

## Chapter 73 Newsletter for Fall 2010

Our Fall meeting will be held on Saturday, 30 October, 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 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. Prize donations are requested

### Silent Keys

Donald Harnett, VE3AXA, 18 April, 2010

Stan Treeby, VE3HT, 24 July, 2010

Tony Fegan, VE3QF, 21 Sept 2010

### President's Report

I enjoyed having the opportunity to meet and visit with many of you at our last meeting on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at the Mohawk Inn. We were all honoured to have Dr. B. Ralph Chou, who is not only an Associate Professor at the School of Optometry, University of Waterloo, but also President of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada as the guest speaker at this meeting. Dr. Chou's presentation on "Telescopes – The Legacy of Galileo" outlined the history of the telescope over the last 400 years from the time of Galileo and at this meeting we all had an opportunity to journey together through space and time as we listened to Dr. Chou's excellent presentation. We had a good turnout at this meeting to hear Dr. Chou's talk and I, personally, found his educational lecture fascinating, interesting, and informative. Thank you to Dr. Chou for providing an opportunity for everyone in our Chapter to learn more about the profound impact that the telescope has had on the science of astronomy and our universe. To view the "online" May 1<sup>st</sup> Photo Album with photos of this meeting, courtesy of Paul Cassel VE3SY, please follow this link.  
<http://qcwa.ca/meetings/2010-05/> .

The guest speaker at our next meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup> will be Keith Ballinger, VA3QF. At this meeting Keith will be giving a presentation on the very interesting and informative topic, "Lightning Protection as Pertaining to Amateur radio equipment". Keith was first licensed in 1967 as G8BBP, and when he moved to Canada in 1976, his call was VE3IMT. Keith has held various call signs

throughout the years including the following call signs: G0RQQ, VE2AQU, HB9KOW, PA9AHY, and now VA3QF. Keith's interests have been varied, including fast and slow-scan TV, VFH/UHF weak-signal satellites, and HF QRP. His professional experience includes nearly 40 years in RF and microwave, of which the last 23 years have involved RF lightning protection. He is currently employed as International Business Development Manager for a UK microwave company. I am really looking forward to Keith's presentation at our meeting.

Special Thanks to Barc Nutter and Ann Nutter, who were the gracious hosts for our October 2nd, 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](mailto:barcann@gmail.com) to confirm your status on our Membership Roster and in QCWA. We also discussed "succession" for the Executive Positions of our Chapter Executive at this meeting. 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 Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA Executive in the future, to please step forward. If you are interested in assuming a leadership role, please send an email to me at [mary.card@gmail.com](mailto:mary.card@gmail.com).

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 for continuing to maintain and update our website, [www.qcwa.ca](http://www.qcwa.ca), in order to keep us all informed.

Our Vice-President and Prize Chairman, Bert Almemo, welcomes items for the ever popular prize table for our October 30th 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](mailto:balmemo@sympatico.ca).

I'm looking forward to seeing and visiting with everyone at our next meeting on Saturday, October 30, 2010 at the "The Mohawk Inn", 401 and Guelph Line.

<http://www.mohawkinn.com/location.html>.

Mary Card, VE3FEB, President  
Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA

### 2010 Scholarship Report

The Scholarship program is now in its seventh successful year. Our Chapter 73, QCWA scholarships, each valued at \$500, honour the memory of all of the Silent Keys of the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA and, in particular, the memory of Fred Hammond. I would like to say a special thank you to Rob Hammond and the Hammond Manufacturing Company Limited for continuing to support our scholarship program and for providing scholarships and financial assistance, once again this year, to two very deserving students who are pursuing post secondary education.

This year, through the generosity of our chapter members at our last meeting, we were able to award two additional chapter scholarships, in addition to our yearly chapter scholarship. Our Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA scholarships will not only help our five scholarship recipients financially with their postsecondary education during the school year 2009-2010, 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, Si Jiao Liu, is currently in her first year at university and is enrolled in the Telfer School of Management at the University of Ottawa in Ottawa, Ontario. Si Jiao graduated from high school in June of 2009 and then completed an additional year at high school to gain experiences and skills to better prepare herself for university. At high school Si Jiao member of Environmental Club, Math Club, Library Committee, Year Book Committee, and Radio Monarch Park. She also organized the 2009 Business Awards Ceremony. During high school Si Jiao

also volunteered extensively in the community at WoodGreen Community Services, Support Enhance Access Services Centre, and 2009 Fringe Toronto. She joined the Chinese Cultural Centre Youth Chapter in August of 2009, and she is continuing to volunteer at the Chinese Cultural Centre Youth Chapter while she is studying in Ottawa. Si Jiao wants to work at GP Morgan Chase & Co. or Morgan Stanley after she graduates from university. She would also like to start her own business later on in the future. Si Jiao was thrilled to be a recipient of one of our scholarships and she says, "Thank you, receiving a Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA Scholarship gave me a lot of confidence that I wouldn't get from anywhere else."

