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THE DELEGATED EXAMINER PROGRAM - HOW IT WENT FIRST TIME AROUND

by Pat Brewer, VE3KJQ

As you may be aware, accredited amateur radio operators have been able to conduct licence examinations since last October when the new regulations came into effect. Radiocommunications Information Circular 1, dated 1 January, 1990 encouraged Clubs to have several amateurs accredited by Communications Canada as Delegated Examiners. These Delegated Examiners are authorized to conduct exams in radio theory and Morse code on behalf of Communications Canada

HOW IT WORKS

When someone wishes to write an exam, they contact a Delegated Examiner who obtains the exam materials from CC. At some mutually agreed time and place, the exam is given, marked, and the results reported verbally to the candidate and passed in writing to the local office of CC. Morse code exams are set by the examiners themselves using CC guidelines.

THE TEST

The first big test of our Club's system took place on February 26, 1991 when the students of our Amateur Radio Course took the exams. Of the thirty-nine students who registered for the course, twenty-eight tried the Basic Qualification exam. Of these, twenty-four passed with a mark of 60% or better. Of this same group, eleven also tried the Advanced Qualification exam and all of them passed. Several times during the course, we conducted Morse code sending and receiving tests to Communications Canada standards. To date, twelve students have passed both sending and receiving at 5 WPM. An additional five

passed sending and receiving at 12 WPM.

The average mark on the Basic exam was 71% and on the Advanced 78%. On the exam night, five people who did not regularly attend the course came out to try the exam. Only two of them passed. It appears to be true then that your chances of passing are much higher if you take a course.

GENERAL COMMENTS

We were almost caught off guard by the number of people who came out on exam night. Normally, about twenty-two to twenty-five students attend classes regularly. Also, we had expected six to try the advanced instead of the eleven who presented themselves. Luckily, we had just eleven exams. Jerry, VE3CDS and myself marked the exams and found that to be about as hard a task as it was to write it. It didn't help matters to have ten or so anxious faces staring at you the whole time. The marking took more time and effort than we had expected and we will have to look into ways to speed up the process next time. Even when the marking was finished, we found ourselves with about another two hours of paperwork at home to get the whole thing finished off. No wonder the government wanted us to conduct the exams!

Here is the list to the beginning of April of the new amateurs:

Al Ablett	VE3SUP
Roy Aylett	VE3HTT
Doug Bannard	VE3SPF
Roger Broughton	VE3SUB
Cecil Dick	VE3DYK
Stan Elliott	VE3FSE
Randy Fisher	VE3STC
Herb Gillingham	VE3HRB
Winston Hetherington	VE3WTN

Gerben Kamstra	VE3SUV
John Leaker	VE3JOL
Ken MacKinnon	VE3ZZK
Stephen Nickerson	VE3OPS
Wayne Parker	VE3WCB
Bob Shaw	VE3SUY

The Club extends heartiest congratulations to these new amateurs. If you or anyone you know wants to write an exam let any one of the following Club Delegated Examiners know.

Pat Brewer VE3KJQ	825-8721
Jerry Wells VE3CDS	225-7374
Ed LeBlanc VE3VLF	829-6314

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined our ranks at the March meeting:

Brian Santor, VE3JSU

Ronnie Sibbald, VE8RS

Dave Perry, VE3IFB

Denis Rule, VE3JGR

John Pope, VE3ACI

Gordon Ford

The Club extends a warm welcome and hopes to see you at future meetings with a name tag.

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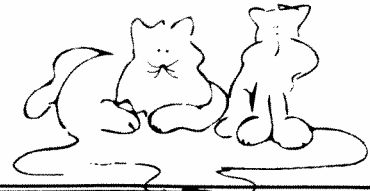
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**NEXT MEETING OF THE
OVMRC****18 APRIL, 1991****1930 hours***Room #1**Multi-service**Centre**1480 Heron Road,**(East of Alta Vista Dr. near
Baycrest Drive on south
side of Heron)***CLUB CALENDAR****APRIL MEETING BUSINESS****REVIEW OF THE BYLAWS
AND MOTION FOR ADOPTION****Executive Meeting****Thursday, 25 April****1930 hrs at VE3PAB's QTH
RAMBLER submissions
deadline 25 April!!****OVMRC FLEA MARKET
SATURDAY****20 April, 1991****INCLUDES PACKET
WORKSHOP AND
DEMONSTRATION STATION
AND A DRAW FOR A NEW
UNIDEN 2600****BUNNY HUNT****1 June, 1991****FIELD DAY****June, 1991****ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING****RAMBLER COMMITTEE****Editorial Committee****Chas. King, VE3PDK****Jerry Wells, VE3CDS****Pat Brewer, VE3KJQ****Jeff Wilson, VE3RCI****Ken Barry, VE3KJB****Circulation****Mike Beausoleil, VE3BGP****Fred Haire, VE3NJJ****Eric Still, VE3OTT****Kevin Still****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..****Champlain Mini-Net - Daily 1845 hrs 147.06 MHz**

