

QCWA

Fred Hammond Chapter 73

Chapter 73 Newsletter for Spring 2001

The Spring 2001 meeting will be on Saturday **MAY 5, 2001**, at the Plainsman Restaurant on Highway #5, 2.5 km west of Clappisons Corners and Highway #6. As usual coffee will be available at 9:00 AM with the meeting **STARTING AT 10:00 AM**.

Please complete and return the enclosed form, with your cheque for \$15.00 per person, by April 24, 2001 in the addressed envelope provided.

Meeting Agenda

- Nature or future meeting programs.
- Activities/projects outside of regular meetings.
- Some thoughts re QCWA awards.
- Attraction of new members.
- QCWA endowment program.
- IARU update with Tom Atkins
- RAC update from Dana Shtun
- QCWA report from Croft Taylor
- Use of our money on hand.
- A new President.



Convention last October in Toronto attended by over 100 American and Canadian members of the Association.

The convention presented numerous forums on many interesting topics including AMSAT, the new digital modes of PSK31, digital broadcasting in Canada as well as 9 additional very interesting sessions.

During the wrap up banquet, a ceremony took place officially changing the name of the Chapter from the Southern Ontario Chapter 73 to the **"Fred Hammond Chapter 73"**. The

new banner was unfurled (see l-r below) Chapter President Earl Mann VE3EHM, President Gary Harrison KOBC, Rob Hammond VE3EIL, one of Fred's sons and Chapter Secretary Treasurer Harold Braun VE3DWH. On behalf of the Hammond Family, Rob Hammond thanked the Chapter and QCWA for honouring Fred VE3HC, who passed away in November of 1999.

New Members

Dragon Mihajlovic **VE3FF** of Mississauga and Waldemar Szczesniak **VE3CZK** of Toronto

Silent Keys

Edward (Chuck) Bailey **VE3KA** of Toronto on June 26th 2000 and Donald Archibald **VE3BFQ** of Toronto on January 18th 2000

Membership Dues

Check the upper right hand corner of your address label. The figures "12/2001" indicate the expiration month/year of your Chapter 73 membership. If your membership has lapsed, or is due shortly, please include the fee of \$10.00 per year when returning the forms.

For information on joining QCWA or if you have any questions regarding your current membership status contact the Sec/Treasurer at the meeting.

Convention 2000 Highlights

Your Chapter hosted the 2000 International



Garry Hammond VE3XN (no relation) of Listowel gave an excellent presentation at the Saturday evening banquet of his recent trip to China, honouring the accomplishments of Fred & others in assisting in the re-establishing of Amateur Radio in China.

Gary related to the crowd the unselfish donation

of time and equipment made by Fred Hammond VE3HC, Martin Rosenthal VE3MR and Tom Wong VE7BC as they set up a large club station BY1PK in Beijing in the early 80s.



Doug Hall VE3TB of Guelph receives a 65 Year Certificate from QCWA President Gary Harrison K0BC

QCWA President Gary Harrison, K0BC made a number of presentations to QCWA members from across North America. These awards represented recognition of members who have been licensed for 50 years or more.

As well, FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth, was recognized for his service to Amateur Radio. A member of his staff accepted the award on his behalf.

In total 16 members of Chapter 73 were recognized as members of the QCWA Century Club last year. This award is made to members whose age and years as a QCWA member equal 100 or more.



Paul Cassel VE3SY received the Meritorious Service Award given by the General Manager, Jim Walsh W7LVN and presented by President

Gary Harrison K0BC, recognizing outstanding service by a chapter member. Paul was recognized for the work he has done in creating the chapter and convention web sites. President

Gary remarked about the excellent web sites in his column in the Summer issue of The Journal.



The week-end concluded with a bus trip on Sunday to the "Hammond Museum of Radio" where a personalized tour of the Museum was provided by Fred's Sons Rob and Bill Hammond and Museum Curator, Nori Irwin.

To keep the VE3HC call active, the VE3HC Memorial Station was activated and several members including Martin Rosenthal VE3MR made a dozen or so contacts.



The tour stopped for lunch at The Plainsman Restaurant in Dundas where they enjoyed a wonderful buffet and then on to Mount Hope a visit to the Warplane Heritage Museum.

It was announced that this probably marked the end of large 3 day conventions for some time since no Chapters have offered to sponsor conventions in 2001 or 2002. However, next year QCWA will sponsor a Caribbean cruise departing Fort Lauderdale, FL on Oct 27th 2001, for a cruise to islands in the Eastern Caribbean. The trip will be open to all Amateurs, not exclusively QCWA members. Watch for details in future issues of The Journal.

