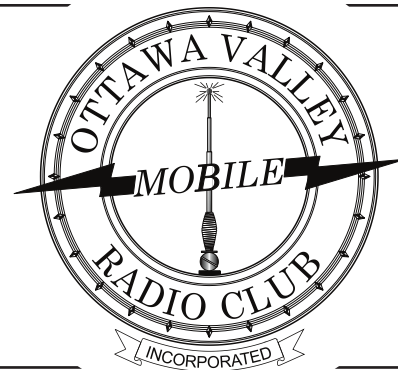


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President's Ramblings

Here we are, January 2019 already! Where did the year go? Everything from a new executive to a record Field Day, and so far, 3 varied and successful meetings, a well attended Christmas Dinner, and several new amateurs thanks to Norm's efforts with the Radio Course. The next of the ten OVMRC meetings for 2018-2019 will be the January meeting on the 16th of the month. Don't forget, free parking at the rear of the building. Attendance at the meeting also buys you another "free" ticket for the year end draw for the Antenna Analyzer.

I must open by apologizing for not wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in the December Ramblings. In my humble defence, the Ramblings are prepared the previous month, so they can be published on time and I just wasn't thinking of Christmas back in November when I wrote the December Ramblings. Part of being the new Club President, I guess. I'll know better next year. So, to tie a knot on this one, I hope your Christmas was merry and your New Year was happy!

The November workshop did not go without notice from the OARC. So much so, I'm working with them on a joint club project to add to the power cable many of you made at the November meeting. I am planning to have available to those who want to opt in, a power pole expander port, in two versions. The first will be the premium version providing a one in with four fused

outputs including LED indicators. Green for power on and red indicating a blown fuse for each output. (see Fig. 1 and 2)

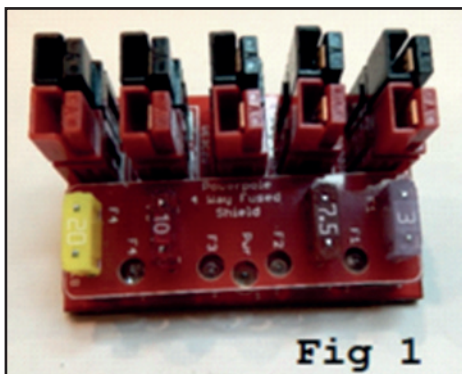


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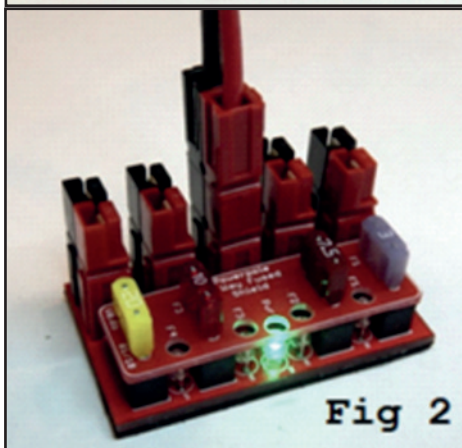


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The second will be a one input, four output basic (Continued on page 3)

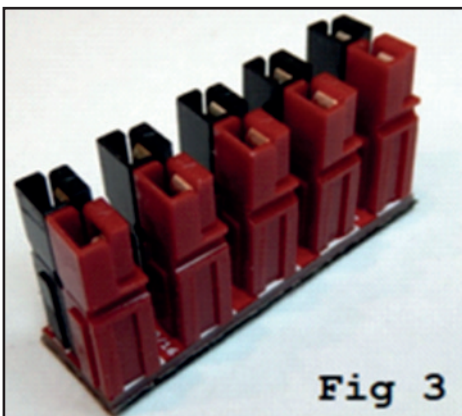


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Meeting Date

Wednesday

Jan 16th

7:00 P.M.

**Science and Technology Museum
Studio 6**

AGENDA

- Norm VE3LC – Brief Report on OVMRC Radio Course;
- Barry, VE3NA – Club coax purchase – Other Club Projects;
- Michael, VE3WMB – proposal for balloon flight; and
- Norm VE3LC – Working Demonstration of Hot Spot.

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OVMRC Repeater

VE3TWO

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

OVMRC Call Signs

VE3JW

VE3RAM

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OVMRC Affiliations

(Continued from page 1) version, no fuses, no LEDs (see Fig. 3). These are kits produced by Wayne, VE3CZO and with quantity discount (from both clubs); we hope to bring the cost to members down as best we can.

Soldering is required for kit assembly!

I'll review this at the January meeting, speaking of which the guest speaker will be Michael, VE3WMB, creator of the club "groups.io" forum. He will be introducing us to the world of launching balloons with radio tracking aboard. Further to that, a launch is also being planned for

the near future. Check out the "groups.io" forum if you haven't already done so.

I also want to encourage continued participation in the EMRG Repeater test. It happens once a month on the first Wednesday starting on VE3OCE. The repeater frequencies and CTCSS Tones are listed in the Rambler. The next test will be Wednesday, February 6, starting at 8:00 PM.

The coax order is under way for the new year and I am still working on the "shortened 80 M antenna project". The plan is to have something available in kit form, to build and

put up as soon as the weather turns around in the spring.

