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HERE'S THE NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 1991-1992

by Charles King, VE3PDK

Your Nominating Committee, Jerry Wells, VE3CDS, Fred Noble, VE3BAJ, and Ken Barry, VE3KJB, has done it again. The Committee had the extra job of finding candidates for four Directors and ten Chairs of Standing Committees created by the new *Bylaws*. These new positions will enable the Executive to start early planning and organization of all the major activities of the Club for the coming year. Note carefully the one Chair that remains vacant. Can a radio club afford to have its major radio event of the year floundering for lack of a chairperson? Think hard about your ability to help out on this Committee and make the offer.

PRESIDENT

JEFF WILSON, VE3RCI

Jeff needs no introduction after his terms as Vice-President, Programmes Coordinator, Chairman Field Day Committee, DX DE YOU columnist and his many other Club activities. His presidency promises a continued growth and an increased dynamism for the Club.

VICE-PRESIDENT

LARRY WORAM, VE3WLN

Larry's star rose with the publication of his article on customs regulations on amateur radio and related equipment - an article that was reprinted by *The Canadian Amateur* and by numerous club papers across Canada. He followed that by taking on the Flea Market Committee to do an outstanding job of organizing that event. With that demonstrated enthusiasm and proven performance, how can the Club miss with Larry as Vice and with the potential for President and Past-President in the years to come.

TREASURER

JUDY TAETZ, VE3PAB

"Something old and something new" is the old saying, but this only applies figuratively in the case of young Judy our "old Treasurer" of this current year. Judy has had so much success in putting the Club finances on computer that she wants to enjoy the fruits of her labour for one more year. How can we lose?

SECRETARY

TED PAUL, VE3KEH

Ted is a recent licensee with a varied background - much of it with the National Museum of Science and Technology and with VE3JW. Ted could fill any number of appointments on the Executive, but he has agreed to use his many talents as our Secretary for this term.

AMATEUR RADIO EXHIBIT

CY WEBSTER, VE3SIY

Cy, a graduate of the OVMRC Radio Class of '90, is anxious to add his contribution to the Club. The ARE Committee will see continuing activity this year as the Museum plans for the reopening of VE3JW sometime in 1992. Cy may need help and we will ensure that he gets it whenever he needs it.

AMATEUR RADIO TRAINING

DOUG CARSWELL, VE3ATY

It is only logical, one supposes, that the Chief Instructor on the Amateur Radio Course should be involved in the Committee. Doug's plans to streamline the course and study material this year fit in well with his being the Chair of the Committee.

FIELD DAY COMMITTEE.

VE SOMEBODY.

Jeff Wilson has coordinated Field Day on two occasions, including this year, and it would be too much to ask that he do it again along with the responsibilities of President. It must be supposed, therefore, that **SOMEBODY** will do it. It would be great to know who **SOMEBODY** is so that Jeff can help them with the planning and the forming of **SOMEBODY's** committee of helpers for next June.

FLEA MARKET COMMITTEE -

KEN BARRY, VE3KJB

What a break! A ready-trained member of this year's Flea Market Committee to head up next year's Committee. Ken, a graduate of the OVMRC Radio Class of '90, was a most active member of this year's successful Flea Market. He has been a member of the Rambler Committee and contributing columnist, writing *Novice News* for the students. No doubt, Ken will gather his Committee members early and do a bang-up job on the next Flea Market. Let's give him our full support.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

PAT BREWER, VE3KJQ

You can't keep a good man down. He just goes from one job to another. While continuing to work with the Radio Amateur Course, Pat has agreed to take on the "orphan" Committee to keep our Club history. This was a task started by Lee, VE3OWD, a past Secretary, and handed over to the Executive on his retirement. No one has been anxious to take it on until Pat volunteered. Remember that if there is ever a need for help for this Committee - let's give it

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NEXT MEETING OF THE OVMRC

20 JUNE, 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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS 20 JUNE

**Executive Meeting
Thursday, 27 June
1900 hrs**

**RAMBLER submissions
deadline 27 June!!**

**FIELD DAY
22 - 23 June**

**See location map elsewhere
in this issue.**

RAMBLER COMMITTEE

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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