<Convention Highlights and Photos Follow>



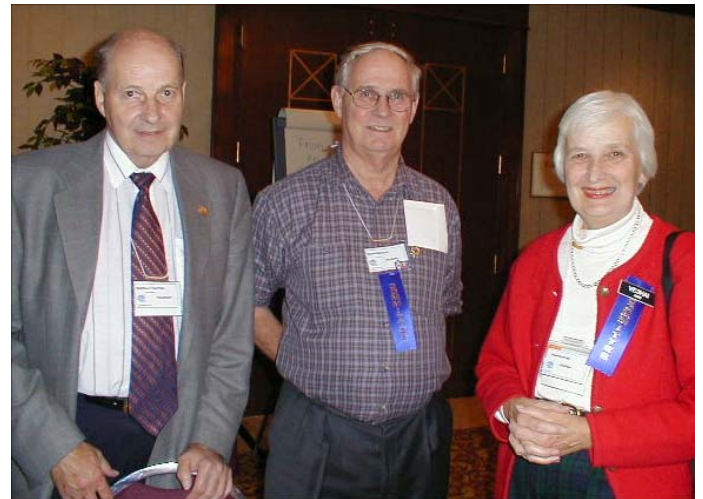
QCWA President Gary Harrison K0BC (left) presents a Century Club Award to Herb Lehman VE3BZU



The Ladies program under the direction of Ann Nutter VE3HAI was an tremendous success. Ann was assisted by Marg Cassel VE3RE.



QCWA General Manager Jim Walsh W7LVN and his assistant Jan visit with Hammond Museum Curator Nori Irwin



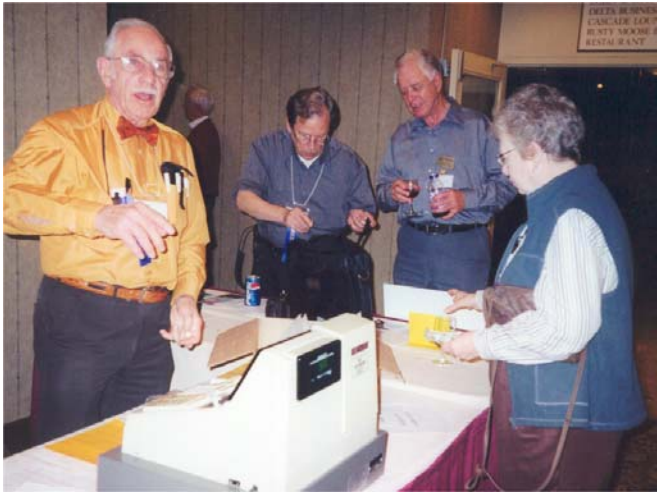
Chapter 73 members Ann and Barc Nutter VE3HAI/VE3HAH visit with new Chapter Secretary Treasurer Keith Bentley VE3DHL



Fred's sons Bill and Rob Hammond VE3EIL and Fred's brother Ken pose in front of the Museum's KW1 stations with President Gary Harrison K0BC and Paul Cassel VE3SY



The Convention Hospitality Suite was under the direction of Al Bonner VE3FY (centre) shown here visiting with Herb Lehman VE3BZU and Paul VE3SY.



Registration was a very important function. Jim Thompson VE3BCA is shown here in action. In the background is Convention Hotel liaison Marv Nash VE3FON (I) and QCWA Director George Roach VE3BNO.



The twelve forums were all very well attended. Tess and Bill Hardie - VE3HIR and VE3EFX shown here operated the Chapter Club call VA3QCW publicizing the convention during the year leading up to the event.



The tour of the Warplane heritage Museum and Mt Hope was very well attended. A group are shown here around one of Rolls Royce Merlin engines.

For those members who assisted in making the convention the success it was President Earl thanks you all. And thank you as well to the members and guests who registered and enjoyed the convention.

WEB SITES OF INTEREST

New QCWA National Home Page

<<http://www.qcwa.org>>

QCWA Chapter 73 Web Site

<<http://www.kwarc.org/qcwa>>

Convention 2000 Highlights

<<http://www.kwarc.org/qcwa2000>>

Hammond Museum of Radio

<http://www.HammondMuseumOfRadio.org>



Banquet MC and Tour Director Ron Nickle VE3SF enjoys a glass of wine with his XYL Sharon during the banquet on Saturday evening.

**See you all on May 5th at
the Plainsman**



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