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Reminders...

Club Meeting Oct 19



Club Exec. Meeting Oct 26

Rambler Deadline Nov 3

Next Club Meeting Nov 16

Next Exec. Meeting Nov 23

**Renew your
OVMRC Membership
and your
RAC Membership**

**If you haven't renewed your OVMRC
membership this is your last Rambler !**

Satellite Communication - OSCAR 14

If I can do it, you certainly can. I don't mean assemble a three element beam for UHF and poke at the sky for what might be there. Although, that's part of the basic task for a look-see first try-out.

How far have you been able to talk to on VHF or UHF? I haven't broken any record yet, like from Newfoundland to Ireland, but how about Houston, Texas, from Vanier, Ontario through a low orbit satellite. I know I can do that everyday with my 25 watt 10m rig from my balcony. But that's HF, no skill there...except for your ticket.

With satellite work, now, here's a challenge. A low orbit satellite passing in the Ottawa skies travels at 7 to 8 kilometres a second. From Acquisition of Signal/Satellite (AOS) to Loss of Signal/Satellite (LOS) (that is from horizon to horizon) you may only have ten minutes. If your take on the scene is limited by your own building, such as on a balcony looking south, that's cut down to a max of 5. With the amount of traffic on UO-14 these days, the Doppler effect, pointing a handheld beam at the precise location, you have to be very lucky to successfully complete a 30 seconds QSO with a station at the limit of the satellite footprint.

But, I DID IT!!

OK, I'll admit, not on the first try. How about the second? Using a Cushcraft A270-6S dual band 6 elements (three on each, very basic) I first tried my hand, on a comfortably cool autumn evening, with my FT-90 VHF/UHF, "one-band-at-a-time" type. The Cushcraft came with "T" connector combining both antennas to a single cable, which I coupled to the single antenna jack on the back of my radio. I mounted the antenna on a camera tripod and, not knowing any better, or just for the sake of experiment, I positioned it in the horizontal polarization configuration.

With the help of the "WINORBIT" satellite tracking software I called up the UO-14 Amateur Radio satellite. Acquisition time was given, along with an azimuth bearing from my location and an elevation angle, which was near horizon. Also, a mid-point reference, which indicates the azimuth-elevation (az-el) angles of the satellite at its highest point and closest distances to my station. Then, a Loss of satellite time, angles, distance. I pointed the balcony antenna to intercept the satellite at a given az-el angle within the scope of my limited view, and sat in the shack at the ready for a QSO.

Oh! I heard K4TF, N2PML, VA3BRD, KB1FSX and a KFJ station at grid locator EM98. I thought of keying up but that would mean to switch to VHF for the uplink and losing the receive on UHF. It was already too late as the satellite whizzed by and required scanning of the antenna.

On the following night, again at around 9PM, I was ready for a another try, this time, with a few changes to my set-up. I reconfigured the antenna to vertical polarization and I disconnected the attachment cables with "T" connector. Instead, in order to limit the losses, I connected two individual cables directly to each antenna feedpoint, the UHF side to the dual-band radio for the downlink signal and the VHF side to my HTX-212 mobile at 45 watts for the uplink.

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OVMRC Executive (1999-2000)

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Practice your CW
737-0197



OVMRC Repeater

147.300 MHz(+)
444.200 MHz(+)
53.030/52.030 MHz



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Next Meeting

Jun 15
Rambler Deadline
Aug 4th

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A big thanks goes to Clare Fowler, VE3NPC, for the very interesting and informative presentation on Amateur Satellite operation at our September meeting. One club member commented, "This is the first time I've been able to glean so much info in such a short time!" With Phase 3D now slated to launch on October 31, the timing couldn't be better for increasing our understanding of – and stirring our interest in – Amateur Radio communications via satellite.

Thanks also to all club members who attended the September meeting, and for taking the time to fill out the door prize quiz handed out at the door. If you didn't already know all the answers, hopefully searching for them gave you a good excuse to chat with some of the other club members before the meeting started. The social opportunities presented at our meetings was the weakest evaluation point in the feedback we got last year, so once in a while we will try exercises like this to give people a few more chances to mingle.