Once I get costing on the coax, I'll canvas club members for your coax requirements.

Whew! It doesn't seem to stop. Thank you to the many club members who have approached me to say they appreciate all club efforts to do "stuff" and encourage especially new hams "hey I can do that." What a compliment.

That's about it for now. Hope to see you at the January meeting.

73

Barry, VE3NA

Informal Amateur Radio Restaurant Gatherings (All are welcome)

- **QCWA Chapter 70** breakfast gathering every **Tuesday** morning at 7:30 to 10 AM, Summerhays Grill, 1972 Baseline Rd., Nepean
- **Orleans Coffee gathering** every **Friday** morning at 9 AM, McDonalds, 2643 St. Joseph Blvd, Orleans
- **QRP Group Dinner** meeting, **2nd Wednesday** every month, 5 PM, Newport Restaurant, 322 Churchill Ave N., Ottawa
- **Phoenix Net monthly Breakfast** gathering, usually the **second Saturday** every month at 9 AM, T-Basil Restaurant, 2440 St Joseph Blvd, Orleans. (get on Pete VE3XEM's mailing list for monthly reminder VE3XEM@RAC.CA)

OVMRC TOOL CRIB

A reminder to OVMRC members, the Club will have available at monthly meetings the Club's "Tool Crib" which contains crimping tools and connectors for Anderson Power Poles and Modular Plugs. Club members are invited to bring cables needing connectors installed to club meetings. A small cost of \$1.00 per pair of Anderson Power Poles installed will be collected and 50 cents for a modular plug. Six and eight pin modular plugs are available. The crib also contains an assortment of the spade lugs. The Crib will be held by Pete, VE3XEM@rac.ca.



Contest Calendar

For all contest information goto:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

Jan 25 – 27 2019 — CQ 160-Metre CW Contest

<https://www.cq160.com/rules.htm>

Jan 26 – 27 — Winter Field Day

<https://www.winterfieldday.com/rules>

Feb 9 – Feb 10 — CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest

<https://www.cqwprrtty.com/rules.htm>

The Wednesday evening Cross Canada Weekly C4FM is again hosted on VE3TWO

OVMRC members can again check into the Wednesday evening Cross Canada C4FM net on Club repeater VE3TWO 147.300 (+ offset) thanks to a remote Wires X connection provided by Steve VA3MPS. Steve will be engaging his node station onto the repeater Wednesday Evenings at 9 PM. The Net can also be accessed in the west-end of town using the Fusion repeater VE3DRE on 146.805 (- offset) owned and operated by Denis VE3BF who is the Net Control Station. All check-ins are welcome using the Yaesu C4FM digital voice mode.

Emergency Measures Radio Group: (EMRG)

Monthly Repeater Tests are conducted by Dave VE3KMV on the first Wednesday of each month at 8 PM on VE3OCE 146.880 MHz – (136.5 Hz tone). From initial contact on VE3OCE, you'll be asked to test VE3EMV/East 146.985 MHz – (100 Hz@ tone), VE3EMV/West 145.210 MHz – (123.0 Hz tone), VE3OFS 146.670 MHz – (136.5 Hz tone), VE3OCE 443.8000 MHz + 5 (136.5 Hz tone) and VE3EMU 444.9500 + 5 (136.5 Hz tone).

It is advisable that all the EMRG frequencies be programmed into your radio. All check ins are welcome.

See: <http://www.emrg.ca/repeaters.htm>

OVMRC Repeater VE3TWO :

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

VE3TWO Scheduled Nets:

- **Thursday Evenings, 8 PM**, Club Net on FM conducted by Ken, VE3EKN.
- **Sunday Evenings, 8 PM**, Ottawa C4FM Digital Voice Round Table Net.

Other Local 2 Metre Repeater & Simplex Nets: *(all check-ins welcome)*

- **Rubber Boot Net**, VE3MPC 147.150 +, (100 Hz tone) mornings at 7:30 AM conducted by Mike, VA3TJP
- **Phoenix Net**, VE3MPC 147.150 MHz +, (100 Hz tone), Tuesday evenings at 8 PM conducted by Pete VE3XEM
- **QCWA Chapter 70 Net**, VE3MPC 147.150 MHz +(*now with 100 Hz tone*), Monday evenings at 7:30 PM conducted by John VE3ZOV
- **Capital City FM Net**, VE2CRA 146.940 MHz -, (100 Hz tone), Monday evenings at 8 PM.
- **Champlain Mini Net**, VE3STP 147.060 MHz -, (114.8 Hz tone), every evening at 6:45 PM.
- **Upper Frequency Net**, Simplex 144.250 MHz using USB, Tuesdays evenings at 9 PM conducted by Glenn VE3XRA. Following check in on 2 m you can check your radios on 6 m at 50.150 MHz and 70 cm on 432.150 MHz as well using USB. All check ins are welcome.

OVMRC HF Nets

- **Pot Hole SSB Net**, 3760 kHz, every Sunday morning at 10 AM conducted by Ernie, VE3EJJ, or Glenn VE3XRA..
- **Pot Lid Slow Speed CW Net**, 3620 kHz, every Sunday morning at 11 AM conducted by Roger, VE3XRR.

