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President's Ramblings

Welcome back for another year of OVMRC monthly meetings!

This past summer brought about some sudden changes with the operation of the local weekly nets. We received a notice from the location where both VE3MPC and VE3TWO were collocated that the space was required for other purposes and we had to vacate the location in short order, which as everyone knows by now happened at break-neck speed. Fortunately, we were offered a temporary location for VE3TWO at Marc's, VE3BOE residence in Metcalfe and a swap of equipment happened seamlessly and VE3TWO was back in operation without skipping a beat. Thanks Marc!

In the mean time negotiations have started with the EMRG organization for sharing of two of their sites for relocation of VE3MPC and VE3TWO, over time. This will likely take a while since we have to interface with the city through EMRG and contractors will also be involved with the placement of the repeaters. Meanwhile, the weekly VHF net will be held on VE3OCE starting in September. Hugo, VE3KTN, net chair has released a

notice on this on the Club web site. Check out:

<https://www.ovmrc.on.ca/club-info/amateur-radio-info/amateur-nets-ottawa-area/ovmrc-2-meter-net/>

Look for Norm's report on the repeater relocation elsewhere in this edition of the Rambler.

You may recall that back in June I announced there will be a prize of 50 ft of connectorized LMR 195 coax for any new Hams who successfully posted their Field Day score to the ARRL and associate their efforts with the OVMRC. Four Club members were successful in this endeavour: JD, VA2OJD; Matt, VA3KXA; Peter, VA3PYT; and Kathleen, VA3WEX. I will have your cables made up and notify you when they are ready for pick up before or at the September meeting. Congrats to all! (*spoiler alert: I accidentally spooled off 60 ft of coax for each prize, begged forgiveness from the exec. for my mistake, and I am in process of installing connectors at present.*) Look for Norm's Field Day report elsewhere in this edition of the Rambler.

More on the year end door prizes for last year. I have been repeatedly let down by the supplier in Toronto and have given up waiting any longer. The order is cancelled and I am currently negotiating an order from the US.

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Notice of Meeting

Wednesday Sept. 15th 2021
via **Zoom**

Check-in Time 6:45 to 7:15 P.M.

Members and invited guests will be sent an email invitation several days before meeting date with login and password. Others not on our mailing list please contact Norm at: VE3LC@rac.ca for invitation.

Agenda:

- Call to Order at 7:15 by Barry, VE3NA;
- Greetings to Guests and New Members;
- What's in store for new year;
- Acceptance of June AGM meeting minutes;
- Budget Overview by Nicole, VE3GIQ;
- Field Day Participation Report by Norm, VE3LC;
- "HamPi" and Pi400 computer presentation and demonstration by Norm, VE3LC;
- A few words about Field Day, Norm VE3LC;
- Chairperson Reports; and
- Meeting adjourned; and Rag Chew for those interested.

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<https://ovmrc.groups.io/g/main/topics>; if you are not a member please subscribe. All radio amateurs are welcome.

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OVMRC Repeater

VE3RAM

Limited coverage to
Orleans and East Ottawa

443.700 MHz (+)
DMR CC1 & D-Star
Network connected to
Brandmeister

Special Event & Field Day Call Sign

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OVMRC Affiliations



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>



Informal Amateur Radio Restaurant Gatherings

(All Cancelled until Further Notice)

- **QCWA Chapter 70** breakfast gathering every **Tuesday** morning at 7:30 to 10:00 AM, Summerhays Grill, 1972 Baseline Rd., Nepean
- **Orleans Coffee** gathering every **Friday** morning at 9:00 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 Weekly NetS:

- **Thursday Evenings, 8 PM**, Club Net on FM will be held through VE3OCE 146.880 Mhz (-)136.5 Hz tone conducted by Hugo, VE3KTN.

VE3TWO - Limited coverage to East and South Ottawa 147.300 MHz. +, PL 100.0 Hz. Analogue FM and C4FM.

