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RAC Amateur of the Year award presented to Glenn McLeod, VE3GLN by Doug Leach, VE3XK, RAC Director, Northern Ontario, at the September meeting of the OVMRC.

RADIO AMATEURS OF CANADA (RAC) AMATEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD

- GLENN MCLEOD VE3GLN

by Larry Wilcox VE3WEH

During the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club's, September 20, 2001 General Meeting, Doug Leach VE3XK, RAC Ontario North Director, presented the "Radio Amateurs of Canada Amateur of the Year Award" to Glenn McLeod VE3GLN. Doug said this award represented Amateur Radio at the National level. In order to provide some background information about Glenn, Doug read aloud the two page nomination letter which was signed and submitted by Ralph Cameron VE3BBM, George Roach VE3BNO, Ernie Jury VE3EJJ, Rick Ferch VE3IAY, Rick Furniss VE3IHI, Jim Dean VE3IQ, Susan Mogensen VE3MOG, Clare Fowler VE3NPC, and Tom St Julien VA3OFD. Glenn was recognized for his outstanding work over many years in the Amateur Community and particularly for his outstanding leadership in bringing together seven local Amateur Radio Clubs to break the Amateur Radio Field Day World Record for most number of stations on the air. With assistance from about 151 Amateurs from Ontario and Quebec, the record was broken when the words "We are 35 Alpha Ontario" first went out over the air waves at 2pm on Saturday, June 24, 2000. FD2000 was a reality.

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Next Meeting

Oct 18
Rambler Deadline
Nov 2

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By the time you read this you will have enjoyed Thanksgiving Day and many more of those long hot days of summer which are fast declining, the trees are changing colour and leaves are falling. The time has arrived to slow down from our busy summer activities and to reflect on life and Amateur Radio.

OCTOBER 1991 RAMBLER

Neil Herber VE3PUE, Acting Membership Chair, reported as of October 4, 1991, the club had 183 Regular members, 74 Associate members, six Life Members, adding up to a total of 263 members! Forty six-new members had joined the club since the summer and thirty-three of them were students from the Amateur radio course. In addition, Neil reported that 80 members had not renewed.

However, President Jeff Wilson VE3RCI, wrote in his RAMBLINGS column that well more than 80 members attended the September meeting held at the Multi-Service Centre, Heron Road. They had to keep sending for more chairs! Jeff noted the meeting in October would once again be held at the National Museum of Science and Technology.

Ted Paull, VE3KEH, Secretary, noted in the Minutes of the Sept 19, 1991 General Meeting, Dan VE3EBI made a few announcements from the CARF Bulletin including the Boy Scouts Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) and encouraged Members to invite scout troops to the shack. The OARC Flea Market was to be held On Sunday, October 6 in the RA Centre, \$2.00 general admission, \$5.00 for a table, \$20 for commercial vendors. Peter Jago VE3PWJ was the contact. The winner of the Joe Norton Award was Roxanne Delmage VE3VON, a new amateur who had made an outstanding contribution to Amateur radio. The minutes also noted that Cy Webster VE3SIY, announced the Museum Exhibit Committee had one meeting and was gathering pertinent materials for VE3JW. He mentioned the museum was planning to select a design company to create the exhibit which will contain the club station VE3JW.

Keith Beardsley VE3SVQ, wrote the "DX de YOU" and welcomed the new students. He mentioned he was using an old HW 101, 100 watts power, and a wire antenna that cost him \$8 to build. Keith managed to work 48 different countries even though conditions were not very good!

The October Rambler contained only six pages, so we will continue with the next issue.

