

Rambler

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Radio Club Inc. (OVMRC)
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- **The Christmas
Variety Show**

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**Merry
Christmas
Everyone**



The Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club Presents **“CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW 2001”**

Where: Auditorium, Canada Science and Technology Museum,
1867 St. Laurent Blvd., Ottawa

When: Thursday, 8:00 pm, December 13, 2001

Who: Local Talent

Why: To celebrate Christmas and the end of the year

The Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club (OVMRC) will, again, host an entertaining and talent laden Christmas Variety Show.

All amateurs, their friends, wives and family are welcome to attend this free gala evening of music, song and merriment.

This invitation is also for the entire staff of the Canada Museum of Science and Technology.

You are cordially invited to enjoy the entertainment sitting in the comfort of the 260 upholstered seat theatre with its new upgraded audio and visual system. And to add to the festive evening, Christmas refreshments will be served outside the auditorium immediately following the show!

For further information, please contact Ken Barry - by e-mail :
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OVMRC Executive (2001-2002)

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OVMRC Repeater

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



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Next Meeting

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OVMRC Life Members

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

Club Website

The OVMRC *Rambler* is available on-line at the club website:

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W elcome everyone to my first ramblings.

What a wonderful meeting we had in November. Diane and Herbert made a fascinating presentation on their 4-year trip around the world. My hat goes off to them for having the will and the courage to live a life long dream of many people. Thank you Diane and Herbert for taking us along with you on this wonderful journey. Thank you Ken Halcrow VE3SRS, for organizing such a fantastic evening for us all. Diane and Herbert collected over \$500 that evening towards their foundation. James Poulin VA3JPX, our 50/50 winner also donated part of his winnings to the foundation.



March - 40th anniversary special
April - Home Brew
May - Graduation/ Mobile Contest
June - AGM

As you can see, March will be the 40th anniversary of the incorporation of the OVMRC. I think that this deserves a special evening to celebrate. If anyone has any ideas or would like to volunteer to assist me in organising this event, please contact me via email at va3jar@rac.ca, or, at home 830-9565.

Thank you all for supporting this fine club and I look forward to being a member of this club and its executive for many years to come.

Dan, VA3JAR

Before I go on rambling, I would like to take a little space to thank Susan Mogenson VE3MOG for her contribution to this club as President for the past 2 ½ years. Susan has gone above and beyond the call of duty and helped keep the executive focussed during this past summer. I know that I will have a busy time trying to keep up to her pace. Thank you again Susan for all your efforts. I am thankful that you have agreed to stay on as Vice President this year to help keep me on track too.

This has been an interesting year for our club with many ups and downs. I look forward to seeing lots of changes in the years to come. Many great ideas were put forward for upcoming meetings and we will be attempting to address as many of them as possible. Thank you to all who completed the survey last month.

Here is a list of proposed tentative topics for meetings starting in January.

January - IRLP
February - Spy Net

Guy Piché Juneau, VE3ZZJ /SK
November 13th 1930 - November 16th 2001

It is with great memories that we acknowledge the passing of Guy Juneau, VE3ZZJ, on Friday morning, November 16th 2001, peacefully in hospital. Guy was licensed in the spring of 1993, after having taken the OVMRC radio course. He achieved his Advanced as well as his Morse Code qualifications. He was an active Amateur, who volunteered his time and expertise during events including marathons and operations at the Museum of Science and Technology. Guy was also an avid sailor, and as a trade commissioner with External Affairs, Guy had the opportunity to do a lot of travelling with work. Sincere condolences go out to his family and friends on behalf of the members of the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club. A donation will be made to DARF by the OVMRC in memory of Guy.

Serenity Prayer

Give me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the difference.

Welcome to a very mild record setting December 2001! Very unusual weather to say the least but that will end soon. I hope you have finished all your Christmas shopping by now and are ready for the Christmas season. Speaking of Christmas, we hope to see many of you at our next meeting where you will enjoy the "Christmas Variety Show 2001" which Ken Barry VE3KJB has spent so many hours of sweat, concern and joy in preparing for along with a multitude of performers. It should be a very entertaining evening with enjoyable feasting on the Christmas goodies and refreshments following the show.

