

### **President's Ramblings**

t was a full house for our April meeting. Attendance was 36, a pretty good showing for our guest speaker, Dave Conn, VE3KL giving a presentation on HF Wire Antennas. Dave sent me an email after the meeting and said he was very impressed with the interest that OVMRC club members showed in his presentation and the interesting activities the Club is doing. He also indicated that his presentation on HF Wire Antennas is now posted on his web site at www.ve3kl.com and folks are free to download it.

Another feature of our April meeting was having Bill Hall, VA3WMH attend and receive an award for his long and continuous service to the OVMRC producing the graphics and layout for our monthly Rambler Newsletter since 1999. Bill isn't presently active in amateur radio and hasn't attended too many of our meetings over the years, and as a consequence, this is the first time most of our membership had a chance to meet Bill and pay tribute to him for his good work. Thanks Bill for all you have done and continue to do for the OVMRC; it is very much appreciated!

On April 10<sup>th</sup>, the OVMRC's "Test your Radio Workshop" attracted a good group of folks wanting to see

how their VHF/UHF portable and mobile radios performed. We tested Rx sensitivity, Tx RF power output, CTCSS tones, FM modulation level, and using a spectrum analyser, we could measure the amount transmitter harmonic level output coming out of each rig submitted for testing. It was interesting that several Baofeng radios tested had relatively high harmonic output just a bit better than 40 dB below carrier whereas for the Yaesu and Kenwood radios tested, the harmonic output was so low, it didn't show on our Rigol spectrum analyser. We also had a laptop computer handy at the meeting to program a few Baofeng radios with an already prepared profile for locally used repeater and simplex channels and other frequencies of interest. Thanks to Barry, VE3NJK for bringing out his equipment that helped to make this event possible.

By the time this newsletter goes to press, the CN Bike Ride for CHEO for this year will be history. There is a fair contingent of radio club members in the NCR that will be volunteering their time to provide radio communications for the event; I myself intend to ride "Patrol" on the 35 km route to report back any issues and problems with riders. My bike is already outfitted with a 5/8 wave mobile whip and Yaesu FT1D portable radio capable of APRS (Continued on page 3)

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### **Meeting Dates**

#### **Club Meetings:**

Monday, May 8th 7:30 P.M.

<u>Workshop</u>

**Aviation Museum** 

Classroom Planning and Participation Meeting for OVMRC Transmitter Hunting Event on

Saturday, May 27th

Wednesday, May 17th 7:30 P.M.

**OVMRC** Meeting **Aviation Museum Bush Theatre** Speaker: Norm VE3LC

Topics:

- Field Day 2017 Briefing
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VE3TWO

147.300 Mhz (+) 100 Hz tone FM & Yaesu System Fusion Digital Operation

### Amateur Radio Exhibit VE3JW

Web site:

ovmrc.on.ca/ve3jw.htm

Canada Science & Technology

Museum

Is temporally off the air due to the closure of the Canada Science and Technology Museum

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*(Continued from page 1)* position beaconing. We will have a full report on this year's event at the May meeting.

We have decided that our May 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting will focus on Field Day (FD), what's it's all about, where it's happening, what are the FD rules and a slide show of past FD photos. This will be followed on June 12<sup>th</sup> with a Workshop meeting to plan the layout for the actual site setup and what folks are responsible for gear and operations and safety. This will include representatives from other clubs for the combined FD operation that is planned for this Rambler

year at the RCMP camp grounds, Long Island.

Our May meeting will also inform participants about the final details

for the May 27th OVMRC transmitter hunt that we are planning in an area along the trails of the Sir George Étienne Cartier/Rockcliffe Parkway. This will be a hiking event using your 2 Mtr FM portable to seek out two hidden transmitters operating on two different frequencies. The start time to assemble will be late morning at a specified parking area and besides coffee and donuts provided by the Club, it will be a bring your own lunch affair. A planning and participation meeting for this event will be conducted on

Monday evening May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Aviation Museum to discuss conducting the event and directional antennas and techniques to use by participants.

The Club is also planning to have an information table at the Smiths Falls Flea Market Saturday May

13<sup>th</sup>. Any club members that wish to wave the OVMRC flag at the table to help recruit new club members and students for the radio course, contact me before the event.

May should be good month of OVMRC events and activities.

Have fun with it all!

73 de Norm Rashleigh, VE3LC ve3lc@rac.ca

# Other OVMRC Events to put on your Calendar:

• Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, Aviation Museum, Planning and Participation workshop for May 27<sup>th</sup> Transmitter Hunt Event.

• Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, Aviation Museum, General meeting, Presentation to be determined.

• Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am, OVMRC transmitter hunt and picnic, gathering location TBD.

• Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, Aviation Museum, Planning and Participation workshop for June 24th-25th Field Day.

• Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 pm, Aviation Museum, Annual General Meeting.

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 23-25**, Annual Field Day event, location RCMP Campground Long Island.

### **Upcoming Hamfests and Flea Markets:**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Simcoe County Hamfest

Barrie Amateur Radio Club Inc. Starts on Saturday, May 6, 2017 Barrie Ontario

eton.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event\_ID=1871

#### 33rd Annual Smiths Falls Flea Market

Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club Starts on Saturday, May 13, 2017 Smiths Falls, Ontario

eton.ca/rac/events/detail.php?event ID=1844

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### Other Local 2 Metre Repeater Nets: (all check-ins welcome)

• **Rubber Boot Net**, VE3MPC 147.150 + work day mornings at 7:30 am conducted by Mike Parris, VA3TJP

• QCWA Chapter 70 Net, VE3MPC 147.150 + Monday evening at 7:30 pm conducted by John Barnhardt, VE3ZOV

• **Capital City FM Net**, VE2CRA 146.340 – (100 Hz tone), Monday evenings at 8 pm

• **Champlain Mini Net**, VE3STP 147.060 – (114.8 Hz tone), every evening at 6:45 pm

### **OVMRC Repeater VE3TWO :**

147.300 MHz +600 kHz, 100 Hz Tone and Yaesu C4FM Digital Voice

### **VE3TWO Scheduled Nets:**

• Wednesday Evenings, 9 PM, Across Canada Net, C4FM Digital Voice facilitated by Denis VE3BF.

• **Thursday Evenings, 8 PM**, Club Net on Analogue FM conducted by Ken VE3EKN.

• **Sunday Evenings, 8 PM**, Ottawa Digital Voice C4FM Net conducted by Denis VE3BF.

### What's Happening Elsewhere!

Check it out; let us know what's

going on in your club.

Ottawa Amateur Radio Club (OARC)

www.oarc.net/blog/:

#### **Ottawa Valley QRP Society:**

www.qsl.net/va3ovq/VA3OVQ/Welcome.html

The Ottawa Valley QRP Society is a group of Amateur (Ham) Radio operators in the Canadian National Capitol Region with an interest in QRP (low-power) operating, equipment homebrewing and antenna experimentation. The group holds the Amateur Radio call sign VA3OVQ. Membership is free and open to anyone in the National Capitol region with an interest in low power Amateur Radio.

### **Contest Calendar**

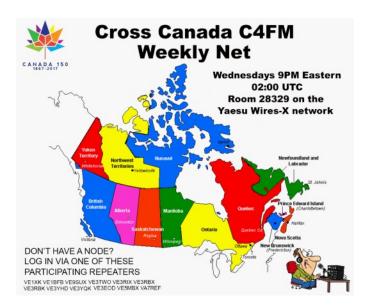
For all contest information goto: hornucopia.com/contestcal/

May 27 – 28, CQ WW WPX Contest, CW cqwpx.com/rules.htm

June 10 – 12, ARRL June VHF Contest, arrl.org/june-vhf

June 24 – 25, ARRL Field Day, arrl.org/field-day

July 1, RAC Canada Day Contest, wp.rac.ca/canada-day-contest-rules/



At 5:00 P.M. on the second Wednesday of each month at Donna's Express Restaurant at the corner of Churchill and Scott Streets in Ottawa.

We have an online discussion group on Yahoo Groups called ov-qrp.

See:

groups.yahoo.com/group/ov-qrp/ for details or email va3ovq at qsl.net.

Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio Club (RLARC)

ve3rlr.dyndns.org/:

West Carleton Amateur Radio Club

www.wcarc.on.ca

VE3ORF/3730 Group

www.ve3orf.com/

CRAO Club Radio Amateur Outaouais (CRAO)

Our monthly dinner meetings are :

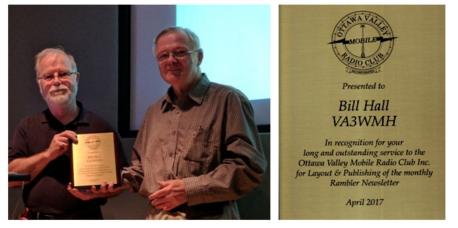
### A Thank You Presentation

to Bill Hall, VA3WMH for Production of the Rambler Newsletter.

