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Computer Science Course from Carleton University visits VE3JW

On Wednesday, May 3, 2006, the VE3JW Amateur Radio Exhibit Station hosted a very special group of students from a Computer Science course at Carleton.

The students were led by their instructor, Michel, VE2BPM, who briefed them on Amateur Radio prior to their visit. This short briefing was instrumental in whetting their appetite before visiting VE3JW. We knew this from the moment they arrived at the station with high expectations and showing equally high interest. Larry, VE3WEH, and myself pulled all the stops in order not to disappoint them.

We covered some of the VE3JW history, explained the current set-up of the station including its capabilities, and then proceeded to demonstrate some of the many modes of operation.

We then invited the students for hands-on communications in a mode of their choice. IRLP and voice communications with distant stations on HF were among their favourites.

We were fortunate enough to establish a contact on 20 metres with the Discovery Place museum in Charlotte, North Carolina, where youngsters were visiting the Amateur Radio exhibit station there. Our students had a chance to exchange comments with our southern neighbours, one of which already had her own Amateur Radio license and call sign, Edna, KI4OCT, at the age of 11.

These contacts appeared to be quite a stimulant for our students and some of them declared that they surely would like to obtain their Amateur Radio license. Similar comments appeared on the Thank You card which we have received from them.

This, to us, meant that we had accomplished our goal which was not only to interest them in a few radio contacts but to ignite in them the wish to pursue further discovery of our fine hobby and service.

No doubt Michel will help them along in this endeavour and we invited them to come back again to experience some other modes including satellite communications and a possible contact with the International Space Station.

The picture is courtesy of Larry Wilcox, VE3WEH. ❖



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It's hard to believe my term (sentence?) as Club President has (finally?) come to an end. I was hoping to run for a second term but this will not happen as my schedule has changed at work and I can no longer guarantee that I would be available to attend most club and executive meetings. When I first accepted the position back at the June 2005 meeting I knew this could happen. Fortunately, it happened "later rather than sooner" but now it is an issue. The club deserves a president who can contribute to the club. This year I will be unable to but I wish my successor all the best.

The summer is approaching rapidly and although Amateur Radio tends to take a back seat to other events try and find the time to keep a radio turned on. Visiting mobiles need directions and sometimes just a friendly conversation. Campers sometimes need emergency communications and although they know what frequency to monitor with the recent changes in propagation, you could be the only station that could hear them when they call out for assistance. It's reassuring to know that someone is out there at the other end of the coax.

Suggested monitoring frequencies would be 7.055 for the Trans Provincial Net and 3.755 for ONTARS during the daytime and the Ontario Phone Net on 3.742 at 7pm eastern. If the band is long on 40m then try 7.255 or 7.258, which is the ECARS and MIDCARS Net Frequencies respectively. The Maritime Mobile service net runs from noon till around 1pm eastern time and you can find them on 14.300 and anytime you can spare the time try monitoring on 14.140 for the informal Trans Canada Net. Keeping an ear on our VE3TWO along with 146.520 could help as well. But just don't listen, find the time to check into a net, make a call, use your hobby. Take your handheld for a walk, check in at one of the coffee meetings, use your hobby.

Now lets talk 2m FM SIMPLEX... Alan VA3STL once again organized a fantastic way to spend a Sunday afternoon. I won't comment on the contest itself, I'll leave that up to Alan but I will comment on the Team of VE3CJA and VA3QV. How do you spell fun? 2M SIMPLEX CONTEST! It seems that about 25 amateurs from the National Capitol Region participated which considering we were up against the Nortel Tour Cycle event which was using Amateur Radio for communications and the RAC AGM in Cornwall was not that bad. John and myself set up in the Bells Corners area and used my 33-foot mast and Jpole and Johns Icom 706. We had originally powered down to 9 watts to get the QRP multi but after about 30 min or so after talking a lot but few QSO's we decided to up the power to the 50 watts and play some radio. 40 contacts later and a whole lot of wards we ran out of battery power and ended our contest 7 minutes before the end. The event was fun and I recommend it for next year. For your information and from the best of my tired memory banks there were 3 mobiles participating, 1 bike mobile participating, 3 portable stations participating and the rest of the participants were operating from their home stations. In addition VE3JW was manned for the duration of the contest and VE3RAM was on the air from Greely.

