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## MINUTES, OVMRC GENERAL MEETING

**March 15, 2012**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Doug VE3ATY called the meeting to order at 19:30. There were 23 people in attendance including two guests.

### 2. PROGRAM

#### 2.1 Graduation Ceremony, Amateur Radio Class of 2011-2012

Ernie VE3EJJ introduced the graduates of the amateur radio course that was offered by the Club during the fall and winter of 2011-2012. These graduates are Georges VA3LZY (absent), Gordon VE3GBH, James VE3MYZ and Travis VE3TVS.

The Class of 2011-2012 was a strong one. All students passed. One of them upgraded existing privileges to HF bands. Two were successful on the advanced exam, one obtaining a perfect mark.

Doug VE3ATY presented the graduates with certificates from the Club. Each graduate also received a membership with full privileges in the Club for the rest of the fiscal year that ends August 31, 2012. Further, each received a 12-month membership in Radio Amateurs of

## NOTICE OF MOTION

At the Regular General Meeting of April 26, 2012, Members in good standing will be asked to vote on the following motion:

Moved that the Bylaws of the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club, Incorporated be adopted as amended.

The complete text of the Proposed Revised Bylaws appears elsewhere in this issue of the Rambler. For the convenience of those Members who may wish to compare the Proposed Revised Bylaws with the Bylaws as they currently exist, the text of the current Bylaws, as last amended and adopted in 2005, appears on the Club website. To view the current Bylaws, click on the History tab and then click on the Bylaws (2005) tab.

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Canada (RAC) and a copy of *The RAC Operating Manual*.

In addition to Ernie, Chair of the Amateur Radio Training Committee and Accredited Examiner with Industry Canada, the other instructors of the Class of 2011-2012 included Bob VE3SUY, Darin VE3OIJ, James VE3BUX, Kirk VA3DKG, Maurice-André VE3VIG, Michael VE3QMC, Michel VE3EMB and Ralph VE3BBM.

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## Meeting Date

**Club Meeting:**  
**April 26<sup>th</sup>**



**Guest Speaker is Dannis René  
from  
Les Produits Électroniques ELKEL**

To all the graduates, congratulations and welcome to the Club!

### 2.2 Home Brew Night

Two members of the Club presented home-brewed projects. A separate article on these two projects appears elsewhere in the *Rambler*. *(Continued on [page 3](#))*

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**Magma Communications Ltd.**  
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## OVMRC Life Members

Maurice-André Vigneault, VE3VIG  
Ralph Cameron, VE3BBM  
Doug Carswell, VE3ATY  
Doreen Morgan, VE3CGO  
Ed Morgan, VE3GX  
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## Amateur Radio Exhibit

### VE3JW

Web site:

[ovmrc.on.ca/ve3jw.htm](http://ovmrc.on.ca/ve3jw.htm)

Canada Science & Technology  
Museum

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Judges for home brew night were Alan VE3LNH, Darin VE3OIJ and Doug VE3ATY. The judges scored projects based on innovation, usefulness to other amateurs and on craftsmanship.

a) Amateur Radio Communications System in a Box

Maurice-André VE3VIG described his “all in a box amateur radio communications system go kit.” The go kit fits on shelves mounted inside a crate. The crate is transported on a small dolly.

b) Experimental Apparatus to Detect Vector Potential Waves

Michel VE3EMB described a preliminary experimental apparatus that he built with the help of Bob VE3SUY and Ernie VE3EJJ to detect Vector Potential (VP) waves at 2 metres.

c) Decision of the Judges

Following extensive deliberations, the judges decided as follows: Second prize, Maurice-André and first prize, Michel and his experimental team.

### 2.3 QLF Contest

a) For the benefit of new amateurs, Ernie VE3EJJ, described the QLF contest which consists of tapping a Morse code key with the left foot while standing on the right foot. QLF which signifies “Are you sending with your left foot?” is a question that could be asked in good fun to someone whose Morse code sending skills could stand some improvement.

Michel VE3EMB was appointed judge for this contest. Many of the members tried their foot on the key. Most tapped out their call sign

followed by some procedural signs. After all had their turn, the judge declared Pete VE3XEM to be the winner.

## 3. SPECIAL EVENTS

### 3.1 Two-Meter FM Contest

Michel VE3EMB informed members that the Larry Wilcox Memorial 2 Meter FM Contest would be held on Saturday, May 5, 2012. This event is strictly FM simplex voice. The contest will last four hours. Mobile operations are not permitted. Complete rules appear on the Club website. Links are provided to websites documenting the wards to be used in both, Ottawa and Gatineau, in completing log sheets. All amateurs are welcome to participate.

### 3.2 AARL Field Day

Michel also informed members that the Club would be participating in the AARL Field Day that will be held on June 24 and 25. The Club will operate from the grounds of the Canada Science and Technology Museum, in proximity to the rocket. All are invited to sign up for this event at the next general meeting.

### 3.3 Visit by ELKEL

Michel reminded members that a representative of Elkel has been invited to the April 26 general meeting to talk about the latest amateur radio equipment. There will be equipment for sale.

## 4. NOTICE OF MOTION

Doug VE3ATY informed members that the Executive had reviewed the Club bylaws in their entirety. Members will be asked to adopt the proposed revised bylaws at the general meeting of April 26, 2012. A copy of the proposed revised

bylaws and a notice of motion with respect to this revision appear elsewhere in the *Rambler*.

## 5. PRIZES

Proceeds of the 50:50 ticket sales were \$30.50. The 50:50 draw (\$15.25) was won by Michel VE3EMB. Door prizes were won by Beth VA3CEW, Glenn VE3XRA and Clare VE3NPC.

