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## Amateur Radio Newest Threat !

Do Industry Canada officials really care what happens to or the welfare of amateur radio in Canada ? While the question may seem rhetorical the evidence is building to a resounding NO !

Initially, Industry Canada officials complained about having to deal with two national associations representing amateur radio in Canada. After considerable internal debate, the two associations melded to form RAC. Industry Canada then suggested they meet with a delegation from RAC to discuss delegating a major portion of their responsibility. Following countless hours/days of discussions and an indeterminate expenditure of scarce financial resources by RAC, Industry Canada unceremoniously broke off discussions. Now, that is history but it is an indication of how the department views its responsibilities towards amateur radio in this country.

However, our story is not yet complete !

At the recent RAC annual meeting at Arnprior, Industry Canada unveiled its latest bombshell which is an invitation to chaos !. Briefly, Industry Canada proposed that they issue each amateur a "Certificate of Proficiency" which will contain an assigned call sign and be the amateur's life-long authority to operate an amateur radio station. It would be a one-time contact between the amateur and the department. Industry Canada views its proposal as streamlining its processes and, of course, an opportunity to downsize its staff. It also means the government will forego approximately one millions dollars a year it normally would accrue from licence renewals. This latter fact is of little concern to bureaucrats as it will become the government's responsibility to raise the money through an additional income tax assessment on we overtaxed Canadians. RAC officials are up-in-arms over Industry Canada's newest idiocy. RAC President Farrell Hopwood is encouraging Canadian amateurs to write to the Prime Minister and their MP demanding that Industry Canada scrap this proposal as well as expressing apprehension towards the complete deregulation of amateur radio in Canada. Letters should also point out the government's annual loss of at least one million dollars by their bureaucrats not issuing annual radio licences.

If one extrapolates events, is the chaos which followed the deregulation of CB radio a forerunner, an eventuality to engulf amateur radio in this country making us the laughing stock of the world. Industry Canada's lessened involvement in the regulation of the amateur service has resulted in very evident reduced surveillance and enforcement activities.

Today, there are very few amateur radio operators who do not respect the unofficial code of ethics we have set for ourselves. Deregulation, and that is exactly what Industry Canada's proposal means, will destroy the hobby all of us have worked so hard to establish, maintain and build. We fully endorse Farrell Hopwood's plea that amateur radio operators institute a letter writing campaign to the Prime Minister, your MP and to the Minister and the Deputy Minister of Industry Canada, letting them know how you feel about the threat to the finest hobby in the world. Just a reminder that you do not have to affix any postage to mail sent to the Prime Minister, The Minister of Industry or your local MP if your letter is addressed to them at the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Please, join in with your colleagues, take the time to write your letters to these politicians and bureaucrats today !

Enjoy your radio privileges today because if Industry Canada has its way, you certainly will have a hard time fighting the malicious interference, etc. that will inevitably fill the bands tomorrow!

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## Mark Your Calendar !

### Next General Meeting:

Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> , 1998.

This will be the Club's Annual General Meeting at which the election of officers for 1998 - 1999 will take place. Members will also be asked to review and approve the Club's budget for the next year. And finally, the winner of the Jerry Wells Amateur of the Year Award will be named and presented with a plaque and straight CW key. It's the last meeting of the season so please make every effort to be there !

### Deadline for the next Rambler:

Friday, August 7th, 1998

### OVMRC's Repeaters:

VE3TWO: 147.300MHz (+)

444.200MHz (+)

### Affiliated Clubs

The OVMRC is pleased to exchange newsletters with the following Amateur Radio Clubs across Canada and the U.S.A.

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# Rambollings

## Comments from our President, Dan Reardon, VE3GUU

For those looking for some practical experience either on HF or VHF, here is a reminder that field is not to far off. It is a great contest to participate in whether you're totally new or an old timer. Its basically a fun day so come out to the museum that day or night to participate. You wont regret it. For further information contact Charles Morrison at 228-3480.

The June meeting is, I feel, one of the most important of the year and as a club member you should make every effort to be there. There is the elections in which you will be asked to cast your ballot for each of the new executives for 1998/1999. This is a very important part of how your Club functions in the future. If you have not accepted a position or have not voted, then you only have yourself to blame if things are not getting done . The other very important part of this

meeting is the announcement of and presentation to the winner of the Jerry Wells Award. This has been established as an annual event and goes to the Club member who has done outstanding work both in amateur radio and in the Club. Jerry Wells contributed many dedicated hours to promote amateur radio as well as help many of us get our amateur ticket. This part of our meeting is dedicated to him so please make every effort to attend. Jerry's wife, June, has agreed to attend our June meeting and present the winner with a plaque.

