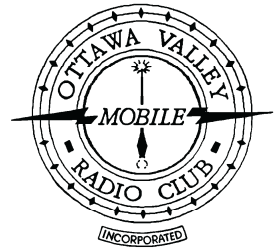


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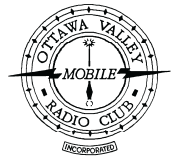
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**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL TIME !**

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FLEAMARKET



Photo's courtesy of Dan Doctor, VE3XDD



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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



OVMRC web page

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Next Meeting

May 16
Rambler Deadline
Jun 7

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:

<http://www.ovmrc.on.ca/rambler.htm>

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It is time again for another issue of Ramblings. We are fast approaching the end of another fiscal year and it is time to select our next executive. At the time that I am writing this article, we still have not succeeded in finding a chairman or members for the nominating committee. Larry, VE3WEH has put in a lot of effort calling club members to find volunteers for this committee but no success so far. I trust that the membership of this club will pull together as they have in the past, and nominate and elect a new executive to lead our club into the future. Our club is nothing without its members. Members are the life blood of any club. But from these members must come those who work on behalf of the other members to make our club something that makes hams want to join and renew their memberships. Being on the executive of the OVMRC is a very rewarding and educational experience. I have had the pleasure of serving on this executive twice since getting my license in 1997. Once as the Programs and Publicity chairperson and again this past year as president. Please take some time and think about where you want to see this club next year. If you feel that this club is worth being a member of, please consider joining the executive this year. As I said before, this club lives by its members. Please consider being one of the proud members of the executive. Nominations should be put forward by the April meeting. If you would like to nominate someone, please call me at 830-9565 or email me at va3jar @rac.ca. I am not allowed to chair the nomination committee but until such time as a chairperson is appointed, I will work along with the executive to make sure that we have a group to lead us into this next year.

I would like to congratulate our class of graduates for 2001-2002. Of the seven people who wrote the exam, all 7 passed with no marks under 80%. I think that speaks volumes to the quality of volunteers that have worked hard this year to educate new hams and make them excellent operators. Thank you ladies and gentlemen for your dedication to Amateur Radio through education.

May 16, 2002 will be graduation night. This will give us a chance to meet the new graduates and to congratulate them. Also on this night, we will have a fun event. It will be a night to show off your mobile setup. Weather permitting, we will be outside in the back compound allowing members to walk around and see how others have compensated for such things as: lack of dash space, plastic vehicles (no ground plains) security, so much equipment- so little space, mobile cw? Our club was originally founded as a mobile club. One common comment that I noticed when I asked you to fill out the survey in the fall, was that members wanted to see more emphasis on mobile operations. Here is your opportunity to show off your mobile station. BIKES ARE WELCOME. I look forward to seeing (and learning) how others deal with similar problems to mine.

Until May 16th, this is va3jar saying 73.

Dan

Rambler, May 2002

OVMRC FIELD DAY

22/23 JUNE 2002

Field Day is officially an operating event rather than a contest. The primary purpose of Field Day is to demonstrate the ability of the Amateur Radio community to set up field radio communications stations in simulated emergency situations. Similar to last year, the intent is to have some fun while putting together self-sufficient, working stations quickly and to begin making radio contacts in various modes on Amateur Radio bands

Dates & Time Period : Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June beginning at 1800UTC Saturday and ending at 2100UTC Sunday. Field Day 2002 will be held 22/23 June 2002

Entry Category: Class A - Club. OVMRC will be using Callsign VE3RAM

Location: Petrie Island (North end of Trim Road east of Orleans)

Setup: Starting 0930 hrs Saturday 22 June

OVMRC members are encouraged to just visit for a chat or to participate actively either as a shift operator or to organize a self-sustained equipment or tent/trailer group. If required, power generators will be rented. For participants a "not very fancy" Sunday lunch will be provided.

A band plan will be published once participation is known. Come out and enjoy a fun Amateur Radio Field Day.