## 6. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Club Executive will be held at 19:30 on Thursday, April 5, 2012.

The next general meeting of the Club will be held at 19:30 on Thursday, April 26, 2012. All meetings take place at the Canada Science and Technology Museum, 1867 St Laurent Boulevard, Ottawa, Ontario. All local or out of town radio enthusiasts are welcome to attend.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 21:00 at which time many of the attendees proceeded, as is customary, to the local coffee shop to talk radio.

## 8. SIGNED

Joe VE3EUS, Treasurer

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## **BACKGROUND**

The relatively-recent advent of satellite amateur radio, the growing popularity of digital methods and the legislated requirement for two hands on the wheel while driving are but a few of the many changes that have influenced the manner in which radio amateurs practice their hobby. However, perhaps more than any other development, the advent of the internet has affected amateur radio and the manner in which the Club does business.

The Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club, Incorporated obtained its letters patent in 1962. Since the Club was formed, some 50 years ago, the Bylaws were revised from time to time, most recently in 1995, 2001 and 2005. Each of these revisions was specific. No review of the Bylaws in their entirety was undertaken on these occasions.

At the suggestion of some Members, and with the evolution of the hobby in mind, the Executive of the Club recently undertook a complete review of the Bylaws. The main objective was to modify the Bylaws in such a way that they would continue to offer proper guidance while at the same time being less prescriptive as to how things should be accomplished. The ultimate goal of the review is to encourage greater participation by Members in the management of their Club.

## **NATURE OF CHANGES PROPOSED**

There have been additions, modifications and deletions to some sections. The order of some sections has been changed. Some

sections have been combined. Where required, language was chosen to be gender neutral. However, there have been no material changes to the sections of the current Bylaws dealing with the objectives of the Club, the classes of Members, or the rights and privileges of Members. Because of the many changes proposed, some of which are material changes while others are simply cosmetic, Members will be asked to vote on the Proposed Revised Bylaws in their entirety.

## **DIRECTORS**

The preparation of income tax returns and corporation returns would be identified as specific duties of the Treasurer in the Proposed Revised Bylaws. The number of years that a Member could serve continuously in the same Director position would be increased from two to three. The timing of Executive Committee meetings would be left to the discretion of the President.

## **COMMITTEES**

A new committee, the Website Committee, would be implemented to reflect the importance of the Internet as a means of communications with Members. Another new committee, the Special Events Committee, would manage all of the Club events under one chair, incorporating the duties of the Field Day Committee and of the Flea Market Committee.

Some duties of committees would no longer be explicitly stated in the Proposed Revised Bylaws. Rather, these duties would be left to the discretion of the appropriate chairs. In the case of the Radio Operations Committee, the times and frequency of operation of nets

would no longer be prescribed. Net operations would be left to the discretion of that Committee in response to Member interest and participation. With respect to the Club's amateur radio stations, specific licenses and the manner in which each of the related stations should be operated would not be explicitly stated, again, leaving such details to the discretion of the appropriate committees.

## **NOMINATION OF EXECUTIVES AND ELIGIBILITY FOR ELECTION**

For a number of years now, there has been some difficulty attracting Members to some executive positions. As a result, the Proposed Revised Bylaws would institute a simpler method of calling for Members to fill Executive positions. However, election to a Director position would require two years prior membership in good standing.

## **FINANCIAL AUDITS**

It has become difficult to obtain the services of a Member to audit the books of the Club and to report back to the membership. To maintain transparency, the Proposed Revised Bylaws would replace the auditing function with the right of any Member in good standing to request to examine the accounts of the Club provided that proper notice was given.

## **AWARDS**

Under the Proposed Revised Bylaws, the Jerry Wells Amateur of the Year Award would be specifically identified.

Signed,  
"Doug VE3ATY, President"



# VE3JW MMA MARCH RESULTS

To get your name in the Monthly Merit Awards, you have to operate VE3JW! Entrance to the museum is free if you are coming to VE3JW to operate. The station is manned most days, but please contact one of our operators to be sure there will be someone to open up the station. You can contact Darin (VE3OIJ) at [ve3oij@amsat.org](mailto:ve3oij@amsat.org) if you'd like to become a volunteer operator or just want to operate for a little while.

## MARCH Results

Made by Guests and Visitors:

No guest QSOs this month

Made by regular ops:

6. Best SSB QSO (Distance): VE3LTN to 9A2YM (6724 km)

7. Best CW QSO (Distance): VE3OIJ to W4HAY (1130 km)

8. Best HF Digital QSO (Distance): VE3EJJ to LU7WW (9858 km)

9. Best Satellite QSO (Distance): VA3VCF to HK4MKE (4364 km)

\* Five QSO list for March 2012: VE3VCF, VE3OIJ, VA3CEW

\* Most contacts for March 2012: - Regular op: VE3OIJ, 17

\* Total QSOs at VE3JW for March 2012: 39

Volunteers hours for March 2012:

This month our operators have totalled 265 hours. Why so many hours and so few contacts? We had a near record month for visitors... our volunteers brought amateur radio to nearly 650 museum visitors, and engaged almost 400 with a chat about the exhibit!

Great job everyone!

# 2012 Meeting Dates

## Club Meeting Dates:

April.....26<sup>th</sup>  
May.....17<sup>th</sup>  
June.....21<sup>st</sup>

## Executive Meeting Dates:

May.....10<sup>th</sup>  
June.....7<sup>th</sup>

## Rambler submission deadline

Meeting date minus 13 days

Please submit articles for the Rambler to the editor:

[Robert Cherry](#)

No later than the deadline for the desired edition.