If you participated in the OVMRC 2M Simplex contest and now, you have been bitten by the contesting bug remember that the Canada Day Contest will be with us shortly. Check the RAC website at www.rac.ca (but you knew that!) for more details and some really good logging software for the contest. This contest is FANTASTIC as its your best choice (along with the Canada Winter Contest) to actually talk to Canadians. I have participated in this contest

several times and always enjoy talking from "Coast to Coast". It's a "stress free" contest and very friendly and as an added bonus as we live so close to VE2Land its easy to pick up some extra multipliers to make your score more impressive. The contest operates on 2m, 6m, 10m, 15m, 20m, 40m, 80m and 160m and runs from 0000hrs UTC on July 1st to 2359.59 hrs on July 1st. Its something I recommend you try. If your family can spare you for at least a few hours you will find it enjoyable. Even if you can't give it time needed to compete why not spin the dial and give some stations the extra points your contact brings especially on the harder bands like 2, 6, 10, 15 and 20m. Contacts are usually plentiful on 40, 80 and 160m but VE (A) 3 and VE (A) 2 contacts on the "higher bands" are harder to find. Give the contest a try and I'm sure you will like it.

Smith Falls Flea Market- it was rainy Saturday but the drive down with Roy VA3CKD was uneventful and the event was a success. I think I saw at least 20 club members down there along with a lot of friends and call signs from other cities. I think the event was a success and I will say "congrats" to the Smith Falls club for putting on one heck of a show. Personally my purchases were limited to 3 egg sandwiches, 2 coffees and one 6m mobile antenna. With the addition of the antenna, my signal should improve on VE3RVI.

While I was walking around at the flea market in Smith Falls several club members mentioned the fact that at \$40.00 a year our dues are way too expensive. I must remind you that our dues are not \$40.00 a year but they are actually \$30.00 a year I will be going into this in more detail in an article that is in this issue of the Rambler. Please take the time to read it and then voice your opinion at the June meeting.

When I was at the Smith Falls Flea Market, I ran into an old friend, Bucky VE3JRR who was one of the originals with the VE3RVI 6m interest group and we started talking of course about radio. One of the things he mentioned is that recently he had found next to no activity on either VE3RVI or the 10m Repeater VE3TST. Yes, there is a 10M FM Repeater in Ottawa. VE3TST is found at 29.620 (-) with the standard VE3TST CTCSS Tone of 136.5. In the past I have brought up this repeater with my 817 and ½ watt of power from my backyard using an old 11m antenna I trimmed down. For those of you stuck in town using a mag mount and a cookie sheet this could give you a 4th band to operate off. We have numerous 2m repeaters and 70cm repeaters around the city. In addition there are several 6m repeaters and two 10m repeaters. Check out the St Lawrence Valley Repeater Council website (www.slvrc.org) and start programming your radios.

Congrats go out to Larry VE3WEH for winning the "Best Mobile Contest". This year the completion was pretty slim but even with a large turnout it would be hard to beat a mobile that covers 70cm to 80m. Larry's car has that "porcupine look" to it with 3 hf antennas mounted (10m, 40m and 80m) along with a dual band antenna for VHF/UHF. The award gives Larry the most important "Bragging Rights" at all club functions till the next contest.



Larry's Porcupine Mobile

Great Antenna Give Away- As mentioned in my May Ramblings I had to remove two antennas from "Her" basement. I consider it rather humorous. The "May Rambler" has been out, the general meeting has passed and not one person has contacted me for either of the free antennas. In addition I saw at least 20 club members at the Smith Falls Flea Market and no one even mentioned it to me. Perhaps the price was too high..."Asking that the person actually use the antennas"... or is that everyone

Ramblings (Cont'd)

in the club has all the antennas they need? Before you ask, they have gone to a good home although I did have to make a few phone calls to set things up.