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

- **Rubber Boot Net**, VE3OCE 146.880 Mhz (-)136.5 Hz tone mornings at 7:30 AM conducted by Roger, VE3NPO
- **Phoenix Net**, VE2CRA 146.940 MHz (-) 100 Hz tone, Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM conducted by Pete, VE3XEM
- **QCWA Chapter 70 Net**, VE3OCE 146.880 Mhz (-) 136.5 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 8:00 PM.
- **Champlain Mini Net**, VE3STP 147.060 MHz -, (114.8 Hz tone), every evening at 7:30 PM.
- **Upper Frequency Net**, Simplex 144.250 MHz using USB, Tuesday evenings at 9:00 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.

- **DEXNET (Digital Experimental Net)**, Simplex 144.210 MHz, USB, vertical polarization. Check the schedule on groups.io for digital mode used each week.

OVMRC HF Nets

- **Pot Hole SSB Net**, 3760 kHz, every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM conducted by Ernie, VE3EJJ, or Glenn, VE3XRA.
- **Pot Lid Slow Speed CW Net**, This net is suspended until further notice. Roger, VE3XRR retired from leading the net each Sunday morning last season and a new Net Control Station has not come forward. If and when the Pot Lid Net resumes, we will advise in the Rambler.

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So, for the three lucky winners: Christian Rochefort, VE2MW; Bryan Campbell, VE3ZRK; and JD Comtois, VA2OJD your prizes as stated will come as soon as I can pull off the order. Sorry for the delay.

The executive has granted approval for Year End Door prizes again this year. The same rules apply:

- 1) everyone is in except the winners from last year: Christian, JD and Bryan, all three of which must stand out for one year;
- 2) every time you attend a monthly Club meeting, you will receive one "free" ballot for the draw (same as last year); and
- 3) the draw will be held during the June 2022 AGM meeting.

Stay tuned, there is still more on prizes. The exec. has approved monthly meeting door prizes again this year. There will be three prizes each month, each with a value of approx. \$30.00. The hook is of course you have to attend the meeting up to the draw time and

make arrangements to pick the prize up. Winners of one month must skip the next month (same as two years ago). More on this at the September meeting.

Whew, I thought this would be a short Ramblings...

There will be some other updates provided at the September meeting:

- 1) Nicole will report on dues for the upcoming year; and
- 2) Norm will report on any progress to date on repeater relocation.

There is a tab on the Club website <https://www.ovmrc.on.ca/> where anyone can submit an article for consideration to be published in an upcoming edition of the Rambler. We are always looking for new material for the newsletter. Now if only we can convince the author in you to put pen to paper and hit that "submit" button!

At the time of this writing, I don't have any info to provide on things like a guest speaker, other chair reports i.e., transmitter hunting, but

I'm sure a lot of things will fall into place by meeting time.

The Club still has LMR 195 @ \$0.80 / ft and LMR 400 @ \$1.35 / ft, crimp on connectors @ \$2.00 ea, (type "N" connectors are \$4.00 ea).

Note that all prizes and coax are available only for Club members in good standing. You can always check with Nicole VE3GIQ@rac.ca if you are unsure of your current status.

I'll end the rambling here for now. Everyone is invited to join the OVMRC September Zoom meeting Wednesday September 15. Check in will start at ~ 6:45 PM with a planned start time as close to 7:15 PM as practical. Anyone not receiving the check in credentials can do so by sending an email to Norm (Zoom custodian) VE3LC@RAC.CA. All are welcome to attend.

Stay safe, stay home, stay on the air!

73
Barry, VE3NA

Congratulations to OVMRC Advanced Qualification Graduates

The following Club members have been busy studying hard this year preparing for their Advanced Test. Several of those listed have taken advantage of the on-line course provided by Dave Goodwin, VE9CB and sponsored through Radio Amateurs of Canada. Others have acquired the necessary knowledge through home study.

I am pleased to announce the following OVMRC candidates have been successful obtaining their Advanced Qualification so far in 2021.

