
THE OVMRC RAMBLER

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Ramblings Wise words from our President, Jerry Wells, VE3CDS

Here we are at the end of August and what a summer it has been compared with last year. We must be living right to get all this good weather. Since I last wrote to you in the Rambler quite a number of things have happened to me. First of all I have become one of the noble order of professional loafers, retired that is. This is supposed to give one all sorts of leisure time and enable old timers to become expert nappers and coffee breakers. Well it is all a pack of lies obviously spread by word of mouth by some in our midst. Let me say that I have not found a lot of leisure time to sit and smell the daisies. Most of my activities have been involved in activities pertaining to amateur radio. Let me bring you up to date on what has been going on in the mobile club from my point of view.

For those of you that attended the June meeting most of the vacancies on the board of directors were filled. The one slot that is not confirmed, Editor of the rambler is still open. We need to find a member of the club who is willing to take on the job of Rambler editor. Perhaps we need a couple of people to share the load. If you are in any way interested contact either myself or any member of the executive. A complete listing of officers and committee chairman are listed else where in this issue of the Rambler.

On the activity side since our June Meeting we, of course had Field Day on the last full weekend in June. The location was The National Museum of Science and Technology. The weather couldn't have been better. Our chairman, Vic VE3BSV out did his performance of last year. I had several members comment that this year was one of the best. From my point of view I was very pleased to see so many newly licenced members out to set up, operate and take down the field day equipment. For many it was a first time. The participation was excellent. Also I was impressed with the work of the various new members of the executive who turned out with enthusiasm and assisted in everything from erecting tents, to raising antennas, to cooking, to looking after junior ops, to making sure operators were on site, to taking photos. You would be truly amazed at the variety of activities

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Next general meeting:

Thursday, September 16 1993 1930 local time
in the auditorium of the Museum Of Science And
Technology. Video of The 1993 Field Day.

Next executive meeting:

Thursday, September 23, 1993 1900 local time
at the Museum of Science And Technology

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The OVMRC exchanges bulletins with the following organizations:

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- Border City Radio Club, Windsor, ON
- CARF, Kingston, ON
- CRRL, Arva, ON
- Chatham-Kent Amateur Radio Club Inc., Ridgetown, ON
- Calgary Amateur Radio Association, Calgary, AB
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- Heritage Amateur Radio Club, Cobourg, ON
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- Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club, Saskatoon, SK
- Thousand Islands Amateur Radio Association, Prescott, ON
- West Island Amateur Radio Club Inc., Dorval, PQ

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- Bytown Marine, Ottawa, ON
- Kenwood Electronics Canada Inc., Mississauga, ON
- Seaway Communications Co., Cornwall, ON

that go on at Field day. I am sure that we will hear more detail at one of the fall meetings. There was a video made and I understand that it is in the process of being edited for viewing at the September meeting. Field Day this year was a blast, if you were not there mark it down for next year- The Last Full Week End In June....

Let me see, What else. During the week-end of august 13, 14 and 15 the Museum of Science and Technology held their Techno-Days display on the front lawn of the museum. We again participated with an amateur radio set up similiar to field day. There is a write up elsewhere in the Rambler and I must say that those that participated did an outstanding job. The comments I received from the museum staff were most complimentary. Good Job! well done!

OK, the last item I want to bring up for this issue of the Rambler is the Amateur Radio course conducted by the club at the museum of Science and Technology. Over the years we have been quite successful in teaching our students a level of knowledge such that the majority are able to pass the required exam in radio theory and we have taught the morse code to the 5 and 12 wpm level. It has been our observation and also the comment from the students that getting the licence is one thing, getting on the air is something else. This year we are adding considerable practical hands on training for the students. An additional text book is to be included which will help the new ham to get on the air. This book is W1FB's Help for new hams and is published by the american radio relay league. The author is Doug DeMaw a long time ham with the league. We will also extend the course beyond the normal exam date about the end of March to approximately the end of June for those who want further practical training.

I welcome the new prospective Hams who have signed up for the course at the museum. Bob Shaw VE3SUY and John VE3NJ have revised the course content and added practical sessions for the new amateur. We are sure that the students will enjoy the course and we look forward to their participation in the club. Remember to have fun in amateur radio you have to participate.

Jerry VE3CDS

An Organization comprised of radio enthusiasts is actively looking for a talented newsletter editor. If you or anyone you know has the ability to take on this position please contact anyone on the executive of the club. The pay is the same as that received by other members of the executive with the added advantage of meeting monthly deadlines for publication. Computer facilities will be provided. Do you fit the Bill?

Help Wanted

EXPO Techno '93

Again this year, the OVMRC put on FB public demonstration station at the National Museum of Science and Technology's annual birthday bash. The tent, borrowed from the military, was put up on Thursday evening in preparation for the three day event. Al, VE2TYJ oversaw the set-up and tear-down and organized a great team for this.

Radio operations was handled by Steve, VE3RUU. He ran three special "WELCOME MAT" nets, on each of the three days and caught more than a few people of guard. Many thought they had time warped to Wednesday at 19:00! As well, five time slots of the Trans-Provincial Net were capably run with the VE3JF call.

Running the TPN were; Steve, VE3FUU; Bill, VE3WCE; Dave, VE3QQQ; Rick, VE3IHI; Richard, VE3UNW; Jacques, VE3TSC; and Tim, VE3QDX. Approximately thirty-five check-ins in each of the hours will receive VE3JF QSL cards via the BURU. Welcome Mat check-ins can pick up their QSL cards at the next club meeting.

A word about the excellent cooperation of the Museum staff would be in order. It really is a joy to work from the museum site. The staff are very friendly and helpful. This is YOUR cue to volunteer to operate VE3JW this season and come out to Field Day next year!

