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President's Ramblings

It has taken me a few weeks to get into the role of being the OVMRC's president and I am realizing it's going to be a learning year for me.

We have a signed contract with the museum for the coming 2013/14 sessions. We will be meeting back in the roomy auditorium for our general meetings (3rd Thursday of the month). It is hoped we can utilise this location by sitting closer to the front allowing for a more sociable and interactive environment. On the flip side of changes, the museum has levied a parking fee of \$3.00 for evening/all night parking. I do hope this will not affect our membership. **Note** that museum and especially VE3JW volunteers receive free parking passes, hint hint.

OVMRC participated in two field days this past summer. The ARRL June (raining of course) 24 hour outing and the International Light house and Light boat Weekend (ILLW) a 48 hour communication weekend. Thanks for all the hands on deck for setup, teardown and operators. Both events were successful with many contacts far and wide.

OVMRC has initiated a request by registered mail to the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Public Works, to support and validate OVMRC's 1997 contractual

agreement with the Canadian Government for the continuation and access to 580 Booth Street for our repeater, VE3TWO. The contract stipulates authorized access and a onetime occupancy fee of \$50.00 (which was duly paid in 1997). Our access and space rental is being challenged by 580 Booth Street's new property management firm, SNC Lavalin. As of this date there has been no reply to our request.

We are initiating a few good business practices starting with a review of our physical assets. This will aid us all to understand the value of OVMRC with respect to our material goods. Most of these items are associated with VE3JW and the trailer VE3RAM. I am finding it very interesting when I chat with the long serving members; they have the corporate memory which we should take note of, for the 'record'.

OVMRC has misplaced its club SEAL. Does anyone know where it was last used or seen? Please pass on any information to any member of the executive.

You are encouraged to contribute information for the *Rambler*. How about sharing your knowledge? I know that there are a lot of good radio configurations and basic technical experiences/tips that can be shared. For example, one liners pointing to good products and

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Meeting Date

Club Meeting:

October 17th

Utilizing Solar Power

solutions is just what the *Rambler* can use. Think about it and share your knowledge and experience. Send your input to Robert Cherry (Rambler Editor, cw527@ncf.ca) he'll handle the rest for you.

I am sure we'll have a lot to share in the coming season and am looking forward to having interesting and informative OVMRC sessions this year along with renewing our friendships.

73

Sandy Haggart/VE3HAZ

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OVMRC Repeaters

147.300 MHz(+)

444.200 MHz(+)

Amateur Radio Exhibit

VE3JW

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ovmrc.on.ca/ve3jw.htm

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MEETING MINUTES, September 19, 2013

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 19:35 hrs by the President (Sandy VE3HAZ).

He reminded all present that parking was \$3.00 for the evening, and vehicles that did not display a valid receipt might be ticketed.

Membership dues for 2013/14 were now due. Note that RAC member dues are less expensive, so join the RAC.

Presentation

Sandy introduced the speaker for the evening, Bob Baillargeon (VE3MPG) who would be speaking about his cochlear implant.

Bob proceeded to give a very fascinating and professional presentation on this piece of electronic equipment which enables him to hear again.

He started losing his hearing in 1985 and this grew progressively more severe over time. Initially he used standard hearing aids. He noted that OHIP only pays \$500 for a hearing aid (i.e., each ear) every 3 years, and these can cost considerably more than that, whereas cochlear implants are totally covered by OHIP.

He said that hearing aids amplify all sounds and would help in many situations, with 2 hearing aids being better than a single unit. For more severe losses, several other options were available, those being a bone anchored hearing aid, implantable hearing aid and a cochlear implant. Hearing depends upon the very fine hairs in the ear which move with sounds, which are then converted to

electrical impulses passed along to the brain. The cochlear implant completely bypasses the hairs as this unit turns sound into electrical impulses, so can be employed when these hairs have been extensively damaged.

As his hearing loss progressed, Bob decided to have a cochlear implant installed. This consists of several components, the main ones being the speech processor headpiece and battery, and the receiver/stimulator/electrode assembly. The latter component is surgically implanted into the head of the recipient. The other component sits behind the ear. Bob's speech processor has several programs installed, including one for noisy situations.