Marc, VE3BOE
Alan, VA3IAH
Pil, VA3GPJ

Daniel, VA3GLB
Scott, VE3OCB
Kathleen, VA3WEX

Any others wishing to write their Advanced Qualification test, please be in touch with me and we can make arrangements.

Norm ve3lc@rac.ca

AGM Meeting Minutes

Date / Time: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 19:15

Location: Via ZOOM on line meeting

1. Call to order:

President Barry Allison, VE3NA called the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the OVMRC to order at 19:16 There were 56 check-ins.

2. Greetings:

Barry, VE3NA extended greetings to everyone including guests Roger Rose, VE3XRR and Joseph Tondreau, VA3JHT.

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting:

MOTION: Moved by Tim Bailey, VE3TXB and seconded by Bill Henderson, VA3HWA that the minutes of the previous meeting held Wednesday, May 19, 2021, be approved.

VOTE: No Objections.

CARRIED.

4. Projects, Haves, Wants and Announcements:

The 2021 year-end draw tonight includes 3 combo prizes, valued at \$430 each. The prize combo is a VHF/UHF Mirage amp and a power supply, each with cables and connectors.

A) Haves: Barry, VE3NA has 43 feet of LMR 400 remaining at a discounted price of \$29. Ken Maclennan, VE3QS spoke for the coax and asked for connectors to be added.

B) Wants: None

C) MS Bike Tour Saturday, August 28 2021: Nicole, VE3GIQ reviewed her June Rambler article and reminded members that she is looking for additional volunteer radio operators at the assigned operating locations along the route. The one-day event will require volunteers to bring along their tallest antenna mast to ensure good contact with repeater VE3TWO.

5. Agenda and Meeting Content:

Barry, VE3NA outlined the agenda for the meeting which included:

- **The Election of Director positions for the next year:**

The Notice to Members was published in the May 2021 Rambler on page 4. 10 (ovmrc.on.ca)

As there were no other applicants for the positions Barry, VE3NA called for a motion to re-elect the incumbent Directors.

Moved by: Bill Henderson, VA3HWA that the incumbent directors be acclaimed for one more year.

Seconded by: Tim Bailey, VE3TXB.

There were no objections and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

- **Financial Report**

By Nicole, VE3GIQ: Nicole reported in summary form the details of her June 8 report as found in the June 2021 Rambler on page 7: 11 (ovmrc.on.ca)

Members were also briefed on the Treasurer's Comments found in the June Rambler on page 8. The Dues for next year will be

announced soon. The ordering of name badges has been suspended until further notice. Members who are waiting for their previously ordered badges will be contacted by Nicole, VE3GIQ.

- **Club Owned Equipment Listing:**

Norm, VE3LC shared this new initiative. The inventory list is a work in progress and stems from the great work of Nicole, VE3GIQ; Norm, VE3LC; and Jim Dodds, VE3DEF. The list will be kept current and on file with the Club Secretary.

- **Informal Review/Audit of the Club's Financial Records and Processes:**

Jim Dodds, VA3DEF: Jim briefly summarized his detailed review of Club accounting processes and procedures, as requested by Norm, VE3LC on behalf of the Club Executive. Jim found tight accounting procedures in place, that nothing is slipping between the cracks and he feels that membership records, fees, attendance and accounting procedures are all tied together in a 'top grade' fashion. He gave full marks to Nicole, VE3GIQ for her development and management of the Club system. Jim however indicated that our records should be "backed up" on an on-line repository to ensure they are not lost. Jim's full report is available in the June Rambler here: (ovmrc.on.ca)

There were no questions arising from the members.

- **Chair Reports:**

Net Operations: Hugo, VE3KTN

The weekly two metre net on VE3TWO draws an average of 20 hams weekly and continues to be popular. The Sunday morning 3760 Pot Hole Net at 10:00 am, is growing. The Sunday morning Pot Lid slow speed CW net needs a new Net controller as Roger Rose, VE3XRR is retiring in September. Hugo introduced Roger to the members and Roger thanked everyone for their support. The Pot Lid Net has been running for 47 years and it would be a shame to see it end. Please contact Hugo at VE3KTN@rac.ca if you can help with being a net controller. He will pass your information onto Roger, VE3XRR.

