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NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S EXECUTIVE SLATE - 1990/91

Head-hunters, Fred, VE3BAJ and Gerry, VE3CDS, our Nominating Committee, found many prime candidates and came up with a fine slate of officers to direct the Club over the next year. They recommend one nominee for each office, but this does not preclude nominations from the floor. If you have someone in mind, whom you think is qualified and has agreed to serve, by all means nominate him or her; all candidates will be presented for a membership vote.

The Committee's nominees are presented here so that you will know a little about them before election night, 21 June.

PRESIDENT. Doug Carswell, VE3ATY, has agreed to serve another term as President. His record of the past two years as Vice-President and President speaks for itself. He has built a cohesive Executive team and has run exciting and progressive programs. His second term is recommended.

VICE-PRESIDENT. Jeff Wilson, VE3RCI, has just been appointed Directeur de Recherche, Centre de Recherche en Sylvie Chimie de l'Ontario in Gatineau and will be staying in the Ottawa area for the foreseeable future. He has indicated his willingness to assume the duties of Vice-President and his appointment is recommended.

PAST-PRESIDENT. Alan Boyce, VE3LNH, is prepared to serve as Past-Past-President if Doug is re-elected. We can call him P²-President.

TREASURER. Judy Taetz, VE3PAB, defies the axiom "there's no accounting for women." Judy, who "accounts" for a living, comes with a recommendation from her OM VE3PAA. When asked what he thought of Judy, Fred replied with

feeling, "I treasure 'er." So what can we do?

SECRETARY. Susan Carswell, VE3SLC, is well equipped to perform the duties of Secretary. As a teacher, she knows too well that if she doesn't do it right the first time, she will have to do it all over and over again. Susan will want to review the terms of reference to make sure she doesn't have to make coffee or do the boss's Christmas shopping.

One of the duties Susan will not have to undertake is the rewriting of the Club History. The incumbent Secretary, Lee Demone, VE3OWD, has agreed to continue with this project to its completion or until he has to leave Ottawa, whichever event comes first.



MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN. Mike Beausoleil, VE3BGP, has agreed to take on the duties of Membership Chairman at a time when the membership records must be transferred from Apple to PC compatible programs, such as DBASE IV. Mike is au courant with these programs and Pat Brewer, VE3KJQ, will work alongside him for the period of the transition, maintaining his present records to ensure that there is no disruption in the production of the mailing labels or loss of membership records. Pat is staying on the Executive ex-officio.

TECHNICAL ADVISOR. Ed LeBlanc, VE3VLF, has agreed to serve another term in the position of Technical Advisor. Ed just assumed the duties of DOC Examiner on behalf of the Club and his services for a second term will establish this posi-

tion and make a hand-over easier in a coming year. His re-election is recommended.

PUBLIC RELATIONS. Ed Sieb, VE3RDZ/VE2BAQ, is a multi-talented amateur, having held numerous Club and CRRL appointments. Ed is an Advanced Amateur who arrived in Ottawa in 1988. He was a Director of the Montreal Amateur Radio Club 1974-76, Section Communications Manager CRRL and Public Relations CRRL in Quebec 1976-78, and President of the Cote St. Luc Amateur Radio Club in 1987. His appointment is endorsed and recommended for your approval.

RAMBLER EDITOR. Charles King, VE3PDK, has agreed to serve another term as Editor of the Rambler. An Editorial Board is being formed to help in producing technical articles and regular columns for the newsletter. This Board would also be the back-up in the event the Editor should get caught in the press and become a casualty.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS. A note to all those who offered to serve. If you are not elected to a position on the Executive, there are a number of committee positions where your talents are badly needed. Some of you have already accepted such appointments and others will be contacted in the next few weeks with details. It is hoped that you will agree to serve on committees and ease the load of those members of the Executive who carry the more burdensome tasks. The VP always needs help finding speakers for his program. Coordinators are needed for such things as Flea Market and Field Day events. Social programs need coordinators. So don't be left out. Pitch in to make next year the best yet!



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CLUB CALENDAR

**Election of Officers
21 June**

**Field Day -
23-24 June**

**Andy Haydon Park
with Family Picnic on
Saturday Afternoon**

**Amateur Radio Course
September, 1990**

NEXT MEETING OF THE OVMRC

21 JUNE, 1990

**Museum of Science and
Technology Auditorium**

1930 hours

NEED A RIDE TO THE MEETING?

