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Club Meeting..... Jun 21
Annual General Meeting
Budget & Election

Field Day Jun 23/24

Exec. Meeting..... Jun 28

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Next Club Meeting · Sep 20

Have a Good Summer!

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee, composed of W. Wilson, VE3NR, J.Haskill, VE3SPK, and E.Jury, VE3EJJ, has identified the following slate of individuals willing to stand for election to the indicated offices.

President	Larry Bishop	VE3LAB
Vice - President	Caroline Crouse	VA3CPC
Secretary	Harold Hamilton	VA3UNK
Treasurer	Maurice Koroniak	VE3MPK
Editor of Rambler	Bill Hall	VA3WMH
Membership	Ian Kennedy	VE3MUD
VE3JW	Maurice-Andre Vigneault	VE3VIG
Technical - Repeater	Jake Guertin	VA3TQX
Radio Operations	Ken Barry	VE3KJB
Emergency Preparedness	Ken Halcrow	VE3SRS
Historical	Larry Wilcox	VE3WEH
Course Director	Bob Shaw	VE3SUY
Programs and Publicity	To be filled	
Field Day 2002	To be filled	

We did not become aware of the need for a Programs and Publicity chair candidate until a few days ago, and have not been able to identify anyone thus far. We will continue our efforts. Ideally the candidate should have some knowledge of how the media operates, and some contacts in the communications and/or the electronics industry. If anyone feels that they have something to offer and would like to contribute to the operation of the OVMRC this coming year, I urge them to contact one of the nominating committee members.

The Field Day chair is often not filled over a year in advance, a candidate emerging early in the calendar year of the event. For this reason we have not been too worried by the lack of an identified candidate.

The Nominating Committee respectfully submits the above slate of candidates for the OVMRC executive for the 2001/2002 club year. ❖



Rambler

OVMRC Executive (2000-2001)

President	Susan Mogensen, VE3MOG 833-2766, ve3mog@rac.ca
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Treasurer	Linda Balke, VA3LJB 737-4003, va3ljb@rac.ca
Secretary	Dan Doctor, VE3XDD 745-9214, ddoctor@magma.ca

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Ralph Cameron	VE3BBM
Doug Carswell	VE3ATY
Gerry King	VE3GK
Doreen Morgan	VE3CGO
Ed Morgan	VE3GX
Fred Noble	VE3BAJ
Bill Wilson	VE3NR

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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 21
Rambler Deadline
Aug 3

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I thought I had already written my last *Ramblings* column last June, but it was at Club, now is the time to get them signed up!

It looks as though there will be many fresh new faces around the Executive table, and I truly wish them all the best. Now I don't suppose for a second that the new President or Executive really needs any advice from me, but just for fun (take it or leave it!), here are a few suggestions I would like to offer.

1. Discuss, establish and state both your values and your goals from the start. It will help you to focus on what must be done (in the midst of hundreds of things that *could* be done) and expedite decision-making if/when you hit a trouble spot.
2. Embrace new ideas. Focus not so much on what went wrong last time, but on how it could go right next time.
3. Thank people every chance you get. Without volunteers, the Club is nothing.
4. Ask club members what they want at general meetings. Then give them what they want.
5. For goodness sakes, have fun.
6. Above all, cling to integrity, because, to quote M H. McKee, "Integrity is one of several paths. It distinguishes itself from the others because it is the right path, and the only one upon which you will never get lost."

Thank you so much all who helped make things happen in the OVMRC this year. I have enjoyed serving n't to be! So let me try this again.

Please be sure to attend the Annual General Meeting on June 21. At this meeting we will be welcoming the new Executive Committee (see Nomination slate elsewhere in this newsletter), deliberating and passing the 2001-2002 budget, discussing a minor By-Law amendment, discussing final arrangements for Field Day 2001, and gathering your input for next year's program.

Speaking of Field Day 2001, it looks to be a very different and fun exercise this year! Be sure to come out to Petrie Island in Ottawa's east end to help, to watch, and to operate! Let's hope the weather isn't as cruel as last year's Sunday morning downpour.

