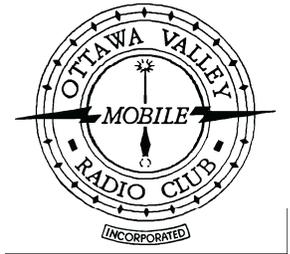


Rambler

Newsletter of the
Ottawa Valley Mobile
Radio Club Inc. (OVMRC)
Volume 47, Issue No 2



Inside...

Budget	3
Yesteryear	4
Rallies Need You	5

Reminders...

Club Meeting	Sep 19
Spy Night!	
Club Exec. Meeting	Sep 26
Rambler Deadline ...	Oct 4
Next Club Meeting ..	Oct 17

MEMBERSHIP

RENEWAL

TIME !

WELCOME

BACK

FROM THE VICE

As the heat begins to fade, and cooler weather approaches, another year begins for the OVMRC. Many changes must happen this year. Exciting meetings are being planned. Special events are being co-ordinated. A President must be found, and now a Vice President is also required. Yes, you read correctly. Due to a successful bid for a new career, I must regretfully tender my resignation as Vice President of the OVMRC. This new career will, for a while, prevent me from attending meetings, and dedicating the time required to be on the Board of Directors.

I am sure that 2 members of this club will come forward in September to fill these vacancies. OUR club has been going for 30 years, with MANY individuals taking on part of the responsibilities of the management of club activities. I look forward to hearing from our executive the names of the individuals who will take up the challenge of President and Vice President for the coming year.

73 Dan
VA3JAR
Past President, OVMRC

SPY NIGHT

Our guest speakers will be Joe Blanchett VE3BAD and Richard Brisson. Joe is a member of the Pioneer Amateur Radio Club and Richard, is a member of the Ottawa Vintage Radio Club. Joe will be making a presentation about the secret Camp X where he worked near Oshawa and Richard will be covering the Enigma, a German code machine from World War II.

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.



Rambler

OVMRC Executive (2001-2002)

President	Vacant
Vice-President	Dan Johnston, VA3JAR 830-9565, va3jar@rac.ca
Treasurer	Ken Gill, VA3KJG 748-0218,
Secretary	Ken McKenzie, VA3NEK 829-4884, va3nek@rac

Standing Committee Chairpersons

Amateur Radio Exhibit	Maurice-André Vigneault, VE3VIG 749-9010, ve3vig@rac.ca
Amateur Radio Training	Bob Shaw, VE3SUY 737-9443, lycott@istop.com Ernie Jury, VE3EJJ 728-3666
Accredited Examiner	Bob Kavanagh, VE3OSZ 225-6785, ve3osz@rac.ca
Field Day	Matthew Lange, VA3MWL 821-1814,
Historical	Larry Wilcox, VE3WEH 747-5565, ve3weh@rac.ca
Flea Market	Jake Guertin, VA3TQX 253-3732, va3tqx@sprint.ca
Membership	Adam King, VA3PIP 828-8478,
Newsletter	Bill Hall, VA3WMH 830-5580, va3wmh@rac.ca
Publicity & Programs	
Radio Operations	Patrick Tunney, VA3CMD 225-6251,
Technical	Jake Guertin, VA3TQX 253-3732, va3tqx@sprint.ca
Emergency Preparedness	Ken Halcrow, VE3SRS 837-3261, ve3srs@rac.ca



OVMRC Repeater

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



OVMRC web page

<http://www.ovmrc.on.ca>
Webmaster: John Rodger,
VE3JR.jcr@magma.ca



Next Meeting

Sep 19
Rambler Deadline
Oct 4

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>

Sponsors

The OVMRC acknowledges the following organizations for their support of our activities by providing them with courtesy copies of the *Rambler*:

Bytown Marine, Ottawa, ON
Elkel Ltee, Trois-Rivières, QC
Kenwood Electronics Canada Inc., Mississauga, ON

The *Rambler* is produced using Corel's Ventura™ 8 software.

The OVMRC website is hosted by Magma Communications Ltd.



The *Rambler* is the official newsletter of the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club Inc. and is published 11 times a year (monthly, except for July). Opinions expressed in the *Rambler* are those of the authors and not necessarily those of the OVMRC Inc., its officers or its members. Permission is granted to republish the contents in whole or in part, providing the source is acknowledged. Commercial use of the contents is expressly prohibited. Submit articles to the editor or by e-mail to: va3wmh@rac.ca.

