

Our spring meeting will be held on Saturday, 2 May, 2009 at The Mohawk Inn located at the northwest corner of Campbellville Road and Highway 401. As usual coffee will be available at 9 AM. We will have a speaker from the Canadian Air Force to tell us about the latest aircraft and its electronics.

The price is \$20 for members and member's XYL's, and \$25 members for non-members and is non-refundable for no shows. We have to confirm the number of attendees four days ahead and only ten walk-ins will be allowed at \$25 after the cutoff date, so get your money in early. The meeting will be in the large hall at the east end of the building, with the lunch buffet served in an adjacent smaller room. Contributions to the scholarship fund are encouraged.

### New Members

Bob Jones, VE3ADJ Wilf Hopkins, VE3JNL Geoffrey Weir, VE3GDW Larry Asp, VE3RF



Ted VE3CD SK Feb 14, 2009

### Silent Keys

Ted Bodman, VE3CD at age 94.  
See the obituary at <http://qcwa.ca>

### President's Report

I enjoyed having the opportunity to meet and visit with many of you at our last meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Mohawk Inn. The presentation on D-STAR (Digital Smart Technologies for Amateur Radio) by Eric Meth, VE3EI, Technical Support Specialist for ICOM Canada, was excellent. It was interesting for all of us to learn more about ICOM's new D-Star Digital Repeater System.



Since our last meeting, I received the sad news of the passing of Ted Bodman, VE3CD. Ted received his licence in 1933 and has supported our Chapter in many ways. Ted was Secretary/Treasurer of our Chapter from 1980 to 1981 and President of our Chapter from 1994 to 1997. He was also a strong supporter of our Chapter Scholarship program. He will be missed by the amateur radio community and on behalf of the members of our Chapter, I extend our sympathies and condolences to his family.

Our scholarship program, which continues to honour the memory of the Silent Keys of our Chapter, is now in its sixth year! This year, four very deserving and grateful students are pursuing their studies at the postsecondary level and they have all received financial support from our Chapter members and Rob Hammond and Hammond Manufacturing. I extend my heartfelt thanks to our chapter members and Rob Hammond and Hammond Manufacturing for their generosity and for their ongoing support of our scholarship program. The 2009 Fred Hammond, Chapter 73 Scholarship applications, now available on our website <http://qcwa.ca>, are due on April 22, 2009.

Keith Bentley, our Secretary-Treasurer, continues to share his expertise with us, creating our newsletters, preparing the agendas for our meetings and sharing his financial expertise with us.



Barc Nutter, our Membership Chairman, and Ann Nutter were the gracious hosts for our February Chapter Executive meeting. At our executive meeting we decided to make the membership renewal dates twice a year at the end of May and the end of November, instead of ongoing. Barc updated our membership for our February Executive Meeting and will now

update our list to reflect this new policy. Please email Barc at [barcann@gmail.com](mailto:barcann@gmail.com) to confirm your email address for notice of future mailings.

Paul Cassel continues to share his expertise with us and maintains our website, [www.qcwa.ca](http://www.qcwa.ca) in order to keep us all informed.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on Saturday, May 2, 2009.

Mary Card, VE3FEB President,

**Prize Chairman Report**

Here are the donors to the prize table Fall 2008.

VE3MR	VE3QF	VE3BLK
VE3BCA	VE3AO	VE3LHL
VE3MB	VE3KWI	VA3PM
VE3DUF	VE3DHL	VE3FEB

VE3BFM VE3GVD VE3DBP  
VE3AWY VE3OBU

I hope I didn't forget anyone. If you know of someone else please let me know. Thanks.

It's only a few weeks before our next meeting when you read this and I'm still trusted to bug you for donations to our prize table. Your contributions to the prize table at our fall meeting was very much appreciated and I hope we can repeat the success this coming event. Your donations will be greatly appreciated and I'm sure we'll have another exciting prize table.

Apart from electronic and electrical items, books, tools, software, gift certificates, a bottle of wine or two, etc. would be very much appreciated. 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. All donors will be recognized at the meeting and in our newsletter.

You can contact me at [ve3obu@rac.ca](mailto: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 Mohawk Inn at 401 and Guelph Line, Saturday, May 2, 2009.

73, Bert Almemo VE3OBU

Prize Chairman and VP, Chapter 73



Paul VE3SY visiting with Doc Barton VE3FVF



Chapter members listening to Eric VE3EI's talk on D star



Guest Speaker Eric VE3EI visiting with Gord VE3NQK



Your Executive at a recent Executive Meeting

**WEB SITES OF INTEREST**

QCWA HQ Homepage  
<http://www.qcwa.org>

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

Hammond Museum of Radio  
<http://www.HammondMuseumOfRadio.org>