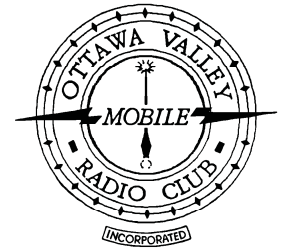


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**It's time
to renew your
membership !**

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Or use the online form:

<http://www.ovmrc.on.ca/Membership%20Form%20P81.pdf>



Fun time is here!

We're starting to put together the equipment which will be in use during the upcoming International Lighthouse Event, 16 and 17 Aug 2003.

A 20m dipole and a 20m vertical mobile. TS-850, power supply, speaker. Two 50 foot lengths of co-axial cable. So far this is the plan, unless any of you would like to submit alternatives.

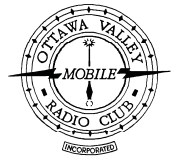
If anyone in the Amateur Community would like to participate please contact me at VE3VIG@RAC.CA to find an agreeable shift.

See you at the Lighthouse!

Maurice-André, VE3VIG

2003/2004 Club Calendar

	Rambler Deadline	Club Meeting	Executive Meeting
September	5	18	25
October	3	16	23
November	7	20	27
December	1	11	NIL
January	2	15	22
February	6	19	26
March	5	18	25
April	2	15	22
May	7	20	27
June	4	17	24



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OVMRC Executive (2002-2003)

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The OVMRC *Rambler* is available on-line at the club website:
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General meeting June 19, 2003

Ken McKenzie, VA3NEK, opened the meeting announcing that Mike Kennedy, VA3TEC, had resigned as President. *** (Please see the note at the end of the minutes.)*

He explained that there had been no nominating committee struck in April and the lack of volunteers was a problem in getting things done.

The Budget for the up coming year was presented by the Treasurer, Ken Gill, VA3KJG. Ken also presented the current state of the Corporation's finances.

Ken Halcrow, VE3SRS, presented a report on the Trailer project as well as an explanation of the Emergency Preparedness Committee's budget.

There was a quorum present so a vote was taken on accepting the proposed budget. The budget was accepted as presented.

Adam King, VA3PIP, as Membership Chairperson, requested that members should renew early and renew often.

Adam also presented an update on the details of the Field Day operations.

The 50/50 draw of \$28.50 was won by VE3LBW Peter Hafichuk.

Graham, VE3GBD;

Garry, VE3VFH;

Libor, VE3IMP; were door prize winners.

The meeting was adjourned.

*** The announcement that Michael Kennedy had resigned as President was incorrect. Michael will not be running for re-election as President. The Secretary, Ken McKenzie, was incorrect in his announcement as wishes to apologize for the misunderstanding.*

Since the announcement was made, it will remain as part of the Minutes but the Minutes will contain the correction notice.

RAC Bulletin 03-017E - WRC-2003 Drops Morse Requirement

The World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-2003) held in Geneva, Switzerland, 9 June to 4 July, 2003, has dropped the Morse code examination requirement for radio amateurs. In the face of pressure by some administrations to retain Morse testing, the conference decided to keep Morse as a recommended amateur qualification, but that it would be up to individual administrations whether or not they retain a Morse examination requirement. The dropping of Morse testing was one of a number of changes to Article 25 of the Radio Regulations that will take effect on Saturday, 5 July.

This change does not mean that Industry Canada will automatically or immediately drop Morse testing. Industry Canada will likely want to determine the wishes of Canadian radio amateurs and will have to determine what Canadian regulatory changes, if any, first will be necessary. Radio Amateurs of Canada has already commenced discussions with Industry Canada on the future of Morse testing in the meetings of the Canadian Amateur Radio Advisory Board (CARAB).

RAC Vice-president Regulatory Affairs, Jim Dean, VE3IQ, the amateur radio member on the Canadian delegation, participated in the review of the radio regulations pertaining to the Amateur Service. ❖

RAC Bulletin 03-018E - Morse Requirement Remains in Canada Pending Review of WRC Decisions

In the wake of the decisions regarding Morse qualifications made at the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC)-2003, Industry Canada's Amateur Radio Service Centre and RAC have received numerous queries about the status of Morse examinations in Canada and the qualifications required for HF operation. Canadian radio amateurs are advised that Basic and Morse Qualifications are still required for operation below 30 MHz and that this requirement will remain pending a review by Industry Canada of the impact of the WRC-2003 regulatory changes on the Canadian radio regulations, policies and procedures.