As I am writing this I am also preparing the equipment I will be taking for the "Quest for the Cure" Adventure race. It's amazing all the equipment needed just to provide communications in the "Boonies". It really makes a person wonder how the actual DXPEDITIONS handle the logistics. I am up to bringing 2 complete VHF stations (masting, antennas, radios, coax etc) and also one HF station and the necessary solar panels and batteries to survive for the weekend. In addition there will be my personal kit along with tent and sleeping bag, air mattress and food. This is definitely more than I needed for Maple Island and won't fit on the bike. The HF rig will not really be needed for the event but it's handy to have around (if I don't have it, I probably will need it). Also it might be fun to contact VE3RAM during field day. As an afterthought I will mention that although the response from the Amateur Community has been good, there are still a few choice locations open yet. Or at least they were at the time of writing. If you can spare about 8 hours on a busy weekend contact Steve Regan VA3MGY (va3mgy@rac.ca).

Its amazing what you can find when you take the time to look. It's the Saturday morning of the long weekend and the rainy weather has postponed the antenna work at Jake's place. I fired up my APRS setup and connected to the Internet rather than RF and let things run for an hour then came back and looked at the screen. Thanks to the Timmins ARC there is now a DIGI up and running in an area where there was just empty map in the past. From the looks of things there is about 6 stations that were beaconing during the time I was watching. Look for VE3AA and VA3XAA on your Northern Ontario APRS Maps. At the same time I am noticing that "North Western" Ontario is now getting to be an APRS Hotspot with a multitude of stations just east of the Manitoba-Ontario Border. Amateurs traveling across Canada this year will benefit from the excellent work done by some of the local clubs in maintaining the APRS network. Locally here in the Ottawa Area the West Carleton ARC does an excellent job in keeping the local APRS system functioning.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS- On Saturday May 27th the Ottawa ARES/Emergency Measures Radio Group (EMRG) held their Summer Meeting and as usual the OVMRC was well represented. As part of the meeting a small exercise was conducted. The main reason for any Emergency Communications Exercise is to show where more work is needed and I will admit for my part that held true. It was the first time that I ever had to carry my "GO KIT" any real distance and now I will be trying to "lighten the load" while not losing any capabilities. This Group is under the direction of Peter Gamble VE3BQP. Peter holds the position of "Team Leader" for EMRG or Emergency Coordinator (EC) for Ottawa ARES. The meeting brought the general membership up to speed on several items as they pertain to EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS in our area. Feel free to check out their website at "www.emrg.ca" if you would like more information.

That same afternoon the weather finally cooperated, Martin VA3SIE and myself were able to get a G5RV through the trees at Jakes VE2TQX QTH. The antenna actually went up easier than we thought it would be and Jake is now back on HF. This "antenna party" was a test of Martin's skill of getting the lines over trees and he passed with flying colors. The test of the new antenna should be on Sunday Mornings (May 28th) Pot Hole Net. A follow up on this was that Jakes signal on Sunday Morning was 5/9+ at my QTH and he was heard quite strongly by all the net participants.

Parting Shots:

- I am pleased to announce that Paul VE3CPH has taken over the ECHOLINK Project and is now hosting the node. Look for VE3CPH-L and in the near future VE3TWO-R or VE3RAM-L. Now that Paul has the lead on this project look for VA3RCS back on APRS.

At the EMRG Meeting on May 27th we were informed that our old friend the "Psycho Rover" Tom VA3NFA has joined the EMRG Management Team as Training Officer. All this in addition to his job as President of the West Carleton Amateur Radio Club. He is going to be a busy man.

Short skip- On Sunday May 28th while listening on 20m (14.140) I heard VE3COC calling CQ. Figuring he was a "North Western" Ontario station I answered. Well after the signal exchange was made it was good to know that I had a solid 5/9 signal into the suburbs of Hamilton. Now just before that contact I was working an old friend from Mississauga on 40m with the same signal report. It's the first time I have worked a station that was less than 300 miles away from my QTH (who was not ground wave) on 20m. Stranger things have happened I guess... but it was interesting.