OVMRC Radio Course and Exam Report

This is an update to our report in the December Rambler. We conducted two group examination sessions on December 10th and December 19th that produced another lot of successful course graduates. We are planning another exam session on January 7 when we hope to add a few more to the list below of new radio amateurs in the Ottawa area.

Please welcome the following list of successful graduates to the air waves; some of which have already been heard on-the-air.

Naeem Ahmed	VA3NZG
Gina Bies	VA3GNB
Bruce Calhoun	VE3BER
Ken Charron	VA3KDZ
Christian Dechamplain	VA2ESK
Jim Dodds	VA3DEF
Robyn Ewing	VA3RJI
Daniel Fitzgerald	VA3DFX
Reg Grayston	VA3WZN
Christopher Hanlan	VE2UEX
John Paul Heming	VE3PMF
Andy Hollback	VA3NAH
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Hami Ismaili	VA3HIB
Claudio Menendez	VA3LUA
Mike McCarthy	VE3PMF
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Nic Pantieras	VE3NVR
Jason Peters	VA3VTG
Roger Roberge	VA3RXX
Paul St-Pierre	VE3PUL
Jacques Sincennes	VE2GJS
Greg Slack	VE3GJI
– Norm VE3LC	



The Christmas Party.

The Club had their annual Christmas dinner meeting this year at KS On-the-Keys Restaurant. Thanks to John VA3JYK for making all the arrangements with the Restaurant. We had over 30 OVMRC members and guests enjoy a buffet meal of roast beef and chicken marsala with all the trimmings. Several of our larger fellows went up for seconds! Barry VE3NA, Club president, ensured there was a complement of choice door prizes. Wray VA3EO and Ernie VE3EJJ's wife Erma won the Digital VOMs. With Erma's blessing, Ernie donated their prize for an on-the-spot auction. The bidding was fierce but Rob VE3RXH won out with a \$13 bid with contributions going back to the Club treasury. Two clamp-on ammeters were won by Nicole VE3GIQ and Frank VE3XQQ. Arthur VA3BIT won the final door prize, an in-line AC power meter.

Roger VA3EGR won the 50/50 draw with a payout of \$52. To say the least, a good time was had by all that attended.



OVMRC Net Activity, Check-ins during the last month

Prepared by: Ken Evans, VE3EKN

OVMRC 2 Metre Net, VE3TWO 147.300+ 100 Hz tone, Thursdays 8 PM local

November 29	December 6	December 13	December 20	December 27
VE3RUU	VE3RUU	VA3MPS	VE3NPO	VE3RUU
VE3XQQ	VA3SPV	VE3LC	VE3RUU	VA3SPV
VA3ZTF	VA3JYK	VE2OCQ	VA2EEK	VE3LC
VE3LC	VA3ZTF	VE3KAE	VE3KTN	VE3LBU
VE3QSO	VE3NPO	VE3KTN	VE3LBU	VA3ZZW
VE3KTN	VE3LC	VA3RLA	VE3NA	VE3RXH
VE3KAE	VE3OKD	VA2EEK	VE3TXB	VE3NA
VA3RLA	VE3KAE	VE3NA	VE3GIQ	VA3DEF
VA3ORL	VE3LBU	VE3ZZU	VE3OKD	VE3GIQ
VE3NA	VA3RLA	VE3QSO	VA3RLA	VA2EEK
VE3ZZU	VA3ORL	VE3GIQ	VE3LC	VE3KTN
VE3SGG	VE3ZZU	VE3RXH	VA3BIT	VE3BF
VA2EEK	VA2EEK	VE3RUU	VE3SGG	VA3RLA
VA3ZZW	VE3NA	VA3JYK	VA3ORL	VA3BGO
VE3LBU	VE3GIQ	VA3BIT	VE3ZZU	VE3OKD
VE3GIQ	VE3QSO	VA3ORL	VE3BF	VE3EKN
VE2BJZ	VE3KTN	VE3EKN	VE3VIG	
VE3VIG	VA3BIT		VE3EKN	
VA3BGO	VE3BRJ			
VE3BF	VE3SGG			
VE3EKN	VE3HVB			
	VA3BGO			
	VE3VIG			
	VE3EKN			

OVMRC POT HOLE NET 3760 kHz SSB Sunday mornings at 10 am local

December 2	December 9	December 16	December 23	December 30
VA3BGO	VE3EJJ	VE3NPO	VE3BAE	VE3LC
VA3ZTF	VE3KTN	VE3KTN	VE3EJJ	VE3NA
VE3LC	VE3NA	VE3XRA	VE3LC	VE3EKN
VE3NPO	VE3EKN	VE3EKN	VE3EKN	VA3BGO
VE3NA	VE3LC	VE3NA	VA3BGO	VE3KTN
VE3EKN	VA3BGO	VE3EJJ	VE3NA	VE3XRA
KA2DAS	VE3NPO		VE2HOG	VE3EJJ
VE3KTN	VE3XRA		VE3XRA	
VE3XRA				
VE3EJJ				

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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