While the new international regulations, which dropped Morse from the Treaty requirements and left a Morse qualification to the discretion of administrations, became effective 5 July, 2003, each administration (country) still must individually decide whether it will retain a Morse qualification requirement. Canada must now decide what it will do.

RAC will be working with Industry Canada on the review of the impact of the new international regulations and will keep Canadian amateurs informed through Bulletins, the RAC web site and "The Canadian Amateur". Amateurs should send their comments and views on Morse retention or deletion to their RAC regional Director. ❖

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ken Gill
VA3KJG

INCOME

	Budget 02/03	Estimated 02/03	Proposed Budget 03/04
50/50 Draws	400	420	400
Course	2400	2055	2400
Donations	0	0	0
Flea Market	2500	0	2500
Interest Income	30	1	30
Manual Sales	50	300	0
Membership	2300	1948	2300
Misc. Revenue	200	705	200
Total	7880	5429	7830

EXPENDITURES

Administration	1030	1090	1160
Special Events	2300	650	2300
Publicity & Programs	3425	1530	2975
VE3JW	*950	1045	1000
Repeater	1325	1328	1325
Jerry Wells Award	250	0	250
Course	1300	752	1300
Emerg. Preparedness	5578	450	6532
Total	16158	6845	16842

* \$450 of this amount is tentative

Income less Expenditures -8278 -1416 -9012

Expenditures Breakdown

Admin

Insurance	700	664	730
Office Supplies	100	181	200
Bank Charges	30	45	30
Miscellaneous (incl. DARF Gifts)	200	200	200
Total	1030	1090	1160

Special Events

Field Day	650	650	650
Flea Market	1650	0	1650
Total	2300	650	2300

Publicity & Programs

Rambler	1950	1454	1950
Variety Show/Other	500	0	250
Door Prizes	450	0	250
Speakers' Gifts/Expenses	200	76	200
Membership & Other Publicity	200	0	200
Hospitality/Refreshments	125	0	125
Total	3425	1530	2975

VE3JW

Maintenance	500	450	500
Capital Improvements	*450	538	450
Admin Supplies	0	57	50
Total	950	1045	1000

* - Tentative Expenditure # - Flexible Allocation

Repeater

Maintenance(including SLVRA & Willen Web)	600	640	600
Phone line	725	688	725
Capital Improvements	0	0	0
Total	1325	1328	1325

Jerry Wells Award 250 0 250

Course Supplies & Publicity 1300 752 1300

Emergency Preparedness 5578 450 6532

GRAND TOTAL 16158 6845 16842

Well here we are heading toward the end of summer and the start of fall. I hope you all have had a good, enjoyable and healthy summer. Although we had a late start to spring with so much cold weather, our summer weather in Ottawa has made up for that even though it has been somewhat wet and hot but I understand our summer weather has been about average. We may still be fortunate and get a long "Indian Summer" with excellent warm weather until the end of September. Of course the allergy sufferers will not enjoy the coming month!

RAMBLER SEPTEMBER 1993

There was no July/August issue of the RAMBLER this year as there was no Editor to produce one. Our former Editor Neil Herber VE3PUE, had moved on to "greater and greener" pastures, so Jerry Wells VE3CDS produced the RAMBLER himself this month. The front page of the double-sided three page September RAMBLER featured the President's RAMBLINGS. President Jerry Wells VE3CDS, wrote about the good weather we had over the summer compared to the previous year. Jerry wrote about joining the "noble order of professional loafers," which supposedly gives a person all sorts of leisure time to become an "expert napper and coffee breaker." He wrote, "Well it is all a pack of lies, obviously spread by word of mouth by some in our midst." He had not found a lot of "leisure time to sit and smell the daisies." Most of his time was taken up by activities related to Amateur radio. He noted that most of the vacancies on the Board of Directors had been filled with exception of the Editor of the RAMBLER. I searched for the July/August issue of the RAMBLER but could not find one. So Jerry's notation explains why the RAMBLER was not published during August. His report includes mention of our Field Day which was held at the Museum under Chairman Vic VE3BSV who out did his performance of last year. Members commented that this was one of the best Field Days and Jerry was pleased to see so many newly licenced members out to set up, operate and to take down the Field Day equipment. He was impressed with the new members of the Executive who turned out with enthusiasm and assisted with everything. Jerry also noted that a video was made of Field Day and it was in the process of being edited for viewing at the September meeting. I have that video among many others taken over the last ten years of various OVMRC events. The other noteworthy event of the summer occurred August 13, 14 and 15, 2003 when our club participated again in the Techno-Days display held on the front lawn of the Museum of Science and Technology. Jerry received excellent comments from the Museum staff as a result of our Amateur radio demonstration station. He ended his RAMBLINGS with a few notes about the OVMRC's revised Amateur Radio Course. The course was offering more practical hands on training for students, and also another text book, W1FB's "Help for New Hams" published by the ARRL. The course was also extended beyond the normal exam date at the end of March to the end of June for those who wanted further practical training.