The summer schedule for the OVMRC nets has been reviewed and the 'formal' Thursday night 2 metre FM net will be taking the summer off as of June 24, returning September 9. An informal gathering will still be available at 8 PM Thursdays for those who wish to connect.

The Sunday morning 10 AM HF Pot Hole Net will continue through the summer.

The DEXNET will wrap up on June 20, and will test 6 metre propagation over the summer, returning formally on September 12.

For a full summary and year-end net report, please see the June Rambler on page 16.

Transmitter Hunt Roger, VA3EGY:

Roger reminded members that beginning on Friday, June 18 and running through 6 PM Sunday June 20, the beacon will operate on 147.570 FM with a warble tone. Chase the beacon and advise Roger at VA3EGY@gmail.com. Look for instructions on groups.io

OVMRC DIY Field Day Reminder Norm, VE3LC:

Norm summarized his May meeting presentation on preparing for DIY Field Day operations, June 26 and 27. New hams in the Club who make at least one contact and upload their file to the ARRL, will be eligible to win one of two incentives...a 50-foot length of LMR 195 coax with connectors.

Following the business portion of the meeting, Norm demonstrated the N3FJP Field Day logging software and how neatly it ties recording and reporting together. Norm also demo'd a Cabrillo file set up, submitting an ADIF file and uploading to ARRL. The last step is to complete the ARRL entry form that must be included with your upload. Members should log all contacts and submit on line and include their affiliation with the "Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club". Individual scores will be shared and totalled later in the summer to determine how the Club performed overall.

- **Prizes and Draws Barry Allison, VE3NA:**

Barry celebrated his birthday on June 18 and was recognized by the members during the meeting. Everyone wished Barry a happy birthday.

The Year End Attendance Door Prize Draws for paid members included 3 Mirage 2 metre power amplifiers, nominal 3 watts in, 30 watts out and compatible power supplies with interconnecting cables. There were 547 eligible tickets in the draws. The three winners are; Christian Rochefort, VE2MW; Bryan Campbell, VE3ZRK; and JD Comtois, VA2OJD.

Barry, VE3NA will contact each winner to arrange for their prize pick up.

6. Upcoming contests:

For more detailed information on upcoming contests, see the WA7BNM contest calendar:

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/>

RAC Members can login and go here:

<https://wp.rac.ca/amateur-radio-contest-calendars/>

ARRL Members can log in and go here:

<http://contests.arrl.org/>

7. Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Ronald Smith, VE3LBU to adjourn the meeting at 21:00.

8. Next meeting:

The next monthly meeting of the OVMRC will be held Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 7:15 PM. Meeting type and location to be confirmed.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Secretary Ron Smith, VE3LBU.

