

# THE OVMRC RAMBLER

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## LIFE MEMBERSHIPS CONFERRED -- by Chas. King, VE3PDK

Life Memberships were conferred on two members of the Club on April 18th in recognition of their long and dedicated service to amateur radio. The vote was unanimous as Bill Wilson, VE3NR, and Ralph Cameron, VE3BBM, were presented to the Club. Bill and Ralph become the fifth and sixth members of that exclusive group that includes -- Jerry Wells, VE3CDS; Fred Noble, VE3BAJ; Gerry King, VE3GK; and Merv Lemke, VE3CV. A brief look at the accomplishments of these two new Life Members will leave no doubt as to their eligibility for this honour.

### BILL WILSON, VE3NR

Bill Wilson was licensed in amateur radio in 1940 and went on to get a degree from Queen's University in Electrical Engineering (Radio Communications). After a short stint in the private sector, he moved to the Department of Transport as a Marine Radio Engineer. His career continued with DOT and eventually with Department of Communications.

Bill held numerous important posts with that Department, retiring as a Branch Head in 1978 to go on to the Radio Technical Planning Board. He retired as Vice-President of the Radio Advisory Board of Canada in 1980.

Bill has been honoured both at home and abroad for his contributions to radio communications. He was awarded the Queen's Coronation Anniversary Medal and the Diplome d'Honneur from the International Telecommunications Union.

All this time, he was active in amateur radio and is a Past-President of the Canadian Amateur Radio Federation and founded the CARF Publishing Ltd. during his term of office. He is now the CARF/DOC liaison.

Bill, who has been a speaker at our Club, has always been very concerned with protecting the amateur bands as will be seen by his article *The New Challenges Facing Clubs Today* to be found elsewhere in this issue. His work with the Federal Government, with international bodies and in the hobby has always been focused on protecting amateur radio for us all. He is now working on papers for WARC 92, still fighting the same old battles.

The Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club is indeed honoured to have such a distinguished member accept a Life Membership in our Club. We wish him a long and healthy life in the knowledge that our interests will be well protected for as long as Bill is able to fight for them.

### RALPH CAMERON, VE3BBM

In August, Ralph Cameron will celebrate 44 years as an amateur. He was licensed in North Bay in 1947 while a high school student. As is often the case with young amateurs, his hobby led him on the path to a career in electronics, a career that has profited both him and the amateur community.

Ralph's early jobs were but preparatory work for his later employment in electronic test equipment. This is where the field of electromagnetic interference became such an absorbing interest. What a fortunate event for amateurs!

Ralph joined the Interference Committee of the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club 14 years ago and still acts as an advisor on that Committee. Sometime later, he was invited to write for *The Canadian Amateur* on the subject of EMI and has not only been writing the column *Crosswaves* ever since, but is also the CARF representative on the Electromagnetic Interference Committee of the Radio Advisory Board.

Ralph has been involved in well over one hundred cases of EMI in this region alone and has given advice to hundreds more amateurs. His most famous case, as many may recall, was the Jack Ravenscroft lawsuit in which Jack was sued by a neighbour for alleged interference to appliances in his home. It took five years and the verdict was not entirely satisfactory, but the results led to changes to the Radio Act to prevent this happening again.

Ralph Cameron has numerous interests in amateur radio including the collection of foreign CW codes, but above all his focus has been the welfare of the hobby and its devotees. Ralph has never refused an invitation to speak to our Club and he is always available to advise or assist in cases of electromagnetic interference.

The Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club is indeed fortunate and honoured to have Ralph Cameron as a Life Member. His dedication to the protection of the amateur and his efforts to educate the general public on the real causes of interference should let many of us sleep easier. His example of voluntarism sets a standard that others may attempt to emulate. We wish him many productive years in amateur radio.



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### NEXT MEETING OF THE

#### OVMRC

16 MAY, 1991

1930 hours

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Multi-service

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1480 Heron Road,  
(East of Alta Vista Dr. near  
Baycrest Drive on south  
side of Heron)

### CLUB CALENDAR

Regular Meeting 16 May

#### APPRECIATION NIGHT

Executive Meeting  
Thursday, 23 May  
1800 hrs at VE3ATY's QTH  
RAMBLER submissions  
deadline 23 May!!

#### BUNNY HUNT

1 June, 1991

PRIZES! PRIZES!  
to be awarded at  
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at about 1600 hrs.  
with a

"Bring-Your-Own" Picnic/BBQ

Vincent Massey Park  
Area "L"  
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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.