**Call one of the members of
the executive to arrange a lift.
SEE YOU AT THE
MEETING!**

RAMBLER CIRCULATION COMMITTEE

Pat Brewer, VE3KJQ

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Eric Still, VE3OTT

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AMATEUR RADIO NETS

POT HOLE NET - Sundays 1000 hrs. 3.760 MHz (includes Swap Net

SWAP NET - (Ed Morgan, VE3GX regular feature of Pot Hole Net and Capital City FM Net. Call Ed 733-1721 for listings and queries.

POT LID NET - Sundays 1100 hrs(except Jul & Aug) 3.620 MHz slow-speed CW.

CAPITAL CITY FM NET - Mondays 2000 hrs 146.94 MHz. Swap Net featured.

PACKET RADIO VOICE NET - Mondays 2040 hrs 146.94 MHz follows Capital City FM Net.

MILITARY NET - Tuesdays 2000 hrs 147.30 MHz.

CUMBERLAND EMERGENCY NET - Wednesdays 1930 hrs, 147.03 MHz

THE WISE OWL NET - Fridays 2000 hrs. 147.30 MHz

OVMRC CODE PHONE - 825-0786 24-hr code practice..

FIELD DAY 1990

by Dave Parks, VE3GSA and Craig Dalmage, VE3KKU as told to Charles King, VE3PDK

The OARC and the OVMRC will 'merge' their efforts again this year to put on the best Field Day ever. According to Craig, VE3KKU, it promises to be even better than Jeff's, VE3RI, Flea Market!

PLACE: Andrew Haydon Park, on the south shore of the Ottawa River, on Carling Avenue west at Acres Road.

TIMES: Set-up on Saturday morning 23 June at 0800 hrs local. Operating from 1400 hrs 23 June to 1400 24 June.

Family Picnic and BBQ afternoon and evening of 23 June (more below).

All-night Coffee. Director of Food Services Roxanne and her OM Chef Craig promise treats and culinary surprises every hour on the hour. Breakfast. Sunday morning, all the hard-working night operators will be served a full breakfast by your genial hosts, Monsieur et Madame Dalmage.

Dismantling Sunday at 1400 hrs.

Set-up Operations. Antenna specialists and helpers are needed to help set up dipoles, an HF beam and perhaps a quad. Come on out early on Saturday morning to give a hand and see how it's done. Two HF rigs will be set up along with packet and satellite equipment.

Operations. Field Day officially gets under way at 1400 hrs on Saturday, the 23rd. Operators are needed for SSB, CW and packet as well as help with logging. Never been on a Field Day exercise before? Come on out and work with an experienced operator until you get the hang of it. If you feel comfortable, have a go at operating. Even logging can be fun.

Want to know what packet is all about or the mysteries of satellite

operations? Come out and observe and help in these operations.

Get your name in early for the mode and time of your choice. Phone one of the contacts listed below or contact them on VHF.

Family Picnic and BBQ. Whether or not you can actually participate in the exercise, bring the family out on Sunday afternoon for "a day in the



park" with frisbees, lawn darts and whatever else takes your fancy. The picnic and BBQ will start between 5 and 6 pm. The Chef's special menu items will be "cuisine" hotdogs, Hawaiian hamburgers, cold drinks and some salads. You can help by bringing more salads and desert items **AND BY LETTING CRAIG, VE3KKU, KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE YOU ARE BRINGING!**

He doesn't want to disappoint any kids for lack of hamburgers, hotdogs or drinks. Let Craig know what kind of salad and desert you will bring so that he can coordinate these items.

All Night Coffee. The pot will be on all night for guests and operators, but the piece de resistance will be the culinary delights served by the Director and her OM the Chef every hour, on the hour. One salivates at the thought!

Sunday Breakfast/Brunch. What a rewarding thought for all those hardworking night operators -- a full, piping hot breakfast in the open air, served by your warm and genial hosts. The thought evokes that indefinable German adjective "Gemutlich" roughly meaning a heart-warming, friendly, joyful ambience. Now tell me, would you want to miss such a Gemutlich event? Then, hurry and get yourself on the night or early morning roster of operators while there's still time.