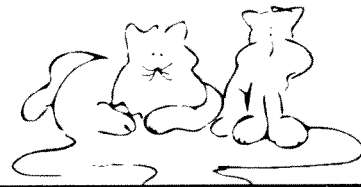
THE WISE OWL NET - Fridays 2000 hrs. 147.30 MHz

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

Champlain Mini-Net - Daily 1845 hrs 147.06 MHz

Strays

by Doug Carswell, VE3ATY



Well, this is my last column as President of the Club. At this point I would like to thank the members for providing me their full support in the time I have held this job. For me, the mantle of office was a trust to provide direction to the Club that advanced both the interest of the amateur community as well as the Club's special concerns. I have enjoyed your confidence and have had the support of a good Executive. We find evidence of their work in a number of places, these unsung heroes provided minutes of the meetings, looked after our moneys, provided us with a number of articles in the best club magazine in the country, and provided us with some interesting events as well as guest speakers. Also I would like to say thanks to the Flea Market Committee - that was a great eyeball and represents a new high in the Club's activities.

With the casting of the new bylaws, we have started down a new path that provides opportunity for the members to participate in a wider variety of amateur activity.

Eric Still's, VE3OTT, excellent workshop idea has been reinforced with the articulation of Bill Wilson's, VE3NR, view of the challenges for the amateur of the 90s. That is: those of us who are more knowledgeable of amateur radio should pass on this knowledge through the vehicles of the workshops and projects, such as bunny hunts and repeater upgrades. This will keep fellow amateurs aware of the technical features available and in so doing be the engine that drives amateur radio in the future.

The concept of the workshop, although not new, is an area of activity which we have not exploited extensively in the past. To a more or less extent we have had workshops in the form of technical presentations at Club meetings: these certainly are precursors to the workshop.

As Bill, VE3NR, pointed out the modes of operation available to amateurs is indeed limitless. One can not but help reflect on the "packet phenomenon" that has exploded upon the amateur scene in the last decade. George Dew, VE2OWD, observed about a year ago after seeing a number of "commercial" data communications controllers and radios - "it is nothing but reruns of amateur packet radio." What next?

Some things the old timers take for granted are new stuff for many new amateurs. When the solid state devices are compared to the days of steam radio, the new fangled devices are rather inert to the point of being almost vulgar. Amateur operation called for the use of all your senses - you listened to the sound of the loose laminations in a transformer, you knew the smell electrical smoke which was not always a sign of a disaster, you would confirm wattage ratings by wetting your finger and sticking it on the part in question. Today it's different; if you let the smoke out you know you're in trouble. Do you remember the magic of tuning for that particular colour emanating from the finals. The new kids on the block have never seen the glow of mercury vapour rectifiers change as you speak into the mike.

Getting back to the workshop, the only limiting factor to their diversity and success is the support you give the next Executive. Tell them what you want to see this Club do; remember the Club belongs to you.

Maybe we ought to take up Bill Wilson's idea regarding protecting our interest in the radio frequency spectrum. Let's do something about those intermod characters who continue to disregard other users of the radio frequency spectrum. Remember, it was the amateur that put packet radio on the map. And that spirit that drives amateurs to do the things they do - will ultimately secure our place in the future.

Get involved in amateur activities; you will meet some of the most fascinating characters around (believe it or not I had the privilege of shaking the hand that held the kite on Signal Hill). Come out to our meetings and you will meet many interesting people. You will do some incredible experiments in radio communications. There is more to it than following precisely the foot steps of those who walked this path before you. Leave a new print on that path - get involved in the Club; it's fun.

Thanks again, I had a couple of super years working with you.

73s - Doug VE3ATY



OVMRC/OARC JOINT FIELD DAY 1991

12 NOON, SATURDAY, 22 JUNE to SUNDAY 23 JUNE AT FRED'S VE3PAA & JUDY'S VE3PAB QTH TWO STATIONS WITH CW & PHONE & A NOVICE 80 METER STATION
VOLUNTEERS CONTACT JEFF, VE3RCI, 833-0638 -- COME OUT AND JOIN THE

Secretary's Minutes

by Suzanne Lanouette-Carswell, VE3SLC



MINUTES REGULAR MEETING May 16, 1991

1. Pres Doug VE3ATY called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. He welcomed the following guests to the meeting: Mary Woram; Doug Murray, VE2MVS; Sharon Luff, VE3TDW.