DÉJÀ VU?- I was thinking about the last year and so I looked back to my first "Ramblings". I had talked about "Field Day, the Quest for a Cure and that Jake and company were out tracking some interference on a frequency very close to our 2m input. Well 10 months later Field Day and the Quest will soon be upon us, and this morning a crew from the OARC and the OVMRC are out attempting to track down some broadband interference close to 146.500. This interference is disrupting communications on at least 4 of the 2m repeaters in the Ottawa Area. We wish them good luck in their attempts and as usual by the time you have read this you should know how they did.

Field Day-The last Rainy Weekend in June. Field day will be upon us shortly and VA3STL will once again be leading us in our quest for success. On a sadder note I also received an email (May 30th) today advising that the Canadian Police College ARC/Manotick Amateur Radio Group combined Field Day outing has been cancelled due to lack of commitment from their members. I can remember in 1992 which was my first field day that the OARC, OVMRC, CPCARC and Pioneers ARC all had very large and successful setups for field day... 14 years later and we are now down to two clubs still participating.

The Last Word

This last year has been fun. You remember fun? That's what a hobby is supposed to be for, fun and enjoyment.

I would like to publicly thank my fellow club directors, Gerry, Ken and Jacques for their support and hard work. Equally the chairs of the executive committees Ken, Larry, Jake, Alan, Ernie, Duane, Bill, Elias, Maurice-Andre, Matthew and Jose gave me their full support and I thank them.

I would also like to thank the club members who decided to attend our general meetings, who checked into our HF and VHF nets and the few who took the time to attend club events. Your participation made the work all worthwhile. I am saddened by the fact that I will not be able to continue as your Club President, but I know that whoever takes over will have your full support and do a fantastic job promoting Amateur Radio and the OVMRC.

Enjoy your summer and I hope to talk to you on the air...73bob ❖

Membership Dues or paying your way...

Recently some of you have mentioned to me that our membership dues are way out of line. \$40.00 per year is outrageous! First of all lets get a couple of things straight then we can discuss the actual costs of running a club the size of ours.

Our membership dues are actually \$30.00 a year and if you decide to take the printed version of the "Rambler" mailed to your house via Canada Post then you pay a \$10.00 year surcharge (for 11 issues) which covers the cost of the stamp and envelope, the 4 sheets of paper which is printed on both sides. This, if you break it down to a cost per issue (\$10.00/11 issues) is just less than 91 cents an issue and the stamp costs us 51 cents.

Lets also remember the fact that these dues were approved before the current executive took over. Due to a miscommunication, the wrong PDF file with old membership prices was made public and we decided to go with the old price or the new price depending on what membership form you had printed out and sent in.

I will admit that the membership dues at \$30.00 per year, are the highest in the city, as the OARC is at \$25.00 with an extra \$5.00 charge if you want the Groundwave delivered by "Snail Mail", The Manotick Amateur Radio Group is a bargain at \$10.00 per year and the West Carleton ARC is next in line at \$20.00. Now I seem to be seeing a pattern here... The larger the club and its commitments the higher the dues seem to be.

As it stands right now the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club sponsors 3 major items or projects. They are VE3JW, VE3TWO and our Communications Trailer. This year (2005-2006) VE3JW had a "bare bones" budget of \$1163.00 and this was spent by the March of 2006. The VE3TWO Budget for the year was \$1371.00 and we still have some monies left so far. The Communications Trailer has an operating budget of \$830.00 and we should have some monies left over in that account as well.

Doing the math, this means that we have allocated \$3364.00 just in our 3 major projects. If you estimate our club revenue with a membership base of 75 paid up members each paying \$30.00 a year, this works out to be \$2250.00, which means we are already operating at a \$1114.00 shortfall. If you count in the other committee budgets and administration costs it increases even more. Just to remind you that this years budget (2005-2006) is available on our website as part of the June 2005 Rambler and was approved at the June General meeting by our membership.

Last year and this year we are saved from writing in red ink by donations made to the club. Several amateurs have made donations to the OVMRC for various reasons and the wonderful job done by Larry and Len, with the surplus manuals sales are saving the day for us.