William (Bill) Hall, VA3WMH has been producing the OVMRC Rambler since 1999, the year he graduated from the OVMRC radio course obtaining his Basic, Advanced and Morse code qualifications. He initially got onthe-air using a 2 metre portable and was active for a short while as Net Control Station on the OVMRC 2 metre repeater net. Bill also purchased an HF - VHF-UHF transceiver and used it with an attic antenna but his progressive hearing loss made it more and more difficult to carry on with amateur radio activity. Bill now hears with a cochlear implant which has restored a measure of hearing but Bill says he still has great difficulty hearing properly in noisy environments.

Bill's interest in amateur radio and involvement with the OVMRC followed a 29 year career with the Canadian Armed Forces (RCAF) and he says in retirement, he is also busy producing a quarterly newsletter and web site maintenance for another organization. Bill mentioned that back in 1999 when he first offered his services producing the Rambler, the job also included printing and mail distribution to the membership at a significant cost of \$2159.59. Thank goodness to distribution over the internet; those costs to the Club have been reduced to zero.

Bill Hall attended our April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and was introduced to the OVMRC membership and was thanked for his past and continuing volunteer contribution to the Club for producing the Rambler Newsletter. Thank you Bill !



Norm Rashleigh, VE3LC (left) presents Bill Hall, VA3WMH his award at the OVMRC April meeting. In accepting his award, Bill said he still enjoys producing the Club Newsletter for the OVMRC but also said it is only as good as the material contained in it. He reminded OVMRC Club members to contribute content regularly to the publication.

### Interference Causing Equipment Standard (ICES) 005, Issue 4

"Lighting Equipment" from ISED (formerly known as IC)

I made mention of this ICES document at the April meeting. Although written and released by the Department in December 2015, it only came into effect December 2016. All lighting equipment including the now popular LED light bulbs must meet the requirements of this standard so as not to cause significant radio frequency interference. Formerly, previous issues of ICES 005 covered only radio frequency interference generated by electrodeless RF excited gas tube lighting. It is now illegal by the general provisions of the Radio Communications Act of Canada to market any lighting equipment that is not ICES 005 tested and certified.

Lighting devices and equipment not certified under ICES 005 may cause significant RFI making it miserable for radio amateurs to receive well on the ham bands. Ensure especially that new LED bulbs purchased include on the packaging compliance to ICES 005. Previous to ICES 005 coming into effect, some manufactures (such as Phillips) tested their lighting devices according to the criteria of ICES 003 (IT & Digital Apparatus). You may still see some LED bulbs on the shelves having this certification on the packaging. Avoid purchasing LED bulbs (or any other lighting devices using a switching power supply) that does not show the Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) certification to ICES 005.

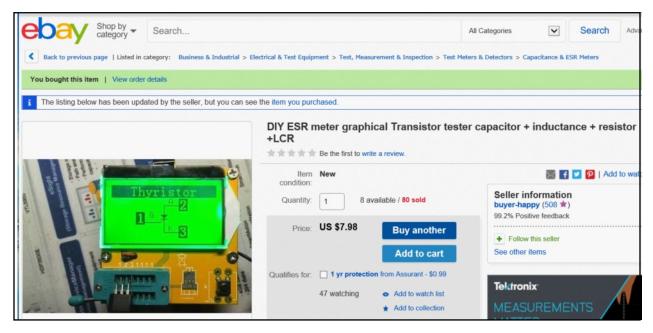
Google "ICES 005" for the full certification requirements document from the Department.

de Norm ve3lc

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### Electronic Device Tester you can buy on eBay

It's amazing the small inexpensive devices and test equipment you can purchase on-line these days. Here is a small circuit board instrument available on eBay for approximately \$11.00 Cdn (including shipping) from a Chinese vendor.



The instrument came is a small padded shipping envelope. Some assembly was required to solder in place the zero-force component socket, the push button and 9 volt battery connector wiring. All surface mount components and the display module were already installed on the board. Assembly took about 10 minutes. The instruments tests the following components:

- Transistors (automatic detection NPN-PNP, p & n channel MOSFETs & JFETs Diodes, Thyristor, Resistors, Capacitors, Inductors, etc.
- resistor range 0.1 Ohms to 50 mOhm
- capacitance range 25 pf to 100,000 µf
- inductance range 0.01 mH to 20 H
- Zeners less than 4.5 volts

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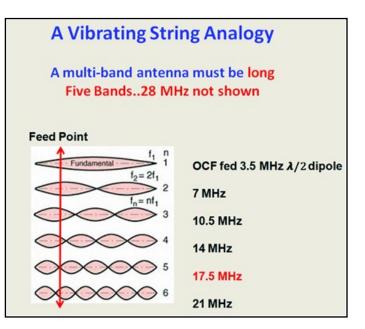


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Dave Conn, VE3KL accepts his OVMRC Mug after his very tutorial presentation on "HF Wire Antennas" to the OVMRC at the April meeting.

