

Chapter 73 Newsletter for Fall 2004

Our fall 2004 meeting will be held on **Saturday, October 2, 2004** 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 September 28, 2004 in the pre-addressed envelope provided.

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 our new combined renewal forms at the registration desk if you need them. You can now renew in Canadian funds through Chapter 73.

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.

New Member

We are pleased to welcome new members, Ken Oelke, VE6AFO, who is also the President of the Calgary Chapter of QCWA, and Pierre Mainville, VA3PM, who many of you will know from RAC and Radioworld.

Prize Donations

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

President's Comments. Greetings:

I am particularly proud to announce on your behalf year 2004 is a special milestone for Chapter 73, thanks to the generosity of the Hammond and the Enns family, together with our Chapter 73 contribution. It is the beginning of our Chapter 73 Scholarship Program. Special kudos to Chairman Mary Card and her group of advisers Jim Cull, Earl Mann and Jack Macquarie as the 2004 Program gets under way under way. Later in this Newsletter you will see the names and backgrounds of the five Chapter 73 Scholarships winners this year. Thanks to

you all for your support in this very worthwhile program.

We are happy to announce that our guest speaker at the Fall meeting will be our own member, Fergus Kyle, VE3LVO, who is going to tell us all about his efforts in building a real airplane that he can fly in.

All roads point to Ottawa, October 15, 16, and 17th for the 2004 QCWA National Convention at the Lord Elgin Hotel, hosted once again by Chapter 70. Based on the great success of the last convention in Ottawa, this is an excellent opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new ones at this Fall gathering. Lets be sure to show our tangible support for the Ottawa group with a good representation from the Fred Hammond Chapter.

If you have not yet made your reservation, send an e-mail to ve3njh@rac.ca or telephone 613 727 7269, and Donald Heaslip will be pleased to assist you with your reservation. Details are available from www.qcwa.org/2004convention.htm.

We hope that Chapter 73 will be well represented by your presence for a very interesting and ideal weekend trip for you and your XYL. Don't delay...hope to see you there.

Tom, VE3CDM

Late Breaking News

Tom Atkins, VE3CDM has been elected to the board of directors of QCWA - Congratulations Tom!

2004 Scholarship Committee Report

The Fred Hammond Chapter 73 QCWA, Scholarship in the amount of \$500, was created by the Scholarship Committee and supported by and approved by the members of the Chapter to honour the memory of the Silent Keys of Chapter 73.

When our scholarship program was first announced, we received a letter from Rob Hammond in which he stated how much his father, Fred Hammond, had enjoyed our meetings and also informed us that the Hammond Manufacturing Company Limited would like to support our scholarship program on a yearly basis. The members of the scholarship committee and the members of our chapter were thrilled with

this letter and our scholarship committee was now in a position to award three scholarships, each in the amount of \$500.

We are pleased to announce that for this year, in addition to our three chapter scholarships, we have been able to award two additional scholarships which have been generously donated by the family of the late Eric Enns, VE3BB, to honour his memory and his contributions to electronics and amateur radio, and his zest for life! On behalf of all of the members of the Fred Hammond Chapter 73 QCWA and our five scholarship recipients for 2004, we thank our very generous donors from the bottom of our hearts.

This year we received 14 outstanding scholarship applications from 14 very deserving students and it was a very difficult task for the scholarship committee to select our five recipients for the year 2004. The scholarships will not only help the students financially with their post secondary education during the school year 2004-2005, but also honours them for their hard work, contributions to the community and their commitment to the field of telecommunication. The scholarship committee is pleased to announce our scholarship recipients for 2004.

Afia Ashraf, our first scholarship recipient, completed grade 12 at Monarch Park Collegiate in Toronto in June of 2004. In addition to her excellent marks and her interest in communication technology, Afia participated in extracurricular activities at school such as the South Asian club, and has spent countless hours volunteering her time in the community. In the fall Afia will be attending the University of Toronto

studying Life Sciences. In the future Afia is planning to enter the field of medicine and become a heart surgeon.

Muhammad Talal Latif, our second scholarship recipient, also completed his grade 12 at Monarch Park Collegiate in June of 2004 with excellent marks. At school Muhammad was an active volunteer in our "Seniors in Cyberspace" program and he also volunteered his time in the community. In the fall, he will be attending Ryerson University studying engineering and working towards the degree Bachelor of Engineering – Mechanical Engineering.