Strays

Doug Carswell, VE3ATY



We had a chaotic meeting in March - what with parking problems, a meeting in the next room and a projector that wouldn't work. However I think we set a record. I am informed that we had twenty guests at the meeting, seven of whom decided to join the club. George Dew, VE2OWW, described his "doppler-shift direction finding system" and Gerry King, VE3GK, described his "dipole direction finding unit." Both have their advantages and disadvantages, as you will discover on the 1st of June. (I know we were planning for May - but the calendar is full).

Things that are coming down the pipe this month include the "Greatest Eye Ball" in Eastern Ontario, disguised as a Flea Market, on the 20th of April - that's a Saturday - at Canterbury High School. This year we have vendors coming from as far away as Windsor. A lot of tables are already sold - the Flea Market Committee is doing a great job.

Also this month is "bylaws" month - you should see a copy of the proposed bylaws in this month's mail. Some thoughts about this:

- the proposed bylaws are based on the old bylaws;

- they were "simplified"

- we got rid of any Latin references;

- membership descriptions simplified (we use to have five classes -we will now have three;

- there used to be two "Past" officers. The Vice and the President were eligible to be classified as "Past" members of the executive in an advisory role. Now only the President can qualify for this title;

- you can only hold one executive office for two years- I guess that means I am moving on to other phases of Club life. This gets my whole hearted support - to be honest I am starting to fade a bit;

- the Club structure has been altered to provide more opportunity for members to participate in various committees;

- (I get confused with Special Meetings and Special Committees - "Special Meetings" are meetings of the membership at large called for a "special purpose" the term "special" is undefined as you can't forecast the reasons that may come up. "Special Committees" are temporary committees formed to perform a special task and once the task is done the committee is dissolved. A case in point is the Bylaws Committee that, having prepared the revised laws and having completed its mandate, the committee is now dissolved;

- note that a quorum of a Standing Committee consists of the Chairman - the effect of this kind of a quorum is that the membership of the Standing Committee can be just one person or as many as are needed at the time some business of the Club is being transacted and some cases it allows for operation of the Club to continue as it now does. Note that some of the standing committees have defined roles that, although understood, were not previously stated).

With your copy of the bylaws, you will get a detailed description of the changes. The bylaws will be presented at the April meeting for your input and, if acceptable, your approval. See the motion in this issue of the *Rambler*. One point of interest - the Executive and the Bylaws Committees has spent over one hundred hours in preparing the revised bylaws being presented for your consideration. Please take a few minutes and see what we are proposing.

I want to thank the Special Bylaws Committee for the many hours they spent in preparing the material. The members of this committee were: Al

Boyce, VE3LNH, Pat Brewer, VE3KJQ, and Chuck King, VE3PDK.

The packet workshop that we talked about a couple of months ago has been scheduled for the morning of April 20th between the hours of 10 and 12. A packet demonstration will be set up and a hand-out will be available for interested members and guests.

In June, we have the bunny hunt. More details on rules will be published later. My text processor says I have used up too much space - so we will see you at the next meeting.

73s Doug, VE3ATY

THE FLEA BITE



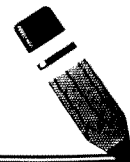
Flea Markets wet the appetite as evidenced by the amount of food consumed at these events.

The food con-
venor for our Club Flea Market on Saturday, April 20th, desperately needs your help to look after all these healthy appetites. Can you provide a dozen of any of the following: chocolate cookies; oatmeal cookies; cupcakes; squares of any kind?