2. **New Members.** Pres Doug welcomed the following new members to the club: Bill Flowers; Dan Kelly, VE3ENV; Doug Drury; Robert Gillies, VE3JA; Claudette McMaster, VE3TCT; Ed Puccini, VE3EFP.

3. **Budget.** Pres Doug mentioned to all that a new budget will soon be struck and presented for the membership's approval.

4. **Technical Problems.** Pres Doug asked if there were any technical problems. Neil VE3PUE said that anyone interested in satellite work could come and talk to him during the coffee time.

5. **Adoption of the Minutes.** Pres Doug called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the April General meeting. It was so moved by Ed VE3RDZ and seconded by Chuck VE3PDK. A vote was taken. All approved.

6. **Field Day.** Larry Woram VE3WLN came forward to talk about Field Day. He was asked to do so by Jeff VE3RCI who could not be at the meeting. The committee is thinking of holding the Field Day at a private residence and not a public place. He asked the membership what they wanted. A show of hands on the issue showed people were very ambiguous on the topic. Larry also said that volunteers were needed. A sign up sheet would be placed out for those interested. The Field Day is June 22-23, 1991. The antennas to be used on the day will be a J pole for 40 & 80 m and a vertical for the high bands. (*Secretarial Note: The location is VE3PAA's residence -- see elsewhere in the Rambler for directions.*)

7. **Bunny Hunt.** It was announced that a test run for the Bunny Hunt would take place on Fri. May 17, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. on TWO. It was an opportunity for people to test their equipment and see if they could locate a Bunny.

8. Gerry King, VE3GK, announced that our Club would be responsible for the second Bunny of the Bunny Hunt. You have to find the first Bunny in order to locate the second Bunny. The second Bunny will be in a shopping mall, moving through the Mall and not in a store in the Mall. There are \$500.00 worth of prizes to be won. Pres Doug read out a list of some of the available prizes. The OARC is donating \$200.00 for prizes.

9. **Motion - Prize Money.** Pres Doug read out a motion from the May *Rambler* allocating \$200.00 to be spent as the Club's share of prize money for the Bunny Hunt. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Doug informed all that the registration fee for the Bunny Hunt would be \$3.50 per person or team. Eric, VE3OTT, and John, VE3ACI, will handle the registration which will take place at Black's Rapids (in the parking lot) between 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Sat June 1, 1991. OARC will also provide two people to help with the registration. Registration closes at 9:30 a.m. and at 9:35 a.m. the transmitter goes on.

11. Treas Judy informed all that she had received a call from NCC stating that a fee of \$3.25 would be charged per car for parking at Vincent Massey Park where the BBQ will take place after the Bunny Hunt is over.

12. **Elections.** Pres Doug reminded everyone that next month is election month and that besides the Exec. there are new positions to be filled -- Chairs of the newly formed committees. There are many opportunities for people to get involved and serve the Club.

Jerry, VE3CDS, Fred, VE3BAJ and Ken, VE3KJB are the nominating

committee and all interested parties should give them a call.

12. **CARF Bulletin.** The CARF bulletin for 15 May 1991 was read out by Chuck, VE3PAP. There were no questions.

13. **Business Olympics - Volunteers.** Neil, VE3PUE, informed all that on Sunday June 2, 1991 the Ottawa Business Olympics would be held. They are looking for volunteers to help with the events, radioing in results etc. It begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Terry Fox Centre. If anyone is interested they can see Neil at the break and he will pass on their names to Joe VE3PDS, the co-ordinator.

14. **Club Appreciation Awards.** Tonight is the Club Appreciation night and the awards followed next.

a) As outgoing Pres, Doug thanked all for making his term of office a most rewarding and enjoyable one.

b) Pres Doug thanked the members of his Exec. for their tremendous help

c) Pres Doug thanked all members of the Flea Market Committee for making it such a great success

d) **Vote of Thanks.** Pres Doug read out a motion. Moved by Mike, VE3BGP, seconded by Chuck, VE3PDK, that the Club extends to Pat Brewer, VE3KJQ, an Executive Vote of Thanks because of his continuous and dedicated service over the past eight years as Vice-President, President, Past President, Membership Chairman, as an instructor on the Amateur Radio Course, as a contributing editor to the *OVMRC Rambler* and for running the annual raffle in conjunction with the Flea Market. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Doug, assisted by Chuck VE3PDK, presented Pat with his certificate.