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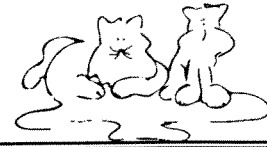
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# Strays

by Doug Carswell, VE3ATY



At the April meeting, the members voted to confer Life Memberships on Bill Wilson, VE3NR, and Ralph Cameron, VE3BBM. These gentlemen have made outstanding contributions to the radio world and in particular the amateur community (*see the front page*). By accepting appointments as Life Members, they allow us to share a part of their life and they add lustre to our Club. On behalf of the Club, may I extend our thanks for their contribution and say that we look forward to seeing them at our meetings.

Also at the April meeting, the Club adopted the revised bylaws with some amendments. Merv Lemke, VE3CV, and Bob Campbell, VE3KLLK, came forward with changes that will make these bylaws better. Bob raised the question of whether we could change our constitution when we enacted the new bylaws. The answer is yes. Article 7 of the old Bylaws and Constitution reads "This Constitution, or By-Laws, may be amended by a quorum at a regular meeting." The requirements to publish the motion to amend and the text of the amendments were met prior to the regular meeting at which the motion was voted on. It is the Letters Patent that require Ministerial approval.

Leo, VE3NVL, noted that Jerry Wells, VE3CDS, who assumed the role of chairman for the review of the bylaws, dealt with the matter in a businesslike manner. I know that this kind of stuff can be tedious and the old backside feels the pain. However, it serves our interest as it will guide the Executive in the forthcoming years. Craig Delmage, VE3KKU, asked how we get rid of a bad apple in the Executive - a legitimate question - imagine where this country would be if it had such a mechanism. For those of you that share such concerns, read clauses 2.2.4.2 and 9.5.

As indicated previously, the preparation of the new bylaws, your amendments, and your approval have expended many hours of Club effort, a lot of anguish, and lots of heat. Do you recall the meeting at which I asked what you thought we ought to be doing as a Club and do you recall the discussion about merging with the OARC? - Wow! didn't that open a can. I recall Gerry King, VE3GK, commenting on

the social aspect of the Club and what it was about in the early days. Alan Boyce and I spent several hours walking around Colonnade Road discussing where the Club should be heading and what it's about.

At the conclusion of that phase of the process, three members of the Executive were asked to put together what they felt would be a set of bylaws that would best express what we are all about. Al Boyce, VE3LNH, served on that committee. Chuck King, VE3PDK, was appointed a member because of his sensitivity to words and his very special perspective on life. Pat Brewer, VE3KJQ, also acted on the committee because of his many years in association with the Executive and his sense of direction. After several months of effort, when this committee was polarized on some issues and in full agreement on most, they presented the "new" bylaws for Executive review. You now have the product of all of this effort. I know in some cases it does not reflect exactly what you would have liked, but it does reflect "due process" and the careful and collective thought of most.

I am reminded of one of my editors earlier in my life. He was most unwilling to let a piece of material go in the interest of getting it right - but it was time to go to press. At some point in each stage of the process you have to declare, "It is time to move on." At the last stage, which is the highest court of appeal within our Club, you ask the members at large, "What is your pleasure?" To each of the participants in this long process, I want to say thanks for bearing with me. I think they are spot on.

What did you think of that "850". The presentation by Gerry King, VE3GK, was great and a welcome tonic after working our way through the bylaws. We had many things happening within that demonstration. Amateur television at work - many thought we ought to do more of that for future demos. The sched with Captain Bligh (Brice, VE3EDR) - marine mobile at one end and portable at the other. (I met one of Bligh's crew and it is reported that he got a video record of the event - although there was no evidence of keel hauling, his nose was bright red from the exposure to the

tropical sun and salt air -some of us have it tough.) Boy that TS850 would blow your mind away on Field Day.

We were, I think, number three in Canada in last year's Field Day. Why not number one this year? Jeff Wilson is chairing the Field Day committee this year. Paul, VE2KKB, and Vic, VE3BSV take note.

How about that Flea Market on Saturday? The reports are elsewhere in this issue indicating that we surpassed all of our objectives. Shows you the benefit of letting Club members have a go at it. One of the commercial vendors was reported to have sold out all of the stock that he brought with him and he, amongst others, has booked space for next year. At one point in the morning, it was nearly impossible to move down the aisles because of the numbers in attendance - talk about keeping in touch.

I thought the rain might work against us - but in retrospect I really think it worked for us. You know you couldn't rake the lawn or do any of those chores in the rain. To the lads who put it together, Larry, VE3WLN; Ken, VE3KJB; and Jay, VE3SGU - thanks. That idea of putting names on the tables and setting up on Friday afternoon paid off Saturday morning when the vendors located their tables quickly and the market was ready for the buyers by 8:30.