If you can help, please call Sue Carswell, VE3SLC after 5 p.m. at 839-5854. You can either drop off your baking on Saturday at the food table (we call it the FLEA BITE) or arrangements can be made to pick up your donations on Friday evening the 19th.

Secretary's Minutes

by Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell, VE3SLC



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING March 27, 1991

1. President, Doug, VE3ATY, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. There were over 15 guests including a large group from the Algonquin Amateur Radio Course and their instructor.

2. Pres Doug asked if there were any technical problems. There were three:

a) someone had inherited some tubes from an old style radio and he is willing to pass them on to anyone who can use them.

b) someone with a 2m handheld was having problems with it and was told to see Ed, VE3RDZ, during the break.

c) Vic, VE3BSV, is putting on a HF demonstration at Lisgar Collegiate and needs information on an antenna he can use. He was told to meet with Gerry, VE3GK, at the break.

3. Pres Doug reminded all to sign in and get their ticket on the door prizes as well as to purchase tickets on the Flea Market prize.

4. Pres Doug offered congratulation to Membership Chairman Mike, VE3BGP, and his wife on their new harmonic.

5. Pres Doug congratulated the newest hams, the graduates from this year's course. There were nine present.

6. Pres Doug informed all that name tags are available. Those who have not applied for one should do so at the back table.

7. Roger, VE3SVP, came forward to inform everyone about the new North Pole expedition that is to begin in March 1992. He explained what the group hoped to accomplish. They will be forming an Amateur Net to keep in contact with the expedition. Anyone who is interested in being a part of this net is to see him at the break to sign up.

8. Larry, VE3WLN, Chairman of the Flea Market Committee brought us up-to-date on what has been happening. Advertising has gone out in all the magazine publications and over the various Nets around the area as

well as on the packet bulletin boards. He needs a volunteer to announce it on the CJ net and Chuck VE3PAP said he would do it. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for those who are interested and wish to volunteer their services in helping set up the night before and the morning of the Flea Market. People can sign up at the break.

9. Norm, VE3JDJ, informed all that he and Bill, VE3EKA, are trying to put together a video repeater. Norm has one in his car, which already transmits video. Gerry, VE3GK, reported on his experience in London where he saw a presentation on Video Repeaters. Bill, VE3EKA, President of the Pioneer Club, said VE3TBA will be the Video Repeater. Funding from New Horizons is available for retired persons to help get programs going to keep them active. They are looking for volunteers to help them qualify for this grant from New Horizons. The two then fielded questions from the membership.

10. Treasurer Judy, VE3PAB, presented her report to the membership. The Club is in a good financial position. Money left from the Club Radio Course will be used to up-grade materials for next year's course. There has been a steady increase in Club membership as well.

11. Pres Doug called for volunteer for the Bunny Hunt. There will be two bunnies, one fixed and one slowly moving. Details will be in the *Rambler*.

12. Pres Doug reminded everyone that April is bylaws month. He explained how the committee of three Pat VE3KJQ, Al VE3LNH and Chuck VE3PDK had put in many hours revising the old bylaws. The Executive Committee had then put in many hours reviewing their work. The new bylaws will be published and sent out in April. Doug asked the membership to read them carefully and bring any questions to the April meeting when a vote will be taken on their adoption.

13. Pres Doug mentioned that there is some concern that the new hams are not sticking to the proper bands.

CARF has band a plan and he urged everyone to please observe it.

14. Dan VE3EBI read the highlights from the 15 March 1991 issue of the CARF Bulletin. There were no questions.

15. Pres Doug asked the membership to think about people to be considered for the May "thank you" evening. He also asked us to think about possible candidates for Life Membership. If anyone knows of someone eligible for either of these they should contact him or any member of the Executive.

16. Vice Pres Jeff, VE3RCI, spoke briefly on the Joe Norton Award, of which he was last year's recipient and this year's Chairman. It is a cash award and is open to any newly licensed ham from 1989 to 1991. He had handouts available with all the information.

17. Publicity Chairman Ed, VE3RDZ, informed the membership about the contest to develop a Club QSL card. The winner of the new design will receive 500 free QSL cards. The rules and all the information on the contest are elsewhere in the *Rambler*.

