



## 35<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY VE3JW 1974 – 2009

February 19, 2009 marks the 35th anniversary of the Amateur Radio Exhibit station VE3JW located at the Canada Science and Technology Museum

OVMRC will mark this special date with a day long celebration starting with the opening of the VE3JW station at 9 A.M. All radio amateurs, regardless of club affiliation, are invited to come to the station and log at least one contact in whatever band and mode you are most familiar with.

This activity will carry on until around 4:30 P.M. when we will break to join our special guests for dinner at the Perkins Family Restaurant on Saint-Laurent Boulevard at 5 P.M.

The private area at Perkins can accommodate 44 people.

At this time we count 15 reservations. If you would like to come to the dinner, please inform me before Feb 16.

At 7:30 P.M. we will all gather in the conference area of the Sci&Tech Museum for the monthly OVMRC meeting at which time an anniversary cake will be shared by all.

A presentation of VE3JW memorabilia from the private collection of Mr Ed Morgan, VE3GX, will be displayed.

Ed will talk about the early days of the station and the amateurs involved at that time. A display of some important events marking the 35 years of VE3JW will also be shown.

So, mark this date now and come and join us in this special celebration on Thursday, February 19, 2009.

Maurice-Andre Vigneault, VE3VIG  
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Canada Science and Technology Museum



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# CONGRATULATIONS!

## OVMRC Life Members, Ed VE3GX and Doreen Morgan VE3CGO Celebrate Their 60th Wedding Anniversary!



By Larry Wilcox VE3WEH

Congratulations to you both Ed & Doreen on your Diamond Wedding Anniversary! Your very impressive and gala 60th Celebration, complete with balloons, cake and a live band, took place at the Recreation Association, Clarke Memorial Hall, on January 23, 2009 and was attended by around 200 of your many relatives, friends, soldiers, former co-workers, and acquaintances.

For those of you that don't know Ed & Doreen, a little introduction is in order. Ed was first licenced as VE3AQM and VE3LM in Ottawa, Ontario in 1938! After his war service, he was active as VE4LM in Brandon, Manitoba and held call sign VE1PF in Fredericton, New Brunswick. He moved back to Ottawa in 1957 and obtained call sign VE3GX, operating on HF SSB and CW and VHF. In 2008, he celebrated his 70th year as an active Radio Amateur! He is a Life member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) Chapter 70, a Life member of the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club Inc. (OVMRC) and a long-standing member of Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). Ed & Doreen are among the founding members of the OVMRC. Ed was responsible for establishing our National Amateur Radio Station, VE3JW, located in the Canada Science and Technology Museum. He also operated the National Capital Swap Net for many years. Doreen VE3CGO, monitored 3.760 kHz for many years in order to handle emergency and general

traffic for mobiles and out of town stations dating back to May 1959. They have both operated the Pot Hole and Pot Lid Nets for many years and recently celebrated the 36th Anniversary of the popular CW Pot Lid Net.

Ed & Doreen were both rather humourous and entertaining in welcoming everyone and with their presentation of their family. Ed welcomed all the guests and said, "There was only one reason we didn't get divorced, neither one of us wanted custody of the children!" Much laughter ensued. He paid tribute to Doreen, he said, "She was a Girl Guide leader for 30 years, she was a Chief Petty Officer when she was a Sea Ranger and later a Captain and she is a lovely girl, so Doreen was Captain Morgan for a while. We have neighbours and former neighbours and friends and a lot of radio amateurs, and we have radar people, WWII guys like myself. We were radar attached to the RAF, 5000 of us and we served on every front. We were with the Canadian Air Force, you wouldn't know that by my accent now but I was born in Ottawa. So I should introduce and bring my bride up to introduce the family, I don't know who they are!"

Doreen came forward and introduced the family. She said, "I just wanted you to meet the family that kept us together, I hope I remember their names. I've been told I do switch them around on occasion. So, first of all there is Bill, our number one son, and Paul, and then there is Linda (she made the beautiful cake), Grandson Adrian, and their two beautiful daughters, my two beautiful grand daughters, Christian and Janet, and then there is Janet and her husband and their handsome son and my handsome grandson Jensen. And then we didn't have enough,

so we unofficially adopted another daughter and her name is Debbie but we waited until Debbie was educated and had a good job, come on up, you are part of the family! And then she met Roger so we adopted him too, we didn't have enough. And then last, but not least, Adrien's parents, Jen and Doug. This is probably why I have to peel 10 lbs of potatoes at Christmas, that's quite true, and they are all good healthy eaters. This is all of them and we are very proud of them." Please forgive me Ed & Doreen if I missed anyone, or if I have anyone's name wrong or spelled incorrectly. My excuse is that it was a bit difficult to hear you at times due to the applause as you introduced your family.