One of Dave's slides from his presentation.



### It seems Trump supporters are on JT 65!

It was the evening of the Trump Rally in Harrisburg, PA and the White House Correspondents Dinner was also happening. At the same time I was casually making a few contacts on 160 M on JT 65 and also watching CNN.

While using the WSJT-X application, I noticed some un-identified ham transmitting the text "Trump U.S.A.". I'm sure Trump's rally inspired the transmissions. See arrow on screen capture to the right. I was waiting for a counter political message, but nobody took the bait. Good thing!

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### **OVMRC Net Activity, Check-in during the last month**

Prepared by: Ken Evans, VE3EKN

OVMRC POT HOLE NET Report - 3760 kHz SSB Sundays at 10 AM local time

April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
VE3BAE	VE3EJJ	VE3BAE	VE3LC	VE3BAE
VE3BF	VE3LC	VE3LC	VA3PCJ	VE3LC
VE3LC	VA3PCJ	VA3ZTF	VE3EKN	VE3BF
VE3EKN	VE3KI	VE3XRA	VA3BGO	VE3XRA
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	VE3XRA	VE3EJJ		

### **OVMRC 2 METRE NET Report -**

VE3TWO repeater 147.300 MHz + 100 Hz tone, Thursdays 8 PM local time.

March 30	April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27
VE3LC	VA3ZTF	VE3LC	VE3LC	VE2OCQ
VE3BF	VA2EEK	VA3JYK	VE3BF	VE3ZZU
VE3GIQ	VA3HWA	VE3DHE	VE3GIQ	VE3LC
VE3LBU	VE3GIQ	VE3GIQ	VE3NJK	VE3NJK
VE3NJK	VA3ORL	VE3TXB	VA3HWA	VE3DHE
VE3ZZU	VE3LBU	VE3LBU	VE3ZZU VA3ORL	VE3LBU
VA3RLA	VE3ZZU	VE3NJK	VA30RE VA3RLA	VE3GIQ
VE3DHE	VE3LC	VA3ORL	VE3LBU	VE3BF
VA3ZTF	VE3RUU	VA3ZTF	VE3DHE	VA3ORL
VA3HWA	VE3KLT	VE3BF	VE3RUU	VA3ZTF
VA3AOD	VE3NJK	VA3BGO	VA3AOD	VE2BJZ
VE3KLT	VA3AOD	VE3RUU	VE3TXB	VE3TXB
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### **Meeting Minutes**

Date / Time:Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 19:30Location:Canada Aviation and Space Museum

#### 1. Call to Order:

The President, Norm Rashleigh, VE3LC, called the meeting to order at 19:30. There were 36 in attendance.

#### 2. Greetings:

Guests and visiting amateurs: Dave Conn, VE3KL Brian Griffin, VA3BGO Robin de Schulthess, VE3SZO Harold Hamilton, VE3UNK Roger Egan

#### 3. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: Moved by Tim Bailey, VE3TXB and seconded by Marcel Lemay, VE3RFNJ that the minutes of the last meeting be approved. CARRIED.

#### 4. Announcements and News:

#### Special Presentation:

Special presentation was made to Bill Hall, VA3WMH who has faithfully produced our club newsletter, "The Rambler", since 1999. A plaque was presented by President Norm Rashleigh, VE3LC followed by an expression of Club appreciation and applause.

#### CN Cycle for CHEO:

Harold Hamilton, VE3UNK called for volunteers to participate in the CN Cycle for CHEO event to be held Sunday May 7. The CN Cycle for CHEO is a fun, non-competitive event that offers a wide range of cycling and walking routes for people of all ages and abilities. The event takes place in the morning between 08:30 and 12:00. Amateur radio operators help with the event by participating in a 2m FM net over local repeaters. For more information on the event see: <u>http://cncycle.ca/en/</u>. If you wish to volunteer as a radio operator, you can contact Harold Hamilton at: VE3UNK@rac.ca.

#### Field Day:

Norm Rashleigh, VE3LC spoke briefly about the upcoming Field Day. Barry Allison, VE3NJK was asked to update the meeting and advised us that a site has been secured. On June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, the OVMRC will hold its Annual Field Day at the RCMP Camp Grounds, Long Island, Manotick Ontario. An aerial view slide of the grounds was shown indicating lots of parking, a canteen, barbeque pits and washrooms. Final details will be released soon.