NOVEMBER 1991 RAMBLER

Half of the front page of the RAMBLER was written by Editor Chuck King VE3PDK. He gave a nostalgic Farewell to President, Jeff Wilson VE3RCI, was moving to bigger and better things with a new appointment in Calgary after only two months into his term as President. Jeff left an impressive record of accomplishments during his three years with the club. He joined as a student in 1988, licenced in 1989, organized a very successful Field Day, was elected Vice-President and volunteered to write the "DX de You" column for the Rambler. Chuck notes that Jeff also took on the job of organizing our annual Flea Market and set a standard that has put subsequent committees to the test. He also organized our meeting programs and much of the growth in the last few years of the Club

were directly due to his informative and entertaining monthly programs. Chuck paid tribute to Jeff's contributions to the growth and the success of the club over his short span of three years as a member and noted Jeff's effort was much more than what most Amateurs contribute during their lifetime. It set an example that is well worth emulating and one which will not be soon forgotten. Jeff had even prepaid his membership for another three years!

President Jeff's RAMBLINGS mentioned how pleased he was to be back in the auditorium of the National Museum with more than 90 members and a few guests that turned out to see a video of the OVMRC/OARC Joint Field Day and the 1990 Field Day of the Blue Mountain Repeater Society in Collingwood. Ken Ascus VE3MNV. A visitor from Barrie was quite surprised to see this video.

Jeff reminisced about his short time with the Club and encouraged members to get involved. He noted the new Executive structure put in place following our 1991 revision of the OVMRC Bylaws, was working well and the volunteer committees now allow more members to be active in directing Club activities. He called upon all experienced OVMRC members, with or without previous OVMRC Executive experience, to consider taking on the position of President for the remainder of the year. He wrote that being President is fun and you get to wax eloquent, pontificate, or just ramble on in the RAMBLINGS column each month about what's happening the Amateur radio and the Club. Jeff enjoyed himself and made many friends through the Club. Jeff planned to keep in touch via the Ottawa-Calgary packet satellite link and expected to write some Western news items in future issues of the RAMBLER. He wrote he would get a tower up for HF eventually and was hopeful of making a sked with the new VE3JW in the Museum in 1993.

Jeff Wilson's words were written more than 10 years ago and are still relevant today, especially since we are currently looking for a new President to lead us through the rest of this year. Susan Mogensen VE3MOG, our Past President is very concerned about our club. She served two years as our President and brought a lot of new interesting programs to our monthly meetings. Our Bylaws only allow a person to serve as President for two consecutive years. So, she volunteered to take on the position of Vice-President and is currently holding this club together. However, she can only devote a limited amount of her time to the task. We still need someone to volunteer as President, someone who has good leadership abilities, lots of common sense, and the ability to motivate people in order to lead the OVMRC over the rest of this 2001-2002 term. The job is not done alone or in isolation by the Directors of the Club. You have a very good Executive Committee which assists with the decision making process and any tasks that may arise. If you want to reap the rewards and personal satisfaction of contributing to the Amateur radio community, step forward and volunteer to serve in some capacity with the Executive. We need your help and you will enjoy yourself.

Bill Balke VE3NPG, wrote a short article in the November 1991 RAMBLER about the 2metre link system which is available through repeater VE3MPC. He covered the proper method of

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accessing the link and then leaving the link and stressed common sense and the use of courtesy are the most important rules.

Neil Herber VE3PUE, Membership Chair, listed eighteen new members by name and Callsign and also the names of the thirty-two students who were taking the Amateur Radio Course.

In closing out the November 1991 Issue, Ed Sieb VE3RDZ, had a column "FROM THE JUNK-BOX" which featured "A Simple Mic Preamp-interface Circuit for Surplus Commercial FM Radios." He provided the circuit diagram and description to allow you to use a 500 Ohm dynamic mic with Surplus Commercial FM Radios which had no microphone. Ed also gave us instructions and diagram of an easy to make antenna for 6 metres which is built from Radio Shack's "All-Band Base Antenna" for scanners.

With the end of daylight-saving time on October 28, 2001, we will be driving home from work in the dark by 5pm. So please take care, drive defensively and be careful of children crossing streets at unexpected places. Don't forget to slow down and to adjust your driving speed to conditions this Fall (slippery wet leaves on streets) and this Winter (impending snow). Drive safely and defensively and enjoy the rest of the cool fall days before we get into winter.