Participants please note that comfortable facilities are very limited on Petrie Island. If you need something you better bring it or you better do it before you get there.

For the Field Day 2002 Rules and forms I refer you to the web page at: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/>

Regards & 73

Ken Halcrow, VE3SRS

Field Day Chairman

Emergency Preparedness Chairman

837-3261, ve3srs@rac.ca

Ernie opened meeting about 19:30.

Home-brew exhibits:

Frank (VE3YY) - "Home Depot" J Pole: antenna made from Home Depot composed of Central Vacuum Tubing and copper refrigeration tubing. It was self-supporting with a Xmas tree stand.

Jake (VA3TQX) - Variety of Projects

- Two antenna projects: One for Direction Finding (DF) work
- Tesla Coil: nice demo

Bob (VE3OSZ) - preamplifier (and antenna selector) for HF radio work

Karel (VE3NBW) - modified "timer" without major changes (use but do not modify)

Andre (VE3CLW) - "S.H.I.T." Speaker System: Toilet bowl as speaker cabinet. It got a lot of laughs

Judges declared Jake the winner.

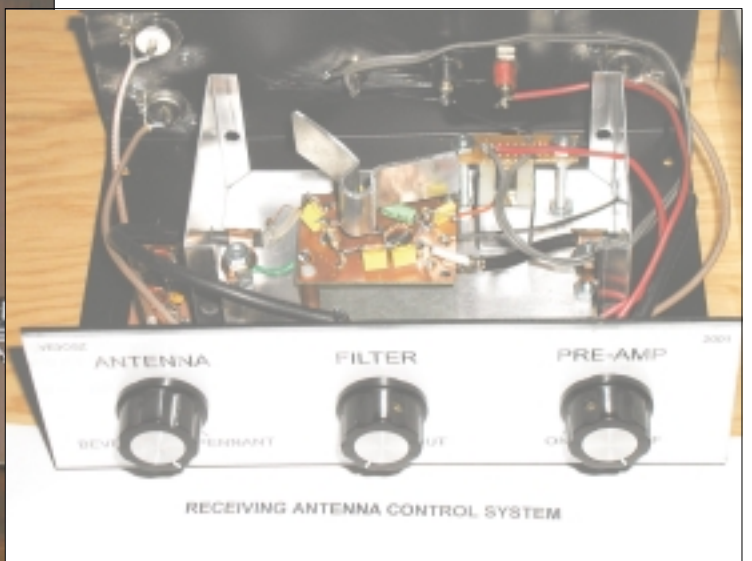
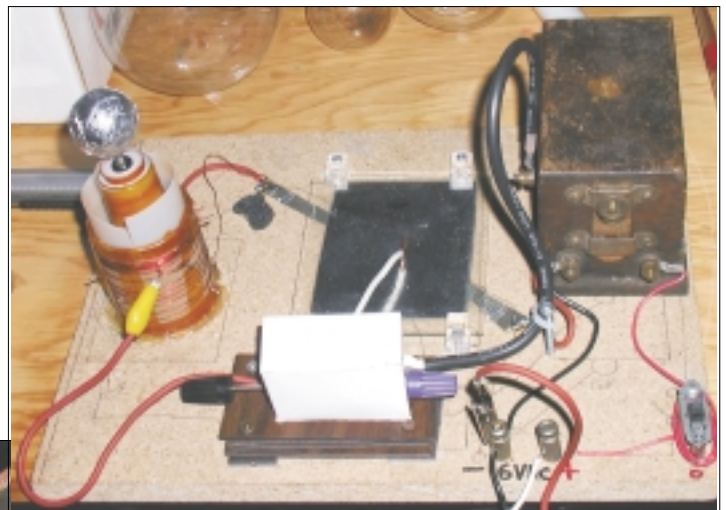
50/50 Winner: James - VA3JPX (\$31.00)

We were reminded of the May, 4th Fleamarket in Stittsville.

Meeting adjourned.