Congratulations to the door prize winners, and especially to lucky Don Raymond, VE3DRO, who won both a door prize and the 50/50 draw! The double win was well-deserved, especially given all of Don's help to the club over recent years.

Speaking of good help, would you like to lend a hand to the club this year? Key volunteers being sought right now include someone to take on Field Day for next year, and a couple members to join me on an Ad Hoc By-Law Committee, working to streamline the club's by-laws in time for presentation to the members at our Annual General Meeting next June.

We also need innovators and eager contestants for upcoming meetings this year, including Home Brew Night and Morse Code Mania scheduled for March 2001, and for an HF Mobile Challenge, planned for May 2001. Have something neat you made at home? Want to show off your facility with morse code? Have a good HF mobile set-up? Contact me at 833-2766 or at <ve3mog@rac.ca> for more information.

Our next meeting will feature a visit, once again, from Elkel Ltd. of Trois-Rivières. Featuring some of the newest Amateur Radio equipment and accessories, the October 19 general meeting will give you an opportunity to add some Amateur Radio ideas to your Christmas wish list, to confirm or dispel thoughts you might have had about a particular product, and to win a valuable door prize! By all means bring a friend or invite other Amateurs who might not usually attend OVMRC meetings.

In fact, it never hurts to spread the word about the benefits of becoming a member of the OVMRC. As many of you learned at the September meeting, we have now overcome the obstacles encountered in running a phone line up to the repeater location, and by the time you read this, the phone line will have been installed. At our October meeting, then (after the main presentation), Jake Guertin will be on hand to brief any OVMRC members in good standing who have signed up for autopatch access on how the new system will work.

And, if you haven't renewed your membership, this October issue of the *Rambler* will be your last unless you renew soon. Please contact our new Membership Chair, Ian Kennedy, or sign up at the October 19 general meeting.

Lastly, it is time to give some thought to the nominations for the Jerry Wells OVMRC Amateur of the Year Award. Printed elsewhere in this Rambler are the nominations for Glenn McLeod, VE3GLN, and Ernie Jury, VE3EJJ. All members will have the opportunity to vote at the October meeting, and the Award will be presented at the November meeting.

More information about what to expect at upcoming meetings is also printed in this issue of the *Rambler*. Circle the third Thursday of each month on your calendar (except for December, when we'll be looking for you on the second Thursday of the month), and I look forward to seeing you soon! ❖

Upcoming Programs: The Year at a Glance

October 19, 2000

- voting for Jerry Wells OVMRC Amateur of the Year Award
- the Latest & Greatest in Amateur Radio Equipment, by Elkel Ltd.
- instructions on use of the OVMRC repeater's new autopatch

November 16, 2000

- presentation of Jerry Wells OVMRC Amateur of the Year Award
- Antique Radio display and presentation (tentative)
- Show & Tell: bring the oldest thing in your shack - in addition to yourself!

December 14, 2000

- OVMRC's annual Variety Show

January 18, 2001

- Open discussion night (tentative - topic to be announced)

February 15, 2001

- History of Signals, by Dave Lawrence (tentative)

March 15, 2001

- Home Brew Night (tentative - pending submission of projects)
- Morse Code Mania

April 19, 2001

- Field Trip to the McDonald-Cartier Airport (tentative)
- Call for volunteers to comprise the Nominating Committee

May 17, 2001

- Graduation Night
- HF Mobile Challenge

June 21, 2001

- Annual General Meeting - budget, elections

For more information regarding OVMRC meetings, or to submit an idea you have for a future club meeting, please contact Susan Mogensen, VE3MOG at <ve3mog@rac.ca> or at 833-2766. ❖

OVMRC Meeting Minutes

Dan Doctor
VE3XDD

September 21st, 2000

President Susan opened the meeting at 1940 hours by welcoming the 71 members and guests present. Guests identifying themselves - Norm; Bruce, VA3BSG; Bob, VE1RMK; Lou and Denis, both candidates for the upcoming OVMRC Amateur Radio Course; Bob; Larry, VE3LAB; Mike, VA3JAB; and John, VE3EIE.