I saw Lee, VE3OWD, our former Secretary, who now lives up the valley where, he tells me, he has 120-foot masts for his antennas in the form of pine trees. You can see why the British navy liked the valley back in the days of sailing.

And poor Mike, VE3BGP, at draw time for the Uniden radio. Pat put all of the tickets in the basket, stirred them up, and asked a young lad to draw the ticket. I personally said "stir them up." I can still see Mike's face as he saw his own name on the winning ticket. He looked at me and said: "what do I do?" It's yours Mike fair and square.

The May meeting is the Club's appreciation night; so bring your friends. Its going to be a great eyeball.

73s - Doug, VE3ATY

# Secretary's Minutes

by Acting Secretary - Judy Taetz, VE3PAB



## MINUTES - OVMRC REGULAR MEETING -- April 18, 1991

1. President Doug, VE3ATY, having established the presence of a quorum, opened the meeting at 1945 hrs. In the absence of the secretary, the Treasurer, Judy, VE3PAB, was asked to take the minutes.

2. **Motions for Life Memberships.** President Doug read two motions published in the April issue of the *Rambler* proposing the conferring of Life Memberships as follows:

"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 amateur radio activities."

"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 Amateur Radio in general and to radio amateurs in his community through his activities in amateur radio."

Ballots were distributed and the members voted unanimously in favour. **Both motions were carried.**

3. **Bunny Hunt.** President Doug informed the meeting that the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club has enthusiastically joined in the Bunny Hunt and has fielded a committee and allocated prize money to match those of the OVMRC. President Doug called for volunteers to form our committee and the following responded - Dennis, VE3JGR; John, VE3ACI; Eric, VE3OTT; and Gerry, VE3CDS. A meeting of this special committee was called to follow the Flea Market on Apr. 20th.

4. **Joe Norton Award.** Jeff, VE3RCI, presented the rules for the Joe Norton

Award for anyone who wished to compete.

5. **Raffle Prize.** Ed, VE3RDZ, introduced the Flea Market raffle prize -- a Uniden HR2600 10-Meter transceiver complete with antenna and encouraged members to buy tickets.

6. **Bylaw Adoption.** President Doug read out the motion published in the April *Rambler* proposing the 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."

Doug called on Jerry Wells, VE3CDS, to take over the chair for the discussion and vote on this motion. Jerry read out the revised bylaws and called on the meeting for comment. The following amendments were proposed by the members:

a. **Articles 2.3.2 Annual Dues and 2.3.3 Dues Reduced.** Merv, VE3CV, proposed the deletion of dollar amounts in these two articles to avoid having to amend the bylaws each time dues are adjusted, as provided for in Article 2.3.1. The following wording of these articles was adopted:

i. **2.3.2 Annual Dues.**

*Annual membership dues shall be payable by the first day of each fiscal year.*

ii. **2.3.3 Dues Reduced.**

*Annual membership dues for additional members in the same household where a single mailing of member correspondence may be made shall be reduced by an amount to be determined by the membership at any Regular Meeting.*

b. **Article 6.2 Amateur Radio Training.** Jerry, VE3CDS, pointed out a change required in Article 6.2 to clarify the relationship of this Committee to the Communications Canada Delegated Examiners. The following wording of this article was adopted:

i. **6.2 Amateur Radio Training**

*The Amateur Radio Training Committee plans, organizes and conducts training programs in amateur radio. This Committee will coordinate its activities with those of the Communications Canada Delegated Examiners.*

c. **Article 6.6 Membership.** Bob Campbell, VE3KLL, proposed an amendment to Article 6.6 by the addition of the following, "and may convene a sub-committee to assist the bereaved family to legally dispose of Amateur radio and related equipment belonging to the deceased." It was clarified that the legal aspects of this amendment referred only to the disposal of such equipment in conformance with Communications Canada regulations on the licensing requirements for the ownership of transceivers. The following wording of Article 6.6 was adopted:

i. **6.6 Membership**

*The Membership Committee maintains membership lists for a minimum of seven (7) years, collects dues, issues membership cards and prepares mailing labels. This Committee is also responsible for welcoming visitors and new members and for expressing the Club's get-well wishes to members who are ill, and condolences to families of deceased members, and may convene a special committee to assist the bereaved family to legally dispose of amateur radio and related equipment belonging to the deceased.*

d. **Article 8.4 Nominations from the Floor.** Merv, VE3CV, proposed an amendment to Article 8.4. He suggested that such nominations should be submitted in writing, with proper seconders and indicating the nominee's willingness to stand for office. Such nominations should be made to the Nominating Committee in advance of the Annual General Meeting. The following wording of Article 8.4 was adopted:

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# EDITOR'S CORNER

by Chas. King, VE3PDK



## HEAR YE!

The Executive's mandate expires on 20 June, 1991 when a new Executive must be elected for the coming Club year -- 20 June, 1991 to June, 1992. This has set the headhunters are on the war-path again, looking for the best possible talent to guide the Club through another year of growth and good fun in amateur radio.