18. Membership Chairman Mike, VE3BGP, welcomed the newest Club member Ron from VE8 land.

19. Pat, VE3KJQ, gave his report on the results from the Amateur Course. Twenty-eight students wrote the Beginner's exam and twenty-four passed. Eleven wrote the Advanced exam and eleven passed. Anyone who wishes to write any parts of the exams or upgrade can contact any one of the 3 Club examiners... Pat, VE3JKQ, Gerry, VE3CDS, or Ed, VE3VLF.

20. Pres Doug called on George, VE2OWW, to come forward and show everyone the antenna system he constructed for the June Bunny Hunt (built from the specs given in the *Rambler*). He also brought along a handout with the diagram specs. He will be available at the break to answer any questions and everyone can have a closer look at the antenna.

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EDITOR'S CORNER



by Chas. King, VE3PDK

Well, your Editor is back from sunny climes, rested and ready to pick up where he left off. It takes awhile to get into the swing of things and having missed an Executive meeting and a Regular meeting over the past five weeks leaves me with little to say by way of editorial comment. I feel a little like the fellow who wasn't allowed to take coffee breaks at work, because everytime he left his work station he had to be retrained.

However, the sight of the proposed bylaws, ready to be sent out to the membership was a joyful one. I have great hopes that the revised bylaws will be adopted with little or no changes. It is then proposed to typeset them in booklet style -- 5 1/2 X 8 1/2 size with an index and cover and have them printed in sufficient numbers to distribute them to every member and new member. All this by the end of this Club year if there are no hold-ups in their adoption.

I imagine you are all looking forward to the Flea Market on Saturday, April 20th, when you either get rid of all your fleas or buy a whole bunch of new ones.

Look for the Packet Demonstration and Seminar at the Club tables opposite the food concession -- now known as the Flea Bite. There will also be promotional booklets on the Club and a special deal on new memberships for the Club year 1991-92.

DESIGN THE OVMRC QSL CARD CONTEST

WIN 500 FREE QSL CARDS OF YOUR OWN DESIGN!

Ed Sieb, VE3RDZ

The OVMRC needs new QSL cards for its Club stations - VE3JW and VE3RAM. All Club members are invited to submit suggestions for the card design. The winning design will appear on the new Club QSL cards and, the same basic design will be available for Club members for their own cards. The person who designs the winning card will receive 500 free QSL card (with their own call sign, of course!).

RULES:

- The maximum card size is 3 1/2 X 5 1/2 inches.
- A suitable space must be allowed for the Club logo, address and description.
- Maximum of 2 colors; black is one color.
- Card may be either "Contest-style" front report form or standard "post-card" style back report form. Keep the design simple.
- Submissions can be mailed to the Club address, (OVMRC, PO Box 5530, Station "F", Ottawa, Ont K2C 3M1) or given to any member of the Executive at the Club meeting.
- Contest closes at May 16 Club meeting. The winner will be announced at the June Annual General Meeting.

21. Pres Doug called on Gerry, VE3GK, to come forward and show everyone his antenna system for the June Bunny Hunt. He too will be available at the break to answer questions and everyone can have a closer look at his design.

22. Pres Doug introduced the guest speaker for tonight Ed Sieb, VE3RDZ.

23. Ed gave a talk and slide show presentation on his theme "Treasures of the North". He showed us some of the towers, antenna systems and sites that he visited up north. The facilities were part of the DEW Line system of Defence that has been decommissioned.

24. Pres Doug thanked Ed for his presentation.

25. The door prizes were then pulled. Winners could choose their own prize tonight from the selection

presented by Treasurer Judy. Dave, VE3LFB drew the members' ticket and the winner was Fred, VE3PAA. Fred, VE3NJF, drew the guest ticket and the winner was Jess Crosbie.

26. A motion to adjourn the meeting was given by Jeff VE3RCI and seconded by Emil, VE3CQD. Everyone moved to the back for coffee, cookies and conversation.

Sec. Sue VE3SLC

NOTICE OF MOTION

LIFE MEMBERSHIP -- RALPH CAMERON, VE3BBM

Moved by Doug Carswell, VE3ATY, seconded by Jeff Wilson, VE3RCI; Pat Brewer, VE3KJQ; and Chuck King, VE3PDK that Life Membership be conferred on Ralph Cameron, VE3BBM in recognition of his consistently outstanding service to the Amateur Radio Service and particularly to amateurs in his community through his amateur radio activities.

