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President's Ramblings



Special Events for March 2014:

A celebration of
amateur radio's
(VE3JW) 40th
anniversary

association with CSTM is being
planned for March 2014. The basic
activities are to have an amateur
radio station, VE3JW, open house
and demonstration during the
weekend of March 15 – 16th.. This
is to be complimented by our
regular OVMRC meeting on March
20th. We will have a different
format for this meeting with special
speakers to summarize our 40 years
of association with the CSTM and
celebrate our amateur radio station,
VE3JW. The March 20th meeting
is planned to be well advertised
with the support of the museum's
multi-media channels, RAC and
other amateur radio clubs in the
Ottawa area.

What this means to you, the club
members, is some level of
participation.

- VE3JW for sure needs
additional volunteers for its 2
day event: please contact Darin
Cowan, VE3OIJ,
ve3oij@amsat.org . Sign up
ASAP and enjoy the experience

of what JW and Museum
volunteer's perks have to offer;

- Coordinators will be required
for March 20th meeting;
- Event support, not quite sure
what is entailed here, however
extra hands are always
welcomed;
- Please contact any executive
member for additional
information and/or your offer of
service. My email is
ve3haz@rac.ca .

OVMRC call signs registration updates

Our club call signs, VE3JW,
VE3RAM and VE3TWO are in the
process of being reregistered to
reflect sponsors who are active,
qualified OVMRC members. Darin
Cowan, VE3OIJ will sponsor
VE3JW and Paul Labbé will
sponsor VE3TWO and VE3RAM.
Thanks to Darin and Paul for
volunteering for this critical level of
responsibility to maintain these club
stations.

Access to 580 Booth Street

This access conundrum has finally
been resolved. We have the
appropriate contacts for Paul Labbé
to review our repeater equipment at
580 Booth Street. Paul
(paul.e.labbe@gmail.com), I am
sure, would appreciate additional

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Meeting Date

Club Meeting:

December 19th
POT LUCK
CHRISTMAS PARTY
18:30 HR
ENTER BY DOOR S5A

support if equipment changes are
required.

April Meeting Date Change:

Due to various conflicts for our
April Home Brew evening, our
meeting date is being rescheduled
to Wednesday, April 16th 2014, in
the CSTM auditorium. Start time is
same 19:30 hrs. What's on your
work bench, give us a peek? There
will be prizes for sure.

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PRIMUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS**CANADA INC..**www.ovmrc.on.ca**Visit the OVMRC Store**

at

<http://www.cafepress.ca/ovmrc>**OVMRC Life Members**

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Ralph Cameron, VE3BBM

Doug Carswell, VE3ATY

Doreen Morgan, VE3CGO

Ed Morgan, VE3GX

Bill Wilson, VE3NR (SK)

OVMRC Repeaters

147.300 MHz(+)

444.200 MHz(+)

Amateur Radio Exhibit**VE3JW**

Web site:

ovmrc.on.ca/ve3jw.htmCanada Science & Technology
Museum

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Inter Club Communications: The OVMRC has invited other amateur radio clubs within the Ottawa repeater range region to share their activities in our newsletter, "The Rambler". The

general consensus is this is a good idea and would be a reciprocated offering. See the new Rambler topic: **What's Happening Elsewhere!**

Season's greetings: May your DX contacts be many, your skips long and your battery stay at 13.5 volts all throughout the coming year. 73 de VE3HAZ

WILLIAM EDWIN (ED) MORGAN, VE3GX, SK

Ed Morgan passed away in Ottawa in his 93rd year on November 1st, 2013. He leaves Doreen VE3CGO, his wife of 64 years, four children and three grandchildren.

Ed obtained his amateur radio licence at the tender age of 17. He remained an active and enthusiastic hobbyist for the next 75 years. He was especially fond of CW. He was often seen operating mobile CW on HF while Doreen drove him around. Ed was a life member of the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club (OVMRC).