OVMRC Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022

Item/Project	Sub-item	Quantity	Income	Expenses	Change	Actual 2020/21	Comments
1. Bank	Account Expenses	12		\$60.00	\$2.52	\$62.52	ATM Change?
	Interest in GICs	4				\$427.36	
	Investments					\$22,500.00	To be invested – half of cash assets
2. Membership	Associate	2	\$50.00		\$10.00	\$60.00	
	Life/ Honorary	6			\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Full not RAC	14	\$490.00		\$155.00	\$335.00	
	Full RAC	85	\$2,125.00		\$995.00	\$1,130.00	18 Extensions, 4 pre-paid
3. Club tags and Clothing	Name tags	11	\$0.00		\$132.00	\$132.00	Will elaborate @ meeting
	Regalia	?			\$0.00		To be decided
4. Club Obligations	Museum Rent	?		\$113.00	\$113.00	\$0.00	Estimate ½ if meetings resume
	RAC Liability Insurance			\$594.93	\$0.00	\$594.93	Assuming no further hikes
	RAC Club Affiliation			\$31.58	\$0.00	\$31.58	
	Postal Box Rental			\$224.87	\$0.00	\$224.87	Assuming no further hikes
	Zoom Leasing	12		\$250.00	\$24.00	\$226.00	
5. Radio Course	Tuition	0	\$0.00		\$0.00		Cancelled
	Books	0	\$0.00		\$105.00	\$105.00	
	Administer Exams	10	\$250.00		\$50.00	\$300.00	Anticipate administering exams
	Radio Course Expenses			\$50.00			Printing costs
6. Club Projects	6M Dipole Kits						Cost not determined
	Bulk buys and sales		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0.00	\$5,054.62	20/21 expense of \$6037.50
7. Donations	ARRISS			\$300.00	\$300.00		Sizeable increase in total
	AMSAT			\$300.00	\$300.00		
	DARF			\$300.00	\$300.00	\$600.00	
	RAC Foundation			\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	
	CNIB			\$150.00	\$150.00		
8. Special Events and PR	Field Day	?		\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	Individual. In 2019... was \$448.59 for food
	Transmitter Hunts			\$100.00	\$250.00	\$350.00	
	Christmas Party	0					Not this year
	Promotion Events	0		\$100.00	\$100.00		
9. Meetings	Monthly door prize(s)			\$0.00	\$0.00		Until we meet again
	Year End Door Prize(s)	3		\$1,200.00	\$195.55	\$1,395.55	
	Christmas Party Prizes			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$208.51	No Christmas party, just the prizes
10. Club Repeaters	Miscellaneous	1		\$250.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	Misc i.e., Filters etc.
11. Web Site	Hosting fees			\$342.39	\$342.39	\$0.00	Being confirmed
TOTALS				\$7,915.00	\$10,216.77	\$2,301.77	\$34,137.94

Club Repeater VE3TWO – Plans to Co-locate with VE3OCE

As most OVMRC Club members know by now, the Club was given 30 days notice to remove the VE3TWO repeater equipment from the RCMP tower site in Orleans. This also included former RCMP amateur radio club repeater VE3MPC. Both repeaters ceased operation from that site July 23rd, 2021. There was no recourse since the MOU agreement with the RCMP stipulated that removal of the equipment could be asked at anytime and for any reason; we understand there was a need to make way for new equipment to be installed at the site and antennas on the tower. Because of commitments the Club made to provide check point communications for the MS Bike Tour at the end of August, we had asked Marc, VE3BOE if we could temporarily install the VE3TWO repeater equipment at his home QTH just north of the village of Metcalfe.

Marc graciously agreed to the installation that utilizes his GP-6 antenna atop his 81 foot tower. That said, shortly after the repeater was placed into service at Marc's place, Nicole, VE3GIQ was informed that the MS Bike tour event was cancelled because the organizers were unable to obtain the necessary permits due to the ongoing Covid situation. The VE3TWO equipment remains in operation at Marc's place and provides good coverage south and east of Ottawa; however, it is not an ideal location to provide coverage in the City of Ottawa proper for the OVMRC Thursday evening net.

VE3MPC remains out of service at the present time with equipment stored in my garage.

For a permanent home to VE3TWO and VE3MPC we approached Peter Gamble, VE3BQP who is the man in charge of the EMRG amateur repeaters located on several Fire Station towers across town. Peter was favourable to co-locating the

VE3TWO repeater equipment at the site of VE3OCE on the Fire Station tower at Alta Vista and Randal. He was also favourable to locating VE3MPC at the east end Fire Station tower on Charlemagne just east of 10th Line. For this to happen, provisioning of multi-coupling will be necessary to connect to the existing VHF antenna on the respective towers. This work will be done commercially and would be under the direction of Peter. We will have to be patient for the necessary antenna port connections to be made; these are contingent on the availability of the necessary filtering components. In the meantime, Peter VE3BQP has given us permission to use VE3OCE (146.880 – offset using 136.5 Hz tone) to conduct our OVMRC Thursday evening net at 8 PM.