The other part of our meeting is the presentation and approval of the 1998/1999 budget. The proposed budget appears elsewhere in this issue of the Rambler. If you have any questions about the budget do not hesitate to ask for clarification.

I would like to take this

opportunity to thank the executives from 96/97 and 97/98 for their great assistance in making things run smoothly for the Club during the two years that I have had the pleasure of being your President. I feel we accomplished a lot considering we were under staffed both years. There were other projects that we would of liked to have seen done or finished but due to man power and time constraints this was not possible. I know that Doug Carswell is working very closely with the museum and trying to get the 80 meter band working up to par. The other area requiring work and money is our VHF repeater(VE3TWO) to bring it up to par. The UHF side is working fine. I hope everyone has a great summer. Last but not least if you have any questions call me anytime and if I can help I will try.

Good Luck to the new Executive .

## RAC VP Resigns

RAC's Board of Directors have announced that they have accepted, with regret, the resignation of Jim Dean, VE3IQ, RAC Vice President, Government Affairs. No details surrounding the resignation are available other than it takes effect October 1, 1998. However, Jim has been saying for the past year or so that his RAC responsibilities have grown to the point where he has little or no time for his family.

## Silent Key

One of the founding members of the OVMRC, Doug Burrill, VE3CDC, became a silent key on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1998. Doug had been in ill health for some time but seldom complained or made his malady known. He was a strong advocate of RAC and for several months acted as their liaison with the Club. Doug is survived by his wife, Josephine, two sons and a daughter.

## R - 7 Antenna Sold

The Club's refurbished R-7 vertical antenna has been sold through sealed bids. The invitation to submit sealed tenders resulted in three sealed bids being received. The highest and successful bid was \$160 submitted by Guy Juneau, VE3ZZJ

## Storage Space Required

Dry, secure storage space is required to store Club equipment - i.e. collapsible antennas, AC cord, coax. etc. The space required is approximately 6 feet and by 6 feet. If you have such space available, please contact Ernie Jury, VE3EJJ, telephone 728-3666.

## Proposed Slate of Officers

Nominations Committee Chairman Jacques Choquette has advised that his committee's recommended slate of Officers for the 1998-1999 year is as follows:

President - Doug Carswell  
Vice Pres.-Jacques Choquette  
Treasurer- Peter Hafichuk  
Secretary - Patricia Rowan  
Amateur Radio Exhibit- Ernie Jury

Amateur Radio Training- Bob Shaw & Bob Kavanagh  
Field Day- Charles Morrison  
Historical- Larry Wilcox  
Flea Market- John Barnhardt  
Membership- Tom St. Julien  
Newsletter- Susan Mogensen  
Publicity & Programs- Open  
Technical- Open  
Radio Operations- Open  
The Club's Bylaw No. 8-4 states:

"The Nominating Committee shall add to its slate any other nomination from the membership at large, provided that it is submitted to the Committee in writing not later

than two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting; that the mover and at least two seconders are members in good standing; and that the nominee is eligible to serve and indicates, in writing on the submission, his/her willingness to stand for office."

Members in good standing will be asked to confirm the election of the foregoing officers at the Club's June Annual General Meeting.

## Field Day

Field Day Chairman, Charles Morrison, VE3TCM, has been hard at work arranging all elements for field day '98. Filed day will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> on the front lawn at the Museum of Science and Technology. As in past years, set-up will take place Saturday morning so that we can be on air promptly at 2:00pm. Activities continue until 2:00pm Sunday afternoon when the 24 hour North American contest closes.

An exercise of this nature requires a lot of help both in the set-up and take-down as well as the operation of CW and Phone tents. If you would like to help in any of the foregoing, set-up, take-down and , particularly, radio operations, please contact Charles Morrison, telephone 228-3480, and reserve operating times. While Field Day is a contest to accumulate as many contact points as possible thus creating some pressure, it is, nonetheless, a fun event where amateurs get together and ragchew and tell tales of the number and quality of their contacts. Come on out on Saturday and Sunday and join in the fun !

## PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1998 -1999

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>REVISED</u> <u>97 / 98</u>	<u>EST. ACTUAL</u> <u>97 / 98</u> <u>TO 15 MAY</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>98 / 99</u>
 <b><u>CLUB OPERATIONS</u></b>			
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
Membership Dues	4000	3061	3000
Flea Mkt Sales & Raffle	3700	2158	2600
Donations	500	1208	500
Bank Interest	60	24	26
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	8260	6451	6126
 <b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>			
Insurance	900	810	810
Stn. Lic. & Repeater Coun.	100	72	100
Rambler	3415	2062	3039
Repeater	400	328	400
Field Day	660	7	650
Office Supplies	100	39	60
Name Tags	0	30	0
Flea Market	1300	608	750
Promotion & Publicity	350	347	350
QSL Cards, etc.	100	0	25
Bank Charges	50	14	20
Historical Projects	350	0	0
Misc. Expenses	1000	753	300
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	8725	5070	6504
 <b><u>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u></b>	 <b><u>(465)</u></b>	 <b><u>1381</u></b>	 <b><u>(378)</u></b>

As of 15 May, 1998, there were \$420 of cheques outstanding.

### TRAINING COURSE OPERATIONS

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
Course Registn., Material			
Sales & Royalties	3300	2817	2600
 <b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
Course Supplies &			
Code Phone	3300	2201	2200
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<b><u>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>616</u></b>	<b><u>400</u></b>

## A Then and Now Perspective

# DAYTON HAMVENTION

### The Then - 1993

#### Written by Ken Barry, VE3KJB

From the time Paul Cooper, VE3JLP, and I left Ottawa it was nothing but fun. There were plenty of 2 metre repeaters on the way there and you could keep up a continuous chatter with other hams as you drove along.

We took the 401 to Windsor and then across to Detroit and on down Interstate 75 to Dayton. When we were about 30 miles from Dayton we got on the talk-in frequency and asked and were given detailed directions to the Riverside Motel where we had reservations.

We arrived at our motel in Dayton in good shape and the next morning bright and early headed for the Salem Mall where we picked up our bus which took us to the Hara Arena, Conference, and Exhibition Center where the event took place. The Hamvention provided 12 free buses traveling continuously from the Hara Arena to 58 points of embarkation and back again. Included in these points were 4 shopping malls where you could park your car for the day. Besides this service there were 8000 Pay to Park spaces near the arena, so there was no problem with parking.

The first place we toured was the inside displays which we were able to enter with our press passes before the general public. All the buildings were packed solid with exhibitors such as Kenwood, Icom, Yaesu USA, MFJ Enterprises Inc., and every conceivable

manufacturer that makes amateur equipment. There were a total of 288 booths of varying sizes. There were bargains galore as was evidenced by the rapid movement of money and goods.

We then went outside to the flea market. We decided to separate and meet later in the hockey arena at a certain time. The flea market was almost too much. As far as the eye could see there were vendors. This outside area was really a parking lot marked off into car sized spaces with each space having a vendor. There were 4300 spaces and I would guess that 90% of them were taken. Every imaginable item was for sale and there was a steady hum of conversation generally consisting of "I'll give you \$50; I can't let it go for less than \$100; I only have \$75 with me; before you came I refused \$90; my last offer \$80 take it or leave it; SOLD!" However impressive this might be there is far more to the Hamvention than selling amateur equipment. From noon Friday to 2 PM Sunday there was a continuous stream of Forums, 49 altogether, on things like Bicycle Hams, Packet radio, and QRP home brewing to name a few.

If these didn't interest you there were the Unofficial Events. These consisted of things like An Electrical Safety Demonstration, Station Grounding For Lightning Protection, and many others, 21 in all.

If you became tired of looking at Ham things you could attend the "while you're here" events. There were 14 of these described in the "Hamvention" catalogue. There was a 12th century Indian village, an art institute, a museum of natural history, the US Air Force Museum and many others.

While all this was going on there were prize draws bi-hourly. There were over \$100,000.00 worth of prized donated by 186 exhibitors. The first prize was a Yaesu FT1000D HF transceiver with FL7000 linear amplifier, an SP-5 external speaker, an MD-IC8 mic and YH-77ST headphones.

All of these activities were organized by about 1056 amateurs, 600 of whom were directly involved with operating the event. The Hamvention attracted about 35,000 people to the town. In conclusion I would say that the Dayton Hamvention is a great place to visit but you'll never see it all unless you have at least a week, which is impossible since it only lasts for two and a half days! You should also get yourself in as good physical shape as possible in anticipation of the walking you will have to do !.