At present he has a single unit, so directionality of a sound is a problem. When a second unit is implanted this should assist considerably.

His excellent presentation was followed by a very active question/answer period.

This was a fascinating presentation, which was of significant interest to me as my wife now wears hearing aids. Listening to the problems associated with the loss of this significant sense made me more understanding of the issues facing my wife.

Thanks to Bob for this very informative and interesting presentation.

Business Portion of the Meeting

The president noted that the positions of the VP and Membership were both open.

Treasurer – Joe (VE3EUS)

Joe presented a proposed budget for 2103/14, with income for 2013/14 estimated at \$2800, and expenses at \$7900, yielding a deficit of \$5100. A considerable portion of the expense is for VE3TWO and a potential replacement of the repeater. This expenditure has been on the books for several years.

A motion to accept the budget was made by Steven (VA3SVN) and seconded by Patrick (VA3CMD). The budget was passed by a vote by members present.

VE3JW – Darin (VE3OIJ)

We may lose access to some equipment due to roof repairs being carried out at the museum.

Volunteers for the station are needed; remember that you get free parking at the museum as a volunteer.

Training – Ernie (VE3EJJ)

Ernie reminded us that last year all 10 course attendees received their amateur licenses. This year to date, there have been approximately 30 solicitations of interest thus far.

Course attendees will have on-air practice at VE3JW on Thursday evenings (7-10pm). Ernie asked for volunteers on these nights.

Technical – Paul (VE3NJS)

The trailer roof needs resealing before winter.

Radio Operations – James (VE3MYZ)

He urged more people to participate on the Wednesday evening Welcome Mat net on VE3TWO (147.300Mhz).

Ernie mentioned the POTHOLE net at 10 am on Sundays at 3760 kHz.

50/50 Draw

A draw with a total of \$30.25 was won by Jose (VA3PCJ) and was generously donated to the club.

Door Prizes

These were won by James (VE3MYZ) and Ernie (VE3EJJ).

The meeting was then adjourned.

Field Day 2013

By: Michel VE3EMB

June 22-23, 2013; VE3RAM was on the air for the ARRL Field Day. Again this year, we set-up on the grounds of the Canada Science and Technology Museum, near the rocket. A set-up in a public place that is worth a 100-point bonus. We operated a 2A station.

The highlight this year is that all radios were powered by solar panels. Thanks to the leadership of Paul VE3NJS, the club trailer had a new electric system comprising three new solar panels on its roof. This gave us a total 300-point bonus for 100% emergency power and natural power operation.

We had a Get-On-The-Air (GOTA) station operated by David VE3ZZU.

Operators were Bill VE3LJG, David VE3ZZU, Georges VA3LZY, Joe VE3EUS, Maurice-Andre VE3VIG, Michel VE3EMB and Paul VE3NJS. In addition, we had two guest-operators: Charles and Zeke (two youth operators giving us a 40-point bonus).

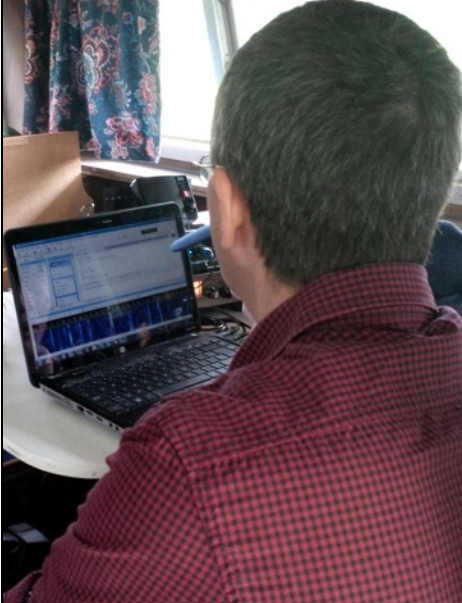
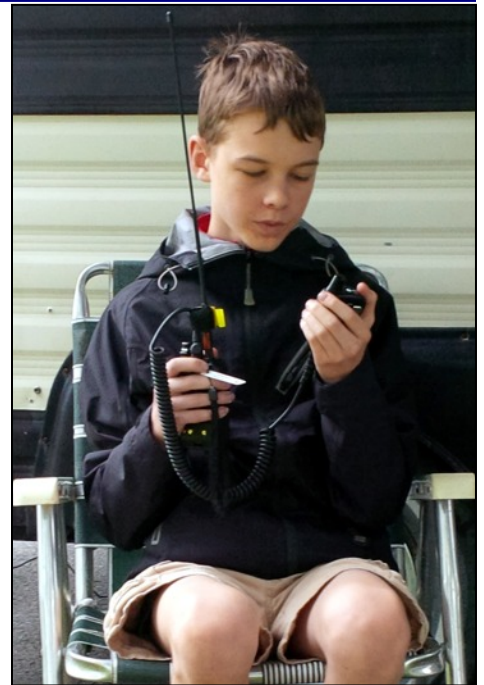
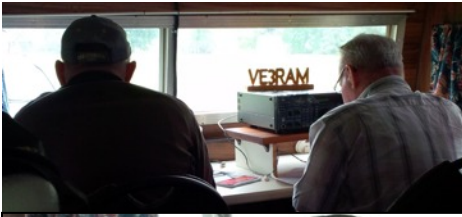
Adding the copy of the WIAW Field Day message 100-point bonus and web submission 50-point bonus, our total bonus points are 590.