**The Nominating Committee.** Jerry Wells, VE3CDS, (225-7374) is the chief headhunter, who will be ably assisted by Fred Noble, VE3BAJ (733-7529) and Ken Barry, VE3KJB (746-4823).

Do you have anything you can offer to your Club for a one year term? Call any one of the Nominating Committee and discuss it with them. They will canvass each member if they do not get sufficient volunteers to complete their slate, so why not call them yourself to get first crack at whatever office interests you?

Here in a nutshell are the jobs on the Executive -- one of them may be just right for you.

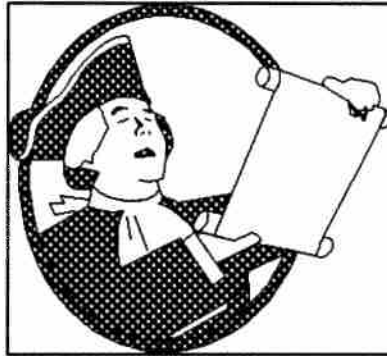
**President** - responsible for the smooth and efficient operation of the Club.

**Vice-President** - assumes the duties of the President during his absence.

**Secretary** - records minutes, prepares correspondence, holds custody of records and the Club seal.

**Treasurer** - maintains the financial records of the Club.

## HEAR YE!



### CHAIRS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

**Amateur Radio Exhibit** - works with the Museum of Science and Technology in planning, designing and operating the amateur radio station in the Museum.

**Amateur Radio Training** - plans, organizes and conducts training in amateur radio.

**Field Day** - plans, organizes and coordinates the Club's participation in the annual ARRL Field Day.

**Flea Market** - plans, organizes and coordinates an annual sale of radio and related equipment.

**Historical** - maintains a history of the Club. Evaluates and disposes of outdated records.

**Membership** - maintains membership lists, collects dues, issues membership cards, welcomes new members, appoints special committees to assist in disposing of estate equipment.

## HEAR YE!

**Newsletter** - edits, publishes and distributes the *Rambler*.

**Programs and Publicity** - organizes social functions, presentations for meetings, refreshments at meetings and advertises Club events.

**Radio Operations** - coordinates and provides net controllers for the Club's radio nets -- The Wise Owl Net and The Pothole Net.

**Technical** - sets up and maintains Club radio stations, maintains an inventory of Club equipment and provides technical guidance to members.

If chairing does not appeal to you, consider helping out as a member of any one of these committees. Committee members can contribute on an "as-required" basis. It's a good way of introducing yourself to the workings of the Club Executive and prepares you to take on a larger role later.

Our Club is on a roll and we do not want to lose the momentum built up over the past few years. So let's pitch in and add our little push to this very worthwhile organization.



### ONTARIO VINTAGE RADIO ASSOCIATION PROPOSED OTTAWA CHAPTER

Collectors, restorers and enthusiasts of vintage radios -- are you interested in sharing your enthusiasm, your ideas and other information on old radios? **Call Allan Brown at 832-1932** and discuss the possibility of forming an Ottawa Chapter of the OVRA.

# FLEA MARKET '91 REPORT CARD

by Larry Woram, VE3WLN & Judy Taetz, VE3PAB

## THE VIEW FROM THE TOP

On April 20th, the OVMRC held its annual fleamarket and "eyeball," giving new meaning to the term "eyeball". For most of the morning you were virtually eyeball to eyeball with someone, no matter where you turned as you made your way through the aisles. We lost count of the attendees at some point over 450 as we were handing out door prize tickets. It is estimated that another hundred or more came in through unattended doors.

There were bargains galore - would you believe a roll of RG-8 for ONE DOLLAR! As usual, I was one step behind Ken, VE3KJB, as he grabbed the coax at this unheard of price. Many more bargains were available to the ham with a keen eye. The commercial vendors were more than pleased with the turn out and reported exceptionally good sales.