### The Now - 1998

#### Written by Larry Wilcox, VE3WEH

John Rodger VA3JR and Len Morris VA3LM are a couple of seasoned Dayton Hamvention Continued on the next page

# Hamvention

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attendees. John has been going to Dayton with Len for 11 years and Len has not missed a year in the 32 years! However, I was the disappointing "newbie"; I didn't spend all my cash, max out my credit cards or bring home a ton of stuff! Rather, I did it the easy way. I brought home lots of transceivers and thousands of other items on video tape!

Like Ken and Paul, we also drove to Windsor, crossed the bridge into Michigan and drove south on Interstate 75 to the Comfort Inn at Piqua, Ohio, about 20 miles from Dayton. Friday morning, the first day of the Hamvention, after a substantial breakfast and a leisurely drive to Dayton, we arrived about 9.30am, and paid \$5 to park near the Hara Arena in a grass field. We chose a simplex UHF frequency to communicate with one another and agreed to meet in Hara Arena about lunchtime but, I never saw John or Len until I got back to the car around 5pm!

We showed our tickets, (\$24.50 Canadian purchased in advance), and entered through Gate A, one of 11 gates leading into the complex. Your ticket included an opportunity to win any of the hundreds of donated prizes drawn hourly from 1pm Friday to noon Sunday, including any of the 10 Main Prizes! The top three donated prizes were: 1) Kenwood's Dream Station consisting of a TS-870S HF transceiver with a voice synthesiser and digital recorder, a low pass filter,

headphones, a desk mike, power supply, TS-60 6 metre transceiver, TM-V7A dual band FM Transceiver, two 100' spools of Belden 9913F coax. 2) Japan Radio Company JST-145 HF Transceiver, desk mike, 100' Belden 9913F coax. 3) Yaesu FT-920 HF =6m transceiver, desk mike, a speaker, 100' spool of Belden 9913F coax. Unfortunately, we did not win any prizes.

It was impossible to stay together for very long due to our different interests and so many things to catch your eye! It was incredible, the outside flea market had 4300 sites to check out! During the two days, I only visited about one quarter of the outside flea market area; I'm going back next year to see the ones I missed!

When I entered Hara Arena, I found it filled with a multitude of amateur radio companies such as GAP Antenna Products, Hustler, Hy-Gain, Kantronics, Mosley Electronics, R&L Electronics, Standard Amateur Radio, Vectronics, Nuts & Volts Magazine, Cushcraft, Kenwood, Icom, MFJ, and many others. The rest of the exhibitors were located in the interconnected Silver Arena, North Hall and the Ball Arena. With the exception of the arena seats, the entire complex was accessible to the handicapped via ramps. I spoke with Harold McFarland and bumped into Alex VE3??? from Ottawa.

Dayton Hamvention had only 42 Forums this year, down 7 from when Ken attended! Sessions started at 8.15am Friday and ran through till

11.15am Sunday and covered subjects such as: APRS, TAPR Digital Packet, Antenna Technology, QRP, MARS, GPS Technology, County Hunters, AMSAT, Kit Building, Six Metres, Spectrum Management, Ham Radio Internet, AM, Slow and Fast Scan TV, ARES, VHF/UHF Microwave, Youth in Amateur Radio, ARRL Media Relations, WX Satellites, Collins, National Frequency Coordinators', More to Ham Radio than an HT, PACTOR, DX, IOTA, Bicycle Hams, Direction Finding, Amateur Radio and the Law.

Friday evening, we attended the International RTTY Dinner and Awards Night at a nearby hotel and were treated to an excellent DXpedition to Aruba! The meal was fabulous and Len VA3LM received the award for the highest score by a Canadian in the Multi-Op Single Station RTTY category with over half a million points! Congratulations Len!

There is an annual Amateur of the Year Award dating back to 1955. Since 1977, a Special Achievement Award has been given and only one Canadian, Fred Hammond VE3HC, has won this award in 1988.

I agree with Ken's conclusion you'll never see it all unless you have at least a week, which you won't have since it only lasts for two and a half days! It can't be described adequately with words! Dayton has to be experienced in order to comprehend and appreciate the magnitude of the World's Largest Hamvention!

# The Canadian Police College ARC Net

Written by Roger Rose, VE3XRR

"Good evening folks". With these words, Guy, VE3WGL, opens up the weekly CPC Thursday night net. It is 20:30 local time and there probably are quite a few hams standing-by to check in.