Ed stepped forward and said, "All right that's enough, let the celebrating begin!" And we did! The live band played a great variety of dance music for all to enjoy and near the end of the evening, a light meal of sandwiches and various salads and accouterments were served and enjoyed by all, especially the cake! The celebration broke up about midnight.

Once again, we extend "Congratulations" to you both, Ed & Doreen and to borrow a quip from you Ed, "Two lashes from the whip" in honouring you both for all your devotion and dedication to Amateur radio and for your concern for all your fellow amateurs over the many years you have been involved, REALLY involved! On behalf of all our club members, we wish you and your family all the best regards.

73 from all your friends

## A SUCCESS STORY

In these troubled times of economic hardship, all we hear about are the many failures of our consumer products providers. I have a story, not about making a million bucks, but about accomplishing a long time desire.

On Dec 15, a visitor to the VE3JW station showed avid interest in our Amateur Radio display and was attentively listening to our demonstration of the PSK31 mode on the 20m band. Few signals were available due to poor propagation and he suggested we try the 15m band. I immediately inquired if in fact he had an Amateur Radio license.



Angelo Gassi, VA3ITY

Angelo Gassi, from Modena, Italy, was visiting his brother who lives in Ottawa. At a very early age he was fascinated by radio and he became a shortwave listener. In Modena, he joined a local Amateur Radio club and participated in their activities as a non-licensed amateur, but never got around to writing an exam to obtain his license.

I invited him at one of the radio operating positions, as we do with interested visitors, to put him on the air, and I set him

up on 20m voice SSB, pointing the beam antenna towards Europe. He asked if we had a Morse key. I took out a hand key and he asked if we had a paddle...!

At a speed of 18 wpm, he started calling CQ, and what I heard was good Morse.

I mentioned to him that he could try for his Canadian license while here in Ottawa. He was interested and I pointed him to the RAC "ExHammer" bank of questions for him to assess his level of knowledge in this field. I also loan him a RAC Study Guide for the Basic exam, and invited him to our OVMRC December meeting, taking place the following evening, to meet Ernie, VE3EJJ, our delegated examiner.



L to R – Standing, Ernie, VE3EJJ

Sitting, Alan, VE3STL, Elizabeth, VA3CEW, Angelo, VA3ITY, Maurice-Andre, VE3VIG. (Facing back, Darin, VE3OIJ)

At the meeting, Angelo met with many of the Club members and made arrangements with Ernie regarding the examination.

A funny moment occurred during his first visit to the station when I explained and demonstrated to him the possibilities of the IRLP system. We picked out a node in Sicily, dialed it, and called out for anyone. When a gentleman came back answering our call, I gave the microphone to Angelo and asked him to speak in Italian. The fellow in Sicily would not believe that the call was from Canada, as another station came on the repeater in Sicily and told him "...it must be a joke...". Then, they went silent. Obviously, these operators were not aware of the IRLP system

on their repeater, as Angelo himself was not aware that such a system existed.

Two weeks later, on Friday, Jan 2, 2009, Angelo wrote and successfully completed his Basic and Morse qualifications. He applied for, and was granted, call sign VA3ITY (short acronym for Italy). He mentioned that, with the reciprocal agreement with Italy, he would be able to use the VA3 call preceded by I4, his Modeno region. But now, he will see to obtain a regular Italian call sign. Angelo left a card thanking us for the incitement and the help we provided.

After so many years of shortwave listening with his Yaesu FT-101s and a long wire outside his home, Angelo finally

obtained his license, here in Canada. A well-known Italian tile company employs Angelo and he is required to travel all over the world as a company expert. He is also fluent in many languages. I'm sure he will now enjoy his new stature in the Amateur Radio hobby. He is planning to have his Club, in Modeno, acquire an IRLP node and a satellite communications set-up.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Angelo, and welcome to the Canadian Amateur Radio community. We are looking forward to our first contact with you from Modeno.