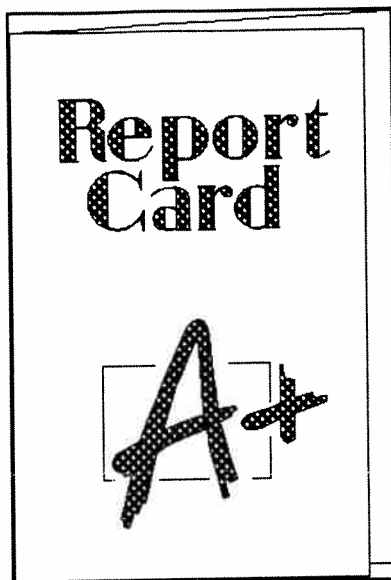
This year's raffle for a Uniden 10-meter transceiver was a huge success. Mike, VE3BGP, was "volunteered" as a PA system to call out the winning numbers for the draw. From his position on top of a table, he called on a passing lad to pull a number from a well-mixed box of tickets. When he saw the winning name, he nearly fell off the table and passed the ticket to our President Doug to make the official announcement. Doug was equally surprised -- the winner was VE3BGP, Mike! Congratulations Mike.

Thanks also to Graham Walker of **Bytown Marine**, who donated a wall clock and two callbooks; **CRRL** who donated an ARRL Hand book; **CARF**, who donated a year's membership; **Seaway Communication**, who donated a complete antenna assembly; **H.C. MarFarlane Electronics**, who donated a balun; **DX International**, who donated a membership. The Club added a few more items so that many people were able to go home with prizes.

As in most club events, success is often a measure of the involvement of the members. In this respect I would like to thank personally my Committee members - Chuck,

VE3PDK; Ken, VE3KJB; Jay, VE3SGU, and other volunteers - Pat, VE3KJQ; Sue, VE3SLC; Judy, VE3PAB; Fred, VE3PAA; Evelyn, VE3OAM; Roxanne, VE3VON; and Jeff, VE3RCI for all of their help.

Larry, VE3WLN



## THE VIEW FROM THE FLEABITE

All those people who thought that the 1990 Fleamarket was the best, and couldn't be beat, think again. Larry Woram, VE3WLN, armed with Jeff, VE3RCI's 1990 notes set out to make the seams of the Canterbury High School's Cafeteria burst. With the help of the Flea Market Committee, and many hours of hard work there was not much room left to breathe. What's next Larry? The Civic Centre?

The "FLEABITE," under the guidance of Sue, VE3SLC, was bursting with all kinds of good things to eat, thanks to all the generous donors. It is said that a chef's best compliment is an empty

plate. Our crowd was very complimentary and left us little very little to pack up at the end. In spite of having four coffee urns on the go, Fred, VE3PAA, had a hard time keeping up with the demand for the hot brew. A couple of times there was threat of a riot when the pots just wouldn't perk fast enough. Some kind souls settled for cups of tea in desperation.

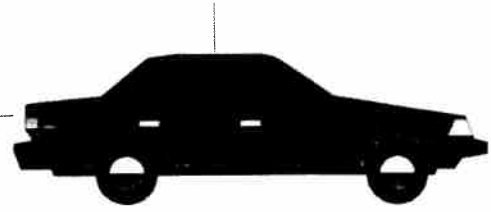
It is amazing what hard work and organization can accomplish, and everyone who helped, too many to mention here, in the arranging, setting up, serving, selling tickets and finally in cleaning up deserve a rousing round of applause.

Armed with all the success of this year, who knows, maybe we have the makings of a Dayton North. What can stop us?

Thanks again to all and let's keep growing and improving together.

Til next year, from **Judy, VE3PAB**.

# NEWS AND VIEWS FROM HERE AND THERE



by Pat Brewer, VE3KJQ

As I sit down to write this, I have a pile of bulletins about an inch thick in front of me. Let's hope I can reduce it to one page for you. This month we have some new additions which give us news from one coast to the other for the first time.

We'll start with the **Halifax Amateur Radio Club** bulletin *The Reflector*. Brit Fader VE1FQ, a well known amateur who recently became a silent key, will be honoured by a tribute in the Signals Museum in Kingston Ontario. Club members helped the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) during "Development Week" by establishing a station in a local school. This allowed students to communicate with people in other countries. To get geared up for Field Day, the Club will be holding a training session on contest operating. VY2DB and VY2OHM have set up a net on Saturdays at 2000ADT on 3.8 MHz. for teens only.

The **Moncton Area ARC** and **CRRL** held a full day Packet Radio Seminar on March 23, 1991. The purpose was to provide a forum for ideas and information, and to train new operators.

Moving on to Ottawa, here are some items from the **Pioneer ARC TelePARC**. Club members are planning to bring back ATV receivers from Dayton to help get more people watching Amateur TV. Repeater VE3TEL may soon join others in the area that have a sub-audible tone of 100 Hz. This is to help provide relief from intermod. Doug, VE3CDC, reported that club members put in 42 volunteer hours restoring military communications equipment at the War Museum.