"The net is open to everyone, however, I would ask that members are given the opportunity to check in first". A few members call in and are acknowledged by Guy. Then the net is open to everyone and a flood of calls are copied down. He misses a few callsigns because of doubling with other callsigns but this is quickly sorted out and another round of callsigns is received.

The popularity of the net is quite a phenomenon. The net was started in 1996 (?????) for members of the club only. The Net Control Station (NCS) is usually at the Canadian Police College Amateur Radio Club (CPCARC) shack (VE3CPC). Its objective is mainly to bring the members of the club together on a regular basis and somehow give more exposure to the CPC club and its repeater (VE3MPC). The repeater was plagued with abuses and improper use of its phone patch facilities. Something needed to be done to regain a certain control of this very efficient repeater which is used the most in the National Capital Region. The repeater's phone patch and link facilities are well used by the amateur community.

After a few months, the number of members checking-in regularly started to diminish and a decision was made to open the net to all amateurs. The net has been a success ever since.

"But what can I say" utters Guy whenever he makes a mistake. Do you feel like you hear that a lot during the nets? Completely at ease behind the microphone, Guy calls up everyone in turn and gets them to say a few words of wisdom. The net is running smoothly and the calls keep coming in. The short QSOs are peppered here and there with comical jabs and Guy has no problem poking fun at many of the regulars.

This is what makes the net so popular.

Ric (VE3XL) is the Net Control Station (NCS) back up. But with Guy's almost perfect attendance, Ric doesn't get much of a chance. Everyone had a turn at the mike and the clock already reads 21:10. It is time for the announcements. Guy starts reading from a list of upcoming events. "The Plowing Match competition...", "The Easter Parade will take place...", "The CPC

Breakfast Club will meet...", "Here is a list of the upcoming Flea Markets in the area." A few questions by the amateurs are answered and it's already time for the 'soapbox' topic.

Tonight, Guy asks the question - Why are other clubs in the area limiting the development of their repeater? The fact is that VE3MPC is overused by the amateur community while other repeaters just sit idle. With the small membership of the CPCARC, it is surprising that larger clubs cannot improve their repeaters so that they can be used as often as VE3MPC.

"Not a problem"

Generally, topics deal with issues concerning proper use of repeaters and good procedures when using them.

"Anyone else would like to check-in before I go back to the top of the list". A few more callsigns are acknowledged.

They get a chance to say a few words before Guy takes it back to the top of the list for a second go around.

Two hours after the net began, Guy decides to wrap things up. "I'm closing the CPC ARC net and returning the repeater to normal use. Good night folks". 42 hams checked in tonight. Not a record but certainly within the past year's average.

So far in 1998, as of March 19th, the net had 486 check-ins from 111 different stations on 11 nets. The highest and lowest numbers of check-ins were 61 on March 19th, 1998 and 30 on January 1st 1998 respectively. The average check-ins per nets is 44.18 which is divided with 14.0 for members and 30.18 for non-members. Members checked in 154 times or 31.69% and non-members checked in 332 times or 68.81%.

In 1997, Guy created a certificate which could be obtained by anyone who had a 75% attendance record on the net. This certificate is again

available for 1998 and the attendance requirement has been lowered to 60%. Of interest, the certificate will also commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RCMP. So far, 5 stations have maintained a 100% attendance while 32 other stations managed to stay above the 60% mark.

Without questions, the success of the net is a result of Guy's dedication and friendly character. Guy is involved in the community. These activities often involve the use of amateur radio communication and Guy is one of many hams who are a credit to our hobby.

Well done Guy.



Guy Ladouceur (VE3WGL) Net Control

## THE CPC NET

**Schedule:** Every Thursday evening  
20:30 local time

**Where:** VE3MPC 147.150+ MHz or  
444.440+ MHz

**Format:** Club business, Ragchew,  
information

**Net Manager:** Guy (VE3WGL)

**NCS:** VE3CPC  
Guy (VE3WGL)  
Ric (VE3XL)



**OTTAWA VALLEY MOBILE RADIO CLUB**

***AMATEUR RADIO FIELD DAY!***

**JUNE 27-28, 1998  
SETUP STARTS SATURDAY MORNING  
"ON THE AIR FOR 24 HOURS"  
(FROM 2PM SATURDAY UNTIL - 2PM SUNDAY)**

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO VISIT US ON THE FRONT LAWN  
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
1867 ST. LAURENT BLVD, OTTAWA**

