

QCWA

Fred Hammond Chapter 73

Chapter 73 Newsletter for Fall 2001

The Fall 2001 meeting will be held on **Saturday October 13, 2001** at the Plainsman Restaurant on Highway #5, 2.5 km west of Clappisons Corners and Highway #6. 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 September 28, 2001 in the addressed envelope provided.

Membership Dues

Check the upper right corner of your address label. The figures (eg. 12/2001) indicate the expiration month and year of your Chapter 73 membership. If your membership has lapsed, or is due shortly, please include the fee of \$10.00 per year (up to 3 years in advance). The reply form includes a section for renewal information. Please advise of any changes in your address, etc.

Meeting Agenda

- Chapter President's Report
- Introduction of new members and guests
- Introduction of new Chapter 73 Officers
- QCWA Awards
- IARU Report
- RAC Report
- QCWA Report
- Chapter 73 Treasury Report
- Guest Speaker, Mitch Powell, VE3OT, on the subject of Very Low Frequency ham activities

Silent Keys

Fred Creed **VE3DZ** of Kitchener in April
Doug Hall **VE3TB** of Guelph in May
Bill Cruikshank **VE3NX** of Wingham

New Members

Murray Lampert **VE3HI** of Toronto

President's Comments

In our spring meeting last May we raised and agreed to the notion of expanding our executive, to spread the work load more equitably and

hopefully more effectively.

We left the plan and incumbents to date as follows:

Past President	Earl Mann VE3EHM
President	<i>(to October 2001 only)</i>
Vice President/ Programs	
Secretary	Keith Bentley VE3DHL
Treasurer	Norm Freidin VE3CZI
Director/Membership	Harold Braun VE3DWH
Director/Awards	Clarke Bradford VE3WCB
Director/Prizes	

Al Bonner VE3FY and Jim Traves VE3FMT undertook to come in with nominations for President and Vice President, and we will receive and act on these in our upcoming meeting.

To which I hope we are all looking forward. (And some rain also).

73, Earl

Highlights of the Last Meeting



Martin Rosenthal VE3MR, Keith Bentley VE3DHL and Clarke Bradford VE3WCB work through the many door prizes using the Chapters beautiful new number draw box donated by Clarke.

At our meeting in May of this year, a discussion was held regarding the structure of the Chapter. The consensus was that we did not need a

constitution, but did need a simple set of bylaws. A motion that we should have a board of directors of seven people was approved.

The meeting then broke up into individual table discussion groups to consider the following questions:

- Should we continue to have topics and speakers at each meeting?
- Do we want to continue with the large number of prizes at each meeting as before?
- Should we try to continue the on-air net which has been suffering from a poor turnout?
- What new projects should we entertain?

Comments from each table were then presented. The general consensus was:

- We definitely want topics and speakers, but the time should be limited to allow for socializing at the meetings.
- It is not necessary to have so many prizes, which are hard to obtain without relying on the same donors for every meeting. We should buy and beg some prizes but have a much smaller number of them, perhaps 10 to 12.
- Not everyone was in favour of the net, and most thought that the scheduled time was a problem. We should try to find a better time than Sunday mornings. Perhaps the net should be held less frequently.
- There was little enthusiasm for new projects. Assisting in manning the station at the HMCS Haida is a good idea.



Herb Lehman VE3BZU and Ken Sherk VE3CGI relax following another excellent meal at the Plainsman Smorgasbord.

A donation of \$200 in US funds was made to the QCWA Endowment Fund. This money was obtained from the sale of a major convention prize, originally donated by Larry Parker VE3EDY, which was returned to us by the winner with the request that we put the money to furthering the interests of QCWA.

A motion was made and carried that the chapter will present long service award certificates at our cost, but that the recipients will order and pay for their own pins if they so desire.

A motion was made and carried that we should donate \$1000 to the Defence of Amateur Radio Fund (DARF). This has been done.

WEB SITES OF INTEREST

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

QCWA Chapter 73 Web Site
<http://www.kwarc.org/qcwa>

Hammond Museum of Radio
<http://www.hammondmuseumofradio.org>

See you all on Oct 13th at the Plainsman



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