Susan acknowledged the excellent work of Glenn MacLeod in organizing and overseeing the execution of the North American record breaking Field Day 2000 which involved operators from the greater Ottawa and Greater Hull areas. The membership joined in congratulating Glenn with a round of applause.

Susan thanked Linda Balke for accepting to serve as the Club's Treasurer for next year. She also reminded everyone that this evening was the deadline for nominations for the OVMRC Jerry Wells Amateur of the Year Award, 2000.

Maurice Andre Vigneault, VE3VIG, introduced the guest speaker, Clare Fowler, VE3NPC. Clare has been an amateur for the past 50 years and for the last number of years has been a leading exponent in the Ottawa area of satellite communications. In introducing his topic, he said that during the next hour seven satellites would be over Ottawa. Clare pointed out that there are about 15 amateurs in the Ottawa area who work the satellites. His presentation featured a review of analog satellites, their uplink and downlink frequencies, their footprint and orbit. Clare accepted and responded to a number of questions both during and following his talk. President Susan thanked Clare for his most interesting and informative presentation.

Susan reminded everyone that registration for the next Amateur Radio Course will be Tuesday evening, October 3rd at the museum. The next regular meeting of the Club on Thursday, October 19th will feature a "show and tell" of amateur radio equipment by Elkel. Jake Guertin announced that a conduit has been installed at the Booth Street building in which our repeater VE3TWO is located. Telephone lines will be installed next week making the telephone patch a reality. Access codes and training in the use of the patch will be given at the regular meeting in October. Ken Barry reminded everyone that the regular meeting in December will feature our annual Xmas Variety Show. He invited prospective entertainers who wish to participate in the show to contact him.

The winners of the door prize quiz were - Anthony Fitzgerald, VE3ZAF, and Peter Hafichuk, VE3LBW. Don Raymond, VE3DRO, won both the 50/50 draw worth \$44.50 and the door prize. The meeting adjourned at 2115 hours for a social period. ❖

Thanks to all who filled out the quiz sheets in exchange for a shot at the door prizes available at the September general meeting. In case you're wondering how you fared, please find below the entire set of questions and the correct answers.

1. Who of the following is *not* a Life Member of the OVMRC?

✓Larry Wilcox, VE3WEH

2. What is the correct URL for the OVMRC web page?

✓<http://www.ovmrc.on.ca>

3. When will the OVMRC be hosting its annual Variety Show?

✓December 14, 2000

4. What type of radio would you find in the shack of Susan, VE3MOG and Rob, VE3YE?

✓ICOM 751

5. On what frequency is the PotLid net run?

✓3620 kHz

6. Who was the *Rambler* editor in 1997?

✓Dan Doctor, VE3XDD

7. Where is the RAC office located?

✓Belfast Rd.

8. In February 2001, for how many years will the PotLid net have been running?

✓28 years

9. Approximately how many members did the OVMRC have in 1999-2000?

✓150

10. If you wish to volunteer to run an OVMRC net or to help out with radio operations, which phone number should you dial?

✓746-4823

11. What is the date of next year's OVMRC fleamarket?

✓May 5, 2001

12. Which of the following club members is not listed with his/her correct call sign?

✓William Monuk, VA3BDK (correct call sign is VE3BDK)

13. On which night of the week is OVMRC's Amateur Radio course held?

✓Tuesday

14. Who is the OVMRC treasurer?

✓Linda Balke, VA3LJB

15. What does the winner of the Jerry Wells - OVMRC Amateur of the Year Award receive each year?

✓a plaque and a paddle keyer

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Continuations Etc...

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K4WXY, AK5TC, N8JN, WB4KTC, and then K5OE with a strong signal... that's when I keyed up on VHF and heard my own voice coming back at me on UHF through the satellite, what a special moment! "Hello VE3VIG! How are you OM? this is Gerry in Houston, Texas, locator EL29" We had a short QSO.