**Enter a free draw at field day to win a  
Baygen FPR-1 AM/FM/shortwave windup  
receiver!**

**Come out and see us, we will be on the air for 24 hours! See amateur radio in action!  
Amateurs include young and old alike from all walks of life!**

**Field Day is an annual event of the Radio Amateurs of Canada and the American Radio  
Relay League (ARRL).**

**Field Day takes place throughout North America as a competitive event. Amateur  
Radio operators set up their radio equipment to test the readiness of "Amateur Radio  
Emergency Communications".**

**Radio Amateurs or "Hams" provide communications for community events as a public  
service and volunteer to provide emergency communications whenever, wherever, and  
for as long as is required.**

**"We look forward to seeing you  
at this important event!"**

# O V M R C Flea Market Report

Submitted by Ken Barry,  
VE3KJB, Flea Mkt Chairman

Another OVMRC Flea Market has come and gone and seemed to be a success. From the comments I have received, attendees enjoyed the event. We had 7 commercial and 37 private vendors. We had one commercial computer vendor, Interlogic from Montreal, who reserved a table but did not show up. There were 380 paying shoppers who entered the Stittsville Arena. Overall, the flea market made approximately \$1700.

I would like to express my appreciation to those who helped out with the set-up of chairs and tables the night before the event. We were a little short of volunteers, but those present really did yoeman service. They are:  
Larry Wilcox, VE3WEH  
Jake Guertin, VE3TQX  
Tom St. Julien, VA3OFD  
Ernie Jury, VE3EJJ  
Peter Hafichuk, VE3LBW  
Don Raymond, VE3DRO  
Annie Barry, M1W

The raffle prize of an SW1 Short Wave Receiver, donated by Bytown Marine and the OVMRC, was won by Serge Legros, VE2ROS from Hull, Quebec.

My thanks also to Len Gelfand and Ernie Jury for looking after sales at the OVMRC table. And Rick Furness for his money collecting abilities.

The following people receive my untiring thanks as well for their help in making the flea

market a success.  
FLEA CREW, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1998.  
PUBLIC RECEPTION  
Elaine Richard, MFD  
Annie Barry, M1W  
Bob Richard, MFSIL

VENDOR RECE  
Peter Hafichuk, VE3LBW  
Judy Taetz, VE3PAB  
Fred Taetz, VE3PAA  
Ken MacLennan, VE3OWN  
Don Raymond, VE3DRO  
Larry Wilcox, VE  
Jake Guertin, VE3TQX  
John Barnhardt, VE3ZOV  
Steve Middleton, VE3RUU  
Len Gelfand, VE3LGZ  
Ernie Jury, VE3EJJ

FIRST AID  
Steve Middleton, VE3RUU

FLOATING RELIEVER  
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SECURITY  
Rick Furness, VE3IHI

The Stittsville Lionettes operated the fleabite and reportedly made \$200 which they donated to local charities.

One last "thank you" to all those who attended the flea market making it one of the year's highlight amateur radio get-to-gethers in the Metro Ottawa area.

## O A R C Announce Date For Its Flea Market

The Ottawa Amateur Radio Club has announced that it will be holding its flea market on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at the Carp Agricultural Fair

Grounds, Carp, Ontario. Vendors and Tailgaters will set-up starting at 9:00 am and the building will open for sales at 10 am. Tables are available at \$10 (plus admission); Tailgaters fee is \$5 (plus admission). General admission is \$3 which includes a door prize raffle. For further information and rental arrangements contact Jim Cummings, VE3XJ (613) 446-1225; e-mail - fleamarket@oarc.net.

## Membership Renewal Time

It is that time of year again when membership renewal is due. The OVMRC fiscal year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. A membership renewal application appears elsewhere in this issue of the Rambler. You are asked to complete the application and, along with your renewal dues either mail it to the Club's postal address, or give it to the Membership Chairman, Tom St. Julien, VA3OFD. Your cooperation in the early return of renewal applications will greatly assist in the management of the Club's affairs, records and the distribution of the Rambler. Failure to submit a renewal application by September 30 will result in your name being withdrawn from the Rambler distribution list.

Some definitions:

A "Honeymoon Salad" -

Just lettuce alone !:

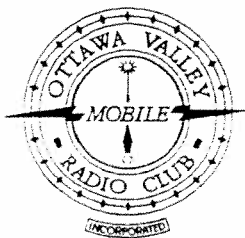
"Shotgun Wedding" -

A case of wife or death !

