

# Rambler

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**T**he former Military Net now has a new name and new purpose! It has been revised and renamed as the result of falling interest and lower attendance over the last few years and because of suggestions made during past Military Nets. The “News and History Net” which is taking the place of the Military Net on repeater VE3TWO, should be more interesting and much broader in scope and should attract more Amateurs and listeners as well. The first net was held on September 4, 2001. The new preamble reads as follows.

“Good evening ladies and gentlemen. This is \_\_\_\_\_, and I’m your Net Control station for this evenings ”News and History Net“. We extend thanks to the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club Inc. for the use of their repeater VE3TWO. We invite you to check-in every Tuesday evening at 2000 hours, except for July & August.

This Amateur Radio net was formerly called the “Military Net” and originated about 1982 on repeater VE3URC which was located at Uplands Canadian Forces Base Amateur Radio Club. The “Military Net” was originally established for members of the armed forces. It has subsequently evolved over the years and in the interests of providing a better net covering a broader range of subjects, the name of the net has been changed to “The News and History Net”.

This net is open to all Amateurs who wish to speak about current news, events, historical subjects or local amateur radio events and activities. All Amateurs are invited to check in and to provide their views on current events or history, particularly related to but not confined to, current Canadian affairs and history. You are also encouraged to share your interesting positive experiences about life and stories or to discuss subjects of general interest. We welcome any amateurs who would like to check in, provide comments and join in the discussion.

If you would like to serve as a net control station for this net, please telephone the Net Manager, Larry Wilcox VE3WEH, 747-5565.

This is \_\_\_\_\_, your Net Control station for this evening. Just a reminder, the repeater timer has a maximum limit of three (3) minutes and will put you off the air if you fail to allow the repeater time to reset.

Please call now with your callsign and name." ❖



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## OVMRC Executive (1999-2000)

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### OVMRC Repeater

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



### OVMRC web page

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### Next Meeting

Sep 20  
Rambler Deadline  
Oct 5

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## SEPTEMBER 1991 RAMBLER

**O**ur exceptionally warm and sunny summer has passed, our Field Day was an enjoyable and fun event, and fall is soon to arrive, the trees are changing back to their natural colour already. It is time to think about all the Amateur radio activities which are starting up again, building, repairing and putting up antennas, attending our general meetings and checking into the local and HF nets once again.

Speaking of nets, Jerry Wells VE3CDS (SK) wrote the cover feature this month and covered "Nets - For the Newcomer." He gave an in depth description of all the 2 Metre FM nets in the area, including, the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club's "Capital City FM Net," Monday evenings at 8pm on VE2CRA, 146.940 MHz, which includes the "Swap Net," managed by Ed VE3GX, "The Military Net" sponsored by Frank Collins VE3MSC, on VE3TWO, 147.300 MHz, Tuesday at 8pm, our "Wise Owl Net" on VE3TWO repeater at 8pm on Friday night, controlled by Leo VE3NVL. He also covered the "Kingsmere Traffic Net" on repeater VE3KPG, 147.360 MHz with Net Manager Devere, VE3AJN and the daily 6.45pm "Champlain Mini-net on VE3STP, 147.06 MHz which runs about 15 minutes. With the exception of the Military Net which has evolved into the "News & History Net," all of these nets are still on the air so you can check into any of them again starting this month. Jerry was a very effective and amiable net controller on many of these nets for many years. These nets are there for your pleasure and can help you keep in touch with the local Amateur community. The Net Managers and Net Controllers appreciate your participation and look forward to hearing you check in. So, dust off your 2 Metre rig, charge up the batteries or turn on the power supply and enjoy these various nets, you might be surprised to hear some old friends and can catch up on local Amateur radio news and events or even learn some trivial bits of information about Amateur radio or local or world history.

The Secretary's Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on June 20, 1991 at the Multi-service Centre, 1480 Heron Road, contained several significant events. Life Membership Certificates were presented by President Doug Carswell VE3ATY, to Ralph Cameron VE3BBM and Bill Wilson VE3NR. Both were unable to be present at the May Awards. The annual membership dues were proposed and approved at \$15 and there was a reduction of the dues to \$10 for any member living at the same address. It pays to stay together.