We operated CW, digital and phone on five different bands: 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. Our best working-band was 20 meters, with 151 QSOs on this band alone. We made 137 CW QSOs and 49 digital QSOs. Each of them is worth two points. We made 41 phone QSOs. Each phone QSO is worth one point. Because of the 2x power multiplier, our total QSO score was 826 points.

For this year, the total claimed score (bonuses and QSOs) is 1416 points.

Field Day Photos





*Field Day Photos courtesy of:
Michel Barbeau, VE3EMB
And
David Scott, VE3ZZU*



REMINDER

Membership fees for the Club fiscal year that runs from September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014 are due by October 20.

Please complete a membership form and bring it with you to the general meeting of October 17. If you cannot attend the next meeting, please mail the form along with a cheque for the appropriate fee to:

OVMRC
PO Box 41145
Ottawa, Ontario, K1G 5K9

Membership forms are available on the Club website and on the back page of the Rambler. Forms will also be available at the membership desk before each meeting.

Your prompt response by October 20th will ensure that you are included in the Club's application for RAC affiliated club liability insurance. This is urgent because, starting this year, the date for clubs to submit application forms has been advanced to the end of October, and because \$100 penalties now apply for late renewals and changes.



Field Day operators (from left to right): Paul VE3NJS, David VE3ZZU, Maurice-Andre VE3VIG, Joe VE3EUS, Michel VE3EMB and Charles.



CNIB Weekly Amateur Radio Net

CNIB (The Canadian National Institute for the Blind) hosts a cross Canada net from 23:00 UTC (19:00 EDT) from Monday through Friday on IRLP reflector 9008 and on Echolink VAN-IRLP conference server 256919. All amateurs are invited to participate.

A special thanks to Bob Baillargeon, VE3MPG an interesting and insightful presentation at our September meeting for his talk on Cochlear Implants, a subject which he is intimately familiar.

2013-14 Meeting Dates

October 17

Topic:
Utilizing Solar Energy

November 21

Guest Speaker:
TBD

December 19

Pot Luck Christmas Party,
18:30 h

January 16, 2014

Guest Speaker:
Bryan Rawlings, VE3QN

February 20

Flea Market.
Bring cash, we will have lots of recycled gear for sale.

March 20

Home Brew Evening -
Show us what you've been building this winter....

April 17

Topic:
Satellites and Amateur Radio

May 15

Mobile Show n Tell
Bring your mobile installation and we'll look and evaluate. Prize(s) to be awarded. To be held outdoors, 19:00h

June 19

Annual General Meeting
Elections

Rambler deadline

Meeting date minus 13 days

Nov - **Oct 25**

Dec 06

Jan 03

Feb 07

Mar 07

Apr 04

May 02

Jun 06

Jul/Aug 09

Please submit articles for the Rambler to the editor:

[Robert Cherry](#)

No later than the deadline for the desired edition.

**November Rambler
submission deadline is:**

Friday, 25th Oct



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.*

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