During WWII, Ed served as a wireless and electrical mechanic (radio). He installed, maintained and repaired radar equipment, one of the War's biggest secrets. He was part of the first group of Canadians recruited for training. He trained in England because, at the time, radar training was not offered in Canada. Subsequently, Ed was posted to India and then to Burma where he was awarded the Burma Star. Recollections of the time that Ed spent in India and Burma appear in *Canadians on Radar in South East Asia 1941-1945*, part of the Canadian Radar History Project. After the War, Ed served as chief radio officer aboard the Icebreaker N.B. McLean. Later, he served with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and then with the Department of National Defence.

Ed was a driving force in the creation of many significant and enduring amateur radio projects. In 1957, he was a founding member of the OVMRC. He later served as Club president, editor of the Club newsletter and Club historian. His leadership as chairman of a working group led, in early 1974, to the establishment of the amateur radio demonstration station VE3JW which is a permanent exhibit at the Canada Science and Technology Museum in Ottawa. It was Ed who ensured that the station would be named in honour of James W. Cotter, Canada's first blind amateur radio operator. For many years, Ed taught CW to students of amateur radio courses sponsored by OVMRC. He also helped students make their first QSOs on voice.

Ed built equipment. He constructed a mobile CW transmitter with which he could reach Doreen from anywhere in Ontario. He was well known for his proficiency with long wires. He assisted some new amateurs to install this type of antenna in covert locations such as on top of condominium fences.

Over the years, Ed founded, managed or controlled several amateur radio nets. He was involved with the antecedent of what is now the ONTARS Net. He was an active participant in the weekday morning Rubber-Boot VHF Net and in the Pot-Hole Net on 3.760 MHz. and in the Pot-Lid slow-speed CW Net on 3.620 MHz, both held on Sunday mornings.

Although he led a full life, one of Ed's proudest accomplishments was having taught Doreen to copy CW at 18 wpm.

Sandy Haggart, VE3HAZ
President, Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club

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 19, at the Canada Science and Technology Museum. Plan on arriving around 18:30 to meet and greet.

This year, the dinner will be held in the overflow lunch room accessible from door S5A on the South side of the Museum. The conference hall that we normally use will not be available because the main portion of the Museum is closed for roof repairs.

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

Joe VE3EUS and Sandy VE3HAZ
Organizing Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION

At the general meeting of January 16, 2014, members in good standing will be asked to vote, by secret ballot, on the following motion:

“MOVED THAT LIFE MEMBERSHIP BE CONFERRED UPON ERNEST JAMES (ERNIE) JURY, VE3EJJ, FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CLUB, TO THE AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNITY IN THE OTTAWA AREA AND TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.”

At their meeting of December 5, 2013, and pursuant to article 2.1.2 of the Club by-laws, the Executive voted to recommend to members that they confer life membership upon Ernie Jury, VE3EJJ, for outstanding service to the members of the Club, to the amateur radio community in the Ottawa area and to the general public.

Ernie served as Club secretary in 1993, as Club president from 1994 to 1996 and as Club treasurer from 1996 to 1997. For some 20 years, as a volunteer at the Club amateur radio station, VE3JW, located at the Canada Museum of Science and Technology, Ernie contributed to the education of the general public with respect to amateur radio and to related scientific subjects. Ernie's dedication for over 15 years has been one of the main determinants of the impressive number of graduates of the annual amateur radio course offered by the Club. Initially, Ernie was a lecturer, but soon became the manager of the course in addition to continuing to be one of its main instructors. As an accredited examiner, Ernie recommended over 100 individuals to Industry Canada for the amateur radio operator certificate. Ernie's innovative home brew projects have been an inspiration to new and seasoned radio amateurs alike.

Signed “Joe VE3EUS,” Treasurer, OVMRC

CQ JOTA DE VE3JW

On October 19, the club's amateur radio station VE3JW was activated for the 56th Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) event. During that weekend, scouts from all over the world meet on amateur radio bands. We hosted the North Grenville 1st Kemptville Scout troop. In attendance, helping the scouts make contacts, were Simon VA3SDP and Michel VE3EMB. Radio conditions were excellent. We easily made numerous SSB contacts with other troops, solely in US, and amateurs on 20 meters and 40 meters.