Financial Report

Ernie Jury
VE3EJJ

OVMRC Budget 2002 / 2003

INCOME

	Budget Estimated		Proposed Budget
	01 / 02	01 / 02	02 / 03
50 / 50 draws	450	385	400
Course	2200	2440	2400
Donations	100	0	0
Flea Market	2600	2068	2500
Interest Income	350	191	30
Manual Sales	500	125	50
Membership	2500	2311	2300
Misc. Revenue	50	569	200
	=====	=====	=====
TOTAL	8750	8089	7880

Expenditures

Administration	1310	880	1030
Special Events	2150	2200	2300
Publicity & Programs	3875	2894	1400
VE3JW	500	62	950 *
Repeater	3110	1837	1325
Jerry Wells Award	275	243	250
Course	1500	1030	1300
Emergency Preparedness	3500	728	5578
	=====	=====	=====
TOTAL	16220	9874	14133

* \$450 of this amount is tentative.

Income less Expenditures - 7470 - 1776 - 6253

Amateur Radio Course 2002

This year's course will be different than other years — starting earlier (registration is 24 September at the Museum's Green Classroom). Cost is still \$200, and the course will commence 26 September, and run each Tuesday and Thursday evening until mid December. The regular club meetings will be incorporated into the course this year.

The instruction time will be essentially the same as previous years, and covers theory, operating procedures, practical work and Morse Code.

If you have any questions, contact Bob VE3SUY@RAC.CA or phone 737-9443 and leave a message.

Expenditures Breakdown

Admin.

Insurance	850	664	700
Office supplies	200	15	100
Bank charges	60	23	30
Misc. incl. donations to DARF	200	178	200
	=====	=====	=====
TOTAL	1310	880	1030

Special events

Field Day	650	250	650
Flea Market	1500	1950	1650
	=====	=====	=====
TOTAL	2150	2200	2300

Publicity & Programs

Rambler	2500	1390	1950
Variety show / other	300	185	500
Door Prizes	450	419	450
Speakers' gifts / expenses	200	75	200
Membership and other Publicity	200	483	200
Hospitality / refreshments	225	343	125
incl. JW opening reception	=====	=====	=====
TOTAL	3875	2894	1400

VE3JW

Maintenance	500	62	500
Capital improvements	0	0	450 *
	=====	=====	=====
TOTAL	500	62	950

* This is a tentative expenditure.

Repeater

Maintenance, incl. SLVRA & Willen Web	660	260	600
Phone line	700	689	725
Capital improvements	1750	1488	0
	=====	=====	=====
TOTAL	3110	1837	1325

Jerry Wells Award	275	243	250
Course supplies & Publicity	1500	1030	1300
Emergency Preparedness	3500	728	5578
	=====	=====	=====

GRAND TOTAL 16220 9874 14133

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.

Summer where did it go so fast? It seemed to go on forever but now is the time to be thinking about our club, reflecting on life, doing antenna repairs or putting up that tower or antenna you have wanted all summer long. Graham VE3GBD, reminded me of this when he recently asked me when we were going to check out his antennas on the roof to make sure all is well. How many of you have done that already or will do so over the next few months? Or will you procrastinate and leave the job until you receive a sudden reminder from Mother Nature when the cold weather hits us?

This month "Yesteryear" is going to become "Current Year" as I cover a very important subject. When I started writing this column about two weeks ago, we had a Vice-President but no President. We are in serious need to have people come forward at our next General Meeting on September 19, 2002 to provide this club with the leadership it deserves. We now need a President and also a Vice-President. Unfortunately, our Past-President, Dan Johnson VA3JAR, who volunteered to serve as Vice-President during this current club year, had to give up his current role as Vice-President due to responsibilities with work and a brand new job. I also recently received an e-mail from our brand-new Radio Operations Chair, Patrick Tunney VA3CMD. Unfortunately and with regret, he informed me he cannot continue because he is taking some new courses which he is attending on Thursday evenings, and therefore, he cannot attend General or Executive meetings. We now require someone to volunteer for this position. In addition, we do not have anyone serving in two other key positions. We need a Chairperson for Publicity & Programs and another person to act as Chair for our Flea Market.

All in all, we have a total of five positions vacant on our current OVMRC 2002-2003 Executive. I have served as your Nominating Committee Chairperson on two occasions over the last 3 years and during my telephone calls trying to line up a slate of officers, it became evident that many of our members are either too busy, consider themselves too old or are in fact ill or simply not interested to serve on the Executive. This is not unusual because many of our members are getting older and I believe the average age of our members is about 55 years old. However, for this current Executive year, we have three brand new members from our last Amateur Radio Course who are enthusiastic and want to serve our members. As a member of the OVMRC, you really need to give this some serious consideration prior to our next General Meeting, September 19, 2002. We can function without some of these Chairs, but how can we continue to operate the OVMRC without a President and Vice-President? We need people to step into these empty shoes now. We could hold a few meetings without either, however, there would be no signing authority to finance our activities. If someone doesn't come forward to fill the President's position and/or Vice-President's position, we will eventually be forced to cancel all club meetings until these positions are filled. We would also have to cancel the upcoming Amateur Radio Course which has a reputation as one of the best and most intensive courses in the area. What are the other alternatives? Should we and could we amalgamate with another club such as the OARC?