REMEMBER YOUR FIRST CONTACT?? Be it on any band or in any mode you will hold that moment forever in your memory as a high point. The anxiety, the nervousness, sometimes a blank, and then, the joy of accomplishment! Recapture the feeling by working a satellite near you!

You're encouraged to tune in to UO-14, easy one... on FM both ways, as the owners on a trial basis opened this satellite to us. If there is sufficient traffic to warrant remaining on FM rather than other modes, we'll enjoy it for a while yet as the satellite works very well at this time. ❖

Maurice-André
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From: RAC Headquarters
Date: September 27, 2000
Subject: Phase 3D set to launch October 31st

AMSAT-DL Executive Vice President Peter Guelzow, DB2OS made the following announcement today:

"Arianespace and AMSAT-DL are pleased to announce that the official date of launch for Ariane Flight 507, on which P3D will fly, has been brought forward to October 31, 2000," said DB2OS, adding, "this is the start of the launch window and is the first date at which the launch could take place."

For more information, set your browser to www.amsat.org or monitor AMSAT bulletins on packet.

Guy Charron VA3FZA
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Volunteers Required:

- Field Day Coordinator - See Susan Mogensen, VE3MOG
- Variety Show participants - See Ken Barry, VE3KJB
- Mobile Operators - See Ken Barry, VE3KJB

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16. Who is the President of RAC?
✓ Ken Oelke, VE6AFO

17. Which Amateur Radio retailer did a presentation at the November 1999 OVMRC meeting?
✓ Elkel

18. Which of the following club members is not listed with his/her correct call sign?
✓ Graham Bennett, VE3GDB (correct call sign is VE3GBD)

19. What column appears on pages 4 and 5 of the September 2000 Rambler?
✓ Yesteryear

20. Approximately how many operators helped out during Field Day 2000?
✓ 142

21. Which of the following club members is not listed with his/her correct call sign?
✓ Jim Haskill, VE3PSK (correct call sign is VE3SPK)

22. What is the URL for the RAC web site?
✓ <http://www.rac.ca>

23. Who is OVMRC's Technical Committee Chairperson?
✓ Jake Guertin, VA3TQX

24. When and where would you find the Pothole Net?
✓ Sundays, 10 am, 3760 kHz ❖

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?

MAY 1990 RAMBLER

The front page headline reads "75 METERS - 1000 METERS UNDERGROUND" by Gerry King VE3GK. Why 75 meters? Because he happened to have a 3.82 MHz crystal in his junk box! Gerry describes the requirement in 1951, when he was first licenced as VE2WK, for underground radio communications for the Canadian Johns Mansville Corp. Asbestos mines at Asbestos Quebec. Gerry was as an apprentice electrician at the time. Electric battery powered engines hauled asbestos ore trains through 25 kilometers of tunnels about 1 kilometer underground. A better communication system was needed to replace the green and red-light signal system to control the mine trains. Gerry was asked to assist the special projects technician in designing and building a simple AM rig that could operate on 100 volts DC and that could withstand the severe underground mine conditions. He learned about radio construction while working on the project. They designed and built transceivers using six 50L6 tubes, a 50-volt filament version of the 6-volt filament 6L6 tube. The dispatcher's transmitter used a 807 tube in the final and was modulated with a pair of 6L6 tubes so had more power and the receiver was an old Hallicrafter.

These radios were in use for about ten years until underground mine operations were shut down. They used simple short wire antennas, about eight feet long, located on the locomotive and a small matching network to match the antennas to 3.820 MHz. Not very efficient, but it worked! However, the rough environment and the objections of some of the locomotive crew presented a few problems. The production crews were in favour of the radios because it increased their tonnage and their pay-cheques. But the maintenance crews were opposed to the use of radio communications. The dispatcher could keep tabs on the crews quite easily so they quickly learned to take the radios off the locomotive and threw them away! Gerry and his partner tried to overcome this by housing the radios in quarter-inch steel boxes welded to the engine frames. The crews overcame this development by chaining the boxes to a strong anchor point, then rolled their 5-ton machine down the track until the chain ripped the boxes and the radios off their train. Of course, when asked what happened, the answers always responded, "Must have been the other shift." They sometimes parked under a small waterfall until the radio got so wet it short circuited. Gerry ends this historic story by noting that safety and production were improved with the advent of 75 meter communications 1000 meters below ground! That was quite an impressive and interesting start for a new amateur in building and designing a communications system that improved safety and production of the Asbestos mines in Quebec.