Our, second scholarship student, David Mac, is currently in his fourth (and final) year at Ryerson University in Toronto. David is currently enrolled in the Radio and Television Arts Program, with a minor in English. At high school David participated in the following extracurricular activities: Seniors in Cyberspace, Student Council, and Stage Crew. He also was a student reporter for the Beach Metro Community News. In the future David would like to pursue a career in Education or a Media related field. David would like to say thank you to the members of the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA and also that "The Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA Scholarship has made a difference in my life, because I can now focus full-time on my studies without having to worry about how to finance my tuition i.e. looking for another part-time job. Also, I hope to attend teacher's college next September and will need to save as much money as I can to pay for it, if accepted into the programme."

Our third scholarship recipient, Christina Ou, graduated from high school in June of 2010. Christina is currently enrolled in her first year in the Health Sciences program at Carleton University in Ottawa. In high school Christina was Treasurer of the Student Council in grade 11 and a grade twelve representative to the Student Council. She was also involved in the UN Club, the Environmental Club, the Minga Club, the Badminton Club, and was a Future Aces ambassador. She was also a member of the Cross Country Team, Track Team, Girls' Varsity Flag Football, and Junior Girls' Basketball. Christina volunteered in the community at *Toronto Intergenerational Partnerships* and at the CEM Learning Centre. She also volunteered at *Dandelion Daycare* where she tutored students from grades four to six and she started a homework club at an elementary school in her community where she tutored students who were having difficulty with their school work. In the future Christina hopes to pursue a career in medicine. Christina thanks our members and states, "Unfortunately, I was not able to find a job this summer this year. It was my first time leaving home, and I wasn't sure if OSAP was going to cover everything. The

scholarship came in handy for me because it helped me purchase half of my textbooks. I want to thank the Fred Hammond Chapter 73, QCWA for this scholarship. I don't know what I would do without your help and support."

Our fourth scholarship recipient, Kelsey Ross, graduated from high school in June of 2010. Kelsey is currently enrolled in her first year at Brock University in St. Catharines in the Honours French Program. During high school Kelsey was the lead photographer on the yearbook team for three years, and was on the Student Athletic Association for four years. During her Grade 12 year, Kelsey played rugby, convened the Fashion Show and was manager of the Football Team. Kelsey also volunteered in the community and was a Girl Guide Leader for four years. In the future Kelsey would like to be a High School French and History teacher. She would like to thank the members of Chapter 73 and states, "Receiving this scholarship helped to pay for all of my textbooks for first year, which is a huge help, because they are highly expensive!"

Our fifth scholarship recipient, Wilson Tang, graduated from high school in June of 2010. Wilson is currently enrolled in his first year at York University in Toronto, Ontario, in the Bachelor of Arts Psychology Program. During high school Wilson participated in extracurricular and volunteer activities affiliated with *Free the Children*, The Host program, the Danforth and Beach "Business Improvement Area" and at school in the library. Wilson has four career paths that he would like to pursue in the future ranked in the order of preference: research, clinical, industrial organizational and counseling psychology. Wilson would also like to thank the members of Chapter 73 and states that, "Receiving the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA Scholarship has made an impact in my life. It helped me fund my post-secondary education and allowed me to feel easier about my financial situation. I think of it as the mortar that helps cement the building blocks of my foundation for a better life! With the funds gained from the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA Scholarship, it is an investment in which will pay dividends to society in the future."

On behalf of everyone in QCWA Chapter 73, I would like to congratulate our 2010 scholarship recipients and wish them success and happiness on their educational journeys to make the world a better place for others.

Mary Card, VE3FEB  
Chair, Scholarship Committee  
Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA  
October 4, 2010

### Membership Chairman Report

Currently, our chapter membership count is 95. We would like to attract new members. Please invite your friends to our meetings and

encourage them to join. We have great speakers for each of our meetings, good food for lunch, lots of socializing and lots of prizes to be won. I can send your friends information about QCWA and include membership application forms. If they wish, they can sign up at the meeting. I try to keep an up to date email list of all chapter 73 members and use it to send information we think you would like to have. Please let me know if you change your address. If you have some information you think others in our chapter might use, please send it to me for forwarding to all. On another subject, I have been Membership Chairman since 2005 and would like to pass the duties to someone else. This is a great position as I know who all our members are, maintain computerized records, send out some promotion letters and participate in semiannual executive meetings. If you have any interest in taking this position, please let me know.

Barc Nutter, VE3HAH  
Membership Chairman

### Fred Hammond Museum of Radio Museum Equipment Donations

The Hammond Museum of Radio is always looking to acquire Amateur Radio equipment, Early Wireless & Broadcast radios.

The museum has had to limit the Console Broadcast Radios as space is at a premium for the huge consoles.

Donations of equipment have been averaging 2 donations a month recently.

To make a donation contact the curator

Mrs. Noreen Irwin-Hann, VE3AQZ  
519-822-2960, ext. 252

[nirwin@hammfg.com](mailto:nirwin@hammfg.com)

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](mailto:nirwin@hammfg.com)

Check out the web site

<http://www.hammondmuseumofradio.org>

### Prizes

We will not be buying any prizes for this meeting. Attendees are requested to bring some prizes.

Bert Almemo, VE3OBU