Dismantling. You are particularly urged to get your name on the list to help in dismantling antennas and other equipment on Sunday at 1400 hrs. Anyone who has ever been on a Field Day knows the importance of getting a commitment from take-down helpers.

Coordination and Communications. The following members of the OARC and OVMRC are waiting to take your calls and put you down as set-up crew, operator, logger, assistant-to, BBQ attendee, take-down crew or just observer.

Dave 3GSA	225-1206
Jeff 3RCI	837-9598
Alan 3LNH	737-4937
Mike 3FFK	722-5918
Craig 3KKU	829-6564

Don't disappoint them or yourself by missing the high point of the year's social and Amateur Radio calendar. Call NOW.

In addition to the phone numbers, one or more of them will be on the Capital City Net on Mondays at 2000 hrs (8 p.m.) on 146.94 and on the Wise Owl Net on Fridays at 2000 hrs on 147.30. Just ask to speak to the Field Day Coordinator.

Let's make this the best Field Day ever and a real joint Club event!

Secretary's Minutes



by Lee Demone, VE3OWD

MINUTES OF OVMRC GENERAL MEETING - 17 MAY 90

1. President Doug, VE3ATY, opened the meeting, held in the Auditorium of the Museum of Science and Technology, at 1935 hrs, welcoming about 60 members and visitors. He recognized the following visitors:

Harry Drury A prospective ham on the OBE course

Peter Jago VE3PWJ (OARC Member)

Sidney Lechner VE7FKM

2. President Doug enquired if any members had any technical problems with which they required assistance. None were reported.

3. He next outlined the evening's program, emphasizing that the business portion would be kept to a minimum in favour of presentations and socializing.

4. President Doug reported that Club memberships dues may be subject to the proposed Goods and Services Tax (GST) when it comes into effect on 1 Jan 91. Pay your membership dues early and beat the taxman for one year at least.

5. President Doug then asked Rob, VE3ZZR, to outline the eligibility rules, deadlines, and other pertinent data relating to the Joe Norton Award which this year should be worth about \$800. (Details were published in a recent RAMBLER).

6. He also announced that Fred, VE3NMF, had available for purchase tickets for a draw for prizes consisting of two airline tickets to any Eastern Airline destination, two tickets to Toronto, and a set of luggage. Proceeds from the draw to be used by the Cumberland Emergency Radio Group for the purchase of radio equipment.

7. He next drew members' attention to the notice of motions published in the May RAMBLER as required by Club By-Laws. The first motion, moved by Jeff, VE3RCI, and seconded by Pat, VE3KJQ, that the OVMRC make a contribution of one

hundred and fifty dollars to the Defence of Amateur Radio Fund. Jeff, VE3RCI, reviewed the purpose of the fund after which President Doug called for a vote on the motion. The motion was carried.

8. The second motion, moved by Alan, VE3LNH, seconded by Jeff, VE3RCI, that an amount of one hundred dollar be approved for the purchase of additional member name tags was brought to a vote and carried.

9. President Doug announced with considerable satisfaction that many members had allowed their names to be put forward for the new Club Executive. To enable the Club to take maximum advantage of this volunteer pool of talent, the current Executive will at its next meeting consider a restructuring of duties and place a proposal before the membership for consideration at the June general meeting.

10. CARF Director Dan Holmes, VE3EBI, reported:

a. Ham Radio Magazine, for which CARF acted as Canadian Distributor, had been sold and would cease publication in June 90. It will be replaced by CQ Magazine with which CARF has no arrangement;

b. The current delay in distribution of the TCA is a production problem and not the fault of Canada Post;

c. An Ottawa business man was recently fined \$200 for using radio equipment without the requisite licence;

d. CARF is soliciting articles for publication in TCA for which a small fee may be paid.

11. President Doug next asked Public Relations Jeff, VE3RCI, to report on the recent Flea Market. Jeff noted that the response was excellent with all tables being sold and a large crowd in attendance. He thanked those members who had assisted him making the day such a success. Treasurer Al, VE3SKN, reported that the Club made a net profit of \$824.78 of which 443.78 came from general

revenues and 381.00 resulted from the door prize raffle. Al also noted that he would be leaving the area shortly for a new posting to CFB Gagetown, NB so must relinquish his duties as Treasurer. President Doug thanked him very much for his services to the Club, and on behalf of all members, wished him well in the future.