Charles King VE3PDK, Newsletter Editor, wrote a full page article entitled "A Radio Course With a Difference." He covered the issues of teaching Amateur Radio and how it was going to take place. Doug Carswell VE3ATY undertook to write the electronic theory for a new manual, "Amateur Radio for Beginners" for the OVMRC Amateur Radio Course. He was assisted by John Pope VE3ACI and Dennis Rule VE3JGR who were proofreading for technical accuracy and clarity. Pat Brewer VE3KJQ taught the

Radio Act and Regulations and prepared material on this subject. Pat was working with Jerry Wells VE3CDS on the Morse code training, so he prepared the code audio tapes and instructions for their use. Brice Wightman VE3EDR was looking after Radio Operations and analyzing the students' CW progress and prepared text and reference material on Operating procedures, etiquette and safety. Chuck King VE3PDK, edited the manuscript, typeset it and prepared master pages for printing. Allen Ablett VE3SUP arranged for printing the manual and put together the binders for the students. They subsequently produced a very marketable manual, CW tapes and lesson plans. The manual was revised and issued again and is still in use by the OVMRC. Registration night on September 3 resulted in twenty-one candidates for the course and more were expected to attend the first class night on September 10 at the Laurentian High School.

The Annual Financial Report and Audit for 1990-1991 appeared in the September RAMBLER. The Total Revenue was \$8,732.36 with Total Expenses of \$7,223.50 so there was an expected income of \$1,508.86.

Bob Sharp VE3YBC wrote a short article "I Passed the Test! Now What? He encouraged the newly licenced to become involved locally, to volunteer for events such as Field Day and communications for other events and to check-in on the various nets to find out what is going on in the local Amateur community. Bob wrote that he learned more in the past six months about Amateur radio through the greatest source of knowledge at the end of his antenna - fellow Amateurs. Bob also covered "The Son cycle Classic," a Halifax to Toronto cycle tour which rolled through our region during the last week of August. Amateur Radio was there providing communications. He took on the task of Area Coordinator and acted as a mobile station also. They were assisting fellow Amateurs who were participating in the tour. Doug VE3RNC was one of the cyclists and Monica KB7FIT and Steve KB7HMM were driving support vehicles for the tour. They used three repeaters, VE2RM from St Andres to Rockland, VE3TEL from Rockland to North Gore and VE3ORA from North Gore to Perth. This event was successful with assistance from Don VE3RM, from Montreal ARC, Wayne VE3WDP of PARC, who operated the base stations, and the mobile stations operated by Roger VE3KKR from ECC ARES, Cornwall, Peter VE3SOF, Keith VE3IMT and Doug VE2VMS. The manager of the tour, Tim Kneefield said the Ottawa area Amateurs did a great job. Bob sent special thanks to Ed VE3GX for supplying information via packet radio, Devere VE3AJN, Net Manager for the Kingsmere Traffic Net and her operator who handle heavy traffic throughout the tour and to the Pioneer Amateur Radio Club for the use of VE3TEL repeater which was tied up for two full days.

In my last column, I noted the July-August 1991 issue of the RAMBLER contained a replica of the winning OVMRC QSL Card

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Contest for VE3RAM. Ed Sieb VE3RDZ, announced that the contest rules for the VE3JW QSL Card would appear in the September issue. However, the rules do not appear in the September issue. Maybe I will find them in another issue in the months to come but I have some doubts they will show up.

Children are back to school now so please be on the lookout for them crossing streets at unexpected places. Not all of them are careful and in their exuberance, they can get carried away and will run across the street. Be extra careful and aware, expect the unexpected from them. Drive safely and defensively and enjoy the cool fall weather before we get into winter.

73 de Larry, VE3WEH ❖

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## POT LID SLOW SPEED CW NET

**O**n Sunday, September 9th, 0001 at 11 AM local time on 3620 kHz, the Pot Lid Slow Speed CW NET (PLN) starts operation for another season.

February, 2002, will mark 29 years of continuous operation every Sunday morning except for the months of July and August!

The purpose of the NET is to provide slow speed CW practice for beginners and old timers. The speed varies from about 8 to 12 WPM depending on the operator. Everyone is welcome to participate!

If you would like additional information do not hesitate to call Ed Morgan, VE3GX at 733-1721

73 Ed ❖

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## 2001 HoF & CRAY Nominations

Date: August 21, 2001

**C**all for 2001 Nominations for the Canadian Amateur Hall of Fame (HoF) and Canadian Radio Amateur of the Year (CRAY).

For 2001 eligibility, nominations for these two prestigious RAC sponsored awards must be received at Radio Amateurs of Canada Headquarters by September 30.

Please consult the nomination rules on page 11 of the July/August issue of The Canadian Amateur magazine or on the RAC web site at: [www.rac.ca/hof.htm](http://www.rac.ca/hof.htm) and [www.rac.ca/hofray.htm](http://www.rac.ca/hofray.htm) ❖

## RAC delegation preparing for IARU Region 2 Conference in Guatemala City

Date: August 31, 2001

**I**n October, delegates from national Amateur Radio societies from all over the Americas will be meeting at the IARU Region 2 Conference in Guatemala City. These conferences are held once every three years in each of the three IARU Regions.