Also, don't forget to renew your OVMRC membership application for next year, and if you can think of someone else who could benefit from belonging to this great President and hope to help the Club in a few small ways at least in the years to come. ❖

DEFENCE OF AMATEUR RADIO FUND

As President of Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC), I am making a special appeal to all Amateurs, Clubs and Organizations to join with me in raising funds to further the work in preserving the radio spectrum for the Amateur Radio and Amateur Radio Satellite Service. Active soliciting for donations will be paramount in defraying the expenses to send a Canadian representative to future World Radio Conferences (WRCs).

World Radio Conferences are held once every two years. A few years ago, these conferences were held once every twenty years. It costs huge amounts of money to keep abreast of commercial enterprises when they request more frequencies to carry out their business mandates. To miss just one WRC meeting could be detrimental to amateur radio. For example, the LEO Satellite is still a real threat. Big businesses are lurking in the shadows for now, but will raise their voices again to request more spectrum in the future. Canada has a powerful voice when it comes to spectrum issues and hold respect world-wide at the discussion table.

The next WRC will be held in 2003. The costs for sending a delegate are approximately CDN \$10,000 to \$12,000, depending on the location and duration of the meeting. Without a Canadian delegate in attendance at WRCs, Canadian Amateurs will lack a voice to lobby for the privileges we enjoy today. This is important for we do not know what tomorrow will bring without being at these meetings. It is this reason that RAC believes in and supports the DARF objectives and suggests that everyone seriously consider contributing to this fund now and in the future. Supporting this fund does not require a significant sacrifice. If all Amateurs were to donate \$1.00 or more, the Fund would be healthy. However, getting 100% to buy into this program is unrealistic. Therefore if all active radio clubs and organizations were to donate \$1.00 or more per membership within their respective organizations, this would amply meet the ongoing campaign goals of DARF.

Thank you for bringing this up with your members. We all need to keep the lines of communications open when it comes to defending the very thread we all share while enjoying our avocation. The use of the amateur radio spectrum is a special privilege and not a de facto for continuing our amateur radio operations. Frequencies can be usurped anytime and reallocated to commercial enterprises.

For further background or information on DARF and WRCs, please refer to the DARF web site at URL <http://www.igs.net/~darf>. Your DARF donations can be sent to and are accepted through RAC at 720 Belfast Road, Suite 217, Ottawa, ON. K1G 0Z5. Cheques only are accepted, payable to the "Defence of Amateur Radio Fund" (DARF).

Thank you!

Ken Oelke, VE6AFO

President, Radio Amateurs of Canada

OVMRC Meeting Minutes

Larry Wilcox
VE3WEH
For Dan Doctor
VE3XDD

Thursday, May 17, 2001

President Susan Mogensen VE3MOG, opened the meeting at 19:35 hours by welcoming members and guests.

She made the following announcements:

- a) there will be a Field Day meeting conducted by Ken Halcrow VE3SRS following the meeting and she invited everyone to attend,
- b) Jake Guertin VA3TQX has copies of his report on the Flea Market available,
- c) Don Raymond VE3DRO is planning to hold Amateur Summer Picnics again if enough people are interested and to give your name to Don,
- d) there will be four door prizes with a value of \$25 each,
- e) Ernie Jury VE3EJJ agreed to take on the task of the Nominating Committee Chairperson,
- f) the June issue of QST will be on news stands for anyone interested in reading the Field Day 2000 article written by Brice Wightman VE3EDR,
- g) Jacques Choquette VE3TSC has a Yaesu 51R complete with accessories for sale,
- h) Marcel Gervais VE3MG, of the Cumberland Emergency Radio Group (CERG), is looking for dozens and dozens of operators to assist at the International Plowing Match,
- i) and the FD2000 CD ROM is available from Pierre Cyrenne VE2GPF at the back of the auditorium.

Susan announced the theme of the meeting is "Volunteer Appreciation and Graduation Night." She thanked and acknowledged, on an individual basis, the multitude of volunteers that helped with the great variety of club activities occurring throughout the year.

