



## HF Sunset in the Park

By Martin Gillen, VA3SIE

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July we set up a portable station in the grounds of the museum and thus kicked off the 2006 season of "HF Sunset in the Park." Present at various times were:

- José VA3PCJ
- Matthew VA3MHB
- Steve VE3SMA
- Steve VE3SBC
- Paul VE3CPH
- Roy VE3??? (*Sorry can't remember Roy's call right now*) Martin VA3SIE

We made contact QRP (2W) CW contacts with:

- EA6UN, Jurek in Palmanova Calvia, Mallorca. (Mallorca is IOTA EU-004).
- W7WHO, Dennis in Cooked River Ranch, OR.
- K5KS, Kerry in Harper, TX.
- W1NSN/1, Pete in Houlton, Maine. (Pete is N1SS, W1NSN, is the GHCA Aerospace Radio Club).
- KC1DI, David in Limington, Maine.
- KB1JHC, Vince in Charelstown, New Hampshire.

These fun events are held by prior arrangement on Thursday evenings.

To participate please monitor & call periodically on VE3TWO in the late afternoon on Thursdays, if the

weather is good. Hopefully there will be an amateur with a mobile station who has the evening free and is able to come along and establish a station. ❖

## International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend

By Larry Wilcox, VE3WEH

August 19 - 20

Our club will once again be participating in this event over the weekend.



The Seventh Annual "International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend" (ILLW) will again take place around the globe. We will be operating under callsign "VE3JW- Lighthouse" from inside the Emergency Communications Trailer located adjacent to the Museum Lighthouse and also from a QRP tent station operating CW nearby.

We have participated in this event over the past 7 years and it has grown to involve more than 380 lighthouses located in 51 countries around the world. It is always held on the 3rd full weekend in August starting at 0001 UTC on Saturday and finishing at 2359 UTC on Sunday. This event also coincides on Sunday with the "International Lighthouse Day", an event organized by the International Association of Lighthouse keepers,

whereby as many world lighthouses will be open to the public for the day. The Museum lighthouse should also be open to public tours.

You are invited to come out to the trailer to visit us or to operate and make some contacts yourself. It promises to be a very enjoyable experience! We hope to see many of you there. We will be operating on 20m, 40m and 80m on the frequencies shown in the following table.

### Morse Code

80m	3.510 - 3.540 kHz	Center	3.521 +/-
40m	7.005 - 7.035 kHz	"	7.021 +/-
20m	14.010 - 14.040 kHz	"	14.021 +/-
15m	21.010 - 21.040 kHz	"	21.021 +/-
10m	28.010 - 28.040 kHz	"	28.021 +/-

### Voice

80m	3.650 - 3.750 kHz	Center	3.721 +/-
40m	7.040 - 7.100 kHz	"	7.051 +/-
20m	14.125 - 14.275 kHz	"	14.221 +/-
15m	21.150 - 21.250 kHz	"	21.221 +/-
10m	28.300 - 28.400 kHz	"	28.351 +/-

CW stations will add LT for Lighthouse or LS for Lightship at the end of their call. Other stations add 'LIGHT', 'LGT', 'LIGHTHOUSE' or 'LIGHTSHIP' after their call. Stations in the UK normally obtain a GB callsign with the letter L in the suffix to assist identifying them as a participant.

Check the ILLW web page for more information. <http://illw.net/>

73

Larry, VE3WEH & Steve, VE3SBC ❖



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## OVMRC Repeaters

147.300 MHz(+)

444.200 MHz(+)

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### VE3JW

Web site:

<http://ve3jw.tripod.com>

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### Are you concerned about the future of Amateur Radio in Canada?

Should we encourage Industry Canada to make changes to broaden the entry into the Amateur Radio service?

The Committee on the Restructuring of Amateur Radio in Canada, chaired by Midwest Director Bj. Maden - VE5FX - has designed a questionnaire to gather information from Canadian Amateurs about their thoughts on the future of the service.

Your input to this questionnaire is critical to help the committee to determine the direction which Amateur Radio might take. A link from the RAC Web site <http://www.rac.ca/regulatory/restructuring.htm> will take you to the Restructuring page, where you can:

1. Download a copy of the article on Restructuring from the last issue of TCA.
2. Download a PowerPoint presentation, complete with presenter's notes, which can be used with your club to explain the concepts of restructuring and to encourage discussion.
3. Link to the survey, which takes about ten minutes to complete.

The survey is available in both English and French.

Please complete the survey. We need YOUR opinions! ❖

**TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS**

**Register now for training:**

- on Radio Equipment
- on New Modes
- on HF Communications
- on Satellite Communications
- on Packet Communications
- on APRS

at our Amateur Radio Exhibit, VE3JW, Canada Science and Technology Museum.

