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Membership
and
your RAC Membership**



RAMBLINGS

**Susan Mogensen
VE3MOG**

I thought I had already written my last Ramblings column, but here I am, rambling on again. As you might recall, I had decided last spring to step down as President and let someone else take the can for the 2000-2001 club year. A search high and low for a new person for the job came up short, however, and so I was approached to carry on for another year. After giving it a great deal of consideration given the increasing demands of my start-up consulting business, I let my name stand as President again because I knew I would be able to rely on the loyal and dedicated support of the many members who enjoy contributing to the health and welfare of the OVMRC.

The other advantage to staying on as President is that I can finish a few things that were started last year, and tinker with some untried ideas. Be prepared, once again, for a few surprises and twists on the usual meeting routine, and look forward a repeat of some of the most popular program themes we have enjoyed before.

At its August meeting, each member of the Executive Committee outlined his or her goals for the 2000-2001 season. Thanks to the generous budget allocations made at our June AGM, many of our programs and ideas can be implemented without bogging down general meetings with motions and lengthy club business discussions. We have our instructions and we have the financial resources to make important things happen. What we will need is the resolve and discipline to keep on track, and the human power to make the most and best of what we've got.

My own goals for the year are as follows: a) to ensure enjoyable club meetings; b) to oversee that everything runs smoothly and ethically; c) to streamline, simplify and update the club's bylaws; and d) to participate and assist where possible in radio operations.

With my energies focussed on the goals above, I will be counting on other members of the Executive and the club to accomplish objectives related to the repeater, VE3JW, our internal accounting processes and records. On the repeater, for instance, you can definitely look forward to the autopatch being up and running in the near future. After encountering a number of bureaucratic obstacles, Jake, VA3TQX, has now been able to clear a path

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Practice your CW
737-0197



OVMRC Repeater

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444.200 MHz(+)
53.030/52.030 MHz



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Next Meeting

Jun 15
Rambler Deadline
Aug 4th

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towards the installation of a phone line at the repeater site. VE3JW will also be significantly upgraded and modernized over the next year. Stay tuned to the *Rambler*, and keep in touch with the members of this year's Executive for progress reports.

Please also come out to our first meeting of the year on Thursday, September 21 at 7:30 pm at the Canada Museum of Science and Technology, when – in anticipation of the Phase 3D launch scheduled this fall – we will be treated to a presentation and demonstration by Clare Fowler, VE3NPC, regarding Amateur satellite operation. Bring your questions regarding Amateur satellite operation as Clare will target his presentation to your specific areas of interest.

Lastly, I think sometimes the things that seem to go without saying are also the things that most need to be said. In my June column, for instance, I thanked just about everyone under the sun for their support. Everyone, that is, except for my husband, Rob, VE3YE, who is my number one friend, advisor, supporter, and soul mate. More than just an experienced, knowledgeable and polished Amateur Radio operator, Rob is a tremendous source of strength, ideas, encouragement and assistance in what I do as far as the club is concerned, not to mention for life in general. VE3YE VE3YE VE3YE thank u Rob 88 de VE3MOG bk. ❖

Christmas Variety Show

The Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club (OVMRC) will, again, host an entertaining and talent laden Christmas Variety Show at 2000 Hrs. on Thursday, December 14th, 2000 in the auditorium of the National Museum of Science and Technology, 1867 St. Laurent Blvd., in Ottawa. All amateurs, their friends, wives and family are welcome to attend this free gala evening of music, song and merriment. The theme of this year's show will be music from some periods between the roaring 20's and the nimble 90's. You are cordially invited to enjoy the entertainment in the comfort of the 260 upholstered seat theatre. And to add to the festive evening, Christmas refreshments will be served outside the auditorium immediately following the show.

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a very special evening There is lots of room for everyone. For further

information, or if you have a talent you would like to show off to a captive audience, please contact:

Ken Barry - by e-mail: kennan@storm.ca
or by telephone - 613-746-4823

We are looking for your participation, any members of our club or other clubs, or relatives or friends that you know could entertain us. If you can play the piano, saxophone, drums, violin, accordion, guitar, flute, or any other musical instrument, regardless of your degree of talent, why not volunteer and entertain us this Christmas? ❖

Volunteers Required

OVMRC Pothole Net Net Controllers

10:00 A.M. Sunday Mornings
3760 kHz

Requirement: 80 HF privileges

Contact: Ken Barry
VE3KJB
746-4823

OVMRC Amateur Radio Course

Registration Night

Tuesday, October 3rd
7:00 P.M.

Canadian Museum of
Science & Technology

Congratulations to all those participants that made FD2000 a reality! We did it! VA3RAC 35 Alpha with 142 operators operating from the Canada Museum of Science and Technology! What a Field Day to go down in history! We should all take pride in this grand accomplishment. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly extend our thanks to the two Field Day Co-ordinators whose leadership, drive and push, pulled it all together. Congratulations to you Glenn McLeod VE3GLN and to you Pierre Cyrenne VE2GPF! I'm not here to write about this wonderful event and no doubt we will see some future articles on the subject from other members. Well, the long "hot summer" is nearly over and fall brings on falling leaves and renewed radio activities. I hope you all had a safe summer and enjoyed yourselves at the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club's Flea Market, which I missed. I'm looking forward to spring already and will cover a few past RAMBLER issues now.