NOTE: Minutes are sparse --- Notes from secretary went missing (above is from memory).

Apologies for anything missing or in error.



The Ottawa Amateur Radio Club



is pleased to announce its 6th Annual

Hamfest

Saturday, August 31, 2002 (Labour Day weekend)

Tailgaters Open and Building Vendor setup: 9 am

Building Opens: 10 am until 1 pm

Radio Amateurs of Canada Forum and Technology Update: 1pm-4pm (approx)

Carp Agricultural Fair Grounds

3970 Carp Rd (at Falldown Lane)

Ottawa (Carp), Ontario

Highway 417 East to Carp Road exit, North to the fairground

We are in the Arena, so follow the signs on the site

\$5 general admission

\$10/table (plus admission)

\$5/tailgate (plus admission)

A Special Door Prize will be very generously donated by:



Bytown Marine Limited

5 Corvus Court

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The OARC is proud to once again sponsor the RAC Forum and Technology Update. This highly informative event follows immediately after the close of the Hamfest at 1 pm. We are very fortunate to have Doug Leach (VE3XK), RAC's Ontario North Director, as Moderator.

For further information or reservations contact:

Greg Danylchenko (VE3Y TZ)

Tel: (613) 236-9291(H)

e-mail: fleamarket@oarc.net

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

Talk-in on VE2CRA, 146.94 -

I will start this month's column with an omission from my column last month. Ken Barry VE3KJB, informed me that I missed the fact that he was the Flea Market Chair for 1992. Sorry about that Ken, consider this an oversight on my part.

We will soon be into a nice warm spring and before you know it, we will be heading into the lazy, hazy days of summer. I hope you all enjoyed our Flea Market and bought lots of stuff including the "whatzit" you always wanted and needed for your shack and lots of other stuff to fill your basement. I bet some of you had to sneak it downstairs after dark to avoid the usual comments of your spouse, "You bought that for \$55.00!" I recall my own experiences so presume you have also had similar ones.

Don't forget to bring your contributions in for the Time Capsule for our next meeting. President Dan Johnston VA3JAR will have it at the May meeting to receive any final contributions.

RAMBLER JUNE 1992

The front page article written by John Moffat VE3NJ, "Hammond Amateur Radio Museum Revisited," was a walk back to the nostalgic days of Amateur radio. John covered the May General Meeting presentation made by our Life Member, Gerry King VE3GK. Gerry used his fine selection of slides to bring the Hammond Museum to life for those attending. Gerry's first slide featured the Collins KW-1 from the early fifties, which, in 1953, was priced at US \$3850. Gerry presented slides showing row upon row of receivers, transmitters and accessories and all sorts of equipment including Collins, National, Hammarlund, E.F. Johnson, RCA and many others. A very interesting presentation

John noted his first really good receiver was a Drake 2B, with a crystal-controlled oscillator with variable selectivity and passband tuning, a modern feature for its day, 12 tubes, thermionic emission valves that glowed in the dark and gave off a characteristic odour. Nice nostalgia! John wrote he was licenced in 1964 and as a young amateur was drawn to operating on 40 and 20 Meters for many years. His Drake 2B shared table space with a Heathkit DX-40 and a Johnson Viking VFO. But he lacked local contact with other amateurs so became involved with VHF. John advised trying to expand your capabilities and your experience by widening your horizons into other areas of Amateur radio, to try to increase your code speed on HF, try your hand at working some DX, connect up your computer to a modem and try some of the digital modes.