JUNE 1990 RAMBLER

FIELD DAY 1990 - A full pages by Dave Parks VE3GSA and Craig Damage VE3KKU as told to Charles King VE3PDK. The OARC took the lead in a combined OARC and OVMRC Field Day which was held at Andy Hayden Park with a Family Picnic and BBQ on Sunday afternoon. Families were encouraged to attend "a day in the park" with frisbees, lawn darts and whatever else takes your fancy. The menu included hotdogs, Hawaiian hamburgers, cold drinks,

salads, and deserts. Both clubs cooperated again with this combined Field Day. There is no report or information in the August RAMBLER but several Dipoles, a HF beam and perhaps a quad antenna would be used, along with two HF rigs, packet and satellite equipment. "Coordination and Communications" for the Field Day set-up crew, operators, loggers, BBQ attendance, take-down crew or observer were handled by five members of the OARC and the OVMRC: Dave VE3GSA, Jeff VE3RCI, Alan VE3LNH, Mike VE3FFK, and Craig VE3KKU.

Defence of Amateur Radio Fund (DARF) - Jeff VE3RCI reviewed the purpose of the fund and the members attending the May 1990 general meeting voted to make a contribution of \$150 to the fund.

Dan Holmes VE3EBI, DARF Director reported that "Ham Radio Magazine" had been sold and would cease publication in June. It would be replaced with CQ Magazine, an Ottawa businessman was fined \$200 for using radio equipment without a licence, and DARF was looking for articles for publication in The Canadian Amateur.

Doug Carswell VE3ATY, wrote about a possible Summer Program. Jeff Wilson VE3RCI, Public Relations, had been talking about having a summer picnic. Doug suggested spicing up the picnic by having a "Find the transmitter" hunt at the same time to sharpen our skills at DF. Sounds like a good idea still and maybe we can do this next year Don Raymond VE3DRO, during one of your Amateur Radio picnics.

Several "Executive Vote of Thanks Certificates" were present to members for their generous service and assistance to the club, including: Leo Desjardin VE3NVL for his support as a member of the Executive, as Net Manager of the Wise Owl Net and for his services as the very congenial, bilingual radio Santa Clause at the Museum each Christmas; Russ VE3FSN for his stalwart services in keeping the Club Repeater up and running in good order; and to Evelyn VE3OAM for her competent and gracious management of refreshments at Club meetings. Four "Life Membership Certificates" were presented to Fred VE3BAJ, Jerry VE3CDS, Gerry VE3GK, and Merv VE3CV for their long, faithful and productive service to the Club and community.

I hope you are enjoying this look 10 years back into history. I would like to take this opportunity to invite any of you to send me your recollections. Do you have an interesting story or some history associated with the OVMRC which you would like to have other members enjoy? Is there a human interest story involving Amateur Radio from the past that you would like to put into print? If so, please forward it and I will include it under this column. I seldom hear comments from anyone, either good or bad, so I presume "no news is good news" and you are all enjoying reading some of the past history of our club. If you would like to send any stories or comments for the next RAMBLER, please forward them to me via email: ve3weh@rac.ca ❖

Jerry Wells OVMRC Amateur of the Year Award Nominations

We, the undersigned, after careful consideration, wish to place in nomination for the Jerry Wells OVMRC Amateur of the Year Award 1999-2000, Ernie Jury, VE3EJJ.

