

Chapter 73 Newsletter for Fall 2008

Our Fall meeting will be Nov 8 with Eric Meth, VE3EI, Technical Support Specialist for ICOM Canada telling us about D-STAR. Coffee will be available at 9 AM.

The price is \$20 for members and member's XYL's, and \$25 members for non-members and is non-refundable for no shows. The regime is now more restricted as we have to confirm the number of attendees four days ahead. 10 walk-ins will be allowed at \$25



Contributions to the scholarship fund are encouraged. For hearing impaired bring your handheld on 146.625.

New Members

Peter Arnoldi, VE3NTK, Toronto, ON
Jerry Fenkell, VE3OBU, Toronto, ON
Sandi Paradise, VE3MFZ, Burlington,

Silent Keys

VE3EHM, Earl Mann, Cambridge Past President see notice at <http://qcwa.ca>
VE3GHN, Len Dodds, Scarborough
VE3BZU, Herb Lehman, Agincourt
VE3DJ, Jock McArthur, Ancaster

President's Report

I enjoyed having the opportunity to meet and visit with many of you at our last meeting on May 3rd at the Mohawk Inn. The presentation on "Communication and Safety at Sea" by our guest speakers, Charles, VE3CFL



and Dianne Leggatt, VA3DDL, was excellent and it was very interesting for all of us to learn more about the Toronto Marine Amateur Radio Club.

I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to the families of Len Dodds, VE3GHN, Herb Lehman, VE3BZU, Jock McArthur, VE3DJ, and Earl Mann, VE3EHM. All of these amateur radio operators will be missed by the amateur community. I extend our sympathies and condolences to their families.

As your current President, I will miss the calm guidance of my "mentor" Earl Mann, VE3EHM/SK, our Past President and his famous phrase when it came time to make an important decision at our meetings, "Just be done with it." Earl was President of our Club when the QCWA International Convention was held in Toronto in 2000. The convention celebrated Amateur Radio's first century. A highlight of the convention was the ceremony at the end of the convention officially changing the name of our club from the Southern Ontario Chapter 73 QCWA to the "Fred Hammond Chapter 73 QCWA".

Our scholarship program, which continues to honour the memory of the Silent Keys of our Chapter and will now also honour the memory of Len Dodds, Herb Lehman, Jock McArthur and Earl Mann, is now in its fifth year.

Congratulations to Vice President: Ken Oelke - VE6AFO and Board of Directors: Joan Powell - VE3ZC elected to the above positions at QCWA HQ.

Thank you to Bert Almemo, our Vice-President, for your "prize table" expertise and for making the prize table and raffle a very successful part of our meeting. Through the very generous gift by Paul Kovac, VE3HFM, of the Vibroplex paddles for our raffle at the meeting, we were able to raise a substantial amount of money that is being directly invested into the education of our scholarship recipients. Bert is currently seeking items for our prize table for our upcoming meeting and thanks everyone in advance for your generosity.

Thank you to Keith Bentley, our Secretary-Treasurer, for creating our newsletters, preparing the agendas for our meeting and for sharing his financial expertise with us as our treasurer.

Thank you to Barc Nutter, our Membership Chairman, and Ann Nutter for hosting our June Executive meeting. Special thanks to Barc for sending us emails to notify us about upcoming events and for updating our membership list. Please email Barc at barcann@gmail.com to confirm your email address for future mailings.

Thank you to Harold Braun, our Awards Chairman, for researching and organizing our membership awards.

Special thanks to Paul Cassel for his expertise in maintaining our website, www.qcwa.ca and keeping us all informed.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on Saturday, November 8, 2008 at the "The Mohawk Inn", 401 and Guelph Line. I am proud to announce that the guest speaker this meeting, Eric Meth, VE3YYZ, will be making a presentation on the new Digital D-Star system from ICOM.

QCWA SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

We are proud to announce that the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA Scholarship program is now in its fifth successful year. Our chapter scholarships are each valued at \$500 and honour the memory of all of the Silent Keys of the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA 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. This year, we are proud to announce that through the generosity of our chapter members we were able to award one additional scholarship for a total of four chapter scholarships. Each 2008 scholarship is for \$500. The scholarships will not only help the students financially with their

postsecondary education during the school year 2008-2009, but also honours them for their hard work, their contributions to the community and their commitment to the field of telecommunications.

Our first scholarship recipient is Vick Ahmad. Vick graduated from high school in Toronto in June of 2008. Vick is currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Science program at Ryerson University. When he graduates from University, he would like to become a doctor or a medical specialist in some area pertaining to Biology. His scholarship this year has helped him to buy textbooks that are necessary for his academic success.

Our second scholarship recipient, Guillaume De Tonnancourt, VA2GDD, is from LaSalle, Quebec. Guillaume graduated from high school in 2006 and CÉGEP in May of 2008. Guillaume would like to pursue a career as a Civil Engineer. The money that Guillaume received from his scholarship this year will help him to achieve his goals in the future.

Our third scholarship recipient, Thomas Shing Hein Li, graduated from high school in Toronto, June of 2008. At school, Thomas would like to be a Mechanical Engineer. Thomas states that the money that he received has made a big difference in his life. He used it to help pay for his tuition fees and this has given him the chance to take the next step toward reaching his dreams and goals.

Our fourth scholarship recipient, Brendan McDonald, VA3BJM, graduated

High School in Dryden, Ontario in June of 2008. Brendan is hoping to pursue the career of Audiology, which will require an additional three-year Master's degree. Brendan states that receiving a scholarship this year made a difference in his life by providing financial support for his education, which in turn allows him to focus on his studies.

On behalf of everyone in the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA, I would like to congratulate our 2008 scholarship recipients and wish them success and happiness on their educational journeys to make the world a better place for others.

Mary Card

Prize Chairman Report

Our next meeting in chapter 73 is a little later this year but still only about a month away and I'm again asking for your support. You have all been very generous over the years and I hope we can continue the tradition of having an exciting prize table at our meeting November 8.

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/good condition.

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 and in the next newsletter.

You can contact me at ve3obu@rac.ca or by telephone at 416-283-4444 or 416-828-4455.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Mohawk Inn November 8, 2008.

73 Bert Almemo VE3OBU Prize Chair



At the last meeting, a number of certificates were presented by Harold Braun, VE3DWH, our Awards Chairman. The recipient's names were listed in the Spring newsletter.

WEB SITES OF INTEREST

QCWA HQ Homepage

<http://www.qcwa.org>

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

Hammond Museum of Radio

www.hammondmuseumofradio.org

See everyone at our next meeting Nov 8th at The Mohawk Inn

Thee Mohawk Inn is first left after exiting North off 401 at Guelph Line - exit 312



The awards recipients at our last meeting