As a member society of the International Amateur Radio Union, Radio Amateurs of Canada has allocated funding for RAC President Oelke to attend the October 2001 IARU Region II Triennial Conference. To strengthen the Canadian presence, the following volunteers have agreed to join President Oelke in Guatemala City at their own expense; RAC Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Tim Ellam, VE6SH, RAC Quebec Director Daniel Lamoureux, VE2KA and Jacqueline Lamoureux, VE2AX. President Oelke will act as head of the Canadian Delegation.

On the conference agenda will be some very important issues including the WRC 2003 items on the proposed realignment of the 40 metre band and possible changes to the ITU regulations governing Amateur Radio. RAC has submitted papers seeking support for the Canadian position on both of these questions. RAC has also submitted a paper seeking regional support for its application for a new amateur band at 135 kHz.

There will also be some important administrative matters on the conference agenda. There is a proposal to revise and update the by-laws and constitution of IARU Region 2. There is also a proposal to increase the size of the Region 2 Executive Committee.

These items have been discussed at length by members of the RAC Board, in order to provide guidance and direction to the delegation.

RAC supports the proposed by-law changes, but is opposed to any increase in size of the IARU-Region 2 Executive Committee at this time.

More information about the Conference can be found on the IARU Region 2 Web site at: <http://www.iaru-r2.org/> ❖

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## Radio Amateurs of Canada 2002 National Convention

Hello All.

This is to inform everyone of the upcoming Radio Amateurs of Canada 2002 National Convention. This even will be held July 26, 27, 28th of 2002 in Vernon, British Columbia, Canada. For those who are unfamiliar with RAC, it is the Canadian version of ARRL. This event is the second ever put on, with the first happening 5 years ago in Calgary, Alberta. It was a major success. This event was one of the largest amateur radio events EVER in Canada. This upcoming convention will be the largest amateur radio event over the last 5 years in Canada.

This is meant to inform radio amateurs who might be interested in attending.

Additional Information is available online at

<http://www.rac2002.org/>

See you there,

Mike Roberts, VE7KED/VA7EEE ❖

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## Notice of Intention to Amend the OVMRC Bylaws

The executive of the OVMRC are about to publish the by-laws of the OVMRC as approved by membership of the club. This version of by-laws have incorporated all the approved changes since it was last published. In preparing for this new version two editorial changes have been discovered which will require amendment and will be submitted to the membership at the next club meeting.

### Article 6.1

Change "National Museum of Science and Technology" to "Canada Science and Technology Museum."

### Article 6.2

Change "Communications Canada" to "Industry Canada."

Subsequently the new issue of the by-laws will be posted to the OVMRC website to make them available for all members. Posting the by-laws to the website should improve their accessibility and facilitate thier update rather than depending upon printing a new issue with each admendment. ❖

## 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 13th, 2001 in the auditorium of the Canada Science and Technology Museum, 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](mailto: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?

## Reminder!

Deadline for Jerry Wells Amateur of the Year award nominations is this up-comming club meeting, Sep 20th.

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### *Rambler* Errata

- The editor apologizes for missing the by-line on the article in the previous edition entitled "No Trumpets Necessary." This article was written by Maurice-André Vigneault.
- The editor also apologizes for not publishing any articles or notices that had been submitted for this edition of the *Rambler*. Unfortunately, the editor suffered a hard disk crash which resulted in the loss of much data. This may also account for any previously corrected errors, which have subsequently re-appeared. If you observe an error please drop me a note at: [va3wmh@rac.ca](mailto:va3wmh@rac.ca).

wmh ❖

# Jerry Wells OVMRC Amateur of the Year

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**T**he OVMRC Inc. has established the Jerry Wells Award in 1997 in recognition of Jerry Wells VE3CDS, 1928-1997, a live 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 Canada Science and Technology Museum. 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.
- Each nominee for the award must have been a fully paid up member of the OVMRC and a licensed Radio Amateur during the most recently completed club fiscal year starting July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001 (Award Year).
- Nomination must be received in writing, in the required format, 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 below:
- To be eligible, nominee must have made a significant contribution during the Award Year to further any of the objectives of the OVMRC by:
  - Contributing to the interest, study and progress of the science and art of Amateur Radio with particular emphasis on mobile operations;
  - Co-operating with and assisting the civil authorities to the fullest extent possible in any emergency; or by
  - Fostering good will and understanding among Radio Amateurs.
- The eligibility of nominees will be verified by the Executive.
- The names of the nominees and the short narrative descriptions provide by the nominators will be published in the October issue of the Rambler.
- The Award winner will be determined by SECRET BALLOT by all members attending the regular meeting held on 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.
- 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.

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# Jerry Wells OVMRC Amateur of the Year

## Nomination Form

**Please read the Award Criteria before completeing 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:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Print**

Name & Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_