73 de Larry VE3WEH ❖

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In accepting the award, Glenn was very emotional and said, "Well I don't even know what to say. I think that, oh, is Brice here? If Brice was here I would hand him the crown of the Supreme B'Ser of the Year. Everybody that put forward my name, I will never be able to express what that means. I think of what I was capable of doing a couple years ago and what I can do now. I don't even dwell on it very often and I think I try to make fun of it, ah, (unintelligible words) as a group of individuals, I'll say we've had a hell of a lot of fun since 1978, this would be it. I have to be very honest with you and Tom will tell you this as God's honest truth, I had kinda given up on Amateur Radio clubs. I'm really glad I decided to join this one four years ago.

I didn't start this to become famous. In fact, this evening you are going to elect some people that are going to try and lead this club forward and you have a very large task. This is a very important part of the Amateur Radio Community in Ottawa. It deserves to be led, it deserves to survive and it deserves to prosper. This evening you are going to try and give this club a sense of direction and try to give it a sense that it has a mission. And I hope that you also find something to do collectively because that is really what the whole essence of Amateur Radio is all about, working together, over the air. As Dan Henderson, the Contest Director of ARRL said to me, "You know, it's really amazing what you did. Normally, in a town with three people with Amateur Radio licences, you have two clubs." And I would hope this evening that you start down a path that proves Dan absolutely wrong! That all of the Amateurs that are here and work together for the betterment of the hobby. You are an outstanding group. You really are. I didn't do this, you did. All I said was that you could do it. Some of you said initially the man is crazy and then you proceeded to prove that you were by doing it. I apologize for my emotionalism at the start there, I was a little overwhelmed. Thank you very much." Congratulations Glenn from all of us, you deserve the award. ❖

OVMRC GUEST SPEAKER 15 NOV 2001 DIANE STUEMER

The Ottawa Citizen's Northern Magic Dispatches written by Diane Stuemmer have enthralled the citizens of Ottawa and around the world for the past four years. To hear about this magnificent adventure please join us at our regular monthly meeting on November 15th at 7:30 PM where Diane Stuemmer will be our very special guest speaker.

Ken Halcrow, VE3SRS
OVMRC Emergency Preparedness Chairman

Amateur Radio Call Sign Data Base

Date: October 5, 2001

Industry Canada has informed RAC that they have amended the Morse Qualification listings in their Canadian Amateur Radio Call Sign Database now that the Morse requirement for access to all amateur bands is 5 WPM. Because the sole requirement now is 5 WPM, they no longer show the 12 WPM qualification. Industry Canada advises that the modifications to their Canadian Amateur Radio Call Sign Database were completed sooner than expected and that they (IC) were unable to give RAC sufficient warning to allow timely modification to the RAC Canadian Amateur Radio Call Sign Database Web page. Industry Canada have told RAC that they realize the significance to amateurs of showing only the lower code speed and regret any inconvenience this may have caused to the amateur fraternity.

RAC is working to have the offending references removed from the published version of the database as soon as possible.

Board of Directors, Radio Amateurs of Canada ❖

All Amateurs are invited to submit articles for publication in the OVMRC Rambler. Articles may be submitted electronically to the editor, Bill Hall, VA3WMH at va3wmh@rac.ca.

Jerry Wells OVMRC Amateur of the Year

NOMINATIONS

We wish to nominate **Don Raymond**, Callsign: VE3DRO, for the Jerry Wells Amateur of the Year award. We believe the above named Amateur deserves to be honored with this award for the following reasons:

We feel Don would be a fitting recipient of this award. As anyone who frequents the Ottawa repeaters will know, Don is generally there to give a helping hand to anyone who needs it. On several occasions he has come to the assistance of people needing to report traffic problems or accidents. He will assist anyone requiring directions and he seems to be the one most local Amateurs call on when help is required. All of these tasks he frequently performs quite willingly. On many occasions we have heard Don operating from VE3JW.

By participating at the Canada Museum of Science and Technology in a particular role in the Christmas period. Don bring smiles to children and their parents when they are able to speak with those at the North Pole!