NOTICE OF MOTION

LIFE MEMBERSHIP -- BILL WILSON, VE3NR

Moved by Doug Carswell, VE3ATY, seconded by Jeff Wilson, VE3RCI; Pat Brewer, VE3KJQ; and Chuck King, VE3PDK that Life Membership be conferred on Bill Wilson, VE3NR in recognition of his lengthy and dedicated service to the Amateur Radio Service in general and to radio amateurs in his community through his activities in amateur radio.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF REVISED BYLAWS

Moved by Jeff Wilson, VE3RCI, seconded by Pat Brewer, VE3KJQ, that the revised bylaws, Issue 10, previously mailed to each member and to be presented at the April Regular Meeting, be adopted.

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM HERE AND THERE



by Pat Brewer, VE3KJQ

With some altered publishing dates last month, I am a little short on material for this month's tour of clubs across the country.

As you may have heard at the last Club meeting, the **Pioneer Amateur Radio Club** has received a New Horizons grant to establish an ATV repeater on the 70cm band. In *TelePARC*, Wayne VE3CZO gives some advice to would-be ATVers. Apparently, many recent model TVs and VCRs are capable of receiving down into the amateur 430 to 450MHz band. With a high gain antenna and low loss feedline, you can receive local ATV pictures. You can also build a converter from a Mitsumi UHF tuner. For more information, contact Wayne at 225-7989.

This month we received another bulletin from the **Kingston ARC**. The lead article in the *Kingston Amateur News* is the most popular version of the origin of the word "ham". For those who don't know, it is reputed to derive from a contraction of the names of the founders of the Harvard Radio Club station. Their names were Hyman, Almy, and Murray, and the station was founded in 1908. In 1911 the "HAM" station became famous during debate in the US Congress over the controversial Wireless Regulation bill which would have all but killed amateur radio. Albert Hyman did his thesis on the bill and sent it to a senator who took it from there. Needless to say, both the hobby and the name have survived. (the local Pioneer club was looking for "new" versions of the story for their April meeting. I wonder what tall tales were told?) Meetings of the Kingston club do not always cover

amateur radio. The topics for the next few months include hot air engines, the Rogers Pass railway tunnel, and computers in space and astronomy.

The **Scarborough ARC SARC News** is planning to start a technical forum column. Club members are encouraged to write in suggestions for subjects and then the author will research the subject, hopefully with some help from members, and write up the results. The Club is also planning a 75 metre station on Field Day to be run by the new amateurs who have their 5 WPM code. Sounds like a good idea.

In the March issue of the **London ARC LARC Bulletin** there is an article attributed to Andrew Senior, VE3CYS, which may have been better placed in an April 1st edition. It tries to explain terms used by amateurs "which bear only a passing resemblance to English". Some examples:

WE - It is not generally realized that, as a result of an obscure clause in the licensing regulations, the holder of an amateur radio licence becomes plural immediately upon receiving the licence. Thus, before you became licensed you would say "I am driving down the road". Once licensed this becomes "We are driving down the road".

HARMONICS - The unwanted by-product of an oscillation. For some reason this has now come to mean "children". Obviously the term was coined by someone who didn't have any because houses containing them are rarely harmonious.

QLF - An unofficial code used only in CW meaning "I could send better

with my left foot". This one is not usually accompanied by identifying call letters. Having sent this, it is recommended that you QSY or QRT immediately.

The **Saskatoon ARC** had a busy time covering communications for the Canadian Figure Skating Championships. *The Green Sheet* reports that 14 local amateurs helped dispatch 43 vehicles used for VIP service. They worked in eight-hour shifts and used commercial gear. Like all good publications, *The Green Sheet* picked up Larry Woram VE3WLN's article on importing from the US. I've lost count of the number of places I've seen it now.

The **Border City Radio Club Newsletter** reports that the Club is about to start a course and are now looking at about 40 students. Exam marks for other courses in the area are in the 80 to 90% range. There is also an interesting EMI story. It seems that two amateurs were being bothered by some intensive QRM in the 7 to 11 MHz range. They pinpointed the location and called DOC to investigate. The amateur at the location thought at first he was in for a tax audit. Investigation at his home determined that the actual source of the problem was next door. It turned out to be one of those touch-to-turn-on lamps that had turned into a good transmitter. A new column in the Newsletter is devoted to SWL. Are there any members of our Club who are regular listeners and would like to write a SWL column?

