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## Chapter 73 Newsletter for Spring 2003

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Our spring 2003 meeting will be held on **Saturday, May 3, 2003** at the Plainsman Restaurant on Highway #5, 2.5 km west of Clappison's Corners and Highway #6. Coffee will be available at 9.00AM, and the meeting will start at 10.00 AM.

Please complete and return the enclosed form with your cheque for \$15.00 per person, by April 30, 2003 in the pre-addressed envelope provided. Please add your e-mail address so we can update our records.

### Chapter 73 Membership Dues

Please check the upper right corner of your address label. The figures (eg. 12/2002) 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 per year (up to 3 years in advance). The reply form includes a section for renewal information. Please advise of any changes in address, etc.

### QCWA Membership Dues

QCWA Headquarters has asked us to remind those whose memberships have expired to send in their renewals. You should normally be notified by Headquarters, but we will have renewal forms at the registration desk if you need them.

### Hearing Enhancement

As an aid to those who are hard of hearing, we will have a flea power

two metre FM transmitter at the podium, so bring your handheld.....146.625 Mhz. This scheme was successfully tried at the last meeting. The power is low enough so that it will not cover very far beyond the building.

### New Member

We are pleased to welcome a new member, Len Morris, VE3FJB, VA3LM, of Orillia.

### Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame

It is a pleasure to announce that our Chapter President, Tom Atkins, VE3CDM has been elected as a member of the Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame, for his many years of service to both Canadian and International Amateur Radio. This is a small but distinguished group which includes Fred Hammond, VE3HC, Noel Eaton, VE3CJ, Bill Wilson, VE3NR, Bill Loucks, VE3AR, Art Blick, VE3AHU, Burns Getchell, VE1CL, and Doug Lockhart, VE7APU. This award will be presented by Bob Cooke, VE3BDB, who is the Ontario South Director of Radio Amateurs of Canada.

### Prize Donations

Members are encouraged to contribute a prize if they are so inclined.

### Meeting Agenda

- Chapter President's Report
- Silent Keys
- Introduction of new members and guests

- IARU Report
- QCWA Report
- Chapter 73 Treasury Report
- Scholarship Plan Progress Report
- Amateur Radio Hall of Fame Presentation
- Service Awards
- New Business
- Guest Speaker
- Luncheon
- Prizes

### President's Comments.

We are particularly pleased to announce that Ernie Crump, VE3OU, recently joined the Board as Membership Chairman. He has already put a lot of effort into recruiting new members and chasing up lapsed members. Ernie has also initiated a process where Chapter 73 will accept applications and payment in Canadian Funds for forwarding to QCWA Headquarters. We hope this will make it more attractive for new members to join us.

Mary Card, VE3FEB, has worked very hard to prepare a Fred Hammond Chapter Scholarship plan, which she will present to you for approval. A draft of the plan is included with this newsletter.

We are looking forward to hearing from our Guest Speaker, Dave Flarity, VE3DVE, who will tell us about the Amateur Radio Emergency Service and its implementation in the Niagara

Region. Dave is a member of our chapter.

**Highlights of the Last Meeting**

Our fall meeting was held on Saturday, October 5th, 2002 at the Plainsman Restaurant, with 74 members and guests in attendance. President, Tom Atkins, VE3CDM, welcomed all those present and introduced a new member, Bruce Weber, VE3IL and announced that Fred Dudley, VE3EOU, has become a silent key.

Tom also gave a brief IARU Report covering the situation regarding the 40 metre amateur band that is on

the agenda for The World Radio Conference in Geneva June 9 to July 4 of this year.

Croft Taylor, VE3CT, QCWA President, reported on the latest activities of the QCWA, and presented long service awards to Earl Mann, VE3EHM, 65 years, Jack MacQuarrie, VE3AWY, and Jim Thompson, VE3BCA, 55 years, and in absentia, Fred Williams VE3HE, 55 years.

Our guest speaker was Tom Domonkos, VE3FCK, who gave us a very interesting talk about the extensive contributions in the early

days, of a Canadian, Reginald Aubrey Fessenden, to the technology of radio communication and broadcasting. Tom has spent many hours during the last 12 years in Canada and the US, researching Fessenden's activities and has become an expert on the subject.

After our buffet lunch, we had a prize draw with many winners. Prizes were courtesy of Electrosonic Inc., Hammond Manufacturing, Buzz Roberts, VE3ZDD, and Larry Parker, VE3EDM.

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**QCWA Homepage**

<http://www.qcwa.org>

**QCWA Chapter 73 Web Site**

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

**Hammond Museum of Radio**

<http://www.hammondmuseumofradio.org>



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**See you all on May 3rd at the Plainsman**