In general, Don performs these tasks in the true spirit of the hobby and is at fine ambassador for Amateur radio.

Nominations submitted by:

Elizabeth Johnson, VA3ELB

W. Thomas Johnson, VA3WTJ

We wish to nominate: **Bob Shaw**, callsign VE3SUY, for the Jerry Wells Amateur of the Year award. We believe the above named Amateur deserves to be honored with this award for the following reasons:

Bob officially joined the ranks of Amateur Radio in 1990, but had been interested in the field most of his life, and like many of us experimented with radio in his youth. He has been associated with the Amateur Radio course given by the OVMRC as an instructor and director for the past 10 years, bringing well over a hundred new people into the hobby. As a teacher, he has the gift of explaining the abstract ideas of radio transmission and reception so that they are understandable and make sense, as well, he generates an enthusiasm in his students that in many cases results in very active new hams. Through this ongoing teaching activity Bob contributed very materially to the goodwill and understanding among radio Amateurs. Additionally, the course under his direction has provided a continuing income for the Club. In the public service area, Bob was always ready to turn out and participate, and at field day regularly manages a novice tent. On the technical side, Bob is a builder, specializing in QRP units that incorporate new approaches and ideas. He often uses his building and teaching talent to develop and execute hands-on construction products for its students and technical competitions for club members. In summary, Bob handsomely meets the criteria of the Jerry Wells Amateur of the Year award.

Nominations submitted by:

Ernie Jury, VE3EJJ.
J.M.A. Vigneault, VE3VIG

What is the OVMRC?

For me, it is a group of outstanding individuals coming together with a common interest in Amateur Radio. It is a group of friends, young and not so young, sharing and learning and teaching.

I have made it known to the current executive that I would like to become the next president of the OVMRC. I have asked the current executive that a vote be taken even if my name is the only one on the ballot. This serves a number of purposes. As members of this club, you have the right to accept or not my request to be president of the OVMRC. If no vote is offered, you lose your right as a member in choosing the person that you think will be the best choice to serve this club. As president, I want to know that you have confidence in me that I will do the best that I can in serving you in this capacity.

I have asked that if there are no other names to present to you on October 18, the ballot therefore should be a yes/no vote. If you feel that I am the right person for the job, please vote yes. If elected, I promise to serve as your president to the best of my abilities.

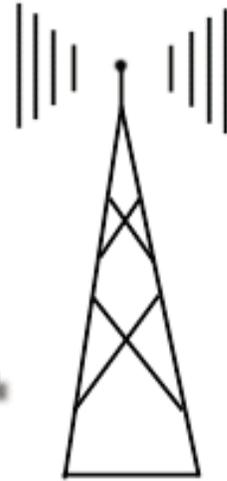
Unfortunately, due to a previous commitment, I will not be able to attend the meeting on October 18th. I trust that the membership will indicate truthfully their willingness or otherwise to have me as their new president.

I look forward to serving you as president, if that is the will of the Club.

Dan Johnston, VA3JAR

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NOTICES

SEPT 11TH HAS BEEN A TERRIBLE DAY FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS OF THE UNITED STATES. OUR THOUGHTS OF EVERYONE FROM CANADIAN AMATEURS GO OUT TO VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

A REMINDER THE SWAP NET IS BACK ON MONDAY NIGHTS AT 8PM ON CRA 146.940- PLEASE TRY AND HAVE ADS IN BY SATURDAYS AS I UPDATE THE SITE EVERY SUNDAY.

The site has been updated and you just have to go to "BROWSE" and you will see all items for sale or wanted. Click on "DETAILS" you will see the ad.

Now all you have to do to submit an ad hit "SUBMIT" and fill out your page.

Thanks

73

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" NEW POT HOLE NET"

This net has now moved to Sat at 10AM on 7095mhz

Drop in and have a chat with new hams.

<http://www.igs.net/~swap/>

NOTICE: This is the last *Rambler* for members that have not paid their 2001/2002 membership. Please renew your membership now!