



# Fred Hammond Chapter 73

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## Chapter 73 Newsletter for Fall 2005

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Our Fall meeting will be held on Saturday, 15 October 2005 at The Plainsman Restaurant. Please send in the reply form right away. Contributions to the Scholarship Fund are encouraged, as are prize donations. For those who are hard of hearing, we will have a flea power Transmitter on 146.625 MHz. Bring your handheld with earphone.

### President's Comments

Good morning: A warm welcome to members and their guests who are able to join us for our Fall lunch meeting on Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>. The coffee pot will be on at 9am!

Our Vice-President Mary, VE3FEB Chairman of our Chapter 73 Scholarship Committee, will announce the 2005 winners. Our sincere congratulations to them all. Let us also not forget the time and efforts of the Committee in arriving at the final selection

We are pleased to announce that our guest speaker will be Garry Hammond, VE3XN author of the popular feature "Dxing with Hammond" in TCA which is known to us all. Some of you may remember that Garry was also one of our base station operators at CI8C, the Canadian control station at Resolute Bay for the Canada/USSR TransPolar Ski-Trek Expedition from the Severnaya Zemlya Archipelago crossing the North Pole and ending at Cape Columbia on Ellesmere Island, a distance of some 2000 kilometres on the polar ice, which took 91 days from February to June 1988.

When deciding about travel plans for 2006. an early reminder that you should plan to visit Calgary in

2006 for the QCWA International Convention Sept 28-30, 2006 hosted by the QCWA Wild Rose Chapter 151, and enjoy some wonderful Western hospitality.

Over many years since Chapter 73 was first formed, our guest speaker has been an important and interesting feature of all our meetings, and to ensure the continuation of this tradition we would certainly welcome your recommendations for future guest speakers. Please pass along possible suggestions to Keith or myself.

As in so many previous disasters, Amateur Radio has been right there to help with health and welfare communications traffic following the disastrous Hurricane Katrina, and I spent some time monitoring the Salvation Army Emergency Radio Network on 14,265 Khz, which has been operating steadily since the disaster happened occurred. in accordance with the long-established Amateur Radio tradition of service.

See you all on October 15<sup>th</sup>  
Tom, VE3CDM

### SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

We are proud to announce that the Fred Hammond Chapter 73 Scholarship Program is now in its second successful year. Our chapter scholarships are each valued at \$500 and honour the memory of all of the Chapter Silent Keys and in particular the memory of Fred Hammond. This year we would like to once again thank Rob Hammond and the Hammond Manufacturing Company Limited for the continuing to support of our

scholarship program on a yearly basis and making it possible for our club to award three Chapter scholarships each in the amount of \$500. This year two of our scholarship recipients are female amateur radio operators. Ann Nutter has very generously offered to pay for one-year memberships for each of these scholarship recipients in **CLARA, The Canadian Ladies' Amateur Radio Association.**

This year we received seven outstanding scholarship applications from seven very deserving students and it was a very difficult task for the scholarship committee to select our three scholarship recipients for the year 2005. The scholarships will not only help the students financially with their post secondary education during the school year 2005-2006, 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 2005.

**Elizabeth Ferguson, VA6LIZ**, our first scholarship recipient, lives in Calgary and is very active in amateur radio. Next year Elizabeth will be studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Calgary. After she completes her undergraduate degree she is planning to do a Masters degree in Aerospace Engineering at McGill Engineering. Elizabeth is involved in a larger variety of extracurricular activities including choir, symphonic band, wind ensemble, the wrestling team, the track and field team,

the leadership committee, science fair, QCWA amateur radio, scuba diving, and the international space day planning committee. Her ultimate career goal is to become an astronaut!

