



Jamboree On The Air



Annual Jamboree On The Air was conducted at the VE3JW Museum station on Saturday Oct 21, 2006. We hosted the First Kemptville Scouts, a group that was welcomed back now for several years. Besides JOTA we did a little bit of JOTI, Jamboree On The Internet, through the VHF/IRLP system with the help of Larry, VE3WEH. The HF console was handled by Brad, VE3BSM, their Scout Leader. Interesting contacts on both bands, to name one, W4JO a JOTA station in Georgia on 20m. But what the scouts talked about even more on the bus taking them back to Kemptville was the satellite contacts. Indeed, we were highly

favoured on that Saturday to have several satellites in succession and all working well. At the end of the JOTA day, we had worked through 5 satellites, making several contacts on some of them. AO-7, FO-29, SO-50, AO-51, VO-52 all came in within reach of our antennas.

In the picture, provided by Larry, VE3WEH, you can see the happy group of scouts photographed after their accomplishments. We hope that the enjoyment they've had will carry through to next year for another session ON THE AIR. ❖

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Ernie Brown VA3OEB will be making a presentation at our November General meeting regarding his experiences working as a Merchant Marine Radio Operator in the North Atlantic early during WWII. It will be a very interesting presentation no doubt and should not be missed.

Ken Halcrow VE3SRS will be giving us a report of the National CASARA Five Day Exercise which took place at North Bay in September.

73 Steve Cochran, VE3SBC
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MINUTES OVMRC GENERAL MEETING - October 19, 2006, 8.00pm

Auditorium Canada Science and Technology Museum

1. Larry VE3WEH chaired the meeting on behalf of our new Vice-President, Jean Crepeau VA3JCN. He welcomed members, guests and visiting Amateurs including Ernie Jury VE3EJJ with his 10 students on the Amateur Radio Course, also Pierre VE3QWC, Dennis VE3JRJ, Moe VA3MOE, and Gord VE3FRB.

2. Larry asked if anyone needed any Amateur Radio technical assistance or information and there were several queries answered. He noted the Secretary was unable to attend the meeting and asked if anyone would like to take the Minutes but no one volunteered.

3. Larry introduced our new Vice-President, Jean Crepeau VA3JCN and mentioned that Jean would not be able to attend all meetings as a result of his work travels. Jean addressed the meeting and introduced himself to members.

4. Larry called upon our new Treasurer, Robert Plante VA3SHO and he introduced himself.

5. Program Presentation - The 2M Simplex FM Contest Awards Presentation by Alan VA3STL. Alan explained this contest and gave a statistical rundown of points and announced the winners in the various categories, including, Andrew Fawcett VA3FAJ and his father VA3FAW, Bob Kavanagh VE3OSZ and others. Alan noted that the contest would continue next year with a new category for base stations.

6. Old Business from Minutes of Sept 21, 2006 General Meeting Review and possible Approval of following 2006 - 2007 Budget items:

6a) Review of Annual Expenditure of \$710 for auto-patch. On behalf of the Technical Chair, Jake VE2TQX who was at work, Larry explained this issue, noting the membership had voted to have an auto-patch so they would have to consider the issue and either approve or disapprove this expenditure. He pointed out that Jake had done a lot of hard work to have the telephone lined installed, the auto patch has a dedicated power supply via an Emergency generator, etc. Larry asked how many members were using the auto patch and only two hands were raised. He noted that we must pay a business rate for the telephone line. Ken Halcrow noted that it does have value to the

Emergency Community should there be an Emergency and agreed that it is expensive. Ken Gil VA3KJG, advised members that the phone was paid for up until Dec. 15th so there is some additional time to assess the situation. There were several suggestions from the floor which might be tried to eliminate this annual expenditure. Mathew VA3MHB suggested that we might set up a remote host for a patch at someone's home. Our new Treasurer, Robert VA3SHO, suggested suspending the patch for 3 months, with a minimum payment required to Bell, in order to determine if it would be missed by our members. Someone else suggested the annual cost of the auto patch would be better spent on improving the repeater quality with new equipment. Larry suggested that without sufficient substantiation regarding the value of retaining the patch for club members and the Amateur community in general and the annual expense of maintaining it, perhaps we should give Jake more time to follow-up, to review the situation, and then we could provide our members with more information later. Mathew VA3MHB made a motion to allow this, Ken VE3SRS seconded the motion and it was decided by vote to defer the decision regarding the auto-patch until next month. Larry undertook to inform Jake accordingly.