How can we save money you ask? We are already taking steps to cut expenses by switching this coming year (2006-2007) to the Liability Insurance offered by RAC. Last year club insurance for the Repeater and JW along with all other club assets cost us \$900.00 (actually \$899). We plan to switch over to the RAC Liability only insurance at a cost of approximately \$100.00 per year. This will be a savings of \$800.00 and we need it. When we switch over to the RAC insurance it does mean that it is "Liability only" so if we have a radio stolen from the Communications Trailer or VE3JW we will not be reimbursed. If the repeater gets hit by lightning we will not be covered for our losses. We will be covered for damage to others but not to our property. These are expenses that the club will have to accept and replace property if needed.

What are some other ways we could save money or generate revenue, which would assist our club? Well we could cut some programs. Lets look at the three major expenditures and really ask ourselves could we cut any one of them and if we could, which one would we cut. I would hate to see any one of the programs go, as that would take away part of what makes the OVMRC a great radio

club. We could generate revenue by conducting a Flea Market, as that did make money for us in the past but then again everyone wants a Flea Market but no one is willing to assist their club in the running of it. That was something we found out this past year when we were forced to cancel the Flea Market for what...the third year in a row???

However, as this is a democracy you as the general membership do have the right to voice your approval or disapproval of club matters, so I ask you...

Do you want lower dues knowing we will have to cut club programs?

I give you the chance to voice your opinion on this very important topic at the June meeting. If you want lower dues and the majority of members agree...it will happen. This in turn will give the incoming executive the direction it needs to prepare and bring forward a responsible operating budget for the 2006-2007 year.

I thank you for taking the time to read this and hope to see you at the June General Meeting where we can discuss this before heading into our Club Elections.

73bob

Bob Sharp VA3QV/VA3RCS

President OVMRC❖

The analysis by Ernie VE3EJJ is excellent. I have the following question and comments:

Do I understand correctly that section 64 by excluding amateur to a permitted use in a residential zone" is in fact precluding the use of amateur antennas in residential zones?

Any indication that the new regulation may affect the deployment of "portable" antennas in residential areas or parks...?

Although many would be already aware, I'd like to point at the page in the RAC website on "Threats to Amateur Radio":

<http://www.rac.ca/regulatory/threats.htm#RAC%20response>

and more particularly to the RAC response to the National Antenna Tower Policy Review:

<http://www.rac.ca/downloads/townsend.pdf>

I understand the rationale for RAC not wanting to discuss city by-laws. However, whatever happens in Ottawa is likely to soon spread to other parts of the province and the country (remember the Merivale supermarket "wars" to determine prices country-wide...?).

It is interesting that in the past most objections were addressed at "towers" as opposed to "antennas" and that now, probably with the widespread used of disk antennas the problem has become more "antenna" focused. However, I find intriguing that disk antennas could be considered and regulated together with radio amateur antennas. Particularly because one reflects a consumer choice for a recreational commercial product to which there are alternatives (i.e., cable) while the other corresponds to a non-commercial activity, potentially a community service, to which the only alternative is the cessation of operations. The only advantage of having regulations aimed at both disks and radio-amateur antennas are that commercial disks are less likely to be banned!. Clearly we, radio-amateurs, have not been able to engage non-amateurs too effectively — a devastating oversight at times in which the Internet makes anyone feel like an expert on any topic (including amateur radio, as reflected by whoever decided to permit one antenna per lot...).

Amateur Radio Antennae targeted by Ottawa's New Zoning Bylaw

The draft of the proposed new comprehensive zoning bylaw was finally posted on the city's web site on 26 May '06, after several months of delay. There are three sections of it that specifically mention (target) amateur radio antennae, 55, 64 and 120.

Section 55 deals with accessory uses, buildings and structures. It specifies minimum setbacks from lot lines for various structures such as wind turbines etc. but specifically states that it does not apply to accessory satellite dishes or accessory amateur radio antennae in residential zones, these being regulated by section 120.