JANUARY 1992 RAMBLER

Bob Shaw VE3SUY was the featured author of the front page article "TUNING IN HF PACKET – THE HARD WAY" using his Kenwood TS-440 SAT transceiver and the MFJ-1278 TNC. His article was a full three pages, and complete with Figure 1, to help explain the tuning process. Bob experienced some technical difficulties and noted the audio tones on HF are very sensitive to tuning errors with regard to the "correct" frequencies. He wrote that he could recognize HF digital modes by their sound. (How many times have you heard a strange sound on your radio and couldn't identify it - maybe this will help!) RTTY is a continuous warbling sound, Packet is a series of short RTTY-like warbling sounds of about 1/2 to one second long rather randomly timed, and AMTOR is a continuous train of short warbles, with the S-meter jumping from high to low as the carrier is keyed on and off about four times per second. All these digital modes use essentially the same scheme for indicating the digital "ones and zeros" (or MARKS and SPACES). Packet uses a 200-Hz shift, and RTTY and AMTOR use a 170-Hz shift. Bob provided this lengthy and detailed three page article in the hopes that you would be able to make similar measurements on your own transceiver and TNC to tune in HF packet (or other digital mode) using your transceiver's frequency readout and to be "on the nose" when tuning. He noted there is a range of at least 50 Hz error from one packet station when compared with another. He found 10Hz tuning was necessary to ensure his station was at least correctly "calibrated." Nearly ten years later, I wonder today if the newer digital rigs such as the Kenwood TS-847 have more accurate "on the nose" tuning?

In RAMBLINGS this month, President Jerry Wells VE3CDS, wrote about the dramatic increase in the number of Amateur radio operators brought about by the relaxation of the licencing requirements. The advent of the "no code" licence was a real incentive for many people to get into Amateur radio but Jerry also observed those aspiring students, after a few practice sessions of code at five words-per-minute, could hardly wait to take the test and many of them worked really hard to get their 12 words-per-minute. He ended his column by encouraging all of us to work to preserve the wonderful hobby of Amateur radio in 1992 and in the years ahead. He encouraged the older Amateurs to provide guidance and support for the new members to our hobby and our Club. He wrote, "Remember, we were all beginners at one time and we are all participants in the marvelous world of Radio." He ended his column with the realization that he had been licenced for 40 years and reminisced how quickly time goes by and yet he still remembered his first contact on 7013 Kc rockbound, a W8 in Ohio, January 1952 . . . "Wish I could find that old log book."

Pat Brewer VE3KJQ, the author of the NEWS AND VIEWS FROM HERE AND THERE monthly column, among many other interesting items from club newsletters across Canada, covered the London ARC article about "November 11 Nostalgia," the Amateur radio station of Dick Moore VE3LRB. Dick usually operated a Wireless Set #19 but had opted for an air force Bendix TA12-C transmitter from a Lancaster bomber and a CSR-5 receiver from the navy. He suggested this might be a worthwhile project for the museum station to consider once it was operating again. I wonder if they have this equipment in storage anywhere?

Pat also wrote about the first annual convention of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) which was being planned by the Calgary Amateur Radio Club (CARA) following their club vote and approval of the motion at their October 1992 meeting. Sounds like RAC should soon be celebrating their tenth Anniversary.

"FOR THE WANT OF AN UMBRELLA" by Ed Puccini VE3EFP. Ed cautioned all of us to consider buying "An umbrella" which would save us fifteen thousands dollars. Ed became embroiled in the spring of 1989 trying to negotiate a compromise for eighteen months with his neighbourhood over the tower he had contracted Harold MacFarlane to construct. Within a week of its completion, Ed was served with a subpoena and appeared in court in February 1991. The court decided in his favour. However, the judge denied Ed's court costs. So he had to place his insurance policies in hock in order to pay the fifteen thousand dollar court costs. Ralph Cameron VE3BBM, wrote an excellent summary of the case in his Crosswaves column in the Canadian Amateur July/August 1991 issue if you want to read the whole story. Although he won the case, he gave a final word of advice to all Amateurs. "Do not think that you are immune, take the necessary steps now to get yourself an umbrella in case this sort of misery should rain on you."