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Members Write . . .



CQ TEN - CQ TEN - CQ TEN!

by Ed Sieb, VE3RDZ

Calling all Ten-Metre enthusiasts! We have some interesting news for you...

Do you own a UNIDEN HR2510 or HR2600 radio? There is a "Uniden Users' Group" forming in the Ottawa area, and all HR2510/2600 owners are invited to join. The purpose of the group is to share and disseminate news, technical info, and upgrade tips. Currently, we have an opportunity to purchase at discount the new "Chipswitch" enhanced microprocessor chip, which provides many new features to the Uniden radios, including 12 Metre operation, split VFO and 30 memories.

The group is organizing a Ten-metre net and a newsletter too. For more info or to add your name to the roster, call Ed, VE3RDZ at 738-8924.

GOOD COAX, CHEAP!

There is a source of high-quality RG-213/U available in the Ottawa area. This coax features standard black PVC, non-contaminating jacket, 95% braided bare copper shield, polyethylene dielectric and 13 AWG stranded bare copper centre conductor. The estimated price is approximately \$.40 per foot plus GST, etc. As this is a bulk purchase, the more quantity ordered, the better the chances of price reductions.

There is also RG-8 foam (with 11 AWG centre conductor) as well as 9913 and 9914 type cables available.

Dayton Deals

by Dave Harris, VE3KMV

The Dayton Hamvention fleamarket, a huge expanse, has a reputation of wearing out countless pairs of feet. It is a challenge to the builder/experimenter with limited funds and sharp eyes, to fish out bargains from literally hundreds of vendors spread over acres of ground.

It is also a chance to exercise a bit of creative risk-taking, because you cannot always be sure that an item is what it appears, and if it will serve your purposes. A "shopping list" is useful but don't expect to follow it closely.

For example, a used Larsen NMO 2/70 dual-band antenna was seen for \$20. Compare this to the "new" list price up here of at least \$65. While pondering if it might be cut to commercial frequencies (i.e. too short), or had some other invisible defect, my attention was diverted to some goodies at another table and it was gone when I returned...

Later, I happened across a subaudible tone (CTCSS) module designed for specific Yaesu radios. The unopened box contained installation notes and even a schematic! It showed a 3-wire serial interface, common in current radios, as opposed to the 6-line parallel interface I needed. I was able to determine that adding one jumper wire would allow access to the parallel interface without extensive modifications. The best part was the \$20 price, saving me at least \$50, enough to pay my share of the trip gas bill!

BUNNY HUNT A BOUNDING SUCCESS

by Doug Carswell, VE3ATY

The OVMRC/OARC Bunny Hunt got off to a good start on a bright warm Saturday on 1 June with registrations and check-in at Black's Rapids (pronounced Black's Rabbits on this occasion), just south of Ottawa. Twenty or more contestants registered for the hunt, some operating in teams. The quarries were two 2-Meter bunnies, one fixed and one roving.

Contestants used a variety of techniques to direct their various modes of transportation toward the bunnies.

The over-all winner of the hunt was Dave Perry, VE3IFB, assisted by two non-amateurs. Dave used a 16-element array of 1/4-wave ver-

ticals spaced out in a circle and linked to a LED display that told him which way to drive. Dave found both bunnies in a total elapsed time of one hour, ten minutes and fifty seconds. His first prize win precluded his taking the prizes for first to find bunnies 1 & 2. Dave has promised the Club a talk on his antenna system.

Neal Herber, VE3PUE, teamed with Don Kernohan, VE3PUZ, took second prize for finding bunny number 2 in ten minutes and 39 seconds. They were using a time delay between wave front arrival system. When time delay was zero, they were pointed directly at the target.

Third prize winner was Jeff Wilson, VE3RCI, using a simple dipole to find bunny number 1. The prize for the most inventive method of direction finding went to Ted Starr, VE3TSG. Harry Jones, VE3HYS, used a simple method of signal strength to locate the bunnies and was awarded fifth prize.