It would certainly be a shame to see this club fold and die. So please give some serious consideration to supporting the OVMRC by

coming forward at the September 19, 2002 meeting and offering yourself to stand for election as President, or to serve as Vice-President or in any one of the other positions that are open. Let's get this club back on the road again! I am chairing the next General Meeting and expect to see many of you there. Come out and support your club! If you can't serve on the Executive, at least come out to the meeting and let us know what your thoughts are regarding this subject.

Our guest speakers Joe Blanchett VE3BAD and Richard Brisson will be making a presentation about the secret Camp X which was near Oshawa and the German code machine known as Enigma, from World War II. It promises to be a very enlightening and informative evening.

73 Larry
VE3WEH ❖

Pot Hole Net

The Pot Hole Net is about to begin another season. The first net was on Saturday, 07 September, 2002, at 10:00 local time on 7095 KHz. The second net will be on Sunday, 08 September, 2002, at 10:00 local time on 3760KHz. The nets will continue on a weekly basis, same times and frequencies.

I hope you have all had an outstanding summer and will be able to tell us about your experiences come Saturday and/or Sunday. I look forward to meeting you all on the air once again.

73, Ernie,
VE3EJJ,
Pot Hole Net Manager.

Pot Lid Net

The Pot Lid Net (PLN) which is a slow speed informal CW NET (8-12 WPM) resumed operation Sunday 9 September 02 at 11.00 AM (local) on 3.620 Mhz. It meets every Sunday at 11.00 AM (except July and August) and is a good source of CW practice for beginners and old timers alike! February 2003 will mark 30 years of continuous operation!

Everyone is welcome to participate in the Net!

The Net Manager is Ed,

VE3GX, 613-733-1721 if additional information is required.

73

Ed
VE3GX@rac.ca

Rallies Need You!

For the last several years I have become involved in car rallying, through the Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO), and RallySport Ontario (RSO). Most recently I received my Basic qualification. There is a fair amount of HAM involvement in the rally scene, mainly because we tend to run away from the populated centres, in hilly terrain, well out of cell ranges. HAM is so important in rallying to the organizers and workers that many rallyists, like myself, obtain at least a Basic qualification to meet the needs of rallying.

As you may guess, we work pretty exclusively on 2m mobile rigs, and a variety of simplex or repeater usage. Some may go on to an Advanced qualification. Larger rally clubs in the G.T.A. are well established in the usage of HAM radio, but the MCO has not reached this level. Notably, every spring, RSO gives a weekend course (after some pre self-study period), this year graduating 12 new amateurs. Slowly MCO members are seeing the benefits of HAM radio for rallying and we are obtaining licenses, but we require your assistance.

We are running three club events this fall. First is Golden Pine Rally, from Golden Lake, on October 5. Second event is Lanark Highlands, a fundraiser rally for the Lanark County Therapeutic Riding Association, out of Almonte, on October 19. Last, is the Mississippi Valley Rally, also out of Almonte, on November 9 (night time). If you are interested in seeing how a rally works, and want to help us make it work better, please let me know! Clayton Jenkins (VE3CBJ), Mike Kelly (VE3FFK), and others whom I have forgotten the names of, have already helped us once, and they may be able to also fill you in on our type of event. I am very receptive to discussing anything you wish to ask about rallying and HAM radio.

Please contact Craig VA3KRT at kchamm@sympatico.ca, or 727-3192 (h). Hope to see you at a car rally!

Craig
VA3KRT



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

2002/2003 Club Calendar

	Rambler Deadline	Club Meeting	Executive Meeting
September	6	19	26
October	4	17	24
November	8	21	28
December	1	12	NIL
January	3	16	23
February	7	20	27
March	7	20	27
April	4	17	24
May	2	15	22

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.

Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club



P.O. Box 41145
Ottawa ON K1G 5K9

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
City		Province		Postal Code	
Home Phone		Work Phone		E-mail Address	

Date

BBN

For Office use only

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
\$

Cheque Cash

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

--- ✂ -----

OVMRC NAME TAG — ORDER DETAILS

First Name

Call Sign