I hope to provide a further VE3TWO repeater report next month.

Norm ve3lc@rac.ca

Amateur Radio Basic Level Certification Course

Norm VE3LC sent the following email message out to folks that had made inquiries over the past year about wanting to register for an amateur radio course available from the OVMRC.

“Under normal times, the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club would be offering a one-evening-a-week class at the Science and Technology Museum between September and December to teach all that is needed to know to successfully pass the 100 question ISED Department Exam to become a Radio Amateur in Canada. Unfortunately, again this year, we are unable to conduct in-person class room sessions due to the on-going Covid situation.

However, as an alternative, we recommend to those that remain interested to register for the on-line course that again is being offered through

the sponsorship of Radio Amateurs of Canada, our National society for radio amateurs. For details on this course, please go to this URL:

<https://www.rac.ca/basic-radio-course-fall-2021/>

On completion of the course, you can make arrangements with myself to take the test on an individual basis.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Radio Amateur.

Best Regards

Norm Rashleigh, VE3LC”

Field Day Participation

What wonderful participation by the members of the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club in the 2021 Field Day Event. This year we had 26 OVMRC members submit their individual results to the ARRL indicating their affiliation to the Club. This better our participation of 22 OVMRC members last year and was the best of any other Canadian Club for individual entries. The information was obtained from the ARRL posting of individual submissions received and shown at:

<https://field-day.arrl.org/fdentriesrcvd.php>

Norm ve3lc

HotSpots, DMR and Brandmeister Password to Access the System

For those that operate a DMR “HotSpot” and access the Brandmeister System, as of October 1st, 2021, your HotSpot will no longer be able to access the “Master Server” until you set the a HotSpot Security access password using your Brandmeister “Self-Care” account and match the same password in the setup of your HotSpot. For some folks, this may mean establishing a Self Care account on the Brandmeister system for the first time. There may be different mechanisms for setting this same password on the various makes and models of hotspots, but for folks that operate a HotSpot with the popular “Pi-Star” operating system, your access password will be in the following field:

FIELD DAY 2021			
OVMRC MEMBERS THAT SUBMITTED THEIR INDIVIDUAL RESULTS TO THE ARRL			
Individual Scores and OVMRC Aggregate Score will be published in December QST Magazine			
	Call	Class	Section
1	VA2EEK	1E	QC
2	VA2OJD	1E	QC
3	VA3BGO	1D	ONE
4	VA3DEF	1D	ONE
5	VA3JYK	1B	ONE
6	VA3KXA	1D	ONE
7	VA3LJS	1D	ONE
8	VA3PYT	1B2B	QC
9	VA3VGR	1B1B	ONE
10	VA3WEX	1B1B	ONE
11	VE3BOE	1E	ONE
12	VE3EUS	1D	ONE
13	VE3GIQ	1D	ONE
14	VE3KJQ	1E	ONE
15	VE3KTN	1E	ONE
16	VE3LAF	1B	ONE
17	VE3LBG	1D	ONE
18	VE3LBU	1E	ONE
19	VE3LC	1E	ONE
20	VE3NA	1E	ONE
21	VE3OKD	1D	ONE
22	VE3QN	1D	ONE
23	VE3RXH	1D	ONE
24	VE3VIG	1D	ONE
25	VE3XEM	1E	ONE
26	VE3YY	1B1	ONE

DMR Configuration

Setting	Value
DMR Master:	DMRGateway
BrandMeister Master:	BM_3021_Canada
BM Hotspot Security:	*****

After entry of the password, you will see that it is not retained in that field, but be assured it is recorded in your Pi-Star configuration and can be seen and confirmed if you go to the “Expert” and then to the “DMR GW” tab and then scroll down to the “DMR Network 1” section and see your password shown in the “Password” field.

Norm ve3lc@rac.ca

OVMRC Net Activity, Check-ins for July- August, 2021.