In his RAMBLINGS column, President Jerry Wells VE3CDS (sk) reflected on the events of previous months including the departure of Jeff VE3RCI who moved to Western Canada. He noted the annual Flea Market turned out very well in spite of the rather unexpected snow storm. He offered some comments and a few suggestions to the members which are not surprisingly, still relevant today in 2002. He wrote that Radio Amateurs have a personal feeling of self-esteem and are very much individuals. The

principal things that make the Club an attractive organization are the feelings of comradeship and the common interest in Amateur Radio. He asked all of the members to think about what they do best and to consider how their skills can be put to use to enhance the Club? He suggested writing an article for the Rambler, serving on a committee, or to try instructing some aspect of our radio course. The strength of the Club lies in its members. Give it some thought. Jerry complimented Chuck King VE3PDK, the editor of the RAMBLER for raising it to a level of which any organization could be proud. He welcomed Neil Herber VE3PUE, recent volunteer to the Membership Chair. Jerry gave thanks to Pat Brewer VE3KJQ as a regular columnist for several years of "News and Views From Here and There" which provided a synopsis of Amateur radio club activities from coast to coast. Pat was unable to continue with the column and Jerry looked forward to having a new writer for the column in the fall. Pat also had many other club activities including training and acting as the Historian. Jerry ended his column by writing, "Let us hope that the Club will continue to serve the needs of its members and maintain its present momentum." He thanked the many members both old and new for their support.

The SECRETARY'S MINUTES of the General Meeting held on April 23, 1992 by Mike Beausoleil VE3BGP noted that eight guests attended including special guests Poppy VE7RD, CRRL President and Merl VE6NW. Doug Carswell VE3ATY, Amateur Radio Training Chair, reported the training manual for the course was entering its second phase with the new edition. More than 75 hours of lectures were given on the course and the graduates included: Margaret Armstrong VE3WIR, Alan Barnes VE3TYJ, Lorraine Boulay VE3VAT, Darren Bryk VE3YZA, Bob Calder VE3?, Pierre Cyr VE3ZPR, Ron Clement VE3UWR, Leon Constantineau VE3WLD, Bill Flowers VE3FWW, Christopher Grace VE3UIM, Jeff Hiltz VE3WWH, Marc Joly VE2KBX, Kevin Jones VE3RKJ, Robert Kenna VE2RGK, Steve Middleton VE3RUU, David Morphy VE3UKG, Pat Murphy VE3TZR, Gerry Stuurop VE3UIK, Jim Robinson VE3DEH, Roger Rose VE3XRR and Larry Wilcox VE3WEH. It looks like we will all be celebrating our "Ten Anniversary" of Amateur Radio this June! I know where some of them are today but wonder where the rest of them are and how they are doing today? Maybe we should have a dinner together to catch up?

A motion that an additional amount of \$1000 was approved for the purchase a new PC 386-33MHz computer for the production of the manual "Amateur Radio For Beginners" and for producing the RAMBLER was passed by the membership. This was in addition to the \$805 approved in a motion in December 1991 held in abeyance pending the decision to upgrade or buy a new computer.

A report to the members from Poppy VE7RD, CARF President, noted there were about 33,000 Amateurs in Canada, 600 repeaters in the country, and that he was in town on business regarding the merger of the CRRL and CARF to form RAC with the national office in Ottawa. In the Fall of 1992, the two organizations would

Yesteryear (Cont'd)

merge and in Jan 1993, RAC would be officially launched with equal representation from both organizations. It was expected the national office would be set up and fully operation about two years later.

In closing the meeting, President Jerry reminded everyone present that June was election month, and he invited anyone interested to come forward to assist because the club needed their help.

Pat Brewer VE3KJQ wrote his last column, "News and Views From Here and There" and encouraged a new volunteer to step up quickly at the next meeting to volunteer. Pat thanked everyone for their support and comments over the past few years of his tenure.

Charles King VE3PDK, wrote his last editorial in handing over to the new Editor, Neil Herber VE3PUE. He noted he was familiar with Neil's talent as an Editor and his skills in desktop publishing and that the Rambler was being left in very capable hands.