I thought I was short of material and here I've gone and filled the page again. See you next time!

FOR SALE - WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE

Do you have something for sale or do you have wants or trades? This could be your free ad for these items if you are a member of the Club. Pass on the details to any member of the Executive or to the Editor.

ATTENTION NEW HAMS!
JOE NORTON TRUST AWARD FOR AMATEUR RADIO

The Ottawa Amateur Radio Club Inc. (OARC) awards annually the Joe Norton Trust Award (JNTA) for the advancement of amateur radio. This is a cash award of approximately \$650 this year! To be eligible, a candidate must be a resident of the National Capital Region and must have been licensed during the period from June 1, 1989 and June 1, 1991. To enter you must send a written submission of between 600 and 900 words to the OARC executive, setting out your interests, achievements and plans to contribute to the advancement of amateur radio. The deadline for submission is June 3, 1991 and the winner will be notified on or before August 15, 1991. For complete details and rules contact Jeff Wilson VE3RCI, JNTA Chairman, at (613) 833-0638. Copies of the rules will be available at the next OVMRC meeting.

TALE OF A TX

*by Donald Harris, G4LSB, Aylburton, Lydney, England
relayed by Betty Broome, VE3ZZB*

A transmitter stands in a pawnbroker's shop,
Festooned with cobwebs, all dusty on top.
It dreams of the old days and pride fills its heart
When TX plus RX was state of the art.

It remembers those good times, when linked to its beau,
Its key clicked CQ for some long QSO.
Together, they faced life, CW and phone,
Connected in transceive, and never alone.

But then came the bad time, recalled with a wrench,
When a shiny transceiver appeared on the bench ...
That smart-alec rigout soon messed up the scene.
It usurped the place where the partners had been.

Then, these were thrust away under the staging,
They lay there rejected capacitors ageing...
As they sat in the gloom, they could hear the key tapping
And the moving-coil speaker di-dahing and chatting.

Came the dread day when the partners were parted
TX abducted, RX broken hearted ...
RX was grabbed by some hard-hearted dealer
Their transceive connections were broken forever ...

No need to dwell on the years of ill-treatment,
The burned out PA tubes, the lack of fair play.
That dusty transmitter sits quietly dreaming
Waiting for someone to take it away.

So if you take pity, just blow out the cobwebs
Tweek up the IF's and fit new PA's.
Connect a receiver, plug in the antenna,
And make a rig happy the rest of its days.

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 833-0638 or send me your logs via Packet Radio to VE3RCI @ VE3NAV. This column will only work if you support it. Let's hear who you've been working.

From Craig, VE3KKU

Craig shows us what 100 watts and a beam at 70 feet can do...

4K2PGO (Franz Joseph Land) 0139Z 14.196;
TJ1MR (Cameroon) 0230, 14.186;
UA0FF (Sakhalin Is.) 0240Z 14.255;
7X5LRC (Algeria) 0121Z 14.177;
ZK3KM (Tokelau Is.) 0324Z 14.330;
5U7NU (Niger) 0340Z 14.187; Y88POL (Antartica) 1950
14.168; VP8CEO (Falkland Is.) 2130Z 14.144;
XQ6YD (Chile) 0130Z 21.330;
ST0DX (Sudan) 2124Z 14.190; and
9L3BM (Sierra Leone) 1203Z 21.230.
Craig is also active in RTTY DXing, so stay tuned.

From Jerry, VE3JCV

First report from Jerry, who uses a TS-140S and a vertical antenna (same as RCI, Hmmm). Just goes to show what you can work on CW these days -
VU2TEC/3VOA (India, he said) 0141Z 14.010;
VK9LM (Lord Howe Is.) 0254Z 21.004 and 0103Z
28.026 QSL via DJ5CQ;
T30DT (West Kiribati) 0113Z 28.004 QSL via DL9MFV;
T31AF (East Kiribati) 0304Z 21.005 QSL via DL2MDZ;
and
BY4RB (China) 0220Z 21.016.