The group of 20 competitors and ten officials gathered at Andy Haydon Park in the afternoon for the awarding of prizes and to compare notes on the various techniques. It was agreed that every had had a hoppy time and they declared the day a bounding success.

e) **Vote of Thanks.** Pres Doug read out a motion. Moved by Doug, VE3ATY, seconded by Gerry, VE3CDS, that the Club extends to Ed Morgan, VE3GX, an Executive Vote of Thanks because he has given the Club continuous and dedicated service over the course of many years in conducting the Swap Net on the OVMRC Pot Hole Net and in conducting the Pot Lid Net - an informal slow-speed CW net, that has benefited many of the OVMRC Amateur Radio Course students. **THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Ed was not present

and Doug agreed to deliver the certificate to Ed on a suitable occasion.

f) Life Memberships certificates were available for presentation to Ralph Cameron, VE3BBM, and Bill Wilson VE3NR. Bill is in hospital and Ralph was unable to attend, so both certificates will be presented at the June meeting.

g) Pres Doug asked the meeting to acknowledge the presence of those Life Members in attendance this evening -- Jerry Wells, VE3CDS, Gerry King, VE3GK, and Fred Noble, VE3BAJ. These members were acknowledged by a round of applause.

15. Pat, VE3KJQ, made a presentation of a amateur radio book to each of this year's radio course graduating students in attendance. 16. Leo, VE3LNH, with the assistance of Jerry, VE3CDS, presented the Wise Owl Net Certificates to this year's winners. Arrangements will be made for the winners not in attendance to pick up their certificates.

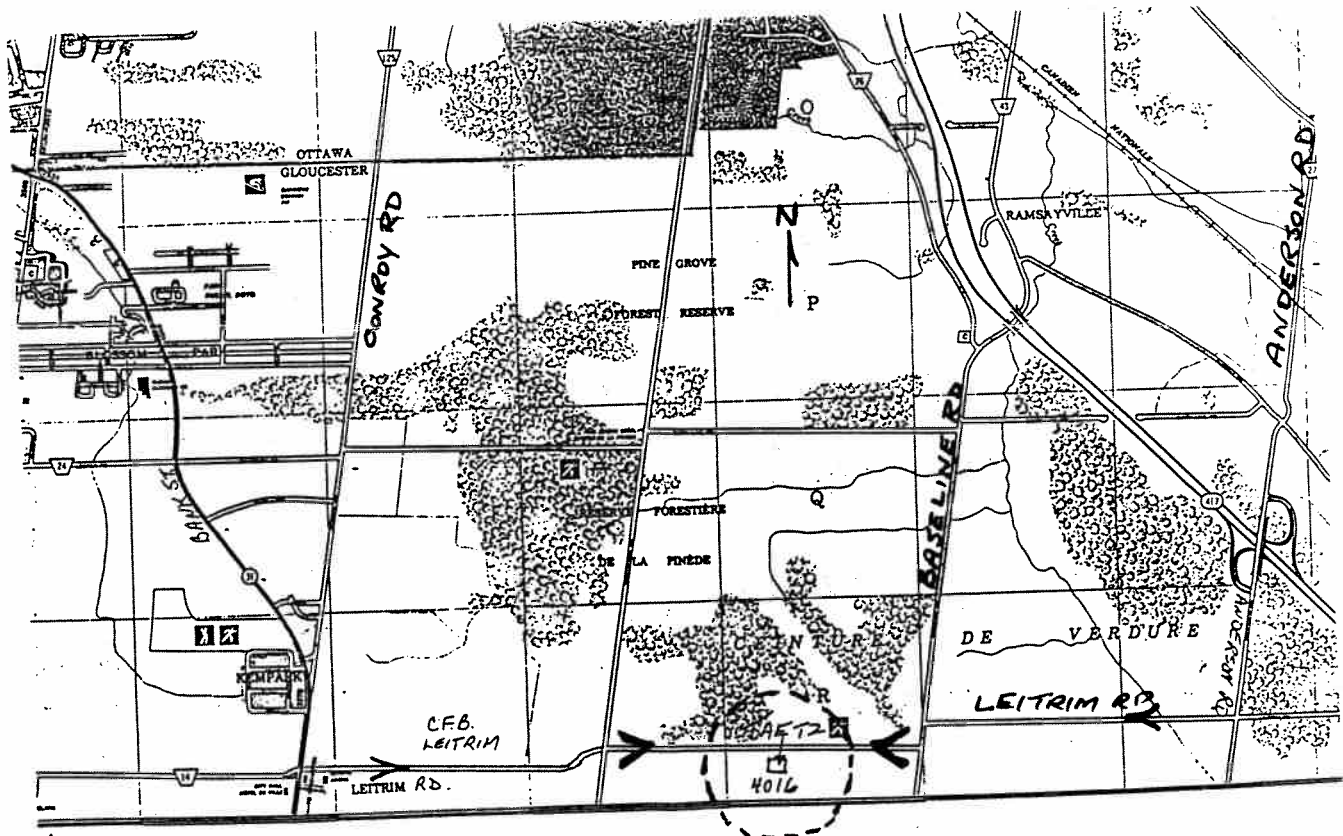
17. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chuck, VE3PAP, and seconded by Ed, VE3RDZ.

