

Chapter 73 Newsletter for Spring 2010

Our Spring meeting will be held on Saturday, 1 May, 2010 at The Mohawk Inn located at the northwest corner of Campbellville Road and Highway 401. As usual coffee will be available at 9 AM.

The price is \$20 for members and member's XYL's, and \$25 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 cut-off 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

Don Meaker, VE3KHN
Robert Chrysler, VE3IEL
Fred Dixon, VE3CZ

Silent Keys

- **William (Bill) Loucks, VE3AR** at age 88, see the obituary notice on our chapter web page.
- **Dr. Robert Barton, VE3FVF**
- **Keith Bedal, VE3GFI**

President's Report

I enjoyed having the opportunity to meet and visit with many of you at our last meeting on Halloween Saturday, October 31st, 2009 at the Mohawk Inn. We had a good turnout of our members to hear our very own Harold Braun VE3CD /



VE3DWH, our Awards Chairman, present a live demo of the CQ100 virtual HF radio software. I found Harold's presentation on the "paradigm shift" in amateur radio

technology fascinating and it was also interesting to have our entire group connect with an amateur radio operator on the other side of the world via CQ100. To learn more about CQ100, please visit our website at <http://qcwa.ca/> and click on the link "Click for Chapter 73" On the *Cyber Air*" with CQ100.

Our Vice-President and Prize Chairman, Bert Almemo, welcomes items for the ever popular prize table for the "First of May" meeting. I would like to thank everyone, in advance, for your continued generosity and thoughtfulness in bringing items to our meeting for our always exciting prize draw. Also, on behalf of our Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, ever grateful scholarship recipients, I would like to thank Bert for continuing to organize our meeting "raffle" to raise money for our scholarship fund. If you would like to donate items for the "prize table" for our next meeting, please contact Bert at balmemo@sympatico.ca.

Barc Nutter and Ann Nutter were the gracious hosts for our February 20th, Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA Chapter Executive meeting. The very grateful members of your Chapter Executive were once again "spoiled" by the excellent "barcann" hospitality. One of the topics of discussion at our meeting was the "membership status" of our Chapter members not only in terms of "membership" in our Chapter, but also in terms of "membership" in the QCWA. I am pleased to see that so many of our members are up-to-date in both organizations. Barc has updated our Membership list to reflect our discussion and long delinquent members have now been removed from our mailing list. If you are not sure of your status in both organizations, please email Barc, our Membership Chairman, at barcann@gmail.com to confirm your status on our Membership Roster and in QCWA.

We also discussed possibilities for the guest speaker for our next meeting. Thank you to everyone at our meeting for your suggestions. I am proud to announce that our guest speaker will be Dr. B. Ralph

Chou (Ralph), <http://ep3.uwaterloo.ca/faculty/chou.html>. Dr. Chou, who is currently an associate professor in the School of Optometry, at the University of Waterloo will be speaking to us on an astronomy-related topic. I am really looking forward to his presentation at our meeting.

I was on March Break last week and in my Mary Card "archives" I came across our Chapter (which at that time was called the "Southern Ontario Chapter 73") Spring Bulletin from 1985. As a fledgling historian, I found it very interesting to read the bulletin, more than 25 years after it was printed. In the bulletin, the Chapter members at the time were reminded that one of the purposes of QCWA is "To operate exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes". I think that we should all be proud of ourselves as a chapter in that we are currently meeting the expectations for not only charitable purposes by providing scholarships for students on their educational journeys to make the world a better place for others, but also educational and scientific purposes by learning from the exciting and informative presentations by guest speakers at our twice yearly meetings held in early May and late October. When I googled "QCWA", I also found it interesting that "The Quarter Century Wireless Association, www.qcwa.org was founded in 1947 to provide an organization for the pioneers of the hobby to gather, and that QCWA promotes friendship and cooperation among Amateur Radio operators who were licensed at least a quarter century ago, and are licensed today." I think that as a Chapter, we are all performing above expectations in both of these categories since we all have formed friendships and cooperate with members of our own Chapter and other Chapters through our Chapter meetings. In 1985, Chapter members were encouraged to give thought and discussion to what they might do as a Chapter and as individuals. I am interested in hearing about your thoughts as to what we can do as a Chapter and as

individuals to promote amateur radio in our communities.

In the newsletter, the members of our Chapter were also encouraged to think about becoming a part of the Chapter Executive. The current members of your Chapter Executive would also like to encourage any of our members who are interested in assuming leadership roles as part of our Chapter 73, QCWA Executive in the future, to please step forward and let us know!

I would like to thank Keith Bentley, our Secretary-Treasurer, who continues to create our informative newsletters, send out our newsletters, prepare the agendas for our meetings and share his financial expertise with us. I would also like to thank Paul Cassel "Wintering in Mexico" for maintaining our website www.qcwa.ca in order to keep us all informed.