We believe Ernie Jury exemplifies the spirit and exceeds the selection criteria for this prestigious Award. He has, unobtrusively, substantially contributed to the interest, study and progress of the science and art of Amateur Radio, and has demonstrated his willingness to assist in any emergency. His personality and approach to the hobby has fostered good will and understanding among Amateurs who come in contact with him. His approach to Amateur Radio, in general, and Amateur Radio Operators in particular, dictate that he be honoured with the Jerry Wells OVMRC Amateur of the Year Award for 1999-2000.

The following facts are submitted for the Committee's consideration:

1) Ernie has been the "lynch pin" who has and is consistently maintaining the Pot Hole Net as a Sunday morning feature. While few Operators have volunteered to be Net Controller, Ernie has ensured the continuity of the Pot Hole Net by assuming the responsibility of being the Net Controller.

2) Ernie is a regular and very effective volunteer Net Controller of the Wise Owl Net. He has taken the initiative to be the Net Controller whenever the designated Controller was not available or simply did not show up to conduct the Net. Ernie's action again demonstrates his interest and concern of furthering Amateurs' preparedness to fulfil our communications obligation should an emergency occur.

3) Ernie was a prominent participant in events to promote Amateur Radio and/or provide communication links in such events as soccer tournaments, Scouts and Guides JOTA and GOTA, as well as other community events which required Amateur Radio communications.

4) Ernie has contributed to the furthering of science, interest and progress of Amateur Radio by designing and building home projects which he later presents to the members of the OVMRC at Home Brew Nights or to the OVMRC Amateur Radio Course class.

5) Ernie unselfishly volunteered to be one of the instructors, teaching theory to the students, in the OVMRC Amateur Radio Course, which runs from October to May with classes every Tuesday evening.

6) Ernie has been a consistent operator and promoter of Amateur Radio who "holds fort" at the VE3JW station almost every Sunday afternoon. He is a very knowledgeable and interested volunteer who has very effectively demonstrated and represented Amateur Radio to the many public visitors to the station. Sunday is the busiest day of the week at the museum.

7) Ernie's technical knowledge and expertise, based on his engineering knowledge and background, have been a definite asset to VE3JW in solving problems which have arisen from time to time. For example, when the breakdown of the TH7DX beam rotator occurred, he helped locate the fault and participated in the removal, reinstallation, alignment and verification; he engineered and maintained an antenna switching device to provide the station with increased capacity and flexibility. He has responded to many calls for help involving various problems at VE3JW. Ernie is a dedicated and very dependable member of the Amateur Radio community who is always ready and able to help whenever required.

8) While preparing for the epic Field Day 2000, Ernie provided what probably was the most effort by anyone involved in the

project. For several weeks prior to FD2000, rain or shine, Ernie could be found at the compound at the rear of the Museum working, almost single-handedly, assembling and at times building parts for 30 foot metallic towers used to support most of the 35 radio stations which were on site.

9) Ernie participated in Field Day 2000 "set-up", "operations", and "takedown". Throughout the duration of FD2000, Ernie served as the on-site electrician by ensuring the generators were providing all the electrical requirements of the 35 stations on site. He had to ensure the electrical supply despite an overnight torrential downpour.

10) Ernie Jury's year-round effort and involvement in Amateur Radio certainly qualifies him as a meritorious and deserving candidate for the Jerry Wells OVMRC Amateur of the Year Award for 1999-2000

Maurice-Andre Vigneault VE3VIG

Larry Wilcox VE3WEH

Dan Doctor VE3XDD

We wish to nominate Glenn McLeod, VE3GLN, for the Jerry Wells OVMRC Amateur of the Year Award. We believe the above-named Amateur deserves to be honoured with this award for the following reasons:

Glenn McLeod was the mainspring organizer of the A35 Field Day 2000 event in Ottawa, held at the Museum of Science and Technology, June 24-25, 2000. In organizing the event, he drew together the Amateur Radio clubs of Ontario and Quebec in the Ottawa/Hull/Gatineau region, the first time such a feat had been successfully undertaken. The result of Glenn's efforts was a record-breaking Field Day event and the creation of many new and lasting friendships among the radio Amateurs in the greater Ottawa/Hull/Gatineau/Aylmer area. We believe this facet of the event eminently qualifies Glenn McLeod for the Jerry Wells OVMRC Amateur of the Year Award.