"Remarriage"

-The triumph of hope over experience!

# Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- The Membership year starts in July and runs to June 30th of the following year.
- Regular membership is only open to licensed amateurs
- Associate membership is open to all radio enthusiasts.
- The family rate is for second and subsequent members of the same family living at the same address

Call Sign	Surname	Preferred First Name	Date
Mailing Address		Apartment Number	BBN
City	Province	Postal Code	TELEPHONE
Home Phone	Work Phone	Email Address	

- One year membership Regular or Associate Includes mailed Rambler - \$25/year  
 One year membership Regular or Associate Without mailed Rambler - \$20/year  
 Family rate For family of current members No mailed Rambler - \$ 5/year

Amount Enclosed  
\$

- My interests are:**
 VHF/UHF
  Packet
  HF Phone
  Cheque  
 Satellite
  HF CW
  AMTOR/RTTY
  SSTV/FSTV
  Cash

Current Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

If Retired, Former Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Skills: (Please list them all) \_\_\_\_\_

### COMMENTS

### Order OVMRC Name Tag

- YES  
 NO

First Name

Call sign

Cost: \$6.00

# POTPOURRI

A sampling of news and comments from Newsletters and newspapers from across the country - written by Jacques Choquette, VE3TSC

OARC -The Canadian Quest Adventure Race (Aug 13-16) takes place this year in the National Capital Region of Ottawa. Ham operators are needed to assist in providing safety and operational communications at over 30 checkpoints along the route. There will be hiking, running, mountain biking, river crossings, canoeing, repelling, climbing, as well as map and compass work with over 300 competitors from around the world. This will be a continuous 24 hour race for over the 4 days until it's completion. Radio operators will require their own mobile radio, vehicle, food and water as well as their own maps. Traffic will be via VHF with VHF packet and HF voice being considered for special links. A training day will be held in June with a general briefing in July before the race. See the race poster at Bytown Communications for complete details of this event. Stock up on extra batteries, cables, connectors, antennas, etc. before the race. Volunteers are to call Steve Regan VA3MGY at 613-825-9512.

Windsor - This is an update from Amateur Radio Newline on the report about bootleg taxi operations on 10M and efforts by FCC and hams to get rid of them. New York City hams are claiming a victory in their war to prevent the non-ham taxi dispatches. As

previously reported, hundreds of local taxi drivers used illegally converted CD radios to run traffic and other voice communications on 10 meters. According to recent reports, the taxis are leaving the 10M band faster than they did coming in. This, as more and more hams are using the spectrum between 28.0-28.2 running high power CW transmissions.

Calgary - The first 2M Trans-Equatorial DX was reported on April 16, 1059 UTC when JH4PO in Japan using a TS 790 and a 16 element beam heard the VK8VF CW beacon on 144.480 MHz in Darwin, Australia. At a distance of 8000 km a signal of RST 559 was heard.

Amateur Radio Newline - The ARRL has asked the United States Navy to help save the 70 cm band from being shared with land mobiles. ARRL Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, explained: "It occurred to me that we are secondary users on 440 and wondered if the primary user were aware. The real user, the Navy, was contacted. The Navy has just spent some 75 billion dollars on the Combat Engagement System which operates in the 400 Mhz band and are real unhappy about the idea of sharing the band. The Navy has their own approach to jammer hunting that is significantly different to our's. And obviously, the Navy has

the hardware to enforce what they desire." The fact that the Navy is siding with ham radio does not mean that the fight is over. Congress wants more military spectrum turned over for commercial use and the FCC is under pressure to accede to these demands. As such, ham radio operators cannot afford to become complacent. The battle is not yet over.

ARRL - ICOM has donated an IC-706 MkII transceiver and an AH-4 automatic antenna tuner to a club station for South African youth. This is part of a government initiative to interest young people in technical activities and careers.

Ham Radio Online - Amateur Radio operators in Hungary have been given the okay to interconnect the Amateur TCP/IP packet radio networks with HUNGARNET, an academic data network.

RGSB - The Radio Society of Great Britain now believes that mandatory CW requirements cannot be sustained and will be opening discussions with IARU and other interested bodies to reconsider the position to be adopted at the ITU World Radio Conference in 2001, when the matter of Morse as a necessary qualifier for access to HF bands is likely to be considered. (The list of countries adopting this idea is getting longer! - VE3TSC)