The meeting adjourned to coffee, cookies and conversation.

FIELD DAY SITE -- 22 - 23 June

4016 Leitrim Road, Gloucester

Between Baseline and Hawthorne Rd in South Gloucester, 1.5 blocks east of Bank St. on Leitrim Rd or 1.5 blocks west of Anderson Rd on Leitrim Rd.



NEWS AND VIEWS FROM HERE AND THERE



by Pat Brewer, VE3KJQ

This is the last trip for this club year across Canada through the bulletins of amateur radio clubs. Due to my holidays, this article is a little ahead of the usual date and as a result some of the bulletins have not yet arrived.

The **Kingston Amateur Radio Club** *Kingston Amateur News* indicates that the May meeting topic was repeater links in the C.P.R. Roger's Pass Tunnel. The club has received special call VA3SJAM to commemorate the death of Sir John A. Macdonald 100 years ago June 6, 1991. It is not clear if the station, located in Bellevue House, will operate on June 6 only or throughout June.

The **Scarborough ARC**, which is now in its 45th year, recently made a special presentation to Eva Colleck, VE3EVA, a founding member of the club and the first woman amateur in Scarborough. The club suggests members be sure to bring rain gear to Field Day to ensure good weather.

From the **Sudbury ARC** *SARCommunicator* comes news of the **Manitoulin ARC**. They now have fifty members scattered throughout a dozen or so communities. They don't get together very often, but they do have a big Birthday Bash every year. Even though they are only three years old, the Manitoulin club has set up

three repeaters. *SARCommunicator* Editor, John Rumball VE3OTH, is stepping down as Editor this year which is a pity. He produces one of the finest bulletins (next to the *Rambler*) in the country.

Here are a few bits from the **London ARC** *LARC Bulletin*. The April club meeting was a field trip to Fred Hammond's radio museum in Guelph. The collection was referred to as "truly incredible". Fred also hosted a luncheon buffet "worthy of kings". Fred is now being made an honorary member of the club. CANWARN, the severe weather warning system, had a booth at Dayton this year.

Now on to the **Chatham-Kent ARC** and their bulletin, *ClearSignals*. The club will be holding an "Annual (sic) Picnic and Gulf Tournament (sic)" (their spelling, not mine) in August. There will also be a summer Fox Hunt. If you followed the saga of the trial of the two organizers of the last Hunt in last month's *Rambler* you may be interested to know that a certain I.M. Wright is looking into it being declared a mistrial.

In the newsletter of the **Border City Radio Club** (Windsor) there is an interesting item on an amateur radio course in a high school. Students in a Grade 11 class at Herman Secondary School studied for their Basic

Amateur Radio exam as part of their electronics course. The mark they got on the amateur exam became part of their course mark. This program may spread across the province.

Out in Saskatchewan the **Saskatoon ARC** *Green Sheet* has a few varied tips. Use silicon heatsink grease to improve heat transfer on the threads of screw-in soldering iron tips. Communications Canada has a broadcast interference manual called *Tuning In*. Rub a bar of soap on window edges before painting the frame to make cleanups easier. How about this quote from club president John VE5JAG, "We are a most fortunate people. Most other people are asked not to make waves, but we have to."

Finally here are two bits from the **Calgary Amateur Radio Association** *Key Klix*. The only requirement on items at a recent club auction was "the ability to hold it over your head with one hand for 10 seconds". The ARES group of the club may try to use ATV to monitor the Calgary Stampede parade. They will use "Creepie Peepie" transmitters mounted on top of cameras to transmit pictures to city hall in addition to the regular two metre.

That's it for this month. Have a good summer! Pat

MOTION DUES ASSESSMENT

Moved by Judy, VE3PAB, seconded by Chuck, VE3PDK, that the annual membership dues be set at fifteen dollars (\$15) in accordance with Article 2.3.1 of the bylaws.

MOTION - DUES REDUCED

Moved by Judy, VE3PAB, seconded by Chuck, VE3PDK, that the annual membership dues for a Club member, who is a family member of a full member, life member or associate member and is living at the same address where a single mailing may be made of Club correspondence and the newsletter, be reduced by the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) in accordance with Article 2.3.3 of the bylaws.

BUDGET - 1991-1992

Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club

Particulars	Budget 1990/91	Actual To-Date	Proposed Budget
CLUB INCOME			
Memberships	2,400	2,614.20	2,700
Fleamarket Sales (Tables & Food)	650	652.14	800
Fleamarket Raffle	800	1,130.00	1,200
Bunny Hunt Income	0	114.50	200
Donations	0	10.00	10
Bank Interest	200	438.18	250
Miscellaneous Income	150	0.00	150
Total Club Income	4,200	4,959.02	5,310
COURSE INCOME			
Course Registration Fees	0	3,418.00	3,000
Miscellaneous Course Income	0	45.00	100
Total Course Income	0	3,463.00	3,100
TOTAL INCOME			
	4,200	8,422.02	8,410
Club Equity Funds Available	0		3,049
Course Equity Funds Available	0		2,599
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE			14,058
CLUB EXPENSES			
Rambler Supplies	400	143.75	400
Rambler Postage	1,200	1,137.58	1,200
Code Telephone	130	152.76	200
Station Licenses	70	66.00	66
Station Operation (QSL etc.)	0	0.00	10
Repeater Maintenance	100	45.00	2,500
Committee Operating Fund	0	0.00	500
Rent for Meetings	0	128.40	200
Donations	100	35.00	50
Field Day Expenses	100	0.00	100
Membership (Awards etc.)	300	109.25	200
Nametags	150	225.09	150
Insurance	650	580.00	600
Office Supplies & Misc. Postage	150	191.97	200
Bunny Hunt Expense	0	330.00	200
Raffle Expense (Fleamarket)	500	440.45	500
Fleamarket Expense	150	183.95	400
Club Promotional Expense	0	182.35	200
Miscellaneous Expense	200	0.00	50
Bank Charges	0	13.45	15
Total Club Expense	4,200	3,965.00	7,741
COURSE EXPENSE			
Course Supplies & Publications	0	1,638.46	2,500
Other Course Expenses	0	650.00	800
Miscellaneous Expenses	0	204.72	200
Total Course Expense	0	2,493.18	3,500
TOTAL EXPENSES			11,241
CLUB - FUNDS AVAILABLE			
	0	994.02	618
COURSE - FUNDS AVAILABLE			
	0	969.82	2,199

DX de YOU



SPOT YOUR DX ON PACKETCLUSTER

by Paul Cooper, VE3JLP

A group of local DXers has installed a PacketCluster node on 145.11 MHz. VE3XDX is a special-purpose packet radio node designed to share, store and retrieve DX information. It also stores WWV propagation information and permits user-to-user and multi-user conferencing.

PacketClusters are now operating in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, and there are dozens of other such networks in the USA and throughout Europe.

To use the PacketCluster, all you need is a basic 2m packet station and the *PacketCluster User's Guide*. VE3XDX is located at the home of Paul Cooper, VE3JLP, in Metcalfe. It runs 25W and uses a small yagi pointed at Ottawa.

The group hopes to link this node to Montreal and to at least one of the US networks sometime in the coming months. This will give local user the benefit of sharing information on DX activity 'as it happens' with perhaps hundreds of other DXers.

The equipment now in use at VE3XDX is mostly borrowed from a core group of people. To purchase the software, we passed the hat and found seven more people willing to help us get started.

