
Chapter 73 Newsletter for Fall 2006

Our Fall meeting will be held on Saturday, 14 October 2006 at The Plainsman Restaurant. Please send in the reply form right away. Contributions to the Scholarship Fund are encouraged. Those of you who are hard of hearing can bring your handheld with earphone and listen on 146.625 MHz. Paul Cassel, VE3SY will repeat his E-Bay presentation of October 2003, at popular request.

Silent keys

Tom Vince, VE3HM on 29 June 2006 at age 75. See the September/October issue of TCA Magazine for a brief eulogy starting at the bottom of page 55. Tom was well known and was very active in the Niagara region. Please inform the Secretary-treasurer if you find out about any of our members and friends becoming a silent key. Often we are not notified (nor is Industry Canada for that matter).

Missing

Donald Harnett, VE3AXA, His last meeting notice was returned as "no longer at this address".

President's comments

QCWA is completely supported by a membership which has an attrition rate, which by its very nature becomes much more pronounced as members grow older.

Each Chapter is responsible for determining its own meeting schedule (some much more frequently than others) which are informal but this has the effect of bringing members together thus providing more continuity. Such a schedule gives a feeling of belonging, which is absent from the larger Chapters which may have two general meetings a year and nothing further, except participation in the QSO parties.

At both our May and October meetings, traditionally the President reports on our membership status.

In my current term of office over the past few years, the number of Silent Keys has *always* exceeded any new members, with the exception that in a recent past year, there were *no* Silent Keys but several *new* members! With your help in obtaining new members, hopefully we can do this again.

Tom, VE3CDM

Scholarship Report

We are proud to announce that the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73 QCWA, Scholarship Program is now in its third successful year.

Our chapter scholarships are each valued at \$500 and honour the memory of all of the Silent Keys of the QCWA Fred Hammond Chapter 73, 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 continuing to support our scholarship program on a yearly basis. This year we are proud to announce that through the generosity of our chapter members we are able to award an additional two scholarships for a total of five, each in the amount of \$500. These scholarships will not only help the students financially with their postsecondary education during the school year 2006-2007, but also honours them for their hard work, contributions to the community and their commitment to the field of telecommunications. The scholarship committee is pleased to announce our scholarship recipients for 2006.

Jessica Bidnes, our first scholarship recipient, is in her second year at the University of Guelph. During high school Jessica was a member of her high school rugby team. Jessica also enjoys playing the saxophone. Jessica spent many hours volunteering at a local veterinary clinic in her hometown, Gananoque and during her first year at the University of Guelph she was a volunteer at the Ontario Veterinary College in their "Foal Watch Program". Jessica has been extremely involved with horses since the age of seven and is working towards acceptance in the Large Animal Veterinarian Program at the University of Guelph. In the future Jessica would like to become a Veterinarian, specializing in equine care. Jessica is the great-grand-daughter of Fred, VE3FYR, and Jean Richards.

Edgar Cao, our second scholarship recipient, participated in many extracurricular activities during high school. He was a member of Radio Monarch, the Chinese Club (President), and the Science Club. He was also a member of the Seniors Boys' Volleyball Team and the Co-ed Volleyball team. Edgar is currently enrolled in his first year at the University of Waterloo in the Nanotechnology program. His future goal is to become a Nanotechnologist and be able to find innovative ways to improve the lives of people everywhere.

Zarghuna Hakime, our third scholarship recipient, was a member of the Student Council for three years. She was also a

member of the Chemistry Club, the Dance Club, the Afghani Club and the Peer Tutoring Club. She was an active volunteer in the library and in the *Seniors in Cyberspace* program at her school. Zarghuna is an active volunteer in the community in the Ismaili Volunteer Corps and also developed a community "Reading Buddy" program for young children. Zarghuna is currently enrolled in her first year of the Life Sciences program at McMaster University. Her goal is to become a family doctor, work for five years in Canada, and then work as a doctor in Developing Countries around the world.

Jessica Kayitesi, our fourth scholarship recipient, was a volunteer in the Guidance Department and in the *Seniors in Cyberspace* program at her school. In the community, Jessica volunteered at the Warden Woods Community Centre where she worked in programs with young children and seniors. Jessica also baby-sits and pet-sits for her friends. Jessica is currently enrolled in her first year at the Ryerson University in the Nursing Program. When she completes this program, she would like to continue her education and become a Nurse Practitioner, specializing in Pediatrics. Her goal is to help young children who are in critical situations.