Now let's zip down to the **Kingston ARC**. During the spring Public Broadcasting System (PBS) pledge drive, five club members were manning the phones in Watertown, N.Y. The club holds weekly meetings on Saturday mornings at 8:00 at the Truck Stop. They have had 24 amateurs present including several from south of the border. The club is talking about

having a breakfast meeting in the U.S. and one in Belleville.

*Clear-Signals* the bulletin of the **Chatham-Kent ARC** has a warning for those running the Bunny Hunt. Two club members were "charged" with "misleading the hounds" in a recent bunny hunt and were brought before a Kangaroo Court. They had been holed up on an island, which may or may not have been officially within the boundaries of the hunt. They found guilty and were sentenced to six months of geography class. Let this be a warning to those running our bunny hunt!

From **Windsor** we have a few bits from the **Border City Radio Club Bulletin**. There is a new six-metre repeater operating in the area. The receiver is in Windsor and the transmitter in Amherstburg. There is a comment that TVI filters are in demand. There is a report on CANWARN, indicating that the service started in three counties in southwestern Ontario four years ago and is now operating in eleven counties. The severe weather warning system will be expanded into two more counties this year.

From *The SARCommunicator* of the **Sudbury ARC** -- The big news for this month is the move of the packet repeater in North Bay to a new site with a tower at about 400 ft. Signal reports are very good and Sudbury is now linked to Barrie and the rest of the packet world. At least six amateurs from the **Manitoulin ARC** headed off to Dayton this year. In **Dryden**, there are eight new amateurs, in **Thunder Bay** 24 members of the **Lakehead ARC** provided communications for the International 500 Snowmobile Race, and in **Kenora** code practice is being sent out on 146.52 simplex and a generic club QSL is in the works (no less than four clubs including our own are doing this right now).

Now we skip out to Saskatchewan and the **Saskatoon ARC Greensheet**. Their club operates Ham Help. This is a committee that assists amateurs in setting up a station, primarily with antenna installation. This summer they will be putting up seven or eight anten-

nas. The *Greensheet* also contains a final report on the display at the Western Development Museum. About forty individuals took part manning the station over nine weekends. "This success is measured in terms of the public awareness that has been achieved, the participation of new Hams in the fraternity and the general good fun enjoyed by all."

Moving a little further west we come to the **Calgary Amateur Radio Association Key Klix**. Membership in the club is now over 300. Larry VE6KC is researching early amateur radio (pre 1914) with the goal of setting up a vintage station at Heritage Park. Don VE7ELV is involved in communications for an Elk Trans-Canada Run this summer. It will start in St. John Nfld. on June 21. Club members assisted in two simulated emergencies. The first involved all the Calgary hospitals and the second was to set up an alternative communications system for the six Alberta Red Cross Houses. In both cases officials were impressed and surprised by the performance of the amateur radio operators.

Finally, we move out to BC and the **Comox Valley ARC** bulletin. This club put out its very first bulletin on March 28, 1991 with some advice from our own editor. The club has 93 members and is very active. Recent meeting subjects were, the evolution of CW QRP rigs, the Victoria to Maui boat race, a December dinner meeting, auction night, and a talk on home brew QRP SSB rigs. In addition to the their meetings, club members meet every Saturday morning for a Koffee Klatch.

That's it for this month. See you next time.

## CODE-PHONE

The cw code phone operates at 12 WPM with new text each week.

Check in to increase your code speed - 825-0786

**i. 8.4 Other Nominations**

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.

**e. Article 9.6 Assumption of Duties.** Merv, VE3CV, called attention to Article 9.6, noting that the meeting should end immediately after the elections and the newly elected Executive members should then assume their duties.

**f. Constitution Repealed.** Bob, VE3KLG, asked that the Executive verify the legality of replacing the constitution with bylaws.

*Secretarial Note: It has been confirmed that the constitution or the bylaws can be amended in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution Issue 9, dated 16 June, 1988. Therefore, the constitution*

*is incorporated in the bylaws. In fact, the previous issue of the constitution contained many articles which are at odds with the revised bylaws Issue 10 and must be repealed to avoid conflict. The Letters Patent, however, are inviolate.*

**MOTION.** Gerry, read out the motion, noting the amendments, and called for a vote by a show of hands. The vote was unanimous to adopt the revised bylaws Issue 10. **Motion carried.**

**7. Maritime Mobile QSO.** Gerry, VE3GK, kept a sked with Brice, VE3EDR, marine mobile W4 on his boat in the Caribbean. Assisted by Jeff, VE3RCI, the QSO was successful and applauded by the members.