Susan extended a warm welcome to the new graduates of the OVMRC Amateur Radio Course and wished them success in all their Amateur radio endeavours. She introduced Bob Shaw VE3SUY and invited him to introduce the Amateur Radio Course Instructors and Graduates. Bob introduced the course Instructors, Brice Wightman VE3EDR, CW Instructor, Bob Kavanaugh VE3OSZ, Delegated Examiner, and Ernie Jury VE3EJJ, Instructor. She thanked them all for their generous assistance throughout the course. Bob congratulated the students on their successful graduation and presented OVMRC Amateur Radio Course Certificates to Nic Desson VE3NIQ, Stephen Gregory VE3ZSG, Craig Hawkins, Matthew Lange VA3MWL, Garth Lipps VE3XTT,

David Neilson VA3DPN, Norm Rosolen VA3BER, Trevyn Watson VE3AIQ, and Devon. Bob also presented some special "Certificates of Appreciation" to Ernie VE3EJJ, Bob VE3OSZ and to Brice VE3EDR who has spent many years effectively teaching Morse code and has retired from the Amateur Radio Course. Bob also announced he is retiring from the course after 10 years of teaching.

President Susan welcomed and introduced guest speaker Dave Parks VE3AV, RAC Assistant Director for Ontario North. She said Dave has been licenced for more than 30 years since he was a teenager and is standing in for Doug Leach who in Dayton, Ohio at the Dayton Hamfest representing Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC).

Dave congratulated the Graduates and the OVMRC on their good radio course. His overhead slide presentation was entitled "Amateur Radio - The Greatest Hobby in The World - Something for Everyone." It was very informative and covered every aspect of Amateur Radio imaginable! His presentation included Amateur Radio Modes and Activities including Public Service, for example VE3JW, the Amateur Radio Demonstration Station at the Canada Science and Technology Museum. Dave mentioned the importance of Amateurs always assisting with Emergency and Disaster Communications. He pointed out that millions of dollars are spent on Amateur radio annually and the preservation of our radio spectrum is very important. Dave said that RAC plays a vital role along with Industry Canada and the International Telegraphers Union (ITU) in preserving world wide radio spectrum for Amateurs.

Dave gave a very informative explanation of the history, role, organization and structure of the "not-for-profit" Radio Amateurs of Canada. He explained many of the functions and benefits provided by RAC to all Canadian Licenced Radio Amateurs whether or not they are members of RAC. He covered the RAC Standing Committees, Advisory Committees, Volunteer Managers, RAC Field Organization, Amateur Radio Emergency Service, Joint External Committees, and International organizations which RAC is involved with for the benefit of Amateurs. He covered the new, recently developed "Core Values of Radio Amateurs of Canada." He explained the current "threats" to Amateur radio, including the realignment of the 40 Metre Band (7000-73000 KHz), the 70cm Band (430-450 MHz), the 2 GHz Band (2300-2450MHz) especially for protection of both up and down links on AO-40 and other threats such as little Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites. He encouraged everyone to become a member of RAC in order to support the only organization which can provide so much for so little. At only 11 cents a day, you receive six issues of The Canadian Amateur Magazine (TCA), members have access to the QSL Bureau, etc. Dave said that 93% of your \$39.95 membership fee goes for rent, overhead, office and for producing and mailing the TCA. He mentioned it was rather shameful that the current limited number of

Amateurs who belong to RAC is in fact supporting the whole Amateur Radio population of Canada. Dave stressed the need for more Amateurs to join RAC to ensure the preservation of our allocated Amateur radio spectrum and Amateur Radio in general. He noted there are about 3000 Amateurs living in the Ottawa area and congratulated the OVMRC for being an affiliated club member of RAC.

Dave closed his presentation by acknowledging RAC greatly appreciates all members and said if RAC fails, the loss will be great and would take many years to rebuild another organization to represent our interests. He encouraged more membership in RAC and answered a few questions from the floor then turned the meeting over to President Susan. Susan thanked Dave for his excellent presentation and he received a hearty round of applause.

Susan announced there would be a \$25 Gift Certificate for a meal at the Swiss Chalet for a "Person Hunt Contest" during the coffee break. Participants had to find the people described on a slip of paper which she handed out. The objective was to get the signatures of as many individuals who had undertaken certain tasks or functions for the club during the year such as Net Controller for the Pot Hole Net, Welcome Mat Net, the Auditor or Treasurer, or to find someone that had written an article for the RAMBLER, etc. A draw was made from the completed entries and Craig Harkins VE3MUT was the winner. Door Prize draws for \$25 Gift Certificates were won by Matthew VA3MWL, Radio Shack Gift Certificate, Guy VA3FZA Swiss Chalet Dinners, and Trevyn VE3AIQ, Radio Shack. Milles VA3COB and Peter VE3LBW, each won a small portable screwdriver which was donated. The 50-50 draw of \$43 was won by Craig Harkins VE3MUT.