## April Rambler submission deadline is:

**Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> May**



## Course Graduates

Ernie Jury, VE3EJJ, Instructor; Doug Carswell, VE3ATY, President of OVMRC; James Hall, VE3MYZ, Basic with honours; Travis Crawford, VE3TVS, Basic, Advanced; Gordon Hastie, VE3GBH, Basic, Advanced.

Absent: Georges Ankenmann, VA3LYZ, Basic.

Picture courtesy of: Michel, VE3EMB

## Home Brew Night

By: Maurice André VE3VIG and Michel VE3EMB

At the March OVMRC General Meeting, we had the annual Home Brew Night. Two amateur radio projects were presented. The first project was shown by Maurice André VE3VIG. It consists of an All in a Box Amateur Radio operation - Go Kit. It all starts with the power source, a 5.5 watts Solar panel, just the size of the larger dimension of the box. It is used to replenish two 7.5 Ah batteries. Source of power and distribution are controlled by a two toggle-switch arrangement, one to select battery A or battery B, and one to select the radio or the charger position. Charger can be the solar

panel or an AC charger which are attached manually with the help of alligator clips.

The radios consist of one all-mode all-band Yaesu FT-817nd and one D-Star capable (digital voice) Icom ID-880H. The 817 is used for HF digital modes, PSK-31 etc., and for satellite work. The 880 is used for VHF/UHF FM, and for Digital Voice (DV) transmissions as well as a digital mode called D-RATS.

A small mobile antenna tuner is integrated for HF. A Signal Link interface is placed between the 817 and a small Acer Note Book that fits nicely in (Continued on [page 6](#))

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the bottom shelf for transporting. A small 35 watt VHF linear amplifier is carried along to supplement the handheld used for APRS.

In addition, we have worldwide contacts through IRLP and D-Star networks of repeaters and reflectors that are linked through Internet. A selection of antennas to cover each band is carried along separately. A mini Morse key is nicely hidden in the box and ready for action. A small battery operated clock is integrated to timely join radio nets and to keep track of contact times.

The second project is a joint effort of Bob VE3SUY, Ernie VE3EJJ and Michel VE3EMB. Michel presented the project. They have built a two-meter receive antenna for Vector Potential waves (VP waves). Maxwell, the mathematician, has described VP waves since a long time. But until recently, nobody knew how to detect them. Lately, Robert VE3RKZ has shown that it is indeed possible to detect them at 1.2 GHz. His research has been published in the ARRL QEX magazine. It is this work that has inspired Bob, Ernie and Michel.

VP waves have some similarities with well-known electromagnetic waves. Like for normal electromagnetic waves, any current carrying wire emits VP waves. Although, they cannot be received by metallic antennae. Normal electromagnetic waves are polarized perpendicular to wire. In contrast, VP waves are polarized parallel to the wire. They are even present off its ends. They are polarized in the direction of their propagation.

## NOTICE OF CLUB ELECTIONS

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO FILL EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

Members in good standing are invited to consider running as Directors or Chairs of Standing Committees for the fiscal year that will begin on September 1, 2012. Elections will take place at the Annual General Meeting that will be held in June 2012. All positions are open. Those interested in serving their fellow Club members should contact any of the current members of the Club Executive to indicate their willingness to serve and which of the many positions available they might be prepared to fill.

Signed Joe VE3EUS, Treasurer

Receive antennae for VP waves are realized using fluorescent tubes powered with DC. The VP waves modulate the speed of the electrons inside the tube. This creates a RF current at the frequency of the VP waves that can be transmitted using a coaxial cable to a receiver.

Bob, Ernie and Michel's antenna has been realized using a four-foot fluorescent tube. The length is close to a two-meter half wave. It is powered by a high voltage DC power supply. A BBQ igniter is used to fire it up. They use a software-defined radio as a receiver. Tests and evaluation are presently being conducted.



VE3VIG Go Kit and solar panel



Ernie VE3EJJ and two-meter receive antenna for Vector Potential waves



### QLF Competition

*(Sorry, my sending is poor and it sounds like I am sending with my left*



Bill VE3LJG



Maurice Andre VE3VIG

Upper right Joe VE3EUS



Maurice Andre VE3VIG with Go Kit

*Pictures courtesy of: Michel, VE3EMB*

## NEW TOYS

The Spring season is all about renewal. New, lighter clothing, new outside activities etc.. In my Amateur Radio world, here is a nice renewal. I recently acquired an all-band all-mode radio for which I had an eye on for some time. It is the colourful screen, all-singing all-dancing Icom IC-7000.

This unit can tune television stations, albeit the analog kind, and conveniently includes a video output. I had seen this radio used in a mobile configuration with an added 7-inch monitor that made it most convenient to read all the screen info.

So, using this video output, I connected my 7000 to a 20-inch monitor at home in order to supplement my aging eyesight.

What a revelation! No more squinting or guessing at the screen. The 7000 also has a spectrum analyzer function and when connected to my larger monitor, this function is even more useful by spreading out the spectrum on a larger scale.

I include a picture of my set-up showing the 7000 sitting atop an LDG AT-100 Pro antenna tuner, and a second picture showing the larger TV monitor.

From a roll of copper wire, I cut two eight-foot long pieces and attached them to a co-axial cable. I managed to set up this 10-meter antenna on my balcony and gave it whirl with my new radio. I set the radio up for 25 watts, not wanting to disturb the neighborhood, although the SWR was flat.