Section 64, permitted projections above the height limit, lists many items such as barns, silos, bridges, chimneys or smoke stacks, steeples, bell towers, equipment penthouses, flag poles, solar panels, television, radio or telecommunication antennae, but specifically excludes satellite dish or amateur radio antenna accessory to a permitted use in a residential zone.

Section 120, accessory satellite dish or accessory amateur radio antenna in a residential zone, lays out the permitted conditions of use in tabular form. As to location, a satellite dish greater than 1 metre in diameter or an amateur radio antenna may be located on a building that is a minimum of 3 stories or 13.5 m (closely 45 feet) in height. They may not be located in a yard abutting a public street.

The minimum setback from any lot line is 1.2 m for the dish but for the antenna a distance of 1/2 the height above grade of the antenna, but no less than 3m (10 feet). For the antenna the setback applies to the tower, foundations etc. but excludes guy wires.

The maximum permitted height including the support structure is 3.7 m for the dish, excluding the height of the building if roof-mounted. For the antenna the permitted height is the same as the maximum permitted height of the principal building. (In many residential zones the limit is 11 m).

And the kicker - maximum number of antennae permitted per lot ONE.

It is obvious that the drafter of these provisions does not appreciate the technical niceties of antenna resonance requirements or the fact of amateur bands. Also, he does not distinguish between the different basic types of antennae, although it is obvious that the main concern is about towers and beams. It is equally obvious that the local amateur community has an educational job to do with the public and more specifically with the drafters of this bylaw. The provided avenue for this is the public meetings being held to receive comments on the draft bylaw. The meeting places and dates are as follows:

Date	Location	Time
June 5	Nepean Sportsplex, Hall D, 1701 Woodroffe Road.	5:00 - 8:30 p.m
June 5	Navan Memorial Centre, Upstairs hall, 1295 Colonial Road, Navan.	5:00 - 8:30 p.m
June 6	Ron Kolbus-Lakeside Centre, Britannia Park, Atrium, 102 Green view Avenue.	5:00 - 8:30 p.m
June 6	Alfred Taylor Rec. Centre, Main Hall, 2300 Community Way, North Gower.	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Date	Location	Time
June 7	Greely Community Centre, Hall B, 1448 Meadow Drive, Greely	5:00 - 8:30 p.m
June 7	City Hall, Festival Plaza, Main Floor, 110 Laurier Street,	5:00 - 8:30 p.m
June 12	Jim Durrell Complex, Ellwood Hall, 1265 Walkley Road.	5:00 - 8:30 p.m
June 13	St. Laurent Complex, Courtyard Room, 525 Cote Street.	5:00 - 8:30 p.m
June 15	Orleans Rec. Complex, Hall A, 1490 Youville Drive.	5:00 - 8:30 p.m
June 22	John G. Mlacak Centre, Hall C, 2500 Campeau Drive, Kanata	

The meeting dates begin only 6 working days after the draft was made available on the city's web site. In spite of this very short lead time we must get our thoughts together and publicly present our case vigorously and often. To help us organize our thoughts, several individuals at RAC have indicated they will form an outline of the arguments that might be used. These will be posted on the OVMRC web site. Because the issue is municipal, RAC, as a national body feels that it cannot become officially involved. The direct involvement must be by the local amateur community. There are 7 Clubs in the new Ottawa. If we coordinate our efforts we should be able to present a convincing case. We can point to notable circumstances such as the local '98 ice storm and the more recent hurricane Katrina where amateur radio effectively served society as a last ditch communications system. Without our antennae, (our ears and mouths), we cannot be nearly as effective.

On a brighter note there is a grandfathering provision in the draft bylaw for existing situations and it will take upwards of a year for the new bylaw to come into force. In the meantime we continue under the existing bylaw.

Please watch the OVMRC web site for updates to the draft bylaw situation, and above all,

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OVMRC SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2006-2007

JUNE 15, 2006 ELECTION Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Larry Wilcox VE3WEH, with assistance from committee member, Steve Cochran VE3SBC, respectfully submit this report to our members. Since our appointment by the Executive Committee, we have attempted to contact all members by telephone or other means. In addition, the "Call for Nominations For The New OVMRC Executive 2006-2007" appeared in the April 2006 issue of the RAMBLER requesting nominations. Unfortunately, we did not receive any written nominations from any members pursuant to By-Law 8.4.