Raymond Liu, our fifth scholarship recipient, was a member of his school's Mathematics Club, the Environment Club (President), and the "Oh My Word" Literature Club. Last year he was the senior volunteer in the library at his school. He participated in the *Seniors in Cyberspace* program for two years and for the school year 2005-2006 he was the student coordinator of this program at his school. In the community he volunteered for the Toronto Intergenerational Partnerships as an Internet Coach for seniors. Raymond is currently enrolled in his first year at the University of Toronto. In the future Raymond would like to enter medical school and become a physician and then specialize in the field of surgery.

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 2006!

Respectfully submitted by the
Scholarship Committee

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

**Prize Chairman's comments-
Exciting prize table**

I hope you all are enjoying the summer that is still around with some beautiful weather. There is still some time to put up new antennas and towers before the frost hits the ground. If you are like me and most of us, you'll probably wait till it's 10 below and the snow is coming down hard.

Our next meeting in chapter 73 is just around the corner and I still have the pleasure of being in charge of the Prize Table. Your contributions to the prize table at our spring meeting impressed us all and hopefully we will accomplish something similar at the meeting now in October. Your help is greatly appreciated and I'm sure we'll have another exciting prize table.

The items for the prize table can be just about anything that could be of interest to a ham or any person for that matter. The donated items don't have to be directly related to ham radio but we would prefer the items to be new or in mint condition.

Apart from electronic and electrical items, books, tools, software, gift certificates, a bottle of wine or two, etc. would be very much appreciated. You may have dealings with businesses and suppliers that wouldn't mind contributing to our prize table to get some extra exposure of their products and services. Use your imagination and surprise us all. Let's have some fun!

Please let me know what you would like to donate to our prize table and I'll make arrangements for the item(s) to be picked up. If a pick up is not possible we'll make other arrangements to get your generous gift delivered to the QCWA prize table. All donors will be recognized at the meeting.

You can contact me at ve3obu@rac.ca or by telephone at 416-283-4444. If you have a fax machine the number is 416-283-6688.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Plainsman Restaurant on Saturday October 14, 2006.

*73, Bert Almemo VE3OBU
Prize Chairman, QCWA Chapter 73*

**Highlights of the last Meeting
Speaker**



Our guest speaker was Dr. Gordon Hayward, VE3EOS who told us about some very unusual uses for quartz crystal oscillators. It seems that if you run them outside of their holders and drop a small amount of brain fluid into

an attached glob on the side, the resulting rate and change of frequency can detect mad cow disease and sheep scrapie. He did not elaborate on how the animals felt about this, but the implications on biological research are extensive. A detailed biography of Dr. Hayward is available on our chapter web site, www.qcwa.ca.

Awards

The highlight of certificate presentations by President Tom, VE3CD was a **75 year** certificate to Gordon MacPhail shown in the photograph below. This came with a life membership and plaque at the courtesy of QCWA.

Century Club Awards were presented to Martin Rosenthal, VE3MR, George Towns, VE3NIJ and Bruce Underwood, VE3ANU.

70 year awards were presented to Gord Barber, VE3AAH, Bill Booth, VE3AAA, the late Terry French, VE3OB, Fred Lewery, VE3FGJ and Bill Loucks, VE3AR.

60 Years to Court Broad, VE3AZ, 55 Years to Bob Abell, VE3XM, and 50 Years to Jim Anderson, VE3ERA and Ernie Crump, VE3OU

Those members present at the meeting who received certificates are shown in the photo below:

Other Business

A motion was made and carried that we buy a computer projector, so that we no longer have to scrounge for every meeting and hope that what we borrow will be compatible. We now own a Panasonic PTLB20 projector.

Prizes

The prize draw was magnificent thanks to the efforts of Bert, VE3OBU. Everyone won something and many won two prizes.



**WEB SITES OF
INTEREST**

QCWA HQ Homepage

<http://www.qcwa.org>

QCWA Chapter 73 <http://qcwa.ca>

Hammond Museum of Radio

www.hammondmuseumofradio.org



VE3ERA, VE3ANU, President Tom, VE3CDM, Gord, VE3IH, Ernie, VE3OU and Bob, VE3XM)

See everyone at our next meeting Oct 14th at the Plainsman