Susan introduced Ernie Jury, Nominating Committee Chairperson. Ernie addressed the group and advised members someone has volunteered for the Secretary and Treasurer's position but nominations for President and Vice-President are still required. Committee members' Bill Wilson VE3NR and Jim Haskel VE3SPK will be assisting with a telephone canvas of members eligible for office. Ernie also made an appeal for help with next years Amateur radio course. Instructors are needed to replace Bob VE3SUY and someone is needed to teach CW. Ernie said he can't carry on with the course alone and is looking for four or five instructors that have strong technical knowledge who can assist with the course.

President Susan congratulated the students again and thanked everyone for attending the meeting which adjourned at 21:15hrs.

The April 14, 2001 minutes of the general meeting published last month in the RAMBLER, noted that Ian Kennedy had accepted a \$300 donation to the Guides Dogs for the Blind, when in fact, it was Ian Martin VE3PSK that accepted the cheque. ❖

Notice of Motion to Amend By-Law 10.2

At its March 22, 2001 meeting, the Executive Committee passed a motion (moved by Dan Doctor and seconded by Maurice-Andre Vigneault) recommending a By-Law amendment that requires approval by the membership. The motion would increase the total monthly discretionary spending limit of the Executive Committee from \$100 to \$200. The membership is asked to pass the following motion at its June 21 Annual General Meeting:

_____ moves, seconded by _____,
that Bylaw No. 10.2 be amended to increase the discretionary spending limit per month to \$200 from the present limit of \$100.

OTTAWA HAS A NEW 10 METER REPEATER

The frequency pair: RX 29.620 TX 29.520

Its call sign: VE3TST

Location: West End of Ottawa

Owned by Sean Huntley VE3HXP

To contact Sean: VE3HXP@RAC.CA

Sean say's that in about a month or so he will have this repeater linked to a six meter repeater.

The frequency pair: RX 53.090 TX 52.090

I will attempt to keep you posted on the progress of these repeaters. If you encounter any difficulties with this machine, you can correspond directly with Sean by email.

Sean is a very busy man. If you hear the repeater malfunctioning or have any questions that need immediate attention please feel free to contact me. I can contact Sean in an emergency.

Tom St Julien
VA3OFD@RAC.CA
Telephone 747-9577 ❖

VE3JW New Demo - VERY IMPRESSIVE!

I didn't get a snarl, I was not talked about Internet, and the fortyish gentleman-visitor did not even asked about Morse code. He approached the VE3JW demonstration station as I was tuning for the Russian Amateur Radio satellite RS-12.

I had just finished a new installation of a video signal splitter from one of our computer to the giant monitor on the centre wall of our Amateur Radio exhibit. I selected, for the large screen, the computer with the satellite tracking program WinOrbit, and I was tracking RS-12 just crossing the North Pole and heading for Ottawa.

On the Kenwood TS-850 transceiver, I tuned for 29.408 MHz then I swung the 7 elements TH-7DX beam antenna toward the North. There was no indication of AOS (acquisition of satellite) yet on the screen, and no signal could be heard at that time. Just shortly before AOS, I started to pick up on RS-12, and at AOS the signal was already 599.

The visitor asked me how I knew it was really RS-12. I decoded the satellite identification for him and copied the steady stream of data coming through. On the computer screen, I clicked on 'satellite pass information' and he could see the time of AOS, the angles of approach and exit all the way to LOS (loss of satellite) and the distance of the satellite from Ottawa. He could see that all elements coincided and when the satellite reached LOS, the signal began to decrease in strength until we lost it somewhere over the Atlantic.

So, already, we have quite a show at VE3JW, without yet the two satellite antennas that are due to go up on Wed, June 6. At that time, weather permitting, and it is very promising, we'll be in business with two-way contacts through our own Satellite Communications Station and our Amateur Radio satellites.

There were several delays at the Museum with the completion of the renovations; some due to budget, some due to weather, some due to availability of equipment, but in the long run, the wait is truly worthwhile for we will operate with a better than ever set-up. There are still some things to put together, some of which will have to wait for openings in the very busy schedule of the Museum crews.