73 Richard VE3UNW

SENIORS ON THE AIR

When you come to the meeting at the Museum on the 16th of September look up on the roof of the museum and you will see our new Cushcraft R7 vertical. This antenna was purchased with money received on our New Horizons grant from the Federal Dept of health and welfare. The Senior operators of the club are now able to get on the air on a regular basis. Initially we will be limited to the classroom at the museum with occasional set up in the lobby on Sunday afternoons. We will start wednesday evening sessions in the latter part of September. If you are interested in operating along with the senior operators contact Jerry VE3CDS or Larry VE3WEH. This interim set up will be in use until the museum gets the new communications display set up. This is scheduled for 1994.

FROM THE WISE OWL NET.....

On 4th September 1992 the Wise Owl Net resumed operation for another season. The net was in operation until June 25, 1993. During that period a total of 210 hams checked in for a total of 1334 QNI. There was a total of 42 nets for a total time of 2700 minutes (45.00 hrs). A special net was run by Sydney, VE3GVI on December 25, 1992. Thanks Sydney.

From the 15 January to the 26 March 1993, eleven qualifying nets were run for class A and class B Wise Owl Certificates. There were 15 recipients of class A and 13 recipients of class B certificates.

The recipients of class A certificates were: David, VE3ZZU; Jacques, VE3TSC; Maurice-Andre, VE3VIG; Paul, VE3NPD; John, VE3ACI; Rick, VE3IHI; Jake, VE2TOX; Richard, VE3UNW; Cy, VE3SIY; Gerben, VE3SUV; Joe, VE2JHT; Ian, VE3SNX; Pat, VE3KJQ; Jim, VE3GJY; and Steve, VE3RUU.

The recipients of class B certificates were: Sydney, VE3GVI; Neil, VE3PUE; George, VE3ZEZ; Denny, VE3OFV; Dave, VE3QQQ; Shawn, VE3XIU; Mike, VE3FFK; Fred, VE3BAJ; Wayne, VE3NFY; Chuck, VE3PAP; Archie, VE3NJY; Larry, VE3WEH; and Herb, VE3HRB.

(NOTE: Any one who has not picked up their certificate for 1993 or other years can see me at the regular monthly OVMRC meetings)

The Wise Owl Net is an informal net where you can meet new and old friends. The Wise Owl Net operates every Friday evening at 2000 Hrs. local time on repeater VE3TWO on frequency 147.30/90 Mhz. Club announcements, RAC (Radio Amateurs of Canada Inc) bulletins and subjects of interest to the amateur community can be heard.

The Wise Owl net will be off the air for the months of July and August and will resume operation on Friday September 3rd, 1993 at 2000 hrs local time on the club repeater VE3TWO. This is your net, together lets make it bigger and better.

I hope everyone who has participated in the net in the past enjoyed themselves as much as I had pleasure in managing the net and operating as a net controller.

I wish to acknowledge and thank the following club members for acting as net controllers during 1992/93: Bob, VE3YBC; David, VE3ZZU; Dave, VE3QQQ; John, VE3ACI; Ian, VE3SNX; and Allan, VE2TYJ. Thanks Guys, Super job.

73

Leo, Net Manager VE3NVL
"The Wise Owl Net"

NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE

Whats going on around the town and whats going on in amateur radio circles in the Ottawa area. Lets look at some of the happenings. First of all The Welcome mat Net has continued to operate throughout the summer on wednesday evenings at 7 pm local time on VE3TWO. I must say that this net has had quite an impact on the local 2 metre scene - lots of activity and well managed. A credit to the new hams who got it going a year and a bit ago. If you have not listened to this net, give it a try. We were all sad to see a couple of active club members depart the Ottawa scene during the summer. Ian VE3SNX has been posted to Winnipeg and I am sure we will hear from him with his VE4 call before long. Good luck Ian and thanks for your efforts as radio ops man for the club. You did an outstanding job! Another departed member is Jeff VE3NWH. Jeff has moved to Halifax along with his parents. Jeff was one of our star students and antenna rigger extraordinaire. Good luck Jeff. Keep in touch from VE1 Land. I am saddened to note that a long time life member of the club has become a silent key. Merv, VE3CV was a stalwert supporter of the club for many years. He carried the pothole net single handedly for a long time. I particularly remember Merv's participation on field day. He was a take charge man. He will be sadly missed. We are off to a good start with our training course this year. Looks like about 35 new enthusiastic budding amateurs. Else where in this issue you will have read about the Techno days at the Museum. Congats to the participants and thanks to the Richard VE3UNW, Al VE3TYJ and Larry VE3WEH and Steve VE3RUU and any others I may have missed. Looks like we could use some support for guest articles for the Rambler. If you have an interesting story about ham radio write it down and share it with your fellow club members. Our inpromtu summer picnic for the children was held in August with a small turn out, next year we should plan a picnic with the emphasis on the kids. I hear a lot of comment on the air about bunny hunts. It seems that some of the members are becoming quite proficient. Maybe we should hear more detail. How about a write up this fall. There were some long distance mobile trips this summer that I am sure the members would like to hear about. If you did something interesting you can tell us at a club meeting, It doesn't have to take long 10 or 15 minutes or what ever. Have you built anything this summer? lets hear about it. What About DX ? Anything out there? That about covers all the things that readily come to mind and fills the last page of this edition of the Rambler. As a Final comment I want to Thank those members of the executive who have served their time and have stepped down. Thanks Larry, VE3WLN, Doug VE3ATY, Vic, VE3BAJ, Ken, VE3KJB Keith VE3SVQ. and Ian VE3SNX Your collective participation has been much appreciated.

Jerry VE3CDS