Now that the node is up and running, the group would like to raise more money so that they can replace the equipment and return the borrowed equipment to its rightful owners. To do this, the group is selling *PacketCluster User's Guide* at a nominal fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) to all who are interested. Contact any of the following for your copy.

John Connor, VF3RMM - 727-5805
Dave Goodwin, VE2ZP - 684-1432
Paul Cooper, VE3JLP - 821-2167
Ron Schwartz, VE3VN - 829-3676

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

First a correction on some callsigns that got scrambled in our last Welcome Members column:

Our 199th member IS NOT Ted Thaddeus, but rather Ted Starr, VE3TGS. Sorry about that Ted. and Wayne Parker keeps getting a wrong call sign. The call is VE3WCP - think Wayne C. Parker.

Here's a warm welcome to new members who joined our ranks in the last few weeks:

Bill Flowers

PacketCluster User's Guide

by Chas. King, VE3PDK

PacketCluster User's Guide is a copyright manual that is part of the PacketCluster software package. The copyright holder, Pavillion Software, has given permission to the group that purchased the software to sell the *User's Guide* at a suggested ten dollar price. The group is using this as a means of raising money to replace borrowed equipment being used for the packet node.

PacketCluster User's Guide is a 58-page coil-bound book in 8" X 11" format with a full index. The *Guide* is divided into three sections - **Introduction, PacketCluster User Topics, and General User Commands**. Each section is clearly identified by a large heading in a shadow box and subheads are clearly displayed in bold print in a generous left-hand margin. The text is user-friendly with many examples to illustrate how commands are used.

A glance at the table of contents is sufficient to make you want to see more. Such headings as *DX Database Searching, SSID Information, Calculations - Headings, MUF, Sunrise, WWV Commands to obtain propagation information*, were enough to make me reach for my wallet.

Then of course, there is the cause. When was the last time you bought something that you knew was supporting a really worthy cause? Well, here's your chance to help the cause and to help yourself to good DX.



Dan Kelley, VE3ENV

Bob Gillies, VE3AJ

Claudette McMaster, VE3TCT

Gail Beausolleil who is joined by her new son

Trevor Beausoleil,

who must be the youngest member in the Club at age 2 months. When asked how this happened, he said, "Da-da-di-dit!"

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
MIKE BEAUSOLEIL, VE3BGP**

Another "oldie" has agreed to stay on, but with a twist. Mike is off to Damascus, Syria for a six-month tour of duty with the United Nations Observer Force. His Committee, however, will continue the day-to-day work for members until Mike's return in December of this year.

**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE
CHUCK KING, VE3PDK**

Speaking of "oldies" it is confirmed that your old Editor will stay on for another term. He was not difficult to convince.

**PUBLICITY AND PROGRAMMES
KEITH BEARDSLEY - VE3SVQ**

If you want a job done well, give it to a busy man; Keith is one such busy man. A graduate of the OVMRC Amateur Radio Class of '91, Keith is eager to get the full benefit of Club membership. Therefore, he volunteered to join the Executive and to take on our PR problems for the next year. It is interesting that Keith has just been appointed a contributing columnist for *The Canadian Amateur*. His first column, directed at novices, will appear in the June issue and every two months or so thereafter. If he's good enough for TCA, he must be good enough for us - what do you think?

**RADIO OPERATIONS
JERRY WELLS, VE3CDS**

Jerry came to the conclusion that everyone is afraid to take on the job of coordinating controllers for the Pot Hole Net. The Wise Owl Net pretty well looks after itself with Leo,

VE3NVL at the controls. So, in desperation, he volunteered to take on the job himself for this year. Maybe he can teach a few of us the art of controlling before next year's elections.

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
ED SIEB, VE3RDZ**

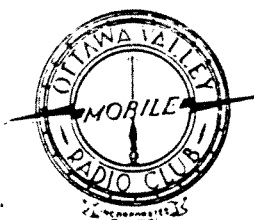
An oldie with a switch; Ed is going from Public Relations to Technical. This Committee has a challenging program for the next year. Plans to upgrade the Club repeater and to enhance its capabilities will keep them busy. All you technical members, stand by to be called upon for advice and assistance.

Well, there is the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee. We're still short one Executive member and your call to one of the Committee can still get you on the list before the June meeting.

Renew your membership today. If you have already renewed, pass this on to a friend.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

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