EXPO Techno '93

Richard VE3UNW, reported on the EXPO Techno '93 held at the Museum. A military tent was put up on Thursday evening in preparation for the three-day event. Al VE2TYJ looked after the set-up and tear-down with his well-organized crew. Radio Operations was handled by Steve VE3RUU and he ran three special "WELCOME MAT" nets on each day and caught a few people of guard that thought it was Wednesday at 19:00 hrs! Five time slots of the Trans-Provincial Net were run under VE3JW callsign by Steve VE3RUU, Bill VE3WCE, Dave VE3QQQ, Rick VE3IHL, Richard VE3UNW, Jacques VE3TSC, and Tim VE3QDX. There were about 35 Amateurs that checked-in during each hour and they were sent a QSL card from VE3JW. Richard noted the Museum staff were very friendly and helpful and provided excellent cooperation.

FROM THE WISE OWL NET....

Leo Desjardins VE3NVL, Net Manager for the club's "Wise Owl Net" reported that a total of 210 Amateurs had checked in during the period of September 1992 until the last net of the season held on June 25, 1993. There were 42 nets, a total of 2700 minutes or 45 hours and a total of 1334 QNI. Sydney VE3GVI was thanked for conducting his special Christmas Day net. The eleven Wise Owl "qualifying nets" for class A and class B "Wise Owl Certificates" were held from January 15 through to March 26, 1993. You may have one of these very nice certificates hanging on your wall, I do. Leo thanked the net controllers for the 1992/93 season which included Bob VE3YBC, David VE3ZZU, Dave VE3QQQ, John VE3ACI, Ian VE3SNX, and Al VE2TYJ and he encouraged everyone to join the net when it resumed operation on Friday Sept 3, 1993.

SENIORS ON THE AIR

Jerry Wells VE3CDS included a short note to members to have a look up on the roof of the Museum when they arrived for the Sept 16, 2003 meeting. They would see the new Cushcraft R7 vertical antenna purchased with our New Horizons grant from the Federal Department of Health and Welfare. It would enable the Senior Operators of the club to get on the air on a regular basis, initially from the classroom and with occasion set up in the lobby on Sunday afternoons. This interim set up would be used until the Museum completed the new communications display scheduled for 1994.

To end my column this month, our next General Meeting takes place at 7.30pm, September 18, 2003. Since the election was not held during the June meeting, election of members to the Executive will take place at this meeting. I hope you are there to offer your assistance to serve on the Executive or to Chair or assist with one of the many committees. We have a lot of talented and skilled members in our club and I hope to see you serving on the Executive in some capacity to help make the OVMRC a successful club in the upcoming club year.

73 de Larry Wilcox, VE3WEH❖



The Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

is pleased to announce its 7th Annual

Hamfest

Saturday, August 30, 2003 (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: 1 pm - 4 pm (approx)

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Doug Leach (VE3XK), RAC's Ontario North Director, as Moderator.

For further information or reservations contact:

Greg Danylchenko (VE3Y TZ)

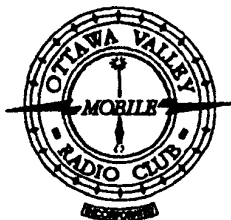
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MEMBERSHIP FORM

- * 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.

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