The following slate of eligible nominees are willing to stand for election and to serve as Executive Officers for 2006-2007.

PRESIDENT:	VACANT	
<i>(To be filled within 60 days through nomination by the Full Members and election at a Regular Meeting under the direction of the Vice-President (Bylaw 9.4))</i>		
VICE-PRESIDENT:	Gerry Trottier	VA3GLT
SECRETARY:	Jacques Choquette	VE3TSC
TREASURER:	VACANT	
<i>(To be filled by Executive Appointment (Bylaw 9.4))</i>		

Standing Committee Chairpersons:

Amateur Radio Exhibit:	Maurice-Andre Vigneault	VE3VIG
Amateur Radio Training:	Ernie Jury	VE3EJJ
<i>(Ernie Jury and Bob Kavanagh VE3OSZ are the Accredited Examiners for the club)</i>		
Field Day:	George Steeves	VE3ZQH
Historical:	Larry Wilcox	VE3WEH
Flea Market:	Jake Guertin	VE2TQX
Membership:	Gerry Trottier	VA3GLT
Rambler Newsletter:	Bill Hall	VA3WMH
Publicity & Programs:	Steve Cochran	VE3SBC
Radio Operations UHF/VHF:	Mathew Hall	VA3MHB
Radio Operations HF:	Patrick Tunney	VA3CMD
Technical:	Jake Guertin	VE2TQX
Emergency Preparedness:	Ken Halcrow	VE3SRS

In addition, the following members have offered and are willing to assist the elected Chairperson or will continue to assist in their current position, on a temporary basis, until someone else volunteers:

- Bob Sharp VA3QV, our current President will assist in a caretaker role until the end of October if necessary.
- Alan Steele VA3STL, will assist the new Chair with Field Day during 2007
- Ken Gill VA3KJG, our current Treasurer, has offered to continue until a replacement is found.

The current membership list contains a total of 86 members. Although several members indicated an interest to serve on the Executive during 2007-2008, they have declined to serve during 2006-2007 due to their involvement with other activities, including family, membership in other clubs, etc.

Unfortunately, no one is interested to serve in two of the Club Director positions, namely the President and the Treasurer. This is rather unfortunate. However, I feel confident that someone will volunteer for the President's position to provide leadership for this club in the upcoming year. If you would like to volunteer to serve in either of these positions, please let Steve or Larry know by telephone or by email, as soon as possible. Your information, in accordance with our By Law 9.4: Vacancies occurring between elections, with the exception of the President, shall be filled by Executive appointment. A vacancy of the Presidency must be filled within 60 days through nomination by the Full Members and election at a Regular Meeting under the direction of the Vice-President.

We extend our thanks to those who have so generously volunteered to serve on the Executive over the past year and for the upcoming year. We very much appreciate the work undertaken by our webmaster Elias Zaydan VE3EKZ in improving our web page and he will continue serving our club with this function.

We urge all of our members to support our club to the fullest extent possible.

Volunteer for one of the positions available, prior to, or, during our Annual General Meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2006. We hope to see many of you there.

73 de
Larry Wilcox VE3WEH
Chairperson Nominating Committee and
Steve Cochran VE3SBC Committee Member

The Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

is pleased to announce its 10th Annual



Hamfest

Saturday, September 2, 2006 (Labour Day weekend)

Tailgaters Open and Building Vendor setup: 8 am

Building Opens: 10 am until 1 pm

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

Carp Agricultural Fairgrounds
3970 Carp Rd (at Falldown Lane)

Ottawa (Carp), Ontario

From Ottawa take Highway 417 west to Carp Road exit, north to the fairgrounds

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

\$6 general admission

\$12/table (plus admission)

\$5/tailgate (plus admission)

We will once again be offering an excellent door prize. Details will follow.

The OARC is proud to 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 Ben Price (VE3CDA), RAC's Ontario North/East Director, as Moderator.

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