www.emoares.org](http://www.emoares.org)

A simulated emergency test coordinated by Toronto will be held 6 and 7 October 2007. Refer to the web site for times and frequencies.

The next A.R.E.S. meeting is scheduled for 9:00 to 12:00 on 29 September 2007 at 898 Industrial Avenue, Ottawa.

A maritime search and rescue exercise is to be held the weekend of 22, 23 September 2007. It consists of the evacuation of a passenger vessel off the West coast of Newfoundland.

The ground search and rescue group are recruiting and plan to hold a course on Tuesday 2 October 2007. Membership is \$20 and the cost of the course is \$125. Refer to the web site for details. A recent ground search and rescue was held near Wakefield, Quebec where the group spent four days and nights to locate a missing Alzheimer patient.

An exercise is being held the weekend of 22, 23 September 2007 near Rockland, Ontario. This will be a crash recovery exercise using newly acquired night vision equipment.

A joint Canada/U.S.A. exercise is being held the weekend of 28, 29, 30 September 2007 at Fitzroy provincial park. A local army reserve unit will also be involved. Refer to the web site for details.

Steve thanked Ken for the interesting and informative presentation.

### 2007-2008 BUDGET

Treasurer, Robert, VE3SHO presented the budget for the coming 2007-2008 fiscal year. The budget will be presented again at the next meeting for final approval.

As of 19 September 2007 the total assets of the club are \$13,997.12. There are no liabilities.

A question was raised by Ernie VE3EJJ regarding the budget for VE3JW. The treasurer is waiting for input from Maurice-André VE3VIG.

A motion was made by Steve VE3SBC to accept the proposed budget. It was seconded by Mathew, VA3MHB. The motion carried.

### NOMINATIONS FOR 2007-2008

At the June 2007 meeting the nominating committee had no suggestions for nominees to fill vacant positions. We now have the following:

President: Jerry VE3QSO  
Membership Chair: Jean-Guy VE3YOS  
Technical Chair: Cam VA3FO

Alex VE3KIY was approach to stand for Secretary but declined.

Steve asked for further nominations from the floor. Mathew, VA3MHB was nominated for Technical Chair. There were no other nominations.

Cam and Mathew were asked to leave the meeting while a vote by show of hands was held. During discussion prior to the vote it was noted that the Technical Chair must be held by an amateur with an advanced licence. As Mathew only holds a basic licence he is not eligible to stand for election.

Cam and Mathew were called back into the meeting where the situation was explained. Mathew was offered the opportunity to assist the Technical Chair with the idea that he gain experience and when he is qualified he may stand for nomination in the future.

The election was closed with the following being elected:

President: Jerry VE3QSO  
Membership Chair: Jean-Guy VE3YOS  
Technical Chair: Cam VA3FO

All other executive positions are filled by incumbents except for Secretary. The club is looking for someone to fill this position.

### EXECUTIVE MEETING

The next executive meeting is scheduled for Thursday 27 September 2007.

### AMATEUR RADIO COURSE

Ernie VE3EJJ announced the start of the next course at 19:00 on 2 October 2007 with registration and introduction. The cost of the course is \$250 which includes the text book and other handouts. There is an extra charge of \$20 for a kit. Approximately 10 to 12 people have shown interest so far.

### FIELD DAY 2008

A report will be given at the next meeting.

### VHF NET

The VHF net is looking for a net controller. Contact Mathew VA3MHB if you are interested.

### HF NET

The HF net is also looking for controllers and would like to setup a roster.

### MEMBERSHIP

Jean-Guy VE3YOS reported 27 renewals (12 prior to the meeting) and 6 new.

### PUBLICITY AND PROGRAMS

The sum of \$270 was made at the Hamfest.

A mini flea market will be held at the October meeting.

### HISTORICAL

A number of manuals have been sold bringing in \$160 Canadian and \$115 US for the club.

### NEW BUSINESS

André, VE3CLW sold his "junk" at the OARC flea market in Carp. He had an interesting experience trying to donate the proceeds of \$138 to CHEO. He was finally successful and received a certificate from CHEO thanking OARC for the donation.

### 50/50 DRAW

The 50/50 draw of \$20 was won by André, VE3CLW.

### DOOR PRIZES

The door prizes were won by:

Ken, VE3SRS  
Mathew, VA3MHB  
James, VE3MYZ

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 21:15.

Volunteer Secretary  
Alex VE3KIY ❖

## Joint CDA/USA Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Preparedness Event

Report prepared by: Ken Halcrow,  
VE3SRS/CIW652

Fitzroy Provincial Park, Ontario was the venue for the demonstration of co-operation between Amateur Radio and the Reserve 763 Communication Regiment.