Jeffrey Martin, our third scholarship recipient, is not only an outstanding student, but also volunteers his time in the community. Jeffrey, who is planning to earn his amateur radio licence, comes from a long line of amateur "ham" radio operators. His father, Dr. Scott Martin, VE3SZ, is a life member of the QCWA and a member of Chapter 73. His grandfather is Mr. Ivan Martin, VE3GTU; his uncle is Dr. Dean Dryburgh, VE3DRQ; his Aunt is Mrs. Lynn Dryburgh, VE3LLY and another Uncle is Dr. Greg Martin, VE3LOM. In the fall Jeffrey will be studying in the honours Mechanical Engineering and Management programme at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) in Oshawa, Ontario. In the future Jeffrey is planning to be an engineer, following in his grandfather's footsteps!

Christopher Murphy, VE3TIC, is our fourth scholarship recipient. Christopher, an avid amateur radio operator, will be returning in the fall to the Computer Systems and Networking Program at Centennial College. Christopher's favourite extracurricular activity is amateur radio and he is hoping to become involved with the York Region ARES group! In the future Christopher's first choice of occupation is to become a member of one of the technology related divisions of the military. Christopher is honoured to receive a scholarship from the QCWA. He states that "receiving a QCWA scholarship will link tangibly the influence of amateur radio and engineering on my life".

Nghia (Nicky) Vu, our fifth scholarship recipient, is currently enrolled in the Engineering Technology and Applied Science program at Centennial College and will be returning in the fall to complete his education in Computer-System Network-Technology. His marks are outstanding and his electronic,

communications, and technology skills are exemplary. Nghia is currently the treasurer of Centennial College's Institute of Electrical Engineers and is also volunteering his time for several years in the community as a Vietnamese-English Interpreter. In the future, Nghia would like to work for a technology Research Company that provides pragmatic and forward-thinking advice about technology's impact on our lives!

On behalf of all of the members and the silent keys of the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73 QCWA, the scholarship committee congratulates and is proud of all of our scholarship recipients for the year 2004!

Respectfully submitted by the Scholarship Committee

Mary Card, Chair; Jim Cull; Earl Mann; and Jack MacQuarrie

Highlights of the Last Meeting

Our spring meeting was held on Saturday, May 1st, 2004 at the Plainsman Restaurant.

It was announced that Eric Enns, VE3BB became a silent key. Several other calls were reported from the floor, VE3AHX, VE3CHR and VE3LJR. A prominent guest was Ken Oelke, VE6AFO, who gave us a few words about the Wild Rose Chapter 151 in Calgary. Their chapter will be hosting the QCWA Convention in 2006.

Croft Taylor, QCWA President presented a report, outlining changes to the QCWA QSO parties, and the intention in the next election to reduce the number of Directors from 10 to 8. A new General Manager has been selected to replace Jim Walsh, W7LVN. He is Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD.



Our Speaker was Robin Haighton, VE3FRH, President of AMSAT North

America, who gave us an illuminating description of the history of AMSAT and its activities in building and launching amateur satellites over the last forty years. Two new ones are in progress of being built (one of these is now in operation, AO51).

After our buffet lunch, we had a prize draw with many winners. Prizes were courtesy of Radioworld, Ernie Crump, VE3OU, Larry Parker, VE3EDY, Buzz Roberts VE3ZDD, and Bob Morton, VE3BFM of Maple Leaf Communications.

The special event station at The Hammond Museum had a very successful session making many contacts, mainly on 40 metres due to band conditions. Harold Braun, VE3DWH will tell us more about it



Bruce Underwood, VE3ANU hard at work at VE3HC

SERVICE AWARDS

A number of service awards were announced with presentations made to those in attendance by President Croft Taylor. VE3CT

Clive Oakes, VE3YB - Century Club

Robert Boyd, VE3SV - 70 years

Clarke Bradford, VE3WCB; James Cull, VE3ND; Dennis Eason, VE3BRO; John Hann, VE3LKH; W. L. Morris, VE3TM; Dr. Hew Prouse, VE3FHP; Tom Watson, VE3CY; All 55 years.

William Catlender, VE3ILE - 50 years



L to R VE3DWH, VE3YB, VE3FHP, VE3ND, VE3CT