Finally, the "IMI" column by Ron Clement and Roger Rose, both VE3HOPEFULS, noted the names of twelve students had passed the 5 wpm Morse Code test, including Bob Kennan, Bob Calder, Life Quesnel, Gerry Stirrup, Jeff Hilt, Kevin Jones, Allan Barnes, Jim Robinson, Ron Clement, David Morph., Dared Brk and Chris Grace. They encouraged the others on the course to "Remember what Brice keeps on telling us," "Practice makes perfect." They also encouraged the students to attend the monthly club meetings held at the Museum so they could enhance their knowledge of Amateur radio. Still, sounds like a sound idea. It would be nice to see more of the current crop of students come out to our meetings. Hopefully we will see many of them at our Christmas Variety Show 2001 which starts at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, January 13, 2001.

You will see a notice in this issue about the OVMRC Club History which is being posted to our club web page. I hope you enjoy the information there and that it provides you a reminder of the days long gone past.

Be careful during the next snowfall, slow down and adjust your speed to the road and traffic conditions. I wish you and your families a safe, healthy and Merry Christmas Season.

73 de Larry VE3WEH

Miscellaneous

CARAB 17 Meeting in Ottawa

Date: November 21, 2001

The semi-annual fall meeting of the Canadian Amateur Radio Advisory Board (CARAB) took place in Ottawa on November 13, 2001. It was attended by representatives from RAC and Industry Canada.

The following were some of the highlights of the meeting:

- An Industry Canada document pertaining to the examination of disabled candidates will be ready for incorporation into an RIC by January 31, 2002. This document, based on a proposal from RAC, will provide guidance to medical doctors when asked to justify an exemption for disabled candidates for the Amateur Radio examination process.

- A list of Accredited Examiners has been provided by Industry Canada and is now available on the RAC web site. The list is sorted by both city and name.

- RAC again raised concern over the continuing errors and printing problems associated with Industry Canada's amateur radio examination generator software. Industry Canada is looking into the problems and hopes to rectify the situation shortly.

- RAC and Industry Canada entered into discussions regarding the development and maintenance of the Amateur Question Banks (RIC 7 and RIC 8) and the examination generator software. It is hoped that RAC may be able to play a viable role in both programs.

- Industry Canada provided a follow up report on the proposed 'Prudent Avoidance Policy' in the City of Toronto. Health Canada's Safety Code 6 provides guidelines for Radio-frequency Fields Safety. There is a need to establish protocols to provide a model for municipalities to utilize.

- Industry Canada representatives reiterated that IC is prepared to discuss and take action on documented cases of flagrant disregard for regulations. The amateur community must demonstrate to the local Industry Canada offices that such action is necessary, however. For further information visit: <http://www.rac.ca/faqgovt4.htm>

- Industry Canada presented a status report on new reciprocal operating agreements. A Canadian proposal is being considered by the Thai government. Hong Kong has also entered into discussions and is awaiting a response from Canada. Several other countries have shown little interest in setting up reciprocal operating agreements with Canada at this time. Unless policies change, nothing further can be done.

- Discussion took place concerning the CARAB terms of reference and participation. Industry Canada emphasized the importance of having a strong national representative voice for all amateur radio operators in Canada. Industry Canada indicated that it would be open to modification of the terms of reference of CARAB if the current provisions were inadequate for RAC's needs.

Complete details of the meeting will be provided at a later date in the CARAB 17 Minutes and posted on the Industry Canada website at <http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/SSG/sf01778e.html>

RAC Executive for 2002-2003

Date: November 27, 2001

On Sunday, November 25, 2001, the RAC Nomination Committee met by teleconference under the direction of Chair Robert Kirkpatrick VE9VAR, to elect the Executive officers for the 2002-2003 term. The results of the elections follow:

President: William Gillis VE1WG
1st Vice President: Joe MacPherson VE1CH
Vice President Regulatory Affairs: James Dean VE3IQ
Vice President Government and International Affairs: Kenneth Pulfer VE3PU
Vice President Industrial Liaison: Don Rowed VE3KII
Vice President Field Services: Pierre Mainville VA3PM
Treasurer: Bill Rothwell VE3FGW
Secretary: Dawn MacKay VE1MAK

The RAC Board of Directors extends sincere thanks to the outgoing Executive members for their dedication to and participation in the organization during their time in office.

The newly elected Executive will assume their positions on January 1, 2002.