From another Jerry, VE3CDS

Jerry sent me his log sheets from the ARRL DX Phone contest to help him decipher some of the weird

prefixes being used. For example:

RB8M (Ukraine) 1419Z 21.261;
HG6N (Hungary) 1423Z 21.212; SN3A (Poland) 1424Z
21.284;
R9H (Special Soviet Call ...anyone know QTH?) 1506Z
21.256;
YT3SW (Yugoslavia) 1555Z 28.375;
YS4NL/A (In the air over El Salvador?) 1655Z 28.460;
TY2LS (Benin) 1737Z 28.747 (sometimes it pays to
stray above 28.550 for rare DX!).

Thanks for the logs Jerry. I hope you found lots of new prefixes in the recent WPX Contest (see below).

Form Ed, VE3RDZ

Just one from Ed, worked using an indoor antenna and his Uniden HR2600 (same as this year's Fleamarket raffle prize -- buy your tickets now!)
LZ2WM (Bulgaria) 1852Z 28.438.

From Me, VE3RCI

Poor conditions prevented a good yield during the RSGB Commonwealth CW Contest (BERU, for you old timers) on March 9- 10. Of interest were
ZD8VJ (Ascension Is.) 0141Z 14.004 and 0225Z 7.005;
VP5P (Turks & Caicos Is.) 1840Z 28.018;
9H1EL (Malta) 0235Z 7.005; and
G3FXB (England on 80 meters) 0257Z 3.503.
March 30-31 was the CQ SSB WPX (Work all prefixes) contest: ZP50Y (Paraguay) 0230Z 28.579; FO0IGS (French Polynesia) 0257 21.286; HI500UD (Dominican Rep.) 0331Z 14.265; TA5/N0FYR (Turkey) 0335Z 14.285; FP5DX (St. Pierre et Miquelon Is.) 0329Z 3.748.
It was nice to work quite a few Canadians as VA's during the WPX contest.

OK, all you keen CW and Phone DXers, it's time to volunteer your operating skills for this year's Field Day, June 22-23. Mark it on your calendar now. I'll be calling on you soon! 73, Jeff.

NOVICE NEWS

by Ken Barry, VE3KJB

Now that you have your license you will want to participate in some post-graduate work on radio language and etiquette. The best way to do this is to get involved in the various nets around Ottawa. I discuss some of them below for your consideration.

One of the best is the **Wise Owl net**, sponsored by the OVMRC, the Club that subsidized your amateur radio course. This is a voice net and is open to all amateurs having the basic qualifications with or without morse code. This net is run by Leo Desjardin, VESNVL, every Friday evening at 2000 hrs on 147.300 khz+. The + after 147.300 khz indicates that you receive on 147.300 khz and transmit 600 khz above on 147.900 khz.

Leo starts off the net by asking for check-ins. You check in by giving your callsign and after Leo has 4 or 5 he will acknowledge them. On an average Friday night there will be over 20

people on the net. When Leo feels he has enough people checked in he will call on one at a time to say a few words. When it's your turn you can talk about anything, your new radio, the weather, your new girl friend, anything you want. This is good practice for public speaking and you get to know a lot of people.

Another net you should listen to is the **Capital City net** sponsored by the OARC. This is also a voice net held on Monday evening at 2000 hrs on 146.940 khz-. Now this time the - sign after 146.940 khz indicates that you receive on 146.940 and transmit 600 khz below or on 146.340. There is not so much ragchewing on this net but a particularly attractive feature of the net is the "Swap Net" Run by Ed Morgan VE3GX at about 2015 hrs. If you want to buy or sell any radio equipment, call Ed and he will announce it

on his swap net. Lots of bargains to be had here.

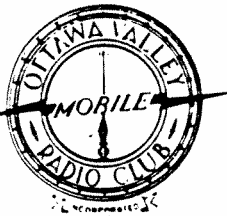
There are other good nets I would like to expound on but lack of space prevents me. For a more complete list see page 2 of the *Rambler*. Keep in mind that the Pot Hole net and the Pot Lid net are open only to those who have a 5 wpm or higher license. Our thought for this month concerns the hippie who walked down the street wearing one shoe. A passerby asked "Did you lose a shoe?" The hippie answered, "No I found one."

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR NEW STATION CALL? BE SURE TO TELL THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, Mike, VE3BGP, SO THAT HE CAN UP-DATE THE MEMBERSHIP LIST AND PUBLISH IT IN THE RAMBLER.

*440 Swap Net
Monday 10 p.m. 147.030*

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