**8. Kenwood TS850 Demo.** Gerry VE3GK demonstrated his new Kenwood TS850 with the help of Bill VE3EKA and his camcorder and monitor. The demonstration was interesting and enjoyable, and introduced to many some of the fascinating features of the new technology.

**9. Membership List.** Archie, VE3NJY, requested that Club membership list be made available to the members. The Executive will examine

ways and means of making these available.

**10. Flea Market.** The Flea Market Committee chairman Larry, VE3WLN, asked for volunteers to set up tables on Apr.19, at 1600 hrs.

**11. Hospitalized Member.** Merv VE3CV announced that Bill VE3YK was in hospital in PA, enroute home. The members passed on wishes for a speedy recovery.

**12. Life Member Name Tags.** President Doug presented gold Life Member name tags to Ralph Cameron and Bill Wilson to a warm round of applause.

**13. Door Prizes.** The draws were held for door prizes, an international repeater directory and a regional directory, donated by Bytown Marine.

**14. Adjournment.** Doug called for a motion to adjourn. Moved by Leo, VE3NVL, seconded by Eric, VE3OTT that the meeting adjourn. Doug declared the meeting adjourned at 1930 hrs.



**NOTICE -- NEW OVMRC AMATEURS**

As a bonus for students of the OVMRC Amateur Radio Course, each graduate attending the May meeting will receive a copy of Help for New Hams. So come on out and get your copy.

**MOTION - BUNNY HUNT PRIZE MONEY**

Moved by Chuck, VE3PDK, seconded by Judy, VE3PAB, that two hundred dollars (\$200.00) be allocated for the purchase of prizes for the Bunny Hunt to be held on 1 June, 1991.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Latest additions to our membership rolls are:

Paul Gordon, VE2KKB  
Ed Puccini, VE3EFP  
Mike McDermott, VE2HLB  
Bob Mitchell, VE3SXZ and  
Ted Thaddeus, VE3TGS who becomes our 199th member! Who will be the 200th? Bring a guest to the next meeting. He may be the lucky the lucky one.

**CORRECTIONS**

Incorrect calls were published last month for some of our student members. Please note the following corrections:

Winston Hetherington, VE3WTH - not WTN  
Randy Fisher, VE3WRF - not STC  
and add a new call for another student:  
Don Foster, VE3SXU



# 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.

I was glad to receive some logs at the April meeting from a couple of newcomers to this column, Leo, VE3NVL, our Wise Owl Net manager, and Ralph, VE3BBM, one of the two new Life members.

## From Leo, VE3NVL

Using a wire antenna and 60 watts from his Kenwood TS-820S, Leo worked HR1KSR (Honduras) 0325Z 14.160 SSB. Glad to know your getting out on HF, Leo, let's see some more.

## From Ralph, VE3BBM

These nice DX catches shows us that Ralph doesn't spend all his time hunting down EMI problems for us, which is nice to know.

U53E/UA9TF (Mary in Turkomen) 0220Z 14.015 CW;  
UM9QUC (Kirghiz S.S.R.) 0325Z 21.009 CW.

## From Mike, VE3BGP

Mike has been using the new Uniden HR2600 that he won at the Flea Market in his truck with the mag-mount antenna and getting good results as the following indicate:

WB9NUL, Texas mobile on 28.340MHz gave a 5/7 signal report on 21 April - This was the first contact;  
U04OR (Modavia) on 28.340MHz, 21 April followed by JYURI Budapest on 28.365 MHz  
LZ1QI, Sofia, Bulgaria on 28.503, on 26 April; and EA5TCD Spain, on 28.508 reported 5/5 on the 26th.

## From Me, VE3RCI

All the rain meant low line noise at my QTH so lots of operating (can't do yard work in the rain!). April 16 UL7LAH (Kazakh S.S.R.) 0225Z 21.012 CW;  
SV2AHM (Greece) 0233Z 21.021 CW;  
April 20-21 all SSB,  
EK0KBZ (Cape Schmidt, USSR - 69N/180E) 2200Z 21.306;  
EA9LH (Ceuta, North Africa) 0333Z 21.295;  
FR5EL (Reunion Is.) 0412Z 21.240;  
YO2AOB (Romania) 0427Z 18.114;  
CE8ABF (Tierra del Fuego Is., Chile) 0224Z 18.150;  
VK8OB (Alice Springs, Northern Terr.) 1158Z 18.132;  
FW0BX (Wallis Is.) 1155Z 18.153.