12. President Doug noted that this year the OARC would take the lead in the joint OARC/OVMRC Field Day effort. However, a volunteer was required from the OVMRC to assist. In response to his call, Craig, VE3KKU, and Alan, VE3LNH, volunteered to take this on.

13. President Doug called Vice President Jerry, VE3CDS, to come forward to open the Presentations part of the program by representing Leo, VE3NVL, who was unable to attend due to illness. On behalf of Leo, Jerry presented Wise Owl Net Certificates to the following:

Class "A" Gordon VE3OSM Fred VE3BAJ, Jim VE3GJY, Pat VE3KJQ, Brian VE3MJD, Chuck VE3PAP

Class "B" Bucky VE3JRR, Sydney VE3GVI, Doug VE3ATY, George VE3EQH, Jerry VE3CDS, Eric VE3OTT

14. Past President Alan, VE3LNH, drew members' attention to the fact that Vance, VE3OAO, a 10-year member, who has served the Club in many ways on the Executive and as President, was departing Ottawa with his family to take up residence in the State of Colorado. On behalf of the Club, Alan thanked Vance for his services and wished him and his family well in their new endeavours.

15. RAMBLER Editor Chuck, VE3PDK, presented Executive Vote of Thanks Certificates to the following members for their generous service and assistance in the production, collation and distribution of the RAMBLER. Chuck noted that without their assistance the

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Strays

Doug Carswell, VE3ATY



STRAYS. Well, this is try number three on this column. One of the disturbing things for me this week was the discovery that the column's title is not unique. My predecessor's column was entitled "Ramblings" and I had thought that I should somehow pick up on that theme. After searching my electronic Thesaurus, the word 'strays' showed up as a good alternative for ramble and I thought, "Boy, I've got a winner". I wonder if "The Rambler" would have been more appropriate. My editor pointed out that the other column also uses cats in its banner. Its interesting what that sort of thing can do one's ego. You know the problems we all have with stray emissions and how one tends to stray or even 'go astray'. Well so much for that one.

ELECTION NIGHT. The coming June meeting is one of the more important ones. It's election time and also it's time when the Treasurer comments on this year's distribution of funds. I recall Merv's comment about adjusting last year's budget by

increasing revenues through increasing our membership. Oddly enough that has come to pass.

SUMMER PROGRAM. Jeff, 3RCI, is talking about a summer picnic. Sounds like a good idea and reminiscent of Gerry King's comment about some of the reasons the club came into being. I wonder if we could spice it up a bit by having a 'find the transmitter' hunt associated with it. This would sharpen our skills at DF while adding something different to the picnic. Even throw in a door prize. To qualify for the door prize draw you must find the transmitter site. Maybe we could setup a 2-meter beacon and give a general description of its location and operating frequency and turn it on at say 1:30 in the afternoon and go for it.

DEPARTING EXECUTIVES. At the end of this year, some of our executives are moving on to greener pasture's and they will be certainly missed. So to all who fall into that group, thanks for the help.

MERGER. Would you believe that there are some in the OARC who are still discussing merger. It's sort of like a bad coin. Some people don't understand why different countries exist. I like my neighbours down south; I have in-laws, cousins, aunts and uncles who are citizens of the US. The mother of one of my grandson's comes from Hershey. We here are solving our differences without a Gettysburg. (Even though we have to put up with a lot of blarney in the process.) But I also know why I am Canadian. Perhaps the message has to be more clearly stated. The existence of alternatives provides for a better society. The choice the members of the OVMRC made was to belong to this Club, as well as being members of the other Club in some cases. We gladly join with the OARC in amateur radio activities that are of mutual interest.

I feel the ink well is running dry and as any writer knows when that starts to take place, put down the pen until next time. See you at the meeting. 73's - Doug

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be presented to Leo, VE3NVL, for his support of the Club as an executive member, as Net Manager of the Wise Owl Net, and for his services as the Club's very congenial, bi-lingual radio Santa Claus at the Museum each Christmas.

17. President Doug noted that an Executive Vote of Thanks Certificate would be presented to Russ, VE3FSN, for his stalwart services in keeping the Club Repeater VE3TWO up and running in good order.