### DEPLOYMENT

On Friday 28 September 2007 the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club communication trailer was driven to Fitzroy Provincial Park about a one hour drive north of Ottawa. Upon previous request, the park superintendent Mr. Dave Noonan had reserved the entire northern end of the "overflow" area of the park for us for the duration of the exercise.

We had plenty of room in a nice flat area to place the trailer and erect one B&W multi-band 1.8-30 Mhz folded dipole in an inverted "V" configuration.

A GP-3 VHF/UHF antenna was rigged at the back of the trailer and provided us with access too a few of the local repeaters and to the IRLP. A new Champion 2800 Watt generator provided flawless AC power throughout the exercise.

By mid afternoon on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> the OVMRC "detachment" consisting of Ken Halcrow, VE3SRS, Steve Cochran, VE3SBC, Barney Baker, VA3BGB and Stan Peters, a good friend of Ken, was exercise ready.

At about 10PM on Friday evening the 763 Communication Regiment Detachment consisting of three panel trucks with trailers and four reserve personnel arrived. Thanks to a crystal clear and very bright full moon the process of setting up the operations and accommodation shelter and four antennas took about three hours. It was interesting to watch the process as no bright lights were used during the whole operation. Tactical was the word.

Our two detachments were located about 50 meters apart with a 2 wire field phone connecting the two sites. Every opportunity throughout the weekend was taken to talk to, listen to and observe how 763 Communication Regiment goes about the business of setting up and operating a portable HF capability. The HF detachment erected two B&W antennas, one NVIS antenna and a 32' whip.

### OPERATIONS

After a quick breakfast of eggs and ham slices on Saturday morning 29 September we commenced operations. Throughout the day band conditions on HF were poor to fair with no contact on voice with VO1ARES on any of the assigned frequencies. We did, however, have very good VHF connect to the Lavant repeater VE3KJG on 146.640 which hosts the IRLP node 2947. Norm Hagen VE3VY monitors the Lavant repeater and we had numerous chats throughout the day including attempts at peer to peer PACTOR connections. The Lavant IRLP node was also used to connect to Kingston IRLP node 2750 to set up successful CFARS contacts on voice and PACTOR mode keyboard peer to peer on frequency Yankee. As the bands changed in late evening PACTOR connects to VO1CRC and VE1YZ were very successful with exercise messages received from VO1EMO/VO1ARES and forwarded (simulated) to addressees in the Ottawa area. Sunday morning 30 September proved very good for HF conditions on CFARS Yankee frequency with PACTOR peer to peer connects again made to Les Lindstrom VE3KFS/CIW650 in Kingston and Cliff Fairbank VA3CAF/CIW681 in Frankford on voice. Since Amateur Radio band conditions on 40/20 meters were also good espe-

cially with 14.325Mhz VO1ARES. The good band conditions also provided an excellent opportunity to train the 763 Communication Regiment operators on amateur radio equipment, antennas, software and NTS message form and procedures. Additional messages received in PACTOR were also received and passed (simulated) to Ottawa addressees. On Sunday 30 September at 1530Z we closed down operations in order to pack up both detachments and proceed back to Ottawa.

### SUMMARY

The Joint Canada/USA Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Preparedness Event was an excellent opportunity to vacate the comforts of the home based Ham shack and head for the bush. The pre-planning, equipment preparation and logistics of such an event gets the adrenalin pumping. The co-operation from the Commanding Officer Major Major Geoff Blair and his staff at 763 Communication Regiment was outstanding. Past, present and future exercises of this nature are very important as it demonstrates to those who make the critical decisions in emergencies that Amateur Radio does play an important role in the nations Emergency Preparedness posture. ❖

### Use of VE3TWO Repeater

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Attn: Mr J. Crepeau, VA3JCN  
Vice President OVMRC

Dear Sir:

I would like to advise you that the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA), local Chapter 70, will discontinue its Thursday night net (8pm local) which has been conducted on the OVMRC repeater VE3TWO for some time. As the OVMRC web site does not show anyone as President of the club, I am directing this letter to you as the club Vice President.

The QCWA Executive Board has decided to move the net to Monday nights at 7:30pm (local) and, as well, return to our former home on repeater VE3TEL, 147.030 (-). Net operations will commence on 24 September.

On behalf of the Chapter 70 membership I would like to thank you for allowing us the use of your repeater for our net. This action has certainly met your club's objective of fostering good will among radio amateurs. It is much appreciated.

Yours truly

Tom Bartello, VE3ELM  
Secretary  
Chapter 70