**Melissa Parker**, VE3MIP, our second scholarship recipient, is returning to the University of Alberta, in Edmonton, in the fall in order to complete her Masters degree. Melissa is a certified high school teacher who has not only taught a variety of subjects including Science English, Sociology and Philosophy, but who has also volunteered her time as a coach of Senior Boys Volleyball, Senior Girls Volleyball and Girls Rugby. Melissa has played on many Rugby teams since 1998 and has been honoured for her athletic achievements. Melissa also volunteers her time in the community and has worked one on one with exceptional students in language and reading. In the future Melissa would like to be a Principal or a Vice-Principal. Melissa's proud father, who lives in Sarnia, is Larry Parker, VE3EDY.

**Sara Traves**, our third scholarship recipient, lives in Cambridge, Ontario. In the fall Sara will be studying Science at the University of Guelph in the fall of 2005. Sara is very active in extracurricular activities at high school and has been in the high school concert band at school for the last four years. She has also volunteered her time at the Sunrise Equestrian and Recreation Centre and works at a local grocery store five days a week. In the future Sara is planning to enter the field of forensic science, veterinary medicine, or teaching. Sara states in her application that "The Fred Hammond 2005 Scholarship will help make me achieve my goals." Sara's proud grandfather is Earl Mann, VE3EHM.

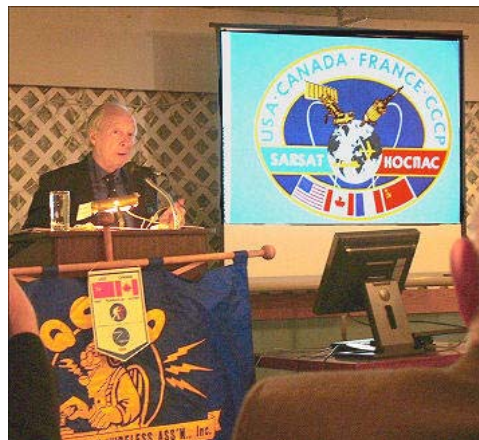
On behalf of all of the members and the silent keys of the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73 QCWA, the scholarship committee congratulates and is proud of all of our scholarship recipients for the year 2005!

Respectfully submitted by the Scholarship Committee

Mary Card, Chair; Jim Cull; and Jack MacQuarrie

### Highlights from Last Meeting Our Speaker

Our feature presentation was an illustrated talk by Tom Atkins, VE3CDM about the Canada/USSR Transpolar Ski Trek Expedition as described in our Spring Newsletter. Particular Thanks go to Ron Gimbel, VE3DBD, who took Tom's slides and turned them into an excellent audio/visual presentation.



### Awards

Century Club Awards were presented to Tom Atkins, VE3CDM, Gord Barber, VE3AAH, Terry French, VE3OB, Salt Jones, VE3PJ, Norm Lawton, VE3ON, Gord MacPhail, VE3IH, Earl Mann, VE3EHM, Bill Morris, VE3TM, Fred Williams, VE3HE, Thelma Woodhouse, VE3CLT, and Fred Wilkinson, VE3AJW. A 70 year certificate was presented to Al Taylor, VE3WV, and 55 year certificates were presented to Tom Atkins, VE3CDM, Keith Bentley, VE3DHL, Al Bonner, VE3FY, and Tom Vince, VE3HM. 50 year certificates were presented to Bill

Eason, VE3DUU, and Roy Taylor, VE3AHY.

Not all of these amateurs were present but those who were are shown in these photographs.



Century Club VE3EHM, VE3PJ, VE3AAH, VE3CDM



Certificates, VE3DUU, VE3CDM, VE3DHL, VE3FY

### Prizes

After lunch we had a prize draw with many winners. Prizes were courtesy of Martin Rosenthal, VE3MR, of Electrosonic Inc., Tom Atkins, VE3CDM, Ben Sasiela, VE3ST, Larry Parker VE3EDY, Ernie Crump, VE3OU, Len Dodds, VE3GHN, and Jack MacQuarrie, VE3AWY.

## WEB SITES OF INTEREST

QCWA HQ Homepage

<http://www.qcwa.org>

QCWA Chapter 73 Web Site

<http://qcwa.ca>

Hammond Museum of Radio

<http://www.hammondmuseumofradio.org>