18. Secretary Lee, VE3OWD, presented an Executive Vote of Thanks Certificate to Evelyn, VE3OAM, for her competent and gracious management of refreshments at Club meetings.

19. President Doug presented Alan, VE3LNH, with his Past President Certificate, noting the excellence of Alan's tenure and his continuing support of Club efforts behind the scenes.

20. Past President Alan, VE3LNH, presented Life Membership Certificates to Fred, VE3BAJ, and Jerry, VE3CDS, for long, faithful and productive service to the Club and community.

21. President Doug, VE3ATY, presented Life Membership Certificates to Gerry, VE3GK, and Merv, VE3CV, for long, faithful and productive service to the Club and community. He noted that time would not permit a comprehensive review of the excellent work on behalf of the Club by all four new Life Members but suf-

fice it to say they are worthy recipients, indeed.

22. Life Member Gerry, VE3GK, thanked the Club for the honour bestowed, noting that since he has 7 children and 10 grandchildren the rumoured effects of radiation from his "golden kilowatt" amplifiers have been grossly exaggerated.

23. Life Member Merv, VE3CV, proposed a vote of thanks to the current Club executive for a job well done. He noted that the OVMRC has become a fine and close knit Club, one to which it was a pleasure to belong.

24. There being no further business, President Doug called for a motion to adjourn for refreshments and good fellowship. So moved by Chuck, VE3PAP, and seconded by Joseph, VE2JHT. Meeting adjourned at 2035 hrs.

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

by Pat Brewer, VE3KJQ



Welcome to the final installment of this column for the club year. This is a banner month for club bulletins. Several clubs have not been sending bulletins for a month or two and this month sent more than one, so there is a lot of news. This month also marks a change for me as I am writing this on my new 386SX with Wordperfect, so I may make some mistakes.

This month, we start in Alberta with the **Calgary Amateur Radio Association Key Klux**. Club President Cal, VE6LZ, says in an editorial, "With the growing threat of the loss of some of our VHF/UHF band assignments, it seems to me that we can only benefit our cause with a well established track record of public service. In a fight to keep frequencies, I'm sure we could get at least some of these organizations on our side." A powerful argument in favour of keeping the public service aspect of our hobby in the public eye.

From the **Saskatoon ARC Green Sheet**, comes an item originally in a **CRRL Bulletin**. It reports that the Manitoba Amateur Radio Museum is underway on the grounds of the Manitoba Agricultural Museum in Austin. The purpose of the Museum is to collect, preserve, research, and exhibit articles related to Amateur Radio and radio communications. At present they have over 400 items.

I may just be reading too much between the lines, but I get the impression that the **Windsor ARC** has been going through some difficult times. Their bulletin *Groundwaves* has been late in publication, has shrunk in size and there are vague allusions to problems. One quote comes in the VP's article. "With what has happened in the last few months, we have some positions left open." Then there is this from the Editor, "After having left the pages of this publica-

tion for several months, conditions have changed enough to allow my return." Oh well, so much for the soap opera stuff! There is an article by Canwarn guru Randy, VE3TRW, on what Canwarn operators are expected to do. They report the time, event, and location of wall clouds, funnel clouds, tornados, hail, damaging winds, and unusual weather events. There have been 32 tornados in Essex-Kent since 1974. In April of that year, nine persons lost their lives in a tornado in Windsor. The Windsor Club will be operating "7A" in this year's Field Day.

The **London ARC Bulletin** contains more information on Canwarn. A recent Weather Spotter training session was attended by 80 amateurs. The *Bulletin* also has pictures of their club banquet. It was called a "super evening" with a total of 31 donated prizes being given away. Maybe we could get Dick, VE3LRB, to arrange prizes for our banquet too!

The **Sudbury ARCommunicator** is fast becoming a bulletin for all the clubs in Northern Ontario. There are now reports from clubs in North Bay, Manitoulin Island, Timmins, and Sudbury all in the same bulletin, as well as *Packet Racket North*. This may be old news, but they say that Britain is running out of call signs and will soon start issuing "M" calls. The Sudbury Club is starting an amateur radio course this fall and thanks us (the OVMRC) for the information that we sent them about how our course is set up and run. We're glad to be able to help.