My first contact was a station in Puerto Rico, KP4DKE, Pedro. My balcony faces to the South, so my antenna favours that sector. After an exchange of 5/9 and a chat, I heard a station in Paraguay coming in full-scale. But the cherry on the cake was a more than 10,000-kilometer contact with Esteban, XQ7UP, located a ways South of Santiago de Chile. He gave me a 5/5 and I told him that I was only using 25 watts. He came back saying he only had 50 watts. This shows that when 10-meter propagation is active, it opens up a lot of opportunities.

Looking forward to summer fun as this unit will be configured as a portable station.

73,  
Maurice-André  
VE3VIG



### CircuitLab

*Suggested by: Robert Cherry, VE2AGE*

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## OVMRC Field Day 2012: Call for Participants



This year OVMRC Field Day will take place again on the grounds of the Canada Science and Technology Museum, in the area of the rocket ship. The dates are June 23th and 24th, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and running through 2059 UTC Sunday. We will operate under the club's call sign VE3RAM.

The plan is to deploy a 2A or 3A station (CW, digital and SSB) together with a Get-On-The-Air (GOTA) station.

Paul VE3NJS will bring and install the club communications trailer on the site of the Field Day. Maurice André VE3VIG will be the CW station captain. Ernie VE3EJJ will be the SSB station captain

At this time, we are looking for two captains for the SSB and GOTA stations. We will also be looking for operators. The station captains will assemble operating shifts.

We also need help to organize refreshments (food and drinks). Food should be available at meal times for participants as well as water, coffee and tea.

We need your help for the event to be a success.

Please see me at OVMRC meetings or contact me by email ([michel.barbeau@sympatico.ca](mailto:michel.barbeau@sympatico.ca)) if you are planning to participate and wish to help.

Michel Barbeau, VE3EMB  
Field Day Coordinator

## VE3JW MMA FEBRUARY RESULTS

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### February Results

Made by Guests and Visitors:

4. Best Satellite QSO (Distance):  
VE3RTH to UT1FG/mm (5953 km)

Made by regular ops:

5. Best DSTAR QSO (Distance):  
VE3VIG to ZL1MYL (14482 km)

6. Best SSB QSO (Distance):  
VE3EUS to RZ6BS (7916 km)

7. Best CW QSO (Distance):  
VE3VCF to EA8AY (5468 km)

8. Best HF Digital QSO (Distance):  
VE3OIJ to ZS6WR (13067 km)

9. Best Satellite QSO (Distance):  
VA3AXB to WC7V (2697 km)

\* Five QSO list for February 2012:  
VE3VCF, VE3OIJ, VE3EUS,  
VE3EJJ

\* Most contacts for February 2012:

- Guest op: VE3RTH, 3

- Regular op: VE3VCF, 40

\* Total QSOs at VE3JW for  
February 2012: 86

Volunteers hours for February  
2012:

This month our operators have  
totalled 151 hours, 45 minutes.

Great job everyone!

## Rideau Lakes Cycle Tour

This annual event will take place the weekend of June 9/10. We are looking for volunteers for the Rideau Lakes Cycle Tour. New participants are always welcome.

The event will be much the same as last year. This year, we are looking to set up stations at 11 locations (same as last time), plus two controllers, plus a control bridging station between the two nets (Lanark and Ottawa), and this year we are also looking for at least 4 mobile operators who would be willing to be in one of the BC official vehicles (SAG1, SAG2, Repair 1 and Admin 1). I'd also like to have a home-based station to monitor APRS, as well as weather reports/radar. That worked well last year.

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## RAC Bulletins

### Special Event Station CG7CWPC

CG7CWPC 2012-06-15 2012-07-15 100th Anniversary of the C. W. Parker Carousel at the Burnaby Village Museum

Contact Eric Stapleton VE7EES at [ve7ees@rac.ca](mailto:ve7ees@rac.ca) or see the Burnaby Amateur Radio Club website for more information

<http://www.ve7bar.org/>

73,  
Eric Stapleton VE7EES



### Special Event Station N6G

Special event for the 75th anniversary of the opening of the Golden Gate bridge. Event details: May 26 and 27, 2012 - Frequencies 21.265, 14.265 and 7.265 +/- QRM (Also possible 10 and 80 metres added)

QSL information: Your QSL card and self addressed stamped envelope. Non-USA please enclose current IRC or one US dollar for return postage. QSL direct to AE6YB



### Triathlon DX Contest

It all started in August of 2011. That was about when it occurred to Mike, SV5BYR that a big Greek Contest was missing from international Ham Radio Contest Calendar. By the end of September this idea became mature and so the "Triathlon" was born! A triathlon is a multi- sport event involving the

completion of three continuous and sequential endurance events. And as you have already guessed, it is a Greek word. We had to change a bit the name to Triathlon DX Contest to match our activity.

Actually, trying here to simulate the original Triathlon athletic event, we involved three major ham radio modes, SSB, CW and RTTY. It will be a 24 hour non-stop event divided in three sections, each one devoted to a different mode. There are some tentative rules of the contest that you can take a look. It will take place on Saturday, the 1st full weekend of February, debuting on 02-02-2013.

After all, what makes this particular contest unique is the special gift for the winner! (take a look to the prize page)

In this point we have to mention all the Greek amateurs who are working to make this event alive: SV1DPI, SV1NK, SV2AGW, SV2DCD, SV5BYR, SV7JAR, SV8CS, SV8RX, SV9GPV, SV9DJO. There is still a lot of work to be done and more details to be announced. Stay tuned!