When all is in place, you will be invited to visit, and operate, the new station. You might just experience some aspect of Amateur Radio that you never touched on before. You may be as pleased and delighted, as was our visitor. Showing astonishment upon leaving the station, he freely contributed, the following comment:

"VERY IMPRESSIVE!"

Hope to see you soon. ❖

Yesteryear Cont'd from page 7

OTTAWA AREA!" I have often wondered when the "Ottawa 6 Metre Group" became established and Ed wrote about the enthusiastic group of that has started up a new organization dedicated to promoting and operating in the 6-Metre band. Many of the members were active, and others were planning to get on the air very soon. The "Charter" participants included Keith VE3IMT, Chris VE3PMP, Doug VE3SPF, Bob VE3YBC, Brian VE3SJU and Ed himself. A total of seventeen people had indicated an interest. They held their first meeting at Dow's Lake in the tavern and discussed the installation of a 6-Metre FM repeater. For those of you with an interest in 6 Metres, the 6 Metre repeater has been in service at the VE3TWO repeater site at Natural Resources Canada, 580 Booth Street for many years. If you have a scanner, it can be heard on 53.030 MHZ. If you have a radio covering the 6-Metre band, you should try out the repeater! You might make contact with Jake VA3TQX, Mike VE3FFK, Dan VE3XDD, Doug VE3SPF, or even some other more distant station. There are more and more radios being sold with 6M capabilities today.

In closing the July-August issue of the RAMBLER, the back page contains a replica of the winning OVMRC QSL Card Contest for VE3RAM. It is a rather interesting design and I have never seen any that were printed or used. I wonder if it ever got into use? Ed Sieb VE3RDZ, announced that the winning entry, from among the fierce competition, was Denis Rule VE3JGR. Ed also announced the contest rules for the VE3JW QSL Card for the Museum Station would appear in the September issue. Now I have to go and look up the September issue. You will have to wait until the summer July/August issue of the RAMBLER to learn more.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer and enjoyable vacations.

73 de Larry ❖

OARC Hamfest

When: Saturday, September 1, 2001 (Labour Day weekend)

Place: Arena at the Carp Agricultural Fair Grounds

Contact: Greg Danylchenko (VE3Y TZ) for information

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e-mail: fleamarket@oarc.net

Web address: <http://oarc.net/fleamarket>

**SEE THE JULY/AUGUST RAMBLER
FOR MORE DETAILS**

As promised last month, we start off this month with the results of the combined OARC/OVMRC 1991 Field Day.

JULY - AUGUST 1991 RAMBLER - OVMRC-OARC FIELD DAY 1991 REPORT by Jeff Wilson VE3RCI

Jeff was President and also the Field Day Coordinator in 1991. His front page article is somewhat reminiscent of our record setting FD2000 with exceptions. They did not have any rain, whereas we had more than 2 inches! However, they had mosquitos galore and cold weather at night. In fact Jeff wrote the graveyard shift complained of QRM from the operators teeth chattering as it got down to 8 degrees C! You could see your breath! Field Day was located at the home of Fred VE3PAA and Judy VE3PAB on Leitrim Road. Since Fred and Judy live outside of town, the overnight operators had the luxury of a nice warm bonfire to huddle around between their shifts. Doug VE3ATY provided a great breakfast on Sunday morning.

Interestingly for me, this was the first Field Day I ever attended on invitation from Les Hiltz VE3REX (SK). We have a film of this event which could be shown in future. Jeff used a sling shot to fire a small line over the highest poplar tree on their lot at the back of the house. This provided a fifty-foot support for all the wire antennas. They used 40 and 80 meter dipoles and a G%RV that was thrown together on the spot thanks to Vic VE3BSV, Duncan, VE3OM, and Bob VE3YBC, who joined the Club at Field Day!