#### Results of the April 8th Test Your Radio Workshop:

There were 15 in attendance, and both Barry VE3NJK and Norm VE3LC were worked off their feet. Both provided test equipment for HT's and Mobile radio testing for RF TX power, RX sensitivity etc. as well as radio programming using "CHIRP" software.

#### Club Meetings in May and June:

Monday, May 8, there will be a planning and participation workshop at the Aviation Museum, for the upcoming OVMRC Transmitter Hunt and picnic.

Wednesday, May 17, will be the next OVMRC monthly general meeting at the Aviation Museum at 7:30 pm.

Saturday, May 27, the OVMRC Transmitter Hunt and Picnic will be held along the Rockcliffe Parkway at a precise location to be announced.

Monday, June12<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Field Day planning workshop at the Aviation Museum at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, June 21, the Annual General Meeting of Members of the OVMRC will be held at 7:30 at the Aviation Museum. This important annual event will also include election of Club Officers and Executive for the coming year. All members are urged to attend. If you are interested in standing for an executive position, please advise the President, Norm Rashleigh well in advance of the meeting.

#### Rambler

Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25, the OVMRC Annual Field Day will be held at the RCMP Camp Grounds, Long Island, Manotick, Ontario.

#### <u>ICES 005 – Issue 4:</u>

Norm Rashleigh, VE3LC gave a brief update on the latest bulletin regarding the standard for Lighting Equipment including LED lighting. Residential lighting must comply with the Standard, ICES 005

Local NETS:

Norm Rashleigh, VE3LC provided a slide reminder of the regularly scheduled NETS for OVMRC Members. The list can be found in the latest issue of The Rambler on page 4. https://www.ovmrc.on.ca/Rambler/Archive/Ram2017-04.pdf

#### Show and Tell:

Peter Cars, VE3XEM, updated the meeting on his WSPR device and the latest low power contact made on 30M, from Eastern Germany using under 200mw. President Norm Rashleigh, VE3LC, displayed his assembled 'tester' purchased on EBay for approximately \$11.00. The device is used for semi-conductor devices, transistors etc. He also showed his assembled SDR receiver from Omnia SDR Proficio. A 160M - 10M SDR transceiver, 5W at a cost of \$236.00 US. http://www.omnia.ca

#### 5. Upcoming Contests:

May 27/28 - CQ WW WPC CW Contest June 10, 11, 12 -ARRL June VHF Contest

For information on upcoming contests, see the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal

#### 6. Feature Presentation:

Dave Conn, VE3KL gave a presentation on *HF Wire Antennas* including Case Studies on various wire antenna configurations. He also demonstrated how he uses the free design software, *4nec2 antenna modeller and optimizer*, for his projects.

#### 7. Prizes and Draws:

Prizes were won by 11 lucky individuals:

The 50/50 draw was won by Robert McKenny, VE3RMS.

#### 8. Executive and Chair Reports:

8.1. Treasurer - Nicole Boivin, VE3GIQ:

Nicole reported that the Club has assets of \$25,790 with \$15,000 in GICs and the balance in cash.

- 8.2. Net Operations Ken Evans, VE3EKN Ken is looking for a couple of members to backstop him as Net Controller. He is also looking for feedback on shutting down the OVMRC Nets for the summer months of July and August.
- 8.3. Membership Tom Mercer VE3LJS. Tom reminded Members present that renewal time is approaching in September and to begin consideration now for your annual renewal.
- 8.4. Repeater Norm Rashleigh, VE3LC: Norm has retuned a donated multicoupler for 144.390 MHz, the APRS Frequency with the idea of setting up a digi-peater at the VE3TWO site. This would assist those close to the repeater in the east end when operating their HT radios for APRS tracking. Otherwise, the VE3TWO repeater is working well and is being well used for C4FM activity

#### 9. Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Steve Petruska, VE3MPS and seconded by Robert McKenny, VE3RMJ that the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:57.

Minutes recorded by Ron Smith, VE3LBU, for Frank Fullum, VE2KOI, OVMRC Secretary

# **MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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- ✓ The membership year starts 1 September, and runs until 31 August of the following year.
- ✓ Regular membership is open to licensed amateurs.
- ✓ Associate membership is open to all unlicensed radio enthusiasts.
- ✓ Membership includes a digital subscription to the club newsletter, the OVMRC Rambler.

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