Mike E. Balaskas, SV5BYR

MORE here: <http://triathlon-dx-contest.blogspot.com>

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### RLCT

The mobile operators are key, and would be needed to stay with the whole tour, staying overnight in Kingston on the Saturday night (expenses paid).

All communication will be on 2m FM using local repeaters (all the same as last year).

I haven't yet sent out anything to the operator roster from previous years, but will send something quick out shortly I hope. If you could at least have mention made of the need for volunteers at the OVMRC meeting, it would be much appreciated.

If people are interested in volunteering, please tell them to contact me at [ve3frb@rac.ca](mailto:ve3frb@rac.ca).

## LARRY WILCOX MEMORIAL 2M FM SIMPLEX CONTEST

### General Rules

THE ONLY ALLOWED MODE IS 2M FM SIMPLEX VOICE. NO DIGITAL, NO DUPLEX, NO REPEATERS, NO DIGITAL VOICE. 2M FM SIMPLEX VOICE ONLY.

The contest starts on Saturday May 5th 2012 at 1000 hrs Eastern Time and runs for a duration of 4 hours finishing at 1400 hrs Eastern Time.

By participating in this event you agree with the following:

- You are participating at your own risk and expense.
- You will not operate from a vehicle in motion (mobile).
- You will set up in a safe location before operating.
- You will abide by the laws as they pertain to private property and act accordingly.
- You will watch out for overhead wires and other obstructions before setting up any antenna to be used for this event.

### Categories

**Fixed Station:** Your home station.

**Portable Station:** A station in a fixed location that is not at your home.

**Rover Station:** A portable station that changes location during the contest. A rover station may not operate while mobile.

**Mobile Station:** Mobile operators are not permitted to participate. Contacts with mobile stations will not be counted in this contest.

### Frequencies

Although you are allowed by the IC regulations to operate anywhere in the 2M band (144.000 – 147.999), it is suggested that you operate on one of the following frequencies that are in line with the RAC bandplan and that avoid local repeater inputs:

146.415, 146.445,  
146.475, 146.490, 146.505

146.535, 146.550, 146.565,  
146.580, 146.595

### Operating in the Contest

Using the 2M simplex frequencies and avoiding the 2M calling frequency of 146.520, you make contacts with as many stations as you can. Call CQ OVMRC CONTEST or CQ CONTEST or reply to stations making such calls.

Pre-arranging contacts by use of repeaters, telephone, email, social networks or similar means is not allowed, nor is it in the spirit of the contest.

Once you have logged a particular station, you cannot log it again, unless it is a rover station that has moved to a different city location and it does not appear twice in succession.

Rover stations calling CQ may want to indicate their current location.

Note, there is a condition on a repeat logging. A repeat logging cannot be made if it results in a station being the same consecutively in the log. For

example, if contact 6 is with VE3RAM you cannot log that station again as contact 7, even if the station is a rover and has moved to another location. Work another station first and, then, you may make a repeat contact but only if the rover station is in a different location from the earlier logging(s).

If you decide to call CQ, listen first to see if a frequency is in use. Remember, just because you cannot hear anything does not mean that a QSO is not going on. You may not be in range of one of the stations but you could be within the other's range. Follow good operating practice; listen, ask if the frequency is in use and listen again. Then repeat the process until you are satisfied that the frequency is not in use.

### Exchange

When a contact is made, you need to exchange the following information: callsign, contact number, location (use the city electoral ward or district for this). If you are operating VE3RAM or VE3JW, then you would also let the person you contact know that you are one of the club stations. If you are an OVMRC member, please advise them as well.

Rover stations must give their current location. The location is important for the location multiplier and for the longest distance QSO award.

Maps of the wards or districts of Ottawa and Gatineau can be found, at the following web locations;

### Ottawa:

[http://atlas.city.ottawa.on.ca/mapping/atlas/maps/wards/Ottawa\\_Wards\\_Councilors\\_Urban\\_Photos.pdf](http://atlas.city.ottawa.on.ca/mapping/atlas/maps/wards/Ottawa_Wards_Councilors_Urban_Photos.pdf)



**Gatineau:**

<http://www.ville.gatineau.qc.ca/gatineau/pdf/districtsnouveauxnoms.pdf>

Stations outside Ottawa and Gatineau use the local town, e.g., Carleton Place, Rockland.

Do not feel that this is all you should exchange. You are encouraged to talk to the other station if you want - find out how long they have been an amateur radio operator, for example.

**Multipliers**

You can only claim the power multiplier for the highest power level that you used during the contest. If you made 25 contacts and only one was at 50 watts but the rest were at 1 watt, then you get to claim the 50 watts multi (2) for all contacts

**Power Multiplier**

- 51 watts to 100 watts... 1
- 26 watts to 50 watts.... 2
- 11 watts to 25 watts.... 3
- 6 watts to 10 watts..... 4
- 1 watt to 5 watts..... 5
- Below 1 watt..... 6

Every OVMRC member that you contact counts as 5 points.

Every club station (VE3RAM or VE3JW) that you contact counts as 25 points.

Each non-member of OVMRC member that you contact counts as one point.

If you are an OVMRC member, you get a bonus multiplier worth one point.

If you are a RAC member, you get a bonus multiplier worth one point.

Each city ward contacted counts as one multiplier.

**Longest Distance Contact**

In the event that two or more stations claim the same distance for the longest category, the winning station would be the station claiming the highest power multi (i.e., lowest power level). If the event is still tied, then the glory will be shared and a tie declared.