The three army tents obtained by Rob VE3ZZR were delivered by Sharon VE3TDW and Mike VE3FFK in a race against time during Sharon's summer bus route. Jeff doesn't say so, but it sounds like the tents were delivered using a bus as transportation! They operated under our mobile Callsign VE3RAM using one of the tents for the Phone station and another one for the CW station. The third tent was used for the food, coffee and as a shelter in the event of rain. They had two generators from CFRA, courtesy of Harrie VE3HYS and both of them worked flawlessly; as did our main 60 KV generator used during FD2000. Clare VE3NPC had his excellent satellite station set up in a red and white camper mounted on the back of a pickup truck. Packet Radio was in operation thanks to Doug VE3OCU and Marcus VE3MDL but conditions were not too good as they only managed one contact for the 100 points. In spite of the poor conditions, they managed 24 Phone contacts on 15M, 112 on 20M, 65 on 40M, 93 on 80M and 101 on Satellite. The CW totals were 16 on 15M, 14 on 20M, 342 on 40M and 118 on 80M and with bonus points, they expected to break 4,000 points or about the same as the year before. Jeff noted that the highlight of Field Day was CJOH TV (Cable 7) with their interviews. They interviewed nearly everyone and filmed the operators also. Do any of our readers remember seeing Vic and Judy talking up Amateur Radio and Field Day on the news at 6 and 11pm?

Harrie and Jeff were interviewed on "Eye on Ottawa," a week earlier and the videos were going to be shown at the September

meeting. Jeff notes their score was not as good as the previous two years, however, they had a lot of fun! They also spent a lot of time teaching our new amateurs how to operate the various rigs during a contest and how to keep the logs and dupe sheets up to date. John VE3ACI apparently showed some of the operators how to use colourful phonetics to get a weak signal to California. During this field day, I learned from Les that VE3RAM can be expressed as "Victor Echo 3 Radio All Mobile." I have since heard "Victor Echo 3 Relish and Mustard" used at some of our other Field Days. And it works! The use of different phonetics, even though not recommended, can cut through the noise, hash and multitude of stations using the frequency and get the attention of the difficult to hear station.

Like Field Day 1991, FD2000 was also a combined club event and a record setting 35A Ontario with seven clubs participating and was located at the Canada Museum of Science and Technology. If you want to read about the only other cooperative Field Day that I am aware of, you should check the June 2001 issue of QST. It has a five page, and excellent article, written by Brice Wightman VE3EDR entitled: "VA3RAC: Canada's 35A Field Day Extravaganza." I have read the article and must publically congratulate you Brice! It is very well written and provides a valuable insight into how we accomplished the 35A.

Speaking of Field Day, our upcoming Field Day 2001 is being led by Ken Halcrow VE3SRS and promises to be a learning experience also. Ken is taking the club "back to the basics" and is concentrating on "Emergency Communications" during this year's event. Field Day 2001 is being held on Petrie Island in the Ottawa River, a few kilometers east of Ottawa along highway 17. That should provide a great ground plane for transmissions into the United States! However, boats are not required. You can drive right out onto the island. If propagation is good during Field Day this year on June 23, 24, 2001, just watch out for another possible record setting Field Day. If you would like to participate, please contact Ken by telephone at 837-3261 or via email at:

Jeff VE3RCI also wrote the "Ramblings" column as President. He congratulated the last year's Executive for helping to increase the club membership to more than 200 and for rewriting the OVMRC Bylaws. He also noted the new Executive had pointed out an area of weakness in the Club, the unintentional but inevitable "abandonment" of our new graduates right after they get their ticket. He suggested appointing a mentor to each new graduate of the course and follow-up to make sure they don't get lost or become inactive through frustration. He noted his main mandate would be to ensure that our newly licensed amateurs get active, stay active, and really discover the boundless enjoyment that is Amateur Radio! This looks like a good idea and perhaps worthy of consideration for our next course.

Before closing, I simply must cover an item by Ed Sieb VE3RDZ, entitled: "YES! 6 METRES IS ALIVE AND WELL IN THE

OVMRC Fleamarket

Jake Guertin
VA3TQX

I started around Feb. 2001 to set up the flea market. This was the first time doing a flea market. I got all the stuff from John Barhart VE3ZOV. He was last years flea market organizer for the year of 2000. So here I start planing the flea market. I started to go thru the pile's of forms, letters, contacts ,etc. What a nightmare. I started to sort them, out. First was to put out emails to request tables for public and commercial venders on the internet contacts, like Bytown Marine, Elkel, Radio HF, RAC, the guide dogs for the blind, and many more. Then was the task to map out a table set up. I took a few looks at the past, year's setup's and made a choice to make some changes. There was a total of 100 tables to fit in the map. Some venders wanted the same tables as last year. That was some problems, as vender answer me I had set some venders in diffrent locations but it all work out. In the end there was some juggling around the set the venders in their favorite locations.