OVMRC RADIO COURSE GRADS SPONSOR NONAME NET by Larry Wilcox VE3WEH, introduced this new net on VE3TWO repeater. Graduates Steve VE3RUU, Alan VE3TYJ and Jeff VE3WWH decided that a 2-meter net on the Club repeater would be a good idea. They developed the net controlling protocol, and spent considerable time devising a name for the net. The name selected did not indicate a failure to come up with a suitable one, but it was selected with intent as a generic net on which new and old amateurs alike could meet and profit by the experience. The inaugural net was held on Wednesday night 3 June 1992 at 1900 hours with Jeff as the controller. It was not intended to go beyond an hour but there was so much enthusiasm that it carried on for an hour and a half. There were seventeen check-ins from the radio course. Jeff called for any of the Club Executive to join in and Ted VE3KEH, Club Secretary checked in with congratulations. Jerry VE3CDS, President, also called with his words of encouragement and expressed his hope that the net would continue. General instructions for the Net Controllers had been developed, the net managers assumed responsibility for training, for providing advice and feedback on performance.

MEMBERSHIP MUSING by Neil Herber VE3PUE. Neil welcomed new members, Doug Campbell VE3DGC, Karen Campbell VE3TAV, Russ Renaud VE3UAV, Tito Peralta VE3MPA, Guy Juneau, Peter Purdy VE3NVP, and Ken Pennell VE3KKN. Neil also listed all members that had renewed their memberships but it is much too long to include here. He also thanked all those that had joined or renewed their membership and reminded members not to forget to renew.

I too leave you with a reminder. We need new members on the Executive again this June. If you want to contribute and become involved in this club and help direct its course over the next club year, then simply volunteer to serve in any of the Directors positions or as Chair or Committee member. Please contact any

member of the Executive and let them know of your interest. I'm sure you will find it an enjoyable experience and worth your time

Camp-X Back on the Air in 2002

Date: May 11 - 12, 2002

Time: 1300 hrs to 0100 hrs UTC May 11; 1300 hrs to 1900 hrs UTC May 12(UTC-4)

Location: Camp-X Intrepid Park in Whitby, Ontario, Canada

Sponsors: North Shore Amateur Radio Club of Oshawa, South Pickering Amateur Radio Club, Whitby Amateur Radio Club, Camp-X Historical Society and 2 Intelligence Company (Canadian Forces Reserve)

Call Sign: VE3SCX (Secret Camp-X)

Bands: HF 80 / 40 / 20 / 10

VHF: 2 meters on the club repeaters (VE3OSH 147.120, VE3WOM 147.150, VE3SPA 147.375)

Modes: SSB and CW (as operators become available for CW)

QSL Cards: We will be providing a colour commemorative QSL card for those interested upon request. For our QSL a letter size SASE please. (DX 1 IRC or \$1 US) Send QSL requests to: Fred Bengel, VE3TIG (email: ve3tig@rac.ca) 679 Aruba Crescent Oshawa, Ontario Canada L1J 6B7

Camp-X information:

<http://www.osha.igs.net/~lsolomon/nsarc/campx.htm>;

campx@canada.com

Camp-X was where 'agents' trained before being parachuted into Nazi occupied territory to not only lead the resistance movement, but to provide valuable information to invading Allied Armies. Camp-X was administered by British Security Co-ordination under the leadership of Sir William Stephenson, known as Intrepid. An integral part of Camp-X was Hydra, the top secret radio transmitting building that received data from all around the world. The majority of the Hydra operators were Amateur Radio operators. The public is invited to join in the festivities and see static displays.

Information: email: va3fhg@hotmail.com

Announcements



RAC 2002 National Convention

Vernon, BC
July 26, 27 & 28 2002

An Invitation
To all Members of
Radio Amateurs of Canada
to attend the
Annual General Meeting
to be held on
Saturday, July 27, 2002
at 1:00 pm at the
RAC 2002 National Convention
in Vernon, British Columbia

National
Capital
SWAPNET



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

Dayton Hamvention

May 17 - 19, 2002
Dayton Hara Arena Complex
P.O. Box 964
Dayton, Ohio 45401
937-276-6930

www.hamvention.org

This is the world's largest amateur radio and electronic gathering! It includes 5 indoor buildings and an outdoor swap meet that will take at least a day maybe two to see everything.