The local **Pioneer ARC** reports in *Teleparc* that they made \$539 from their table at our Flea Market in April. Bill, VE3EKA, says of Flea Markets, "Pressing the flesh at Flea Markets and Hamfests make you realize how lucky you are to know so

many friendly folks in this great hobby of ours." The Pioneer Club is planning to link VE3TEL and VE3KBR (serving Kingston and Belleville).

The **Ottawa ARC Groundwave** has an article by Mike, VE3FFK, on a program he heard on Radio Japan. They did "man on the street" interviews in Bucharest to find out where people got their news. About 90% listened to shortwave radio, mainly the BBC and various U.S. services. Since the problems in China last summer, shortwave radios have become the hottest selling consumer item in that country.

The *Reflector*, the bulletin of the **Halifax ARC** reports that the amateur station on board C.C.G.S. Acadia will be open to tourists starting in May. The station is equipped with a Kenwood 440 and amateurs are especially welcome. *Reflector* Editor Tom, VE1CES, writes on his problems with his computer power supply. "I decided to try to get the thing apart. Inside I found a big shiny box marked **POWER SUPPLY - DO NOT REMOVE COVER - DANGER!** After removing the cover I found ... a fuse blown. I put the new fuse in ... and **POOF!** I took the machine apart again, replaced the fuse ... one more **POOF!** ... I knew I was in trouble." One might say -- three **POOFs** and you're out!

That's it for this year. See you in the fall!

(Editor's Note: Pat and Janet's first harmonic has just arrived and will, no doubt, fill their spare time for the foreseeable future. Congratulations to Mom and Dad and best 73s to Robert Patrick Bruce.)

DX de YOU



by Jeff Wilson, VE3RCI

CQ CQ CQ DX DE VE3RCI! Calling all OVMRC members. Bring me your best DX catches of the month, any mode, any band (yes, VHF and above, too!). This DX column is based on the reports that you provide to me at each monthly meeting. You can also call me at 837-9598 or send me your loggings via Packet Radio to VE3RCI @ VE3JF or VE3NAV. This column will only work if you support it. Let's hear who you've been working

ON THE HF BANDS

From Paul, VE3JLP

Paul is still catching lots of good CW DX as usual. UI1P/UI8IAY (Uzbek S.S.R.) 2142Z 14.022 (QSL via UI8IAJ); T77C (San Marino) 2055Z 14.014; HV3SJ (Vatican City) 1946Z 14.024; 5H1HK (Zanzibar, Tanzania) 0110Z 14.006 (QSL via JH4RHF); 4S7EA (Sri Lanka) 0024Z 21.009; VU2SU (India) 0036Z 21.035; UJ8AE (Tadzhik S.S.R.) 0102Z 21.032; and on phone - EL7X (Liberia...where things are now getting dicey) 0140Z 14.178 SSB.

From Lee, VE3OWD

It took Lee 6 months to get his IC-745 back from repairs (actually it was lost and he got a replacement!....ask him for the story) so he's back on the air. I stole these loggings during our last executive meeting at his place. Lots of new Russian prefixes:

EO3ATD (Byelorussian S.S.R.) 0022Z 14.023 CW;
EN8TJ (? S.S.R.) 0029Z 14.014;
EU9A (Byelorussian S.S.R.) 0031Z 14.019 CW;
ES6DO (? S.S.R.) 0056Z 14.003;
RC0A/UC2WOX (? S.S.R.) 0104Z 14.032;
UO5OY (Moldavian S.S.R.) 0123Z 14.056 CW;
UL7BX (Kazakh S.S.R.) 1955Z 21.020 CW.

Lee has also been active on 17 meters using a twinlead folded dipole that is 15 feet high at one end and only 3 feet

at the other! So far so good...

JA1ITX (Japan) 1745Z 18.084 CW;
GW3BGP (Wales) 1353Z 18.075 CW (Mike, VE3BGP should look for this station!);
YL1XX (Latvia) 2337Z 18.079 CW;
UY5DF (Ukraine) 2029Z 18.081 CW; and
LA5RBA (Norway) 1524Z 18.082 CW.
Trying out the phone on the "new" rig, Lee worked 4U5ITU (ITU, Geneva) 1716Z 21.197 SSB; HB0/DL1SCX/p (Liechtenstein) 1842Z 21.211 SSB (You can see why this station wasn't working CW); and SM0OIG/YN (Nicaragua) 1437Z 28.486 SSB.

From Henry, VE3OMU

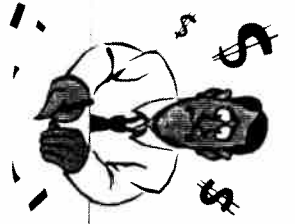
These logs arrived too late for last month's column and are from April 27.

5Z4LH (Kenya) 2112Z 21.443 SSB;
V51P (Namibia) 2201Z 21.268 SSB;
TR8CA (Gabon) 2223Z 21.278 SSB (QSL via W6BF); and finally and by far to most impressive QSO I've reported in this column...
WZ6C/ST4 (Sudan) 2251Z 21.330 SSB...

This was Erik, camel back mobile! He had a 100 watt rig and vertical on the camel. I agree with Henry that this QSL should be a doozer!

Nothing in the log book from yours truly this month. I tried to break the HV3SJ pileup with my dipole, but that was an exercise in frustration. Judging from the increasing number of days with poor propagation, it looks like summer is arriving none too soon.

One quick tip for those keen DXers out there - the DX repeater, VE3DXD 146.850 (-), is back in operation without the interference from VE3CRA. So keep it tuned in while you are in the shack and somebody will tell you where and when to find the rare ones. Feel free to make your own announcements (after you work the DX station), but remember that this repeater is for DX announcements only, not for rag chewing. Until next time, 73 es gud DX de Jeff.



Treasurer's Report



by Al Beveridge, VE3SKA

OVMRC FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1989-1990 (TO BE AUDITED)

<u>Club Revenues</u>	
Memberships	\$2,275.00
Flea market Sales (tables and food)	594.81
Flea market Raffle	813.00
Bank Interest	234.77
Extra-ordinary Income from Amateur Radio Course	739.62
Miscellaneous Sales	238.00
Total Revenues	\$4,895.20

<u>Club Expenses</u>	
Rambler Supplies	\$233.88
Rambler Postage	1,003.43
Photocopier Operation	206.09
Code Phone	27.32
Station Licenses	66.00
Station Operation (OSL Postage)	5.00
Repeater Maintenance (TNC Upgrade)	25.00
Contribution to Defence of Amateur Radio Fund	150.00
Field Day (1989)	35.00
Membership Support (Awards/Social)	175.80
Nametags	351.01
Insurance	580.00
Office Expense	131.38
Raffle Expenses (Flea market)	432.00
Flea market Expense	135.03
Intro-night Supplies (Film and Prizes)	232.25
Bank Service Charges	7.92
Total Expenses	\$3,797.11

<u>Profit and Loss Statement</u>	
Carried Forward from last year	\$2,054.55
1989/90 Net Profit (Loss)	\$1,098.09
Carried Forward to next year	\$3,152.64

1989/90 AMATEUR RADIO COURSE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<u>Course Revenues</u>	
Course Revenues (fees)	2,136.00
Total Revenues	\$2,136.00

<u>Course Expenses</u>	
Publications and Supplies	\$1,468.10
Extra-ordinary Payment of Surplus to Club	739.62
Total Expenses	\$2,207.72

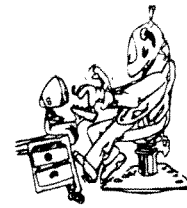
PROPOSED OVMRC OPERATING BUDGET 1990/91

<u>Club Revenues</u>	
Memberships	\$2,400.00
Flea market Sales	650.00
-tables	450.00
-food	200.00
Raffle Sales	800.00
Bank Interest	200.00
Miscellaneous Sales	150.00
Total Revenues	\$4,200.00

<u>Club Expenses</u>	
Rambler	\$1,600.00
-postage	\$1,200.00
-supplies	400.00
Station Operation	200.00
-code phone	\$130.00
-licenses	70.00
Repeater Maintenance	100.00
Public Service Events	100.00
Social Events	400.00
-Social Night Door Prizes	\$100.00
-Field Day	100.00
-Intro-night	200.00
Flea market Expenses	150.00
Nametags	150.00
Raffle Prizes	500.00
Membership Support	200.00
Insurance	650.00
Office Expenses	150.00
Total Expenses	\$4,200.00

EDITOR'S CORNER

Chuck King, VE3PDK



Have you ever heard of an Editor left speechless? I'm sure it's a rarity, but the truth of the matter is that I've had so much fun this month putting together the article on the slate of officers and Field Day that I haven't had time to ponder any of the more serious questions of the day. Of course, a series of packet problems helped occupy a good deal of my time as well.