MARCH 1990 RAMBLER

Minutes of the Feb 15, 1990 General Meeting contain an entry that a Motion made by Pat VE3KJQ, Membership Chair, and seconded by Lee VE30WD, for the Club to purchase name tags for the members of the Executive and also all other Club members was carried by an overwhelming show of hands. Vice-President Jerry VE3CDS (SK) introduced Eric Dormer who introduced the excellent film on the first 100 years of communications in Canada.

In his column of "News and Views From Here and There", Pat Brewer VE3KJQ noted the President of the Pioneer Amateur Radio Club, Bill VE3EKA was promoting their video repeater as a way to attract young people to Amateur radio. The OVMRC Amateur Radio Course had another successful year in 1989/90. The nineteen week course ended on the 6th of February when the students wrote their exams. It was the first time the Club was permitted to administer the Department of

Communications (DOC) examinations under the watchful eyes of DOC representatives. Notable among those graduating was Ken Barry VE3KJB, Ernie Decoste VE3RIM and Betty Broome VE3ZZB, who wrote the Advanced Amateur examination and achieved a spectacular 92%! Betty was not a graduate of the OVMRC course, but was a member of the club at the time. Morse code training was integrated with this course allowing many students to meet the DOC 10 w.p.m. requirement. Do you remember when 10 w.p.m. was required? The highest mark attained for Regulations and Theory was 100% with the Average Regulations mark 74% and the Average Theory Mark was 81%. Maybe we can get some statistics from our Course Instructors for comparison after completion of the 2000/2001 course, which is coming up this fall.

APRIL 1990 RAMBLER

GOLDEN KILOWATT GETS LIFE! Charles King VE3PDK, wrote a large and interesting article about Gerry King VE3GK. Gerry was nominated for appointment as a Life Member by a motion at the February General Meeting from Bob Campbell VE3KLLK, seconded by Jerry Wells VE3CDS (SK) and Chuck King VE3PDK. Gerry is one of the founding members of our club and is recognized locally, nationally and on the international scene as well. Gerry, the "Golden Kilowatt" has made many entertaining and enlightening presentations at Amateur Radio clubs, conventions and conferences. He has a publication "The Gain Game" which was widely distributed over the years and was working on another book "Gain Game 3" which was in the final stages of preparation. Gerry is a strong proponent of homebrew and mobile operations. Charles notes that Gerry was so determined to get his Amateur licence that he travelled 140 miles round trip every Friday from Danville to Sawerville, Quebec, for his lessons and CW practice. Gerry's instructor was Mac MacBurny VE2AIE and his mentor Les, VE2LO from Asbestos Quebec encouraged him and helped him over

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the rough spots. Les was the mine superintendent, while Gerry was an apprentice electrician working in the underground shafts. Gerry obtained his first licence VE2WK (two weak kidneys) in 1951 at Danville, Quebec. Charles notes also that during his career, Gerry has many accomplishments including: bringing more than 600 new Amateurs into the hobby through his courses at Algonquin College and more than two hundred obtained their Advanced licence. Over the years, Gerry has also built SSB transceivers, seventeen linear amplifiers, three motorized towers, one triangular rotation tower and countless power supplies, test equipment and a full sized 2-element delta loop for 40 metres. He has worked more than 200 countries on 20m mobile, and was accused of causing a neighbour's washing machine to oversuds every time he was on the air! Gerry was also blamed for wiping out another neighbour's TV signal with a 98-foot tower, which was fully disconnected! Gerry acquired his second two-letter call VE3LX in 1962 when our club was Incorporated and finally in 1964 obtained his famous VE3GK call sign. Gerry set up VE3HPH, Highland Park High school Amateur Radio Station. He set up "Scheds" with Amateurs in various countries to coincide with the student's geography lessons and on one occasion, he managed to contact King Hussein, VY1, of Jordan. The King was delighted to speak to the students and was greatly amused when Gerry informed him that he also was a King! VE3HPH, placed third in the 1969 worldwide DX contest, with over one million points attained by the students with the help of a few DXer's. I hope to see you again Gerry on stage with one of your interesting and always humorous presentations.

Al Beverage, VE3RCS, Treasurer, gave an interesting presentation on the history of the Canadian Forces Auxiliary Radio System (CFARS). It started in the 1950s as a result of a clear need to assist service members serving in remote, primitive and inhospitable locations such as the Middle East, Namibia, Pakistan and other countries. Amateurs serving with the Military started arranging phone patches with the generous

support of club stations and individual hams in Canada. By the 70's the system was starting to breaking down due to fewer military Amateurs, congestion on the bands and problems regarding "Third Party Traffic" regulations. This resulted in the creation of a formal system in 1976 using DOC approved and dedicated CFARS frequencies. By March 1990 CFARS had a network of 93 affiliated Amateur radio operators, 11 permanent military radio stations, 21 Navy ships on the East Coast, 9 ships on the West Coast and 15 Coast Guard vessels. Stations ranged from Alert, NWT to Ziouani and El Gorah in the Middle East. Al noted the type of traffic through the system included phone patches, welfare and morale messages, flower orders, etc. The System handled about 9000 phone patches in 1988. There were numerous questions from the floor reflecting the interest in the topic of discussion. Today, I understand, the CFARS is gradually re-establishing a presence and interest is growing in using this system more fully and more often. Perhaps it is time to have another presentation on this topic during the coming year. ❖

The Pot Lid Net (PLN)

- a slow speed, informal, CW Net
- will commence operation again

on Sunday, 10 September 2000
at 11 A.M. local time
on 3620 kHz.

A good source of Morse code practice for beginners and old timers! Everyone is welcome to call-in or just listen! The speed is from about 8 to 12 WPM! If you have any questions please contact Ed Morgan, VE3GX at 733-1721 or by e-mail VE3GX@rac.ca!

**In February 2001 the PLN will mark
28 years of continuous operation !**

Jerry Wells OVMRC Amateur of the Year Award

The OVMRC Inc. established the Jerry Wells Award in 1997 in recognition of Jerry Wells VE3CDS, 1928-1997, a life member and Silent Key. Jerry received the "Amateur of the Year Award" in June 1997 for his contribution of time, effort and devotion throughout the year to the Amateur Radio Course, his work as Delegated Examiner and his management of Amateur Radio Station, VE3JW, at the National Museum of Science and Technology. The Award was subsequently renamed the "Jerry Wells OVMRC Amateur of the Year Award" in his honour.

Please read the Award Criteria before completing the nomination form.

Selection Criteria and Process

The submission of nominees and selection of the award winner will be based on the following criteria.

1. Each nominee for the award must have been a fully paid up member of the OVMRC and a licenced Radio Amateur during the most recently completed club fiscal year starting July 1, 1998 and ending June 30, 1999 (Award Year).
2. Nominations must be received in writing, in the required format (as shown), prior to, or during, the regular September meeting. Each nomination must be supported by not less than two Full Members who were in good standing during the Award Year, and must include a short narrative description of the nominee's contribution to Amateur Radio as specified in criterion 3, which follows.
 3. To be eligible, nominees must have made a significant contribution during the Award Year to further any of the objectives of the OVMRC by:
 - a) contributing to the interest, study and progress of the science and art of Amateur Radio with particular emphasis on mobile operations;
 - b) cooperating with and assisting the civil authorities to the fullest extent possible in any emergency; or by
 - c) fostering good will and understanding among Radio Amateurs.
 4. The eligibility of nominees will be verified by the Executive.
 5. The names of the nominees and the short narrative descriptions provided by the nominators will be published in the October issue of the Rambler.
 6. The Award winner will be determined by SECRET BALLOT by all members attending the regular meeting held in October. Two Full Members in good standing who are not nominees or nominators will be appointed by the President to scrutinize and tabulate the ballots.
 7. The "Jerry Wells OVMRC Amateur of the Year Award," consisting of a suitably engraved plaque and an engraved chrome plated iambic paddle keyer, or equivalent, will be presented to the winner at the November regular meeting. ❖

Jerry Wells OVMRC Amateur of the Year Nomination Form

Please read the Award Criteria before completing this nomination form.

Please print

We wish to nominate: _____, Call Sign: _____, for the **Jerry Wells Amateur of the Year Award**. We believe the above-named Amateur deserves to be honoured with this award for the following reasons:

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

Signed: _____ Print Name & Call Sign: _____

Signed: _____ Print Name & Call Sign: _____

Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- The Membership year starts in July and runs to June 30th of the following year.
- Regular membership is only open to licensed amateurs.
- Associate membership is open to all radio enthusiasts.
- The family rate is for second and subsequent members of the same family living at the same address.

Call Sign	Surname	Preferred First Name	Date
Mailing Address		Apartment Number	BBN For Office use only
City	Province	Postal Code	
Home Phone	Work Phone	Email Address	

<input type="checkbox"/> One year membership. Regular or Associate. Includes mailed Rambler - \$25/year	Amount Enclosed \$
<input type="checkbox"/> One year membership. Regular or Associate. Without mailed Rambler - \$20/year	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family rate. For family of current members . No mailed Rambler - \$ 5/year	

My interests are:

<input type="checkbox"/> VHF/UHF	<input type="checkbox"/> Packet	<input type="checkbox"/> HF Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque
<input type="checkbox"/> Satellite	<input type="checkbox"/> HF CW	<input type="checkbox"/> AMTOR/RTTY	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash
<input type="checkbox"/> SSTV/FSTV			

Current Occupation: _____

If Retired, Former Occupation: _____

Skills: (Please list them all) _____

COMMENTS

Order OVMRC Name Tag			
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	First Name	Call sign	Cost: \$6.00