Harold Braun, our Awards Chairman, will be presenting the annual awards certificates from QCWA headquarters to our members at our May meeting. I would like to thank Harold for forwarding me an email with information about Doors Open Guelph. From his email, I learned that Doors Open Guelph was launched in 2002 to celebrate Guelph's architectural and historical heritage and the event is offered every year through the collaborative efforts of Guelph Arts Council, City of Guelph Tourism and Heritage Guelph. The Hammond Museum of Radio has been invited to take part in this year's Doors Open Guelph to be held Saturday, April 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and volunteers will be on hand to conduct tours every 20 minutes. Why not attend Doors Open Guelph this year?

I'm looking forward to seeing and visiting with everyone at our next meeting on Saturday, May 1, 2009 at the "The Mohawk Inn", 401 and Guelph Line.

Mary Card, VE3FEB
President

Scholarship Report

Our scholarship program, which continues to honour the memory of the Silent Keys of our Chapter, is now in its seventh year! This year, five more very deserving and grateful students are pursuing their studies at the postsecondary level and they have all received financial support from our Chapter members, Rob Hammond and Hammond Manufacturing, and the family of our Past President, Earl

Mann, in his memory. On behalf of our 2009 Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA scholarship recipients, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our chapter members, Rob Hammond and Hammond Manufacturing, and the family of Earl Mann, for their generosity and for their ongoing support of our scholarship program. The 2010 Chapter 73 Scholarship applications are now available on our website at <http://qcwa.ca/scholarship.htm>, and are due on April 22, 2010.

Mary Card, VE3FEB
Chair, Scholarship Committee

Membership Chairman Report

At this time, the Fred Hammond Chapter 73 has 99 members. This is a slight decline from a year ago.

We have lots of room to grow. Please invite your non member amateur radio friends to come to the next meeting and see what they are missing by not being a member. We have a great speaker coming that should be fascinating to everyone and it's always fun to meet old friends. The food is good and there are prizes to be won. I will have a supply of membership applications that can be submitted right at the meeting.

Please help me keep our membership list up to date. This includes your e-mail address. If you do have changes, please see me at the meeting or contact me at any time at ve3hah@rac.ca.

If you have amateur radio information that might be of interest to others in our chapter, I can send it out over the internet for you.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our May meeting.

73,
Barc Nutter, VE3HAH
Membership Chairman

Award Certificates for 2010

Congratulations to the following QCWA members

60 Years Keith VE3DHL, Al VE3FY

55 Years Fred Dixon VE3CZ

50 Years

Harold Braun VE3CD (VE3DWH), Doug Holmes VE3CWO, Peter Rowe VE3EQA, Larry Asp VE3RF

Century Club Peter Rowe VE3EQA

Fred Hammond Museum of Radio

The Avro Arrow on-board navigational device was donated to the Museum about

five years ago and we have created a small display incorporating this artifact along with a model of the Arrow, photographs and a video which is played during the tours.

New Acquisitions:

This week we received in the Museum a 51J-5 receiver, made in Canada with a serial number of X2. This was donated by the family of an engineer for Collins Canada whose job was to design the 51J-5 receiver. These were prototypes and only 3 were manufactured. The engineer had contacted the Museum 5 years ago as he wanted to make sure it would have a good home. He recently passed away and his family has followed up on his wishes for the Collins receiver to go to the Hammond Museum. This rare artifact will have a special place in our Collins Collection.

Thanks to Noreen Irwin-Hann for the above information

If you are out traveling the area this summer, why not plan a visit to the museum in Guelph. It's located at 595 Southgate Drive, just off the Hanlon Parkway (Hwy 6). Turn East at Laird Road & then left on Southgate Dr. The entrance is on the left side of the Hammond building. The museum is open 9:00 AM to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday. If the door is locked enter through the front office. There is no charge for admission & parking is free.

The curator Noreen Irwin-Hann VE3AQZ is usually there on Thursdays. At other times take advantage of the self-guided tours.

For additional information or to arrange group tours, evenings or weekends contact Noreen at nirwin@hammfg.com

Check out the web site <http://www.hammondmuseumofradio.org>

Prize Donors for the last meeting

Here are the generous donors to our prize table in no particular order:

VE3CT	VE3OWS	VE3YB
VE3PA	VE3GVD	VA3PM
VE3QF	VE3BCA	VE3IYY
VE3OBU	VE3AO	VE3MR/Electrosonic
VE3BLK	VE3HAH	VE3BFM/Maple Leaf
VE3IL	VE3NQK	VA3PM/ Radioworld
VE3KWI		

If I have any call wrong or if I missed any please correct.

Thanks.Bert, VE3OBU