I am, however, quite happy to relinquish my space to a worthy cause -- the one Doug Burrill describes below.

Pat, VE3KJQ, alludes to the greater need for amateurs to raise their profile in public service. Helping out the War Museum to restore artifacts that may be historically relevant to our grandchildren and great-grandchildren seems to be a good way of doing this.

I should comment also on the paucity of want ads and for sale ads coming across my desk. The one in this edition had to be solicited. The seller was not aware of this free service to Club members. Keep this service in mind and give me a call or see me at the Club meetings about any radio items you wish to advertise.

Our Membership Chairman proved that he would go to any lengths to get a new member. See Ed.'s Note page 6.

WAR MUSEUM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

by Doug Burrill, VE3CDC

One of Canada's national museums, which receives little publicity and is the poor relation when it comes to financing, is the Canadian War Museum right here in Ottawa. While millions of dollars and publicity have been lavished on building, maintaining and updating exhibits in the other National Museums, little has been allotted to the War Museum. Remembering the fact that Canadians have taken up arms more than once in this century to defend their country and beliefs is no longer fashionable and hence the politicians have been niggardly in their funding of the War Museum.

All of this leads to the fact that the Museum has thousands of artifacts, especially of WW II, many of which cannot be exhibited as the needed funding for restoration work before they can be displayed has not been forthcoming.

This is where Amateurs can help out by volunteering to repair and refurbish some of the scores of radios, telephones and other signal equipment, especially those of us who used it a half-century ago. The idea has been received with interest and negotiations are under way to have the Museum management okay the proposal. One project would be to refurbish a number of the famous No. 19 wireless sets and install them in the Museums's vehicles as they appeared during WW II.

Volunteers would sign out the equipment and work on it in their own shack. Parts would be made available by cannibalizing, scrounging or purchase by the Museum.

Another way to assist would be to donate any Armed Forces surplus equipment, which is gathering dust in the basement. Some equipment has already been donated by VE3BAD, Joe Blanchette -- two RCAF 1155 receivers, an AC power supply for a No. 19 set and an Aldis lamp. Donated equipment is reviewed by a Museum committee and, if accepted, a cash offer or an income deduction for the "gift to Canada" can be made if the donor wishes. Donations should be taken to the Museum warehouse, 221 Champagne St. North. (Call the Museum at 992-7982 beforehand.)

If you want to participate in this interesting and worthy project or are going to make a donation, please call me at 733-7108.

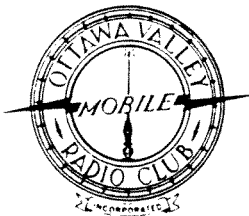
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733-7108

FOR SALE

KENWOOD TS140S complete with Microphone and Handbook, in original carton. Bought this spring and never used - \$1200 negotiable. Jacques Perras, Res. 230-8074 Bus. 563-0422.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

This is the best chance you will have to renew your membership for 1990/91. Avoid the rush in September -- DO IT NOW. If you have already renewed, don't let this form go to waste. It can also be used to enrol a new member. Do a friend a favour -- invite him to come to the meetings with you.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club Inc.,
P.O. Box 5530, Station "F",
OTTAWA, Ontario K2C 3M1

Radio Call Sign

Date

Family Name		Given Name & Initials		Preferred Radio Name	
Address - Apartment, House Number, Street				Home Phone	
City/Town		Province	Postal Code	Business Phone	

New Member Membership Renewal
 Association Memberships:
 CARF CRRL
 OARC Other

Applies for membership/renewal for the Membership Year.....in the following category:

- REGULAR MEMBER* - as a licensed amateur.....\$15.00 _____
- ASSOCIATE MEMBER* - as a radio enthusiast.....\$15.00 _____
- FAMILY MEMBER(S) - of a Regular or Associate Member.....\$1.00 _____

Given Names

Total: \$ _____

Enclosed Cheque
 Cash

For Office Use

Membership Number

Membership Registered

Receipt Issued

Card(s) Issued

Subscription Registered

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