Christmas Day Edition of the Wise Owl Net



There will be a special Christmas Day edition of the Wise Owl Net and all radio amateurs are encouraged to join in. This net gives you an opportunity to tell everyone about the new amateur gear that Santa is going to bring you. On the other hand, if you haven't been a good amateur this year, and Santa does not bring you a new rig, you are still welcome to join the net, if you promise to be better behaved next year. You can also convey Christmas greetings to all your friends.

This is an opportunity as well to introduce any visitors you may have over Christmas in your home to amateur radio, in a fun and informal way. The net starts at **0930 hours EST** on the OVMRC club two metre repeater **VE3TWO**, 147.30 receive, 147.90 transmit. It will be just about as informal as a net can get. See you then. I will be net controller, as I have been for more years than I can remember, but it must be getting near 20 years.

Ho ho ho!

Sydney. VE3GVI
ve3gvi@rac.ca

P.S. For amateurs who are not sure, and are afraid to ask, Christmas Day is on 25 December this year!

November 15, 2001

Susan, VE3MOG, opened meeting at 19:31

Susan welcomed everyone. New persons or visitors: Guy -VA3IAG Norm - VE3NFH Alan - VA3ACX,VA0ACX

Susan introduced the new president Dan Johnston, VA3JAR. She handed over the gavel and key to the executive washroom.

Dan thanked Susan for the work she has done for the last 2 and half years. Attendance was 95. He asked those present to fill out survey for upcoming meetings.

June Knight presented the Jerry Wells Award to Bob Shaw. She also provided background on Jerry Wells and his many awards. Bob was presented with a plague and a CW keyer. Bob Shaw thanked everyone for the award.

Ken Halcrow, VE3SRS, introduced the guest speaker, Diane Stuemmer, VE3NMG. Diane gave great presentation on the family's trip around the world by sailboat. She presented a slide show that gave us all a glimpse as to what is like to travel the world. She regaled the audience with the good, the bad, and the ugly. Dan presented Diane and Hubert with a cheque for 75 dollars for the two charities that the Stuemers are promoting. He also presented them with a family membership to the OVMRC.

Jake, VA3TQX, presented Larry, VE3WEH, and Graham, VE3GBD, with the Bunny Hunter Award from the local bunny hunting association. The last "bunny" hunt was October 27, 2001. The two "bunnies" were Jake and James, VE3JPX. The award also included the mascot, VE3BNE, "bunnie". Larry accepted for himself and Graham. Next "bunny" hunt is December 1, 2001 in the evening. Check the nets for more details.

Asked if anyone needed technical help or looking for equipment. Jake needs 35-45 feet of miniature 178B coax.

Looking for Volunteers to do refreshments. Looking for persons to fill voids in the executive: Radio Operations chairperson Fleamarket chairperson Field Day chairperson Publicity chairperson



Larry, VE3WEH, informed us he had some CDS from Field Day 2000. Cost: 12 dollars if picked up at meeting, 15 dollars if mailed.

If you are interested in First Aid/CPR courses (5-10 persons) see Dan, VA3JAR.

Upcoming Events:

December 8,9 2001 - Talk to Santa To be held at the Canada Museum of Science and Technology Don, VE3DRO, will be Santa. Larry, VE3WEH, and Dan, VA3JAR, are looking for elves. See either if you are interested.

December 13, 2001 - Variety Night Ken Barry, VE3KJB, and Larry, VE3WEH, are organizing the show. Show is open to all. Various groups invited.

Door Prizes:

Radio - Sangeen AT818 from estate of Al Ablett,VE3SUP, dropped off by Brice, VE3EDR Winner: Peter, VE3LBW

Radio Shack \$25.00 Gift Certificate Winner: Andy Travill HMV \$20.00 Gift Certificate Winner: Mike Parris, VA3TJP

50/50 Draw:

\$56.00 - James VA3JPX

Meeting adjourned at 9:21pm

Correction from Last Month's General Meeting minutes

Winner of 50/50 Draw Liz's Callsign should have read VA3ELB not VE3ELB

New Policy:

President to make a donation in the amount of 25 dollars to Defence of Amateur Radio Fund (DARF) in memory of Silent Key who was a member of the OVMRC within 2 years prior to his/her becoming a silent key.