Contact: [ve3vig@rac.ca](mailto:ve3vig@rac.ca) ❖

### Field Day 2006

By Alan Steele, VA3STL

The weather on Field Day this year was almost ideal. No rain or thunderstorms and the temperature was not too hot.

The Club's participation involved three HF stations and a VHF/UHF station. Antennas included, 20m



7th Cornwall Girl Guides talking to Doug Fawcett, VA3FAW Photo by Larry Wilcox, VE3WEH

beams, G5RV, 80m horizontal loops and a Ringo Ranger.

Total number of QSOs were: CW 168, digital 16 and phone 106. Bonus points were obtained for

- 100% Emergency power
- Media Publicity (the Ottawa Citizen)
- Set-up in Public Place
- Information Booth
- WIAW Field Day Message
- Natural power QSOs completed
- Youth participation
- Submitted via the Web
- Non traditional mode: APRS

The final total was 1998 points.

The furthest QSO was to Hannover, Germany (a Soccer World Cup special event station). We were also had

many visitors including the 7th Cornwall Girl Guide Group, many of whom made contacts on the air.

Thanks to all participants, visitors and the Canada Science and Technology Museum staff for making this another great Club event.

Alan Steele, VA3STL ❖

<b>OVMRC 2006 - 2007 CALENDAR</b>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>Club Mtg</b>	<b>Exec Mtg</b>	<b>Rambler Deadline</b>
<b>SEP</b>	21 <sup>st</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>OCT</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>NOV</b>	16 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>DEC</b>	14 <sup>th*</sup>	21 <sup>st*</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>JAN</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>FEB</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>MAR</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>APR</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>MAY</b>	17 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>JUN</b>	21 <sup>st</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>

\* Changed due to Christmas holidays.

## Old Timer's Shack!

By Ed Morgan, VE3GX

Hello Folks:

Finally found a picture of my pre-WW2 shack, 1938 to be exact!



Transmitter single type 45 tube TNT (Tuned Plate untuned Grid) Power Output? Probably around ten watts! The Readrite meter in the plate circuit was not very accurate and I never had a voltmeter to measure the plate voltage! The meter wiggled when I keyed it!

The Receiver was a regenerative three Tube TRF! Think the tubes were all 2.5 VAC filaments!

The bug on the desk was borrowed from an old time telegraph operator and WW1 radio operator! He was not a Ham or Radio Amateur, but he could copy code with either hand and both hands together! I met him at

Ottawa Tech in the evening where we had a group that wanted to brush up on their Morse in view of the looming war! This fella was former stock and press operator with the landline and was refreshing his long dormant radio code!

VE3LM was my call sign here in Ottawa, my home town and I was a member of the pre-war OARTA Club which met at St Patricks College!

After the war in 1947, I lived in Brandon Manitoba and was active on CW as VE4LM and belonged to the local radio club!

I was transferred to Fredericton N.B. in 1949 along with my new bride Doreen! I became VE1PF and Doreen passed her exam in 1950 and

became VE1ABT! We were both very active on the air and in the local club, and the New Brunswick Amateur Radio Association!

In 1957 moved to Ottawa where we became VE3GX and VE3CGO! We were charter members of the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club from when it started in 1957!

Didn't mean to get into such depth, but finding the old photo triggered it, sorry to bore you! My fingers itched!

73 88

VE3GX Ed Morgan  
VE3CGO Doreen Morgan ❖

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## Samuel Morse's relative becomes Amateur Radio Operator

If you don't know yet, "there's a new girl in town" and her name is Diana Morse, KB3NNP. I just listened to a Podcast that 99 Hobbies did with her. Polar Bears etc we should be VERY proud to have played just a small role in introducing her to amateur radio. I was touched her statements in giving back to the hobby and she's just recently been licensed! And yes Ms. Morse is related to Samuel Morse.

Here's the link to listen to the Podcast:

Don't miss this one!

<http://99hobbies.blogspot.com/2006/07/conversation-with-morse.html>

YOU GO GIRL!

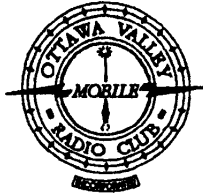
72/73,  
Ed, WA3WSJ

*Editor's Note: Martin VA3SIE and Larry, VE3WEH are registered with the PolarBear QRP Group. ❖*

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# 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

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- One year membership. Regular or Associate. Includes mailed Rambler - \$40/year
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**COMMENTS**



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First Name

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# Hamfest

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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)

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west to Carp Road exit, north to the  
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We are in the Arena, so follow the  
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