Ernie Jury, VE3EJJ

C. Finlayson, VE3UZU

We wish to nominate Glenn McLeod, VE3GLN, for the Jerry Wells OVMRC Amateur of the Year Award. We believe the above-named Amateur deserves to be honoured with this award for the following reasons:

On several occasions, Glenn has aided others, myself [Jacques Choquette] included, to comprehend and set up various digital modes (RTTY, PSK31). At all times of contact with him, no matter the time or his health, he was courteous and eager to help out.

The other matter is the time and effort he put into making possible Field Day 2000 at the Museum of Science and Technology. This entailed a 6-month period of organizing, procuring material and ensuring all worked properly.

This took a lot of his time and patience to contact, assist and coordinate the personnel to make this as big and successful as Field Day 2000 came to be.

All this stands out in making him very worthwhile for this nomination.

Jacques Choquette, VE3TSC

Tom St. Julien, VA3OFD

VE3MOG/Susan and VE3CDS/Jerry Memories.

WOW! What a pleasure for me when I opened my mail to see our sympathetic (sympathique in French) VE3MOG/Susan on Rambler Ramblings. What a delight to see her picture and read her article. How lucky for VE3YE/Rob to have such an FB better half. It is about time that we get an FB woman of such high calibre as OVMRC President. But beware Susan! This is a 2000 Millennium Year, and you may last that long, as our lovely President Hi! Any way women in my eyes last longer than men. Beside, a woman asleep is worth, two men awake. I believe it too.

In passing did you know that my friend VE3CDS/Jerry had tricked me into being the Santa Claus polishing my English and French languages with a mass of visiting children at the Canada Museum of Science and Technology? Just because the authentic one, VE3NPD/Paul, was absent that day? That VE3CDS/Jerry wanted me to have and use the Museum facilities to conduct the CW PLN Net as Controller, and gave me priority for it to use at The Canada Museum of Science and Technology, thanks to my Manager VE3GX/Ed naming me NCS? During these CW PLN Net as Controller, a number of students, were attending around me. I even stepped aside to let one of them that had his basic license check in on the Net.

VE3CDS/Jerry was a devoted and dedicated Radio Amateur. Always thankfully present these Sunday mornings when I went there for the 11:00 Hrs ET CW PLN Net assisting me and others too who were learning often having first hand look at how a Net was being performed. He normally let me use his GOLDEN MORSE

KEY. One of a kind that I tried to buy at Bytown Marine Ltd in vain, for the builder of it had died and that store had sold its last one, although I had asked one to be kept for me before.

I had very palpating moments during one of the CW PLN Net conducted at the Museum. One day to my great amazement, each time that I was pressing the Morse key, the sound of it managed to get into every Museum speakers. VE3CDS/Jerry had more nerve than me. He saved the situation I was in, by telling me to continue the PLN Net, and he convinced the Museum Staffs that a Net could not be cancelled. Then he came back to me asking me to shorten this one as much as I could, which I did. I surely had no comments to make at the end of that PLN Net.

Jerry was also a Royal Canadian Air Force veteran like me but my senior as he was a member much before me who served in Europe under NATO-OTAN during the so called "Cold War". What memories! I miss like many VE3CDS/Jerry, who left his wonderful marks in our hearts and mind, as a fine example to follow.

My perception tells me, that VE3MOG/Susan as OVMRC President, will also leave us many good souvenirs once the 2000 Millennium of her life is over, and as did her FB husband VE3YE/Rob who served TCA so well as its Editor and during the State of Emergency "Ice Storm" we had in our National Capital Region. So I am happy to pay my renewal to such a fine OVMRC Club, and the many FB members that make it, one of the best Radio Amateur Club. Long live The OVMRC and all its members. 73! ❖

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