North Korea (P5) is on the air:

North Korea, the DXCC entity that tops everyone's most-wanted list, was activated this month by Ed Giorgadze, 4L4FN, of the Republic of Georgia. The operation has not yet been approved for DXCC credit, however. On the basis of oral permission from North Korean authorities, Giorgadze has been operating as P5/4L4FN since early this month. Bruce Paige, KK5DO, reports that 4L4FN now is awaiting written permission from the North Korean government—something that's required for ARRL DXCC credit. As a result, it's possible the recent contacts will not count for DXCC. Paige is posting P5/4L4FN operating news on his Web site <<http://www.amsatnet.com/p5.html>> and to other DX news sites. - ARRL letter

Operations accepted for DXCC credit:

Several DX operations have now received approval for DXCC credit. They are: ZK1NJC, North Cook Island; T5X, Somalia; OJ0VR, Market Reef; and HK5QGX/0M, Malpelo Island. Those who previously submitted these entities and were denied credit may contact DXCC "<dxcc@arrl.org>"; and have their records updated without having to resubmit cards. For more information, contact ARRL DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, dxcc@arrl.org -ARRL letter

Pitcairn Island Admitted to IARU

Voting has been completed on a proposal to admit the Pitcairn Island Amateur Radio Association (PIARA) as a member of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). PIARA has been notified of its admission effective 15 November 2001. PIARA is an independent non-profit organization to promote and develop amateur radio friendship, technical knowledge, and communication technology, providing public service and furthering the public interest, plus fostering international goodwill. It has 10 members, representing the entire population of resident amateur operators. PIARA reports that there are 23 amateurs licensed to operate including several temporary residents and visitors, plus one club station. Amateur Radio has special significance on Pitcairn Island, as it continues to provide the main communications link to the outside world. Pitcairn Islands (including Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie, and Oeno Islands) is an overseas territory of the United Kingdom.

The application for IARU membership by PIARA is supported by the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB). Due to transport difficulties from and to Pitcairn, PIARA has requested that the RSGB continue to represent PIARA at IARU Region 3 Conferences.

The official address of PIARA is: P.O. Box 88, Adamstown, Pitcairn Island, South Pacific Ocean via New Zealand. The IARU, founded in 1925, is a worldwide federation of national amateur radio societies with members in 151 countries and separate territories. - RAC

VK 80m SSB Band to be Expanded

The Australian 80-metre SSB 'DX Window', at present limited to a 4-kHz segment around 3798kHz, is due to be expanded - but not

until 2004. In Australia, the band 3700 - 3800kHz is presently allocated to the commercial land mobile service, effectively limiting amateur SSB operation to a single frequency. Following an approach by the Wireless Institute of Australia, the Australian

Communications Authority has agreed to proceed with a change in the allocation of the band 3776 - 3800kHz. The ACA's intention is to reallocate this band to the amateur service on a primary basis from the 1st of January 2004. Commercial incumbents will be moved to existing land mobile spectrum adjacent to the new amateur band by the end of December 2003. (RSGB News)

A Shock in time saves nine

A safety conscious amateur we know was telling his XYL that if one ever saw someone in obvious distress while working on electrical equipment, that the best way to assist them was to grab a broom or a board and knock them loose from the source of the current.

One day she came into the radio shack and saw him standing next to a cabinet with his back to her, he was shaking violently, and she noticed a cord running from him to some equipment. Remembering his good advice, she immediately rushed to the back shed where she found a length of 2X4 timber. Grabbing it up she rushed back and swung with all her might, knocking our hero across the shack and free from the equipment, unfortunately breaking his arm and two ribs in the process. Quick thinking, and a quick response to danger, only problem was that up to that point he had been happily listening on headphones, and jiggling around to his favourite song on his walkman. Never mind, the thought was there wasn't it? (Lee VK3GK)

80 metre spark transmission on Marconi anniversary

"Atlantic-leap 2001 "

David Wilson VE3BBN in St David's Ontario near Niagara Falls, is seeking approval from Industry Canada for a special event transmission using a home made spark transmitter. The event will take place on December 12th 2001, at 9 pm local eastern time, (0200 UTC), to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Marconi's historic transatlantic transmission of the letter "S" from Poldhu Cornwall to St John's Newfoundland in 1901. The frequency will be 3.550 MHz, the output power approximately 20 watts, and the signal bandwidth 20 kHz. Radio amateurs in all countries are encouraged to listen and to provide signal reports.