The next thing to do was to list the events in the TCA. Well I missed the due date for it, but with luck from others like Larry VE3WEH and other net controlers the event was talkuped on just about all local nets. Now comes the fun time. I had to get a single event permit for the collection of tax's !! I took of a day from work to obtain this permit. I call a 1-800 number to find out where to pick it up !! The person said I would have to go to 333 Laurie St West so from an 8 am start from Carleton Place to Ottawa I finally found 333 Laurie St then drove around for about 20 min trying to find a parking spot. Got one it cost 1.75 for parking a ½ hr. Walk up to 333 and went in side. I spoke to the commissioner and told me it was on the second, floor ok. Went up there and spoke to the clerk the person was not sure if it was there I was to pick up here I was going to sent me to 1355 Bank St Billing Bridge Plaza! I left Laurie Street and went to Billings Bridge Plaza. I had some bad feeling there as a friend worked at the food court. It was about 11:30 close to lunch I was tired and peeved of at getting the runaround. I looked hi and low for an office to get the permit. I ask the keyosk if she knew were the office was. Then I found out the plaza address was Riverside Dr address not a Bank St !!! So to kill 2 birds with one stone I went up to get some thing to eat for lunch and said goodbye to a old friend and left to find the 1355 Bank St office to obtain the permit I found it! It was across the street from the plaza. I went over and went in to look around and could not find it !! So I visted a office on the 4 th floor and asked if they knew where this office was ? The person didn't know but a another lady said the office was here 7 years ago !! So out to the truck and call 1-800 to find out what was going on. After 5 1-800 calls I got the right person guess what? They mailed to me !!! A whole day wasted on picking up a stupid permit to pay taxes and only a small AMOUNT TO SENT TO THE GOVERMENT

The next thing was to get A contract for the rental of the arena. That took about 2 months. By the end of April I got it in the mail the rest of the setup was a little easer. I had to get 100 tables and 200 chairs order by the staff of the arena. That was not bad Then came the setup day Friday May 4th. That went very good. I had good help by all fleamarket crew attended Larry, VE3WEH, Ziggy, VE3RY, Bob, VE3SUY, Maurice-André, VE3VIG, Don, VE3DRO the

foreman! We had thought that we were going to finish by 5 P.M. We got in early, around 2:30, and finished around 4pm.

Maurice-André ask me about the draws. Guess what? I forgot the wine for the draws so back to Carleton Place I go also to pick up the milk and cream and cookies for the flea bite. After picking up the wine I went shopping for milk, cream and cookies. I got them and headed back for Aylmer Quebec to my parents home to spend the night.

4 A.M. came quickly. Off and running again, Saturday morning heading to Stittsville with a full load in the truck. Got to the arena and started to un-pack the stuff and set up the main check in table and rear door table the day was just starting. Things went good all day thru the flea market with all crew working hard. Things worked out well in the end. All was done perfectly by all involved. The crew did good.

The winners of the draws that took place at the Fleamarket were:

\$10.00 Gift certificates from Radio HF were won by VE3CBK Chris, VE3CK Bill, Daniel Princz from Ottawa, VE3DIW Ross, & VE3GUU Dan

VE3RVW Ruth, won a mug from Canadian Guide Dogs,
VE3EI Eric won a Yaesu cap,
VE3FGX Bill won a MFJ watch from Bytown Marine
VE3GPR/XYL Carolyn won a callsign by George
VE3EEI Arnold won a one year membersip to RAC,
VE3HYK Ross won a dual band portable extendable antenna from Elkel,
VA3HYK Sandra won the 50/50 Draw of \$75.00,
VE3MOG Susan won VA3JAR 5/8 Mag Mount mobile mount 2M antenna,
VA3FD Fred won an ARRL antenna handbook form Elkel,
VA3GFW George won a magnifying visor from McFarlane
and the big winner of the Garmin GPSIII Plus with external antenna
and PC data/power cable was VE3PPI Al Bingham.

Many thanks to all crew and vendors and the public.

It was a great fleamarket.