*Prepared by: Hugo Kneve,
VE3KTN*

OVMRC 2 Metre Net: VE3OCE
146.880- 136.5 Hz. tone,
Thursdays 8 PM local.

The 2 metre net is on vacation for July and August, resuming on September 9, 2021. Due to the relocation of VE3TWO and its having limited coverage, the 2 metre net will move to repeater VE3OCE at the start of the new season in September. Many thanks

to Peter Gamble, VE3BQP for permitting our net to run on his repeater.

OVMRC Digital Experimental Net DEXNET is on vacation for July and August, resuming on September 12, 2021.

The net is moving from 2 metres to 6 metres, 50.750 MHz., USB, horizontal pol. Informal gatherings on PSK-31 are taking place on Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. until the September start. All are welcome to join in.

Pot Lid Net: 3620 kHz., CW,
Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. local.

The Pot Lid slow speed CW net has been on vacation for the summer and is looking for someone to step forward as the new net manager. Roger Rose, VE3XRR and long-time net manager has retired from that position and cannot return for the 2020-21 season. As of this report, there have been no offers to take the net manager role and if the situation continues, the net will not start as a formal gathering as it normally would on September 12. Anyone willing to take on the net manager role is invited to contact Hugo, ve3ktn@RAC.ca.

OVMRC Pothole Net: 3760 kHz. LSB Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. local.

July 4 SFI:90 A:4	July 11 SFI:72 A:6	July 18 SFI:78 A:4	July 25 SFI:84 A:4
VE3XRA - NCS	VE3EJJ - NCS	VE3EJJ - NCS	VE3XRA - NCS
New & Visitors	New & Visitors	New & Visitors	New & Visitors
Check-ins	Check-ins	Check-ins	Check-ins
VE3QN VA3BGO VE3BOW VE3EJJ VE3LC VE3KTN VA3EO VA3PSI VA2EV VE3YY VA3TXL VA3PCJ	VA3IAH VE3QN VE3KTN VE3LC VE3EKN VA3PSI VE3YY VA3EO VE3XRA	VE3LC VA3QV VA3IAH VE3YY VA3EO VE3QN VE3SYZ VE3KTN VE3KAE VA3PSI	VA3BGO VE3MKX VE3YY VE3EJJ VE3KTN VE3LC VE3KAE VA3PSI VA3EO VE3RXN VA3IAH

August 1 SFI:78 A:6	August 8 SFI:73 A:11	August 15 SFI:74 A:4	August 22 SFI:78 A:3	August 29 SFI:92 A:14
VE3EJJ - NCS	VE3EJJ - NCS	VE3XRA - NCS	VE3EJJ - NCS	VE3XRA - NCS
New & Visitors	New & Visitors	New & Visitors	New & Visitors	New & Visitors
Check-ins	Check-ins	Check-ins	Check-ins	Check-ins
VA3QV VE3KTN VE3YY VE3LC VA3PSI VE3NPO VA3IAH VE3RXN VA3EO VA3BGO VE3EKN VE3QN VE3BOW VE3MKX VE3XRA VE3KAE	VA3QV VE3MKX VA3BGO VE3YY VE3QN VE3LC VE3SYZ VE3RXN VA3PSI VA3EO VE3KTN VE3KAE	VA3QV VA3BGO VE3MKX VA3XV VE3EJJ VE3LC VE3QN VA3PSI VE3SYZ VE3KTN VE3YY VA3PCI	VA3BGO VE3KTN VE3LC VA3PSI VA3EO VE3NPO VE3YY	VE3YY VE3EJJ VE3LC VE3KTN VE3EKN VE3KAE VE3SYZ VA3PSI VE3CWM* VA2GN VE3NPO

* VE3CWM is the Cold War Museum station, operator was Dave, VE3BOW.

The “SFI” and “A” values are the Solar Flux Index and Geomagnetic A-Index respectively as reported on the NONBH Space Weather web site: <https://www.hamqsl.com/solar.html>. Values are taken within 30 minutes prior to net start time.

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