Logs are to be submitted by the end of the May OVMRC general meeting so the judges can check scores. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the June OVMRC general meeting.

**Entry Form**

**Larry Wilcox Memorial 2M FM Contest**

Category (Fixed, Portable or Rover): \_\_\_\_\_

Logs for Station: \_\_\_\_\_ /Operator: \_\_\_\_\_

OVMRC Member Contacts: \_\_\_\_\_ X 5 Points = \_\_\_\_\_

Non Member Contacts: \_\_\_\_\_ X 1 Points = \_\_\_\_\_

Club Station Contacts: \_\_\_\_\_ X 25 Points = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Points: \_\_\_\_\_

OVMRC Member Multi: \_\_\_\_\_ RAC Multi: \_\_\_\_\_

Power Multi: \_\_\_\_\_ City Wards Multi: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Multis Claimed: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Points (From above): \_\_\_\_\_

My Claimed Total Score (Points X Multis) is: \_\_\_\_\_ Points

My furthest contact was contact # \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ and myself for an approximate distance of \_\_\_\_\_ kms.

I understand the Judges decision is final.

My logs are attached.

# **Larry Wilcox Memorial 2M FM Contest**

## **Call Log**

<b>Contact #</b>	<b>Station Contacted</b>	<b>City Ward</b>	<b>OVMRC Member</b>	<b>CLUB STATION</b>
0	SAMPLE	99	NO	NO
00	SAMPLE 1	98	YES	NO
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
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9				
10				
11				
12				
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14				
15				

USE EXTRA SHEETS IF NEEDED LOGS CAN BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL USING THE SAME FORMAT

PAGE \_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_ SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ (CALLSIGN)

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**OTTAWA VALLEY MOBILE RADIO CLUB, INCORPORATED**

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## PROPOSED REVISED BYLAWS

### OTTAWA VALLEY MOBILE RADIO CLUB, INCORPORATED

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Whereas Letters Patent issued by the Province of Ontario under the signature and seal of John Yaremko, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Citizenship, on the 16th day of March, 1962, granted a charter incorporating the **Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club, Incorporated**, therefore, the **Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club, Incorporated**, also referred to as the **OVMRC** or the Club declares these to be its Bylaws.

#### 1. OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB

The objectives of the Club are: 1) to contribute to the interest, study and progress of the science and art of amateur radio, with particular emphasis on mobile operations, 2) to promote social activities among members and their families, 3) to cooperate with and assist the civil authorities to the fullest extent possible in an emergency and, 4) to foster goodwill and understanding among radio amateurs.

#### 2. MEMBERSHIP

##### 2.1 Classes of Membership

###### 2.1.1 Full Member

Full Membership shall be open to any licensed radio amateur having an interest in amateur radio operations and activities, upon submission of an application and payment of dues.

###### 2.1.2 Life Member

Life Membership may be conferred upon selected licensed radio amateurs who have made an outstanding contribution to the community or to the Amateur Radio Service through amateur radio activities. Candidates for Life Membership shall be considered by the Club, provided that they have been nominated by at least three (3) Full Members who have been Members in Good Standing for the previous five (5) years, plus at least one Executive Officer. A motion to confer Life Membership shall be published in the Club newsletter. Such a motion shall be voted on by a secret ballot at a Regular General Meeting and require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of Full Members present to be carried. A Life Member shall not be required to pay dues.

###### 2.1.3 Associate Member

Associate Membership shall be open to anyone not holding an amateur radio license and having an interest in amateur radio, upon submission of an application and payment of dues.

##### 2.2 Membership Dues

###### 2.2.1 Annual Dues

Annual membership dues shall be payable at the beginning of each fiscal year.

###### 2.2.2 Assessment of Dues

The Club, by a majority vote of those Full Members present at a Regular General Meeting, may levy upon the Membership such dues or assessments as may be deemed necessary to carry out the business of the Club.

##### 2.3 Membership Rights and Privileges

###### 2.3.1 Full Members

Full Members may hold office and vote on any matter put before the Club.

### **2.3.2 Life Members**

Life Members shall be granted the same privileges as Full Members.

### **2.3.3 Associate Members**

Associate Members may neither hold office nor vote on any matter put before the Club.

### **2.3.4 Cancellation of Membership**

A Full Membership or an Associate Membership not renewed within sixty (60) days after the start of the fiscal year shall be deemed to have been cancelled. A Membership may be cancelled by a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of Full Members present at a General Meeting.

## **2.4 Amateur of the Year Award**

The **Jerry Wells Amateur of the Year Award**, for exceptional contribution to the Club, may be conferred upon selected licensed radio amateurs provided that they have been nominated by at least three (3) Full Members who have been Members in Good Standing for the previous five (5) years, plus at least one Executive Officer. A motion to confer this award shall be published in the Club newsletter. Such a motion shall be voted on by a secret ballot at a Regular General Meeting and require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of Full Members present to be carried.

## **3. OFFICERS OF THE CLUB**

### **3.1 Directors**

The Directors of the Club shall be the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

### **3.2 Executive Officers**

The Executive Officers of the Club shall be the Directors and the Chairs of the Standing Committees collectively.

### **3.3 Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Executive Officers collectively.

### **3.4 Past President**

The immediate Past-President, for the purpose of continuity and for the benefit of corporate memory, shall be a non-voting adviser to the Executive Committee.

## **4. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

### **4.1 Duties Prescribed**

The Executive Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Club.

### **4.2 President**

The President shall be responsible for the smooth and efficient functioning of the Club. That Director shall manage all Club contracts.