Maurice-Andre Vigneault, VE3VIG  
Amateur Radio Exhibit Group VE3JW

# Introducing the new and improved OVMRC web site!

In the spirit of improving communications among radio amateurs I took on the task of re-building the Club web site a short while ago. I was inspired by the fact that the old site was out of date, and I felt it needed a new look and feel with fresh new data. For over a week I scoured the market for decent software to help me with this task, as I knew that using a plain text editor would not suffice. I finally found one at a decent price and went to work with Larry Wilcox (VE3WEH) in reviewing the then current web site and deciding which data could stay, which should go. Then I went to work...

And now, after about three weeks, I am pleased and proud to bring to you the new, remodelled OVMRC web site! Here is the main page:

It begins with our Club crest to the left and a very fancy Rolex clock on the right showing the current time on your computer. You will notice the easy-to-navigate selection pane on the left. Simply single click on any of the items to get to that page. On the right, you will see a local weather recap, and below that a place to look-up call-signs in the RAC(Radio Amateurs of Canada) database. At this point I should give credit to my daughter, Crystal, for the beautiful 'Ottawa Valley' picture with the HF antenna and 'radiation'. It is an actual picture taken in our area, but I can't tell you where. Just below this beautiful picture, you will see a

link to our user forums. Use this link to launch the forums in a separate window in your browser. Conversely, if you click on the 'Forum' link in the navigation section (left pane), the forums will be launched and displayed within a scrollable window inside our web site. Either way, the forums are identical in needing your userid and password. You will need to register on the forums before you may post any messages. If you have items for sale, or are looking for items, please post them on our forum. We have sections for all aspects of our wonderful hobby, and I encourage you to visit our web site, join us with your call sign. We have information and links about what is happening in the area, links to other clubs, a listing of the local nets the OVMRC sponsors (and others) and more. Further, if you know of

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*Welcome to our new and improved web site!*

Welcome to the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club web site. This site is open to all current and future radio amateurs. Please browse the site for local amateur radio news & events, information on our repeater, other eastern Ontario repeaters, VE3JW site and much more. We hope you enjoy your stay with us. Don't forget to join our mailing list to receive special announcements and our monthly newsletter, The Rambler. The forums are a place to share ideas. Please join us.

an up-coming event, please post a message on the forum for all to see.

Scroll down further to see what our Club objectives are, how to join the club and view current up-coming events (and recent events passed as well).

Once in the Forum, you will see the following screen..

request for your password. A password will be mailed to the email you used to register. Make sure you select the correct time zone. Once you login with your userid and new password(I recommend you cut/paste it) you can navigate to your profile to select a password which is more meaningful to you.

The forums are a wonderful place to

the executives, meet others with the same or similar interests(ie, QRP, digital...)

Please join us in this new venture to help promote our Club web site and our members. And also be reminded of our objects, listed below:

- To contribute to the interest, study and progress of the science

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Announcement

The next OVMRC club meeting is Thursday February 19, 2009 at the Museum of Science and Technology, 19:30h

*Hot Valentine's Day*  
offers from Lush & La Senza

See inside

Welcome

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<a href="#">Welcome to the OVMRC Forum</a>	6	8	Today 4:17:30 by <a href="#">admin</a>

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<a href="#">News and Announcements</a> Post announcements for your own club or event.	4	4	2009-02-02 2:45:28 by <a href="#">cw</a>
<a href="#">Field Day</a> and Related events.	0	0	

Radio Talk

Forum	Topics	Posts	Last post

Here you have the opportunity to login or register. Registration is very simple. You will be presented with the Forum Rules, and once you agree, you will be taken to the registration screen, where you will be required to enter a unique userid (your call sign). You will notice that there is no

share your ideas and information that one could not normally do on the air, especially if you are mobile. Make announcements, ask for info and help with a certain project, chat about propagation conditions, share your shack pictures, post a review on your rig, meet

and art of Amateur Radio with particular emphasis on Mobile operations;

- To promote social activities among members and their families;

- To cooperate with and assist the civil authorities to the fullest extent possible in any emergency; and...
- To foster good will and understanding among radio amateurs.

I believe the web site caters to all the objectives of the OVMRC. Please support us by joining and using the facilities we provide.

Please visit the forums often for tips and tricks on its operation and features. There are a number of features available on our new web site. Visit and explore.

73  
Chris Wiesner VE3CUZ  
Membership Chair & Webmaster.

Sign-up screen

<b>OVMRC 08/09 Calendar</b>			
Month	Rambler Deadline	Club Meeting	Exec Meeting
Feb	6	19	26
Mar	6	19	26
Apr	3	16	23
May	8	21	28
Jun	5	18	25

Please enter a username between 2 and 25 characters long

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