6b) Review of Repeater Expenditures of approximately \$800 Larry informed members that Jake VE2TQX had replied by email dated Oct. 12, 2006 and wants to replace both the UHF Transmitter and Receiver. A new Transmitter will cost about \$300 US and the new Receiver will cost about \$250.00 US. The reason for the purchase is that the UHF transmitter power has dropped from 10 watts output to about 3.5 watts. The UHF receiver has also been giving us some problems and needs to be replaced. Spectrum Communications Corp. sells both models: Model SCR450A UHF Receiver and Model SCT410B UHF Transmitter. A motion to purchase this equipment was made by Mathew VA3MHB and seconded by Ken VE3SRS. A discussion regarding this equipment purchase followed. Someone suggested that a long-term plan be developed to replace the repeater and another member suggested that the club sell the expensive TX-ID which was purchased at much expense and was not being used. Larry noted he had over the past years, wanted the club to purchase a completely new, state of the art repeater with all the bells and whistles to replace our aging repeater which consists of a variety of components, including some that were home-brewed back in 1974 when the repeater was established at 580 Booth Street. Larry noted that both Jake and Mike VE3FFK were trying to overcome the problems with the UHF transmitter and receiver by making repairs and adjustments, that this budget item might not all be spent, if they could repair and overcome the problems. A

vote for and against this expenditure was taken and the majority approved the expenditure of up to \$800.

6c) Review of Purchase of software for Web page. Larry informed the members that Elias VE3EKZ needs to purchase CDs, DVDs, and labels and sleeves in order to backup our website, total cost \$50.00. Larry advised the members he had spoken to Elias prior to the meeting regarding the purchase of software. Elias said he doesn't need to purchase any software now. Larry called for a motion from the floor to approve the expenditure of \$50.00. Steve VE3SBC made the Motion to approve, this was seconded by Robert VA3SHO and the members voted by show of hands, majority in favour.

7. Executive Reports

a) Vice-President: Jean Crepeau VA3JCN, nothing further to report.

b) Treasurer: Hand over from Ken VA3KJG to Robert Plante VA3SHO. It was agreed the bank signature cards would be done on Saturday, and arrangements to audit and hand over the records would be arranged as quickly as possible. Ken also enquired whether or not we needed to continue Liability Insurance on the trailer at a cost of about \$100.00. Ken Halcrow replied that no renewal of this insurance was required. Therefore, Ken VA3KJG will contact the Insurance Company to inform them accordingly, thereby resulting in \$100.00 saving on the budget.

c) Secretary: Jacques Choquette VE3TSC, absent, nothing to report.

d) Amateur Radio Exhibit VE3JW: Maurice-Andre Vigneault VE3VIG informed members he had completed his training package for satellites. He is training a number of people currently and is willing to have more participants. If anyone is interested, please let him know by telephone or email and he can set up a schedule to suit the individual.

e) Amateur Radio Training: Ernie Jury VE3EJJ quickly mentioned the class was attending this evening and Larry asked them to stand and be recognized. f) Field Day: George Steeves VE3ZQH introduced himself as our new Field Day Chair and assured the members, with assistance from Alan, he expects to have a good Field Day in June. He is looking forward to an excellent turnout by all members to make this one of the best Field Days.

g) Historical: Larry Wilcox VE3WEH, nothing to report.

h) Flea Market: Jake Guertin VE2TQX, reported by Larry

i) Membership: Gerry Trottier VA3GLT, reported a total of 48 people in attendance and a total of 46 paid up members.

j) RAMBLER Newsletter: Bill Hall VA3WMH, absent

k) Publicity & Programs: Steve Cochran VE3SBC was quite happy and impressed with the first mini flea Market. He informed members Ernie Brown VA3OEB will be making a presentation at our November General meeting regarding his experiences working as a Merchant Marine Radio Operator in the North Atlantic early during WWII.

l) Radio Operations: VHF/UHF: Mathew Hall VA3MHB, all is OK with the nets.

m) Radio Operations HF: Patrick Tunney VA3CMD, had nothing to report.