To listen to the spark transmission your receiver should be set to the AM mode to get the most signal possible. David plans to transmit 60 times on the minute the following message "MARCONI S", then rest for about 45 seconds and repeat the sequence.

QSL messages should be sent to VE3BBN@rac.ca and reports should include "name, QTH, signal report and distance as the crow flies from Niagara Falls Ontario

Announcements

WILLENWEB DIRECTION FINDING UNIT

In an email (edited for brevity) dated September 11, 1997 to the President, Dan Reardon, VE3GUU, Wil Warren VE3XMT wrote: "A couple of years ago, I designed and built a device called the 'Willenweb'. Using this device became both a joy and challenge but eventually, due to job time constraints, I lent it to others and it has been used quite successfully both for taking part in hunts for hidden transmitters and the more serious situations, such as ongoing repeater abuse. Much to my surprise, it keeps working and working and shows little sign of giving up so I lent it out to keen individuals interested in the hobby of transmitter hunting. Since I now live and work in California, it only makes sense that the Willenweb remain in the hands of those that will make use of it as a tool to keep the Radio Airwaves free of interference. I would like to offer the 'Willenweb' as a gift to the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club for use by CARBHA members... (Capital Area Region Bunny Hunters Association) and any other interested parties the Club Executive should select from time to time. I'm told that CARBHA represents all the region and on both sides of the river and is non-club specific. My choice of the OVMRC as a recipient of the device results from my own participation in Club activities while a member. The OVMRC has been a club I've enjoyed belonging to and which was also gracious enough in awarding me an award in 1996. I think the OVMRC would be a good Steward of the technology and intent in the design embodied within the Willenweb."

The OVMRC accepted the Willenweb and it has been used in many transmitter Bunny Hunts with much success and was also used to track down a microphone which was stuck in the TX position. However, it recently failed to operate properly and upon closer inspection by Jake Guertin VA3TQX, Technical Chairperson, he determined that major work and a complete overhaul and rebuild of the entire antenna unit including new cables is required due to a large amount of corrosion. This matter was discussed at our last Executive meeting and the following motion is put forth for your consideration and vote at the next General Meeting.

Motion to be presented to membership

Reallocate 250 dollars from Repeater - Capital Improvement towards repair of WillenWeb

**National
Capital
SWAPNET**



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

HISTORY OF THE OVMRC NOW ON THE OVMRC WEB PAGE

For those of you interested in the history of our club, you can now read about the history on our web page located at: <http://www.ovmrc.on.ca/> Simply look for the title "Club History" and click on it. The history is being written and will be added periodically to our web page throughout this winter and next summer and next winter and next whenever, until it is complete. In addition, we are scanning the early issues of the RAMBLER and they will be posted as a PDF file format which you can download and read at your leisure.

The history of our amateur radio club is being posted to our web page as it is written in order to provide our members and the public with a greater knowledge of the people and their roles which have contributed to the continuation of this club for nearly forty years. Information contained on these web pages was derived from a variety of sources including verbal discussions with members and from the written record of the OVMRC.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Our current members owe a debt of gratitude to the early members and the many members since who have contributed their valuable time to the creation and continuation of this club. We also applaud those individuals that have contributed to the verbal and written record of this club, particularly, Ed Morgan VE3GX and Doreen Morgan VE3CGO. Ed's contribution, as Editor of the club's "RAMBLER" newsletter and club historian, for so many of the early years, is without a doubt, the outstanding contribution covering the early history of the OVMRC. A special thanks to John Rodger VE3JR, our Webmaster who spends so much time and uses his magic to create these web pages and to Bill Hall VA3WMH, for his work preparing PDF files of the RAMBLER. In addition, we extend our thanks to MAGMA Communications Ltd. for sponsoring our web site at no charge and for providing space on their system.

To err is human, therefore, you may find errors or omissions and we would like to be informed of any additions or corrections to names, call signs, or historical facts. We want to encourage you to forward any more information or knowledge you may have regarding the history of the club. Please spend the time to write a note and if you can, provide any references. We would like to make this history as accurate and as complete as possible. The Internet and email make it so easy to send your comments, additional information or corrections. The web pages will subsequently change and be developed more fully as we progress with this project and with your valued contributions.

Please send your email to:
Larry Wilcox, VE3WEH,
Historical Chairperson,
ve3weh@rac.ca

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.