Lots of good DX showing up on 17 meters these days.... check it out!

It was great to work Brice, VE3EDR/C6A/mm during his trip from the Bahamas to Florida on his 39 foot sailboat. Our QSO held during the April meeting was video recorded on board at his end, so hopefully we'll see that at an upcoming meeting. Using VE3GK's TS-850S and mobile antenna was lots of fun too! Thanks Gerry.

I'm planning some OVMRC DX Challenges (personal contests) to get more people active on HF...especially you guys who think you have done it all. Let's try this for starters: Work All Continents (WAC) on each band. Better yet, do it on the same (non-contest) weekend! Any QRP enthusiasts willing to try? Send me your logs when you have a single band WAC to report. This should be really interesting. Looking forward to some response!

Don't forget to book Field Day, June 22-23 on your calendar of social events! I'll be calling on you at the May meeting. 73 es gud DX de Jeff.

## BUNNYHUNT PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!

Get ready for the great Bunny Hunt Saturday, **1 June from 8:30 a.m.**

Two bunnies are involved and several prizes will be awarded in the afternoon  
**Vincent Massey Park, Area "L"** just north of the Pavilion, where a "bring-your-own" picnic/BBQ will be held. Bring the YLs, OMs and harmonics.

Register early at either Club (the fee is \$3.50)

The 1 June registration and start point will be announced on **VE3TWO - 147.30 MHz.**

**Needed -- judges and help with starting day registration.**

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# THE NEW CHALLENGES FACING CLUBS TODAY

by Bill Wilson, VE3NR

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It is indeed good to read in the last issue of the *OVMRC Rambler* the names of those who had just received their amateur operator certificates and station licences. It has proven to me that the restructuring was well worth the efforts of DOC, the national organizations and, most of all, the clubs and their members, who are working to make it a success. The future for amateur radio in Canada is bright. Let's have a look at it.

The privileges granted to a licensed amateur with basic qualifications now exceed, by a country mile, the privileges granted to the licensee of any other class of radio service in Canada, the advanced amateur excepted. Getting an advanced certificate gives an amateur a few additional privileges, but really they are insignificant. Look at a partial list of what the amateur with basic qualifications can do:

Phone (AM & FM)  
Packet  
Satellite communications  
Facsimile  
Spread Spectrum  
Phone (TDMA, FDMA & CDMA)\*  
Telegraphy (CW)  
Television (fast & slow scan)  
AMTOR & Computer/Computer  
Coms  
Moon Bounce  
Propagation and weak signal research  
Scatter  
Data

I use the word "partial" because I just do not know what else will be on that list in a year or two. Technology is moving very quickly and DOC has placed no limits on the technologies a basic amateur may use.

You may well say that the basic amateur is limited to frequencies above 30 MHz, but up there he has access to 19 bands of frequencies as compared with 9 bands below 30 MHz. And while one is limited to 190 watts of carrier power, one can easily build high gain antennas and radiate effective powers of 200 kilowatts. While occupied bandwidth below 30 MHz is quite limited, above that frequency the maximum bandwidth allowed is increased, and above 1240 MHz there is no bandwidth limit. Antennas above 30 MHz, being smaller, will fit into the visible environment more easily and present fewer problems to neighbours. The requirement to use only "commercially manufactured" equipment is not as serious a limit as one might initially think. So, the possibilities are fascinating, to say the least

However, an average amateur with basic qualifications will not usually know very much, if anything, about the sophisticated modes of communications and so will need a lot of help to get started.

And here are the challenges for amateur clubs across the country today. The first is to bridge the gap between the basic amateur's knowledge and what one needs to know so that one can make a good choice of technology. The second is to help one learn how to make a success of his/her amateur radio choice.

The *Introduction to Packet Radio*\*\* that our Club has been circulating these past few weeks is one step in that very important direction.

There is one more important challenge that we must not forget. In the competition for radio spectrum (and

it never ends) we have to defend regularly, through the government's consultative processes, those 28 bands of frequencies that have been allocated to us. Unfortunately few clubs pay attention to matters of spectrum and regulations -- one meeting a year should be devoted to this field. Always remember, "No frequencies -- no hobby!"

\* *Time-Division Multiple Access, Frequency-Division Multiple Access, Code-Division Multiple Access. See also Crosswaves by Ralph Cameron, VE3BBM in The Canadian Amateur, Vol. 19, No. 4, April, 1991, pp 34-38.*

\*\* *Introduction to Packet Radio. Larry Kenney, WB9LOZ, @W6PW.#NOCAL.CA.USA.NA*

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