n) Technical Operations: Jake Guertin VA3TQX, at work

o) Emergency Preparedness: Ken Halcrow VE3SRS reported on the National SAREX held in North Bay at the end of September. CASARA Ottawa communications team members participated in the week long exercise by providing Air Ground Air Aeronautical and Amateur Radio HF rear link communications to JRCC Trenton. The CASARA Ottawa airborne communications platform (Cessna 172) flying at 3_4 thousand feet provided a vital aeronautical communications relay function throughout the exercise for both DND SAR fixed wing Hercules and Buffalo aircraft as well as rotary wing Griffon helicopters and CASARA single engine aircraft. The rear link HF communications demonstration utilized the WINLINK (WL2K) PACTOR system to send and receive HF to internet e-mails for situation reports and METAR/TAF aerodrome wx reports. HF phone patches were also demonstrated from North Bay to the Joint Rescue Coordination Center (JRCC) in Trenton. The exercise clearly demonstrated that amateur radio can play a significant role in SAR operations.

p) President: (refer to By-Law 9.4 page 10 and Discussion Notes and Options) Larry informed the members of the following:

DISCUSSION NOTES REGARDING CONTINUING WITHOUT A PRESIDENT:

Facts:

1. Under the Ontario Corporations Act, our Club is Incorporated. As a separate legal entity, a corporation is not affected by changes in its membership and its existence continues in perpetuity unless its members or the Government take steps to dissolve it.
2. An annual meeting must be held not more than fifteen months after the holding of the last annual meeting.
3. We currently have the required number of Directors to continue functioning as a club. We need a total of three and have a Vice-President, Treasurer and a Secretary to carry on with signing authority and the conduct of business with assistance from the Standing Committee Chairpersons.

OPTIONS TO CONSIDER IN CONTINUING WITH BUSINESS WITHOUT A PRESIDENT:

1. Continue to hold regular General meetings which are chaired by Volunteers from among the members with the assistance and direction provided by the Executive Members.
2. Hold General meetings every other month rather than every month, chaired by Volunteers as in 1. above.
3. Hold no further General meetings until we have a President.
4. Long Term consideration, amalgamate the OVMRC with another area club, such as the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club.

Discussion & Decision:

The floor was opened for discussion regarding the four OPTIONS above. Following a short discussion period, Larry asked for a show of hands regarding each option. By the show of hands, Option 1. was accepted by the majority of members in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8. An opportunity was given for any announcements from the floor. Larry announced the Ottawa Vintage Radio Club (OVRC) General Auction would take place at Canterbury Community Centre, 2185 Arch Street from 12.30 to 6.00 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 04, 2006 and anyone could attend.

9. He asked for any comments or suggestions regarding anything from anyone before conducting the following draws.

10. Draws:

a) Door Prizes - The VHF/UHF HT antenna donated by Graham VE3GBD, was won by George VE3ZQH. The 100 feet of 300 Ohm antenna wire donated by Larry VE3WEH, was won and donated again so many times, that we don't know who got it in the end. Several other door prizes were donated by Martin VA3SIE and Maurice-Andre VE3VIG chose one of them: a non-working CD/DVD player. He hopes to get it working for VE3JW station.

b) 50/50 draw - \$28.50 was won by Roger VE3NPO and in some sort of strange way, he drew his own ticket! Roger uses a white cane and is blind.

c) Satellite Radio Raffle Draw - Steve VE3SBC conducted the draw which was won by Dennis VE3JRJ.

11. Larry reminded the Executive of their meeting next Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in one of the classrooms.

12. Larry asked ALL MINI-FLEA MARKET SELLERS to finish any outstanding transactions, to calculate and pay Steve VE3SBC, 20% of their TOTAL sales which are a donation to the club.

He thanked all for attending, invited members to attend our November 16, 2006 meeting and adjourned the meeting at 10.02 p.m.

Signed Larry Wilcox VE3WEH, Acting Chair and Secretary for the meeting.

JERRY WELLS AWARD OVMRC AMATEUR OF THE YEAR

The OVMRC Inc. has established the Jerry Wells Award in 1997 in recognition of Jerry Wells VE3CDS, 1928-1997, a live member and Silent Key. Jerry received the "Amateur of the Year Award in June 1997 for his contribution of time, effort and devotion throughout the year to the Amateur Radio Course, his work as Delegated Examiner and his management of Amateur Radio Station, VE3JW, at the Canada Science and Technology Museum. The Award was subsequently renamed the "Jerry Wells OVMRC Amateur of the Year Award in his honour.

Please read the Award criteria before completing the nomination form.

Selection Criteria and Process

The submission of nominees and selection of the award winner will be based on the following criteria.

Each nominee for the award must have been a fully paid up member of the OVMRC and a licensed Radio Amateur during the most recently completed club fiscal year starting July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005 (Award Year).

Nomination must be received in writing, in the required format, prior to, or during the regular November meeting. Each nomination must be supported by not less than two Full Members who were in good standing during the Award Year, and must include a short narrative description of the nominee's contribution to Amateur Radio as specified below:

To be eligible, nominee must have made a significant contribution during the Award Year to further any of the objectives of the OVMRC by:

- Contributing to the interest, study and progress of the science and art of Amateur Radio with particular emphasis on mobile operations;
- Co-operating with and assisting the civil authorities to the fullest extent possible in any emergency; or by

- Fostering good will and understanding among Radio Amateurs.

The eligibility of nominees will be verified by the Executive.

The names of the nominees and the short narrative descriptions provide by the nominators will be published in the December issue of the Rambler.

The Award winner will be determined by SECRET BALLOT by all members attending the regular meeting held in December. Two Full Members in good standing who are not nominees or nominators will be appointed by the President to scrutinize and tabulate the ballots.

The "Jerry Wells OVMRC Amateur of the Year Award," consisting of a suitably engraved plaque and an engraved chrome plated iambic paddle keyer, or equivalent, will be presented to the winner at the January regular meeting.

"Victooria" can be better than "Victor"...

I have been able to confirmed in practice that for an "antenna challenged" station "Victooria" can be better than "Victor", "Ameeerica" much better than "Alfa" and "Japaaan", much much better than "Juliet"... October 28-29, 2006 was the first time I participated in a CQWW SSB contest (i.e., as competitive as Amateur Radio can get!). I operated from home for a total of about 6 hours: IC-706MKIIG, battery-powered, 50W, 142 ft irregular (mostly vertical) delta loop antenna up 35 ft., fed via an SG-237. I only operated in 80m, 40m and 15m and did not try 20m because I knew the loop was a poor TX performer in this band (i.e., nothing to do with the fact that contesting in 20m is not for the faint of heart...). At the end I was able to complete 45 contacts with the following countries: VE, V2, W, VP5, EA, CO, EA8, PY, CT3, FY, J3 and 6Y. I particularly enjoyed contacting the PY stations - my furthest south contacts so far! The loop is vertically polarized irradiating mainly NW and SE which probably explains

OVMRC 2006 - 2007 CALENDAR

Mth	Club Mtg	Exec Mtg	Rambler Deadline
NOV	16 th	23 rd	3 rd
DEC	14 ^{th*}	21 ^{st*}	1 st
JAN	18 th	25 th	5 th
FEB	15 th	22 nd	2 nd
MAR	15 th	22 rd	2 nd
APR	19 th	26 th	6 th
MAY	17 th	24 th	4 th
JUN	21 st	28 th	8 th

the lack of European contacts. Conditions seemed better settled during the 28. On the afternoon of the 29 there were moments in which all bands would totally close. 15m worked better from late morning to early afternoon and in the mid-upper portion of the band. It was a real joy but had erratic conditions, giving only a couple of minutes to complete a contact before the signal would fade away as others would open up. 40m was open throughout but was quite crowded with most CQ'ing stations operating in split mode (some listening for replies in frequencies beyond RAC's recommended range for SSB operation!). 80m was open early in the morning and after the evening. An additional interest was in testing UCXLog (<http://www.dl7ucx.de/>), a free logging program for Windows XP. UCXLog v.6.02 worked as expected and was intuitive and easy to use. Overall, as expected, not a record-breaking experience, but a nice opportunity to test connectivity and hear some top stations struggling to copy "Victooria Ameerica Threee One-Two-Threee Papaaa Chaaarley Japaaan"...

73, de José, VA3PCJ. ❖