The crew was Larry VE3WEH, Linda VA3LJB, Bill VE3NPG, Don VE3DRO, Patrick VA3CMD, Tom VA3OFD, Peter VE3LBW, Ken VE3OWM, Maurice-André VE3VIG, Caroline VA3CPC, Ziggy VE3RY, Steve VE3RUU, Dan VE3XDD and my friend next door to me for running the flea bite. For all other staff of the arena and other thanks for doing a perfect job.

Well done by all.

THANKS
Jake VA3TQX

p.s. this was the first time for me doing a flea market !

Budget 2001/2002

EXPENDITURES

SPENDING CATEGORY	2000/2001 BUDGET	2000/2001 ESTIMATE	BUDGET 2001/2002
Administration			
Insurance	842.00	810.00	850.00
Office supplies	150.00	224.05	200.00
Name tags	30.00	0.00	30.00
Bank charges	10.00	21.50	60.00
Misc.	300.00	84.75	200.00
Special Events			
Field Day	650.00	150.00	650.00
Fleamarket	750.00	2,061.15 *	1,500.00
Publicity & Programs			
Rambler	2,800.00	2,000.00	2,500.00
Variety Show	300.00	362.10	300.00
Door prizes	450.00	450.00	450.00
Speakers' gifts, expenses	300.00	50.00	200.00
Membership, other publicity	400.00	57.00	200.00
Hospitality/refreshments	-	-	225.00
VE3JW			
Maintenance	350.00	144.85	500.00
Capital Improvements	7,000.00	2,000.00 **	0.00
Repeater			
Maintenance	400.00	400.00	400.00
Phone	(see capital improvements)		700.00
Licence, Rptr. Council	10.00	20.00	10.00
Capital Improvements	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Jerry Wells Award			
Plaque, key	300.00	255.82	275.00
Course			
Supplies	1,600.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
Code phone	300.00	300.00	0.00
Emergency Readiness			
Basic equipment	-	-	3,500.00
TOTAL	18,942.00	12,391.22	16,250.00

* includes damage deposit

** does not include new equipment purchased with Trillium grant

Revenues

Category	2000/2001 Budget	2000/2001 Estimate	Budget 2001/2002
50/50 Draw	450	450.00	450
Course Fees	2600	2995.00	2200
Donations	100	*(see note below)	100
Fleamarket Sales	2600	2536.98	2600
Interest Inc.	475	475.00	350
Manual Sales	0	956.54	500
Membership	3000	2324.57	2500
Misc. Revenue	100	10.00	50
Totals	9325	9748.09	8750

Note: The OVMRC received a grant from the Trillium Foundation for approximately \$7600, which was used to make capital expenditures for the VE3JW radio station. Any grant monies remaining after equipment purchases must be returned to the Trillium Foundation and cannot remain in the Club's general revenues.

Membership Chair's Request

Below is a list of OVMRC Members with invalid e-mail addresses. Would the listed members please contact the OVMRC Membership Chairman with their correct e-mail addresses.

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OVMRC Member Survey

Please complete this survey and bring it with you to the June 21 Annual General Meeting, *or mail it to:*

*OVMRC
P.O. Box 41145,
Ottawa, Ontario, K1G 5K9.*

A. Please rank the club meetings you attended this year from 1 (enjoyed the most) to 9 (enjoyed the least):

September - Satellite communications	_____	October - Elkel demo	_____
November - Vintage radio, Show & Tell	_____	December - Variety show	_____
January - Autopatch discussion	_____	February - History of Communications	_____
March - Morse Mania & Home Brew	_____	April - PSK31	_____
May - Graduation & Volunteer Night	_____		

B. Which, if any, of the meeting programs or ideas above would you like to see repeated?

C. What other things would you like to do or see or learn about at future club meetings?

D. Is there anything you strongly *don't like* or *don't want* to see at future club meetings?

E. Why do you attend club meetings? Rank from 1 -5 your top five (5) reasons.

Social reasons	_____	For entertainment/enjoyment	_____
To learn something new	_____	To help/volunteer_	_____
Curiosity about OVMRC	_____	To participate in club business	_____
Habit	_____	To maybe win door prizes/50-50	_____
Sense of obligation	_____	Other	_____

F. What is the main reason that you are a member of OVMRC?

Thank you for helping us to design an interesting program for you next year!