### **4.3 Vice-President**

The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President during the absence of that Director.

### **4.4 Secretary**

#### **4.4.1 Minutes of Regular General, Annual General and Special Meetings**

The Secretary shall record the minutes of all Regular General Meetings, Annual General Meetings and Special Meetings. The Secretary shall cause these minutes to be published in the issue of the Club newsletter that immediately precedes the next General Meeting.



#### **4.4.2 Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings**

The Secretary shall record minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings and distribute copies to each member of the Executive Committee prior to the next Executive Committee meeting.

#### **4.4.3 Record Keeping**

The Secretary shall maintain the Club's Official Seal. The Secretary shall maintain the records of minutes and correspondence for a period of two (2) years or for such longer period of time as may be required by law or by good management practice.

#### **4.4.4 Bylaws**

The Secretary shall keep the master copy of the Bylaws and all approved amendments.

### **4.5 Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall maintain the financial records of the Club and safeguard them for such period of time as required by law. The Treasurer shall prepare and file both, the Club income tax returns and the Club Ontario Corporation returns. The Treasurer shall prepare all other reports that may be required by law.

## **5. MEETINGS**

### **5.1 Types of Meetings**

There shall be Regular General Meetings, Annual General Meetings, Executive Committee Meetings, Special Meetings, Standing Committee Meetings and Special Committee Meetings.

#### **5.1.1 Regular General Meetings**

Regular General Meetings shall be held each month, except during the months of July and August, at a time and place decided by the Executive Committee.

#### **5.1.2 Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting shall be the Regular General Meeting held in June of each year. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall consist of the election of Executive Officers for the next fiscal year and the conduct of such other business as may be appropriate.

#### **5.1.3 Executive Committee Meetings**

Executive Committee Meetings shall be held at a time and place specified by the President for the purpose of managing the activities and business of the Club.

#### **5.1.4 Special Meetings**

The President may call Special Meetings of either the Members of the Club or of the Executive Committee. If directed by a number equal to a quorum of Full Members or a majority of the Executive Officers, the President shall call a Special Meeting. Such meetings shall not replace Regular General Meetings.

### **5.2 Quorum**

#### **5.2.1 Quorum at Regular General, Annual General and Special Meetings**

A Quorum at a Regular General Meeting, Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting shall consist of the President or Vice-President or such other Executive Officer whom the President shall specifically appoint for the occasion, plus any two (2) other Executive Officers, plus fifteen percent (15%) of Full Members in Good Standing. In the event that a Quorum is not present, the meeting shall be reconvened at a later date to be published in the Club newsletter along with the agenda. At this meeting, the number in attendance shall constitute a Quorum. Only the business on the published agenda shall be dealt with.

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### **5.2.2 Quorum at Executive Committee Meetings**

A Quorum at an Executive Committee Meeting shall consist of the President or Vice-President or such other Executive Officer whom the President shall specifically appoint for the occasion, plus any two (2) other Executive Officers.

## **6. STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **6.1 Management of Committees**

Chairs of Standing Committees may, as needed, appoint Members to their respective Standing Committee. The President shall have the right, but not the duty, to participate in any of the Standing Committees.

### **6.2 Amateur Radio Exhibit Committee**

The Amateur Radio Exhibit Committee shall operate the amateur radio demonstration station located at the Canada Science and Technology Museum. In cooperation with Museum staff, this Committee shall assist in planning and designing the station.

### **6.3 Amateur Radio Training Committee**

The Amateur Radio Training Committee shall plan, organize and conduct training programs in amateur radio. This Committee shall coordinate its activities with those of Industry Canada Accredited Examiners.

### **6.4 Historical Committee**

The Historical Committee shall maintain a history of the Club based on a diary of events and on Club records. Such records shall be kept in a safe and secure place. This Committee shall be responsible for the evaluation, retention and timely disposal of Club records.

### **6.5 Membership Committee**

The Membership Committee shall collect dues and maintain membership lists for a minimum of seven (7) years. This Committee shall be responsible for welcoming visitors and new Members, for expressing the Club's get-well wishes to Members who are ill, and for expressing condolences to families of deceased Members. This Committee may convene a Special Committee to assist bereaved families to legally dispose of amateur radio equipment.

### **6.6 Newsletter Committee**

The Newsletter Committee shall edit and publish the Club newsletter.

### **6.7 Programs and Publicity Committee**

The Programs and Publicity Committee shall organize the Club's social functions. It shall organize presentations at Regular General Meetings and advertise Club events.

### **6.8 Radio Operations Committee**

The Radio Operations Committee shall coordinate and provide controllers for the radio nets operated by the Club.

### **6.9 Technical Committee**

The Technical Committee shall be responsible for the construction and maintenance of Club radio stations. This committee shall maintain a list of Club equipment, a current copy of which shall be provided to the Treasurer. It shall provide technical guidance to Members and maintain liaison with the appropriate Repeater Councils. It shall prepare any reports that such councils may require. It shall ensure that all Club station licenses are valid and have a competent sponsor approved by the Club.

### **6.10 Special Events Committee**

The Special Events Committee shall be responsible for managing Club activities such as Field Day.

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## **6.11 Website Committee**

The Website Committee shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Club website, for renewal of the Club domain name and for the renewal of the web hosting site. This committee shall post information submitted by the Club Executive regarding activities and other topics related to amateur radio.

## **7. SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

The Executive Committee may appoint, from time to time, Special Committees to address specific issues. The Chairs of Special Committees shall attend, in an advisory role, such Executive Committee Meetings as may be appropriate.