Left to right are Gavin - 2nd yr. and Patrol Leader (PL), Nolan - 1st yr., Mark - 1st yr. and Assistant Patrol Leader (APL), and Brandon - 1st yr.



Left to right are Benjamin - 1st yr. and Simon VA3SDP operating 40 meters and Henry - 1st yr. and Michel VE3EMB operating 20 meters.



Gavin and Michel VE3EMB operating 40 meters and Nolan Simon VA3SDP operating 20 meters.



2013-14 Meeting Dates

December 19

Pot Luck Christmas Party,
18:30 h

January 16, 2014

Guest Speaker:

Bryan Rawlings, VE3QN

Topic:

Canada's International Amateur
Radio Representation

February 20

Flea Market.

Bring cash, we will have lots of
recycled gear for sale.

March 20

**40th Anniversary of Amateur
Radio and the CSTM**

Reflecting the history and
value of amateur radio within
CSTM and our community

April 16 - Wednesday

Home Brew Evening -

Show us what you've been
building this winter

May 15

Mobile Show n Tell

Bring your mobile installation
and we'll look and evaluate.
Prize(s) to be awarded. To be
held outdoors, 19:00h

June 19

**Annual General Meeting
Elections**

What's Happening Elsewhere!

**Manotick Amateur Radio
Group (MARG)**

[www.ve3rix.com/:](http://www.ve3rix.com/)

Christmas Dinner at the Asian
Fusion located at Bank St and Hunt
Club Rd. Saturday, 14 Dec 2013, at
6 pm.

**Ottawa Amateur Radio Club
(OARC)**

[www.oarc.net/blog/:](http://www.oarc.net/blog/)

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays -
It's the annual Trivia Nite at our
December 11, 2013 meeting

**Rideau Lakes Amateur
Radio Club (RLARC)**

[ve3rlr.dyndns.org/:](http://ve3rlr.dyndns.org/)

The Annual Christmas Dinner of
the Rideau Lakes Amateur Radio
Club will be held on December
12th, 2013 at Gerbos Restaurant on
Beckwith Street in Smiths Falls.
Dinner will begin at 6:00 PM with
all members and their partners
invited.

Rambler deadline

Meeting date minus 13 days

Jan 03
Feb 07
Mar 07
Apr 04
May 02
Jun 06
Jul/Aug 09

Please submit articles for the
Rambler to the editor:

[Robert Cherry](#)

No later than the deadline for the
desired edition.

**January Rambler
submission deadline is:**

Friday, 3rd Jan 2014

JOKE

The radio married the antenna. The
wedding was OK, but the reception was
really great!



MEMBERSHIP FORM

- The membership year starts in September and runs to the end of August of the following year.*
- Regular membership is open to licensed amateurs.*
- Associate membership is open to all unlicensed radio enthusiasts.*
- Membership includes an e-mail subscription to the Club newsletter, the OVMRC Rambler.*

Date: **PLEASE PRINT**

RENEWAL NEW CHANGE OVMRC NAME TAG (COST \$10.00) No Yes

Call Sign	Surname	Preferred First Name
Street		Apartment Number
City	Province	Postal Code
Home Phone	Work Phone	E-mail Address
Are you a member of Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> RAC ID: _____ Expiry Date: / /		

Full Membership (Not a Member of RAC) \$35.00/year
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Amount Enclosed
\$ _____
Cheque Cash

My Interests are: VHF/UHF Phone VHF/UHF Digital VHF/UHF CW
 Satellite HF Phone HF Digital HF CW

Current Occupation:
If Retired, Former Occupation:
Skills: (Please list them all)

COMMENTS

OVMRC NAME TAG – ORDER DETAILS

First Name:

Call Sign: