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## MINUTES, OVMRC GENERAL MEETING

November 17, 2011

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Doug VE3ATY called the meeting to order at 19:30. There were 32 people in attendance.

### 2. GUESTS

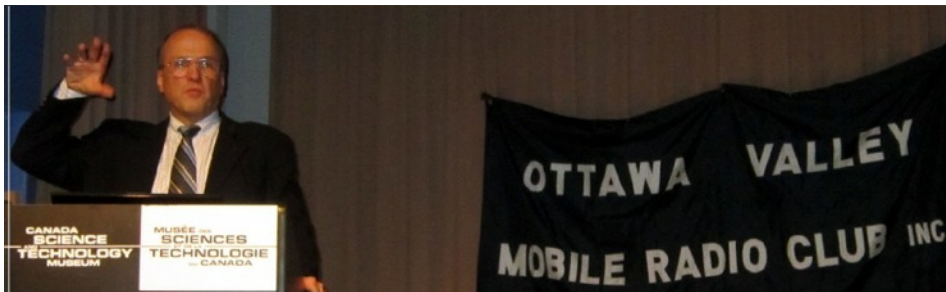
Alan VE3LNH, Alvin Gardner, Amente VA3AXB, Steve VE3MVK and Travis Crawford.

### 3. PROGRAM

#### 3.1 Canadian Astronomy in Chile

University of Toronto Southern Observatory located at Las Campanas in the Chilean Andes. In addition to making astronomical observations, his many duties, while posted there, included maintaining and repairing scientific equipment, setting up equipment for visiting astronomers and training staff. The climate of the surrounding Atacama Desert provides an ideal environment for using telescopes because of the paucity of atmospheric and light pollution.

Alan talked about the international program in astronomy undertaken from Las Campanas. He described



*Alan VE3LNH speaking to the Club at the Nov. general meeting.*

Alan VE3LNH, former president of the Club during 1988-89, presented an illustrated talk entitled Telescope Diaries, South American Wanderings and the Las Campanas Canadian Observatory, 1979-90.

For over an hour, Alan discussed his many professional experiences and personal adventures while posted during 1979-80 to the

the unique Canadian apparatus, a 60-cm Cassegrain (folded) telescope. He also described telescopes erected in the vicinity by a number of other countries. He showed a wealth of photographs that he took, including some of the moon, of Orion, of the Lagoon Nebula, of Neptune and of Uranus. Alan discussed his experiences and adventures within the context of the

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history, geography and politics of Chile. He also commented on the local weather, on the flora and on the fauna.

In 1987, Ian Keith Shelton discovered a supernova (SN 1987A) in the Large Magellanic Cloud while working at the Canadian observatory. This supernova was visible with the naked eye. In 1992, the Canadian telescope was named the Helen Sawyer Hogg Telescope. In 1997, program cuts resulted in the closure of the  
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## OVMRC Repeaters

147.300 MHz(+)  
444.200 MHz(+)

## Amateur Radio Exhibit

### VE3JW

Web site:

[ovmrc.on.ca/ve3jw.htm](http://ovmrc.on.ca/ve3jw.htm)

Canada Science & Technology  
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Canadian observatory. The equipment was donated to the National Observatory of Argentina and moved to the Félix Aguilar Observatory in the El Leoncito National Park. The University of Toronto retains 25% of the observational time there. Thank you Alan.

#### 4. BUSINESS

##### 4.1 Offer of a 220 MHz Repeater

Frank VE3YY offered his 220 MHz repeater to the Club.

**MOTION:** Moved by Guy VE3VCF and seconded by Michel VE3EMB that Mathieu VA3ECM negotiate an agreement with Frank VE3YY with respect to the terms and conditions under which the Club would host Frank's 220 repeater at VE3TWO.

**CARRIED.**

#### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### 5.1) Silent Key

Andre VE3CLW informed members that Reg Mustill, formerly VA3REG and a former member of the Club, became a silent key in September 2011. His obituary appears at

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/montrealgazette/obituary.aspx?n=reginald-mustill&pid=153852212>.

##### 6. PRIZES

Proceeds of the 50:50 ticket sales were \$51.00. The 50:50 draw (\$25.50) was won by Peter Pau.

Door prizes were won by Andre VE3CLW, Clare VE3NPC and Steve VE3MVK.

#### 7. UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Club Executive will be held at 19:30 on Thursday, November 24, 2011.

The next general meeting of the Club will be the Annual Potluck Dinner starting at 18:30 on Thursday, December 15, 2011. All meetings take place at the Canada Science and Technology Museum, 1867 St Laurent Boulevard, Ottawa, Ontario. All local or out of town radio enthusiasts are welcome to attend. All should check the Club web site to confirm these dates.

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 21:00 at which time many of the attendees proceeded, as is customary, to the local coffee shop to talk radio.

#### 9. SIGNED

Joe VE3EUS, Treasurer

#### VE3JW MMA OCTOBER 2011 RESULTS

October was a very good month for DX at VE3JW. We also hosted Kemptville scouts for the Jamboree on the air!

To get your name in the Monthly Merit Awards, you have to operate VE3JW! Entrance to the museum is free if you are coming to VE3JW to operate. The station is manned most days, but please contact one of our operators to be sure there will be someone to open up the station. You can contact Darin (VE3OIJ) at [ve3oij@amsat.org](mailto:ve3oij@amsat.org) if you'd like to become a volunteer operator or just want to operate for a little while.

#### October Results

##### Made by Guests and Visitors:

Numerous contacts made by the Kemptville Scouts during Jamboree on the Air. Congratulations!

Made by regular ops:

6. Best SSB QSO (Distance): VE3VIG and VE3EMB on behalf of the Scouts for Jamboree on the Air!

7. Best CW QSO (Distance): VE3VCF to [ZK2V](#) 11823 km

8. Best HF Digital QSO (Distance): VE3EJJ to [CE3PG](#), 8809 km

9. Best Satellite QSO (Distance): VE3OIJ to [XE2RCE](#), 3810 km

VE3VCF very much dominated the DX this month with long contacts to unusual places all over the world!

\* Five QSO list for October 2011: VE3OIJ, VE3EJJ, VE3VCF, VE3VIG, VE3EMY, VA3CEW, VE3LTN, VE3HAZ, VE3EMB

\* Most contacts for October 2011:

- Regular op: VE3VCF, 65

\* Total QSOs at VE3JW for October 2011: 136

##### Volunteers hours for October 2011:

This month our operators have totalled 111 hours, 30 minutes.

Well done everyone!

## VE3JW MMA NOVEMBER 2011 RESULTS

November was a fairly quiet month at VE3JW. VE3VCF worked some pretty interesting Pacific islands on CW, and VE3LTN got a long path SSB contact to Europe!

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become a volunteer operator or just want to operate for a little while.

### November Results

#### Made by Guests and Visitors:

4. Best Satellite QSO (Distance):  
VA3LTN to [K0BAM](#) (2745 km)

Made by regular ops:

6. Best SSB QSO (Distance):  
VE3LTN to [LY2OU](#) (33437 km long path)

7. Best CW QSO (Distance):  
VE3VCF to [3D2T](#) (12,338 km)

8. Best HF Digital QSO (Distance):  
VE3EJJ to [ZL3TE](#) (14,236 km)

9. Best Satellite QSO (Distance):  
VE3OIJ to [XE1ISS](#) (3,597 km)

\* Five QSO list for November 2011: VA3LTN, VE3VCF, VE3EJJ, VE3OIJ, VE3LTN

\* Most contacts for November 2011:

- Guest op: VA3LTN, 8

- Regular op: VE3VCF, 39

\* Total QSOs at VE3JW for November 2011: 84

#### Volunteers hours for November 2011:

This month our operators have totalled 101 hours, 0 minutes.

Well done everyone!

## INVITATION TO ATTEND OVMRC ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER

You, your spouse, children, grand children and friends are cordially invited to the OVMRC Annual Potluck Dinner. This event will be held on Thursday, December 15, at the Canada Science and Technology Museum. Plan on arriving around 18:30 to meet and greet. The meal itself will start at 19:00.

The Club will supply door prizes, music, non-alcoholic beverages, ice, table cloths, napkins, cups, plates, cutlery, dinner rolls, butter, condiments and power bars.

Those attending are asked to bring a food items to share. Suggested main courses include beans, chili, lasagna and stews. Suggested salads include chef, coleslaw, pasta and rice. Suggested deserts include cakes, cookies, fresh fruit and pies. However, feel free to bring whatever food item you want.

If you are bringing a hot dish, please bring it in a slow cooker or similar pot. There will be power bars available to keep your food item warm. Please also bring a utensil with which to serve your item.

To help the organizing committee plan this event, we would be grateful if you could tell us, at your earliest convenience, how many people you are planning to bring, and what dish you will be sharing. Comments and suggestions are welcome. We look forward to seeing you and yours at the dinner.

Please e-mail your response to [VE3EUS@rac.ca](mailto:VE3EUS@rac.ca)

Guy VE3VCF, Joe VE3EUS and Michel VE3EMB  
Organizing Committee.



### Field Day 2011 Results Help Needed

Here is what we finished up with:

VE3RAM 3,064 3A 820 2  
VA3CUA ON 25 Ottawa Valley  
Mobile RC

VE3RAM was our callsign

- 3,064 was our total points
- 3A was our operating category
- 820 was our total QSOs
- 2 was our power multi

VA3CUA was the Callsign of our  
GOTA Stn

ON is the Ontario Section

25 was the number of operators we  
had (best guess)

For those of you wondering how  
we did....

- 3rd place out of 6 for 3A in Ontario
- 5th place out of 18 for 3A in Canada
- 21st place out of 78 in Ontario (any category)
- 29th place out of 169 for Canada (any category)

Thanks to all those who participated. My goal was to finish up in the top 50% and we were successful...

73 bob  
VA3QV FD2011 Chair

Some of our fellow amateurs are in need of help simply because they can't do certain things any longer. Sometimes, it is as simple as moving some equipment. Sometimes some on site antenna work is required.

Please contact any member of the executive if you are willing to give a hand.

## 2011 - 2012 Meeting Dates

### Club Meeting Dates:

December.....	15 <sup>th</sup>
January.....	19 <sup>th</sup>
February.....	16 <sup>th</sup>
March.....	15 <sup>th</sup>
April.....	26 <sup>th</sup>
May.....	17 <sup>th</sup>
June.....	21 <sup>st</sup>

### Executive Meeting Dates:

January.....	5 <sup>th</sup>
February.....	2 <sup>nd</sup>
March.....	1 <sup>st</sup>
April.....	5 <sup>th</sup>
May.....	10 <sup>th</sup>
June.....	7 <sup>th</sup>

### Rambler submission deadline

Meeting date minus 13 days

Please submit articles for the Rambler to the editor:

[Robert Cherry](#)

No later than the deadline for the desired edition.

**December Rambler submission deadline is:**

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> January**