Editor's Note: I received an e-mail from Mike Kennedy, VA3TEC who indicated he was very interested in attending the Dayton Hamvention. His e-mail address was Mike.Kennedy@crc.ca and his work phone number was 998-2539.

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Email: spectrum.amateur@ic.gc.ca

Web: <http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/spectrum>

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.

It's time to re-new your OVMRC membership!



Use the form attached to this *Rambler* or fill in the soft copy of the form and print it out and bring it to our next meeting.

See the website www.ovmrc.on.ca and use the membership link to get to the soft copy.

Borrowed From "The Newscaster"

WARC, February, 2002

NOTICE

TO ALL VISITORS WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS IS AN AMATEUR RADIO STATION LICENSED AS _____ BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS IN OTTAWA.

BEFORE YOU ASK THE QUESTIONS, HERE ARE THE ANSWERS:

- 1) The total cost of this equipment cannot be discussed here as it creates marital conflicts.
- 2) No, we cannot send a message to your brother in Hong Kong. We suggest you call Western Union.
- 3) This is strictly a hobby; we do not have the facilities or the time to fool around with TV sets, radios or hi-fi. We suggest that you see a serviceman.
- 4) Yes, the antenna in the backyard is essential to the operation of the equipment.
- 5) The farthest station we have contacted has been in the Ubangiland.
- 6) The cards on the wall are called QSL cards. They are confirmation of contacts made with other stations.
- 7) It is technically impossible for this station's equipment to interfere with television reception, telephones or stereo systems. Any interference problems of that nature are caused by design flaws in the home-entertainment devices themselves.
- 8) An Amateur Radio station may only be operated by a highly qualified, technically skilled electronics expert. It takes dedication, training and intelligence to reach the level of competence that justifies one to be license by the Canadian Federal Government. Therefore, it is not considered inappropriate to show proper awe, respect and general obsequiousness when I discuss my hobby or operate the controls

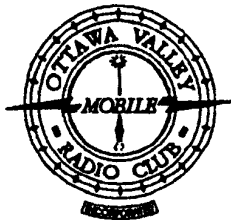
FURTHERMORE... IF YOU ARE GRANTED THE EXTREME HONOR OF BEING INVITED TO SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE, PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RULES:

- 1) Speak in a low and soothing tone.
- 2) Do not disagree with me in any manner.
- 3) Say no bad words and tell no off-color jokes.
- 4) It is customary for guests to make complimentary remarks about this station and its licensed operator when talking to other hams on the air.

DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING, TURN ANY KNOBS, SIT ON EQUIPMENT, ETC. I HAVE LOST SEVERAL VISITORS BY ELECTROCUTION IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS.

Thank you for your cooperation

Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club



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MEMBERSHIP FORM

- * The Membership year starts in July and runs to June 30th of the following year.
- * Regular membership is open to licensed amateurs.
- * Associate membership is open to all radio enthusiasts.
- * The family rate is for second and subsequent members of the same family living at the same address.
- * One form per member.

RENEWAL	NEW	CHANGE	OVMRC NAME TAG (Cost \$7.00)	Yes	No
Call Sign			Surname	Preferred First Name	
Mailing Address			Apartment Number		BBN <small>For Office use only</small>
City		Province	Postal Code		
Home Phone		Work Phone	E-mail Address		
Date					

One year membership. Regular or Associate. Includes mailed Rambler
 One year membership. Regular or Associate. Without mailed Rambler
 Family membership. For family of current members. No mailed Rambler

- \$25/year
 - \$20/year
 - \$5/year

Amount Enclosed <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">\$</div>
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My Interests are:

VHF/UHF Phone	VHF/UHF Digital	VHF/UHF CW
Satellite	HF Phone	HF Digital
		HF CW

Current Occupation:

If retired, Former Occupation:

Skills: *(Please list them all)*

COMMENTS

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OVMRC NAME TAG — ORDER DETAILS

First Name

Call Sign