## **8. NOMINATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY TO STAND FOR ELECTION**

### **8.1 Call for Volunteers**

The Secretary, at the Regular General Meetings held in both, the months of March and April, shall call for volunteers to stand for election to positions on the Executive Committee. This call shall be published in both, the March and April issues, of the Club newsletter. Volunteers shall contact the Secretary indicating the position for which they plan to run. The deadline to respond to the call for volunteers shall be seven (7) days after the April Regular General Meeting.

### **8.2 Eligibility to Stand for Election**

At the time that a Member volunteers to stand for election, that Member must be a Member in Good Standing. In order to stand for election as Director, a Member must also have been a Full Member in Good Standing for two (2) consecutive years by the date of the coming Annual General Meeting. At the Executive Committee Meeting held in May, the Executive shall review the slate of volunteers for eligibility and notify any ineligible candidates that they will not be included on the slate. The slate of eligible candidates shall be published in the May issue of the Club newsletter and presented to Members at the Regular General Meeting held that month.

### **8.3 Preconditions for Election**

The Secretary shall ensure that all sections of the Bylaws relevant to the election are brought to the attention of Members prior to the commencement of voting and that all those voting are entitled to do so.

## **9. ELECTIONS**

### **9.1 Method of Election**

Executive Officers of the Club shall be elected by a show of hands of the Full Members present at the Annual General Meeting.

### **9.2 Term of Office**

The term of office of Executive Officers shall be one (1) year.

### **9.3 Assumption of Duties**

The newly elected President and other Executive Officers shall assume their duties immediately upon their election to office, except that the retiring Secretary shall continue to record the minutes until adjournment of the Annual General Meeting.

### **9.4 Transition of Functions**

For purposes of orderly transition, both the retiring Executive Officers and the newly elected Executive Officers shall attend the next Executive Committee Meeting. That meeting shall be chaired by the newly elected President.

### **9.5 Limitations on Terms of Office**

No Director shall be eligible to serve for more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same Director position.

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## **9.6 Vacancies Occurring**

Vacancies occurring between elections, with the exception of the Presidency, shall be filled by Executive appointment. A vacancy of the Presidency shall be filled by a majority vote of Full Members present at a Regular General Meeting.

## **9.7 Removal from Office**

Executive Officers may be removed from office by a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of Full Members present at a Regular General Meeting.

## **10. CLUB FINANCES**

### **10.1 Fiscal Year**

The Fiscal Year of the Club shall commence on the first (1st) day of September and end on the thirty-first (31st) day of August of the following year.

### **10.2 Cheque Signatories**

The signatures of any two (2) of the four (4) Directors shall be required on all cheques drawn on the Club bank account.

### **10.3 Accounting**

The Treasurer shall retain receipts for all expenditures for the period of time required by law.

### **10.4 Financial Reports**

The Treasurer shall present a financial report to Members, at least quarterly.

### **10.5 Budgets**

The Treasurer shall prepare, in consultation with other members of the Executive, an estimate of the expenses expected for the next fiscal year. After review by the Executive Committee, the Budget shall be published in the September issue of the Club newsletter.

### **10.6 Budget Approval**

The Budget for the new fiscal year shall be presented for approval at the Regular General Meeting held in September. Approval shall require a majority vote of the Full Members present.

### **10.7 Discretionary Spending**

The Executive Officers shall be bound by the approved Budget and may not commit funds for items that have not been budgeted and that collectively cost in excess of \$200.00 per calendar month without the prior approval of Full Members. Such discretionary spending shall be restricted to those goods and services that further the objectives of the Club.

### **10.8 Examination of Club Accounts**

Any Member in Good Standing may request to inspect the accounts of the Club. Such requests shall not be denied provided that at least two (2) weeks notice is given to the Executive Committee. Under no circumstance shall the accounts of the Club be removed from the custody of the Treasurer.

## **11. CLUB NEWSLETTER**

The Club shall publish a newsletter titled *Rambler*. An issue of the *Rambler* shall be published prior to each of the General Meetings held in the months of September through June inclusive. A single issue of the *Rambler* shall be published during the period July-August. The *Rambler* shall contain the minutes of the previous General Meeting, notices of motion, notices of activities, financial reports, technical reports and other items that may be of interest to radio amateurs.

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

- The membership year starts in September and runs to the end of August of the following year.*
- Regular membership is open to licensed amateurs.*
- Associate membership is open to all unlicensed radio enthusiasts.*
- Membership includes an e-mail subscription to the Club newsletter, the OVMRC Rambler.*

**Date:** **PLEASE PRINT**

RENEWAL       NEW       CHANGE       OVMRC NAME TAG (COST \$10.00)       No       YES

Call Sign	Surname	Preferred First Name
Street		Apartment Number
City	Province	Postal Code
Home Phone	Work Phone	E-mail Address
Are you a member of Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC)    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> RAC ID: _____    Expiry Date:    /    /		

**Full Membership (Not a Member of RAC)**      \$35.00/year        
**Full Membership (Member of RAC)**      \$25.00/year        
**Associate Membership (Unlicensed)**      \$15.00/year     

Amount Enclosed

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque     Cash

My Interests are:       VHF/UHF Phone       VHF/UHF Digital       VHF/UHF CW  
 Satellite       HF Phone       HF Digital       HF CW

Current Occupation:  
If Retired, Former Occupation:  
Skills: *(Please list them all)*

### COMMENTS

### OVMRC NAME TAG – ORDER DETAILS

First Name:

Call Sign: