

Chapter 73 Newsletter for Spring 2011

Our Spring meeting and luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at The Mohawk Inn located at the northwest corner of Campbellville Road and Highway 401. As usual coffee and cookies will be available starting 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

Croft Taylor, VE3CT, Nov 17, 2010

<http://qcwa.ca/obit-ve3ct.htm>

George Spencer, VE3AGS, Dec 21, 2010

<http://qcwa.ca/obit-George-VE3AGS.htm>

Fraser Cooper, VE3FC, March 16, 2011

<http://qcwa.ca/obit-ve3fc.htm>

President's Report

I enjoyed having the opportunity to meet and visit with many of you at our Fall meeting that was held on Saturday, October 30th, 2010 at the Mohawk Inn. It was an honour to have Keith Ballinger, VA3QF, as our guest speaker at this meeting. Keith's professional experience includes nearly 40 years in RF and microwave, of which the last 23 years have involved RF lightning protection. Keith is currently employed as the International Business Development Manager for a UK microwave company. Keith's presentation on the topic of "Lightning Protection as Pertaining to Amateur radio equipment" was very interesting and informative for all of us.



Mary Card thanks Keith Ballinger

To view the "online" October 30, 2011 Photo Album with photos of this meeting, courtesy of Paul Cassel VE3SY, please follow the following link:

<http://qcwa.ca/meetings/2010-11/index.htm>.

Our Spring 2011 Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011. The guest speaker at our next meeting will be our very own Chapter 73 member Bob Morton, VE3BFM, who will be presenting a very interesting talk complete with visual and live demonstrations of antenna gain. I am looking forward to not only learning more about antenna gain, but also how it is achieved and what affects gain. While the demo will be UHF, the same principle applies to HF. Bob has been an amateur radio operator since 1969 and holds the call signs VE3BFM and NI1W. Bob graduated from the University of Waterloo in 1972 with his Ba.A.Sc. (Electrical), and his P.Eng. in 1974. Bob has worked in the telecommunications industry for over 30 years and has been a Professor at both Humber College and the University of Guelph-Humber for eight years. He is a member of Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). In addition to being a member of the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA, Bob belongs to several other Amateur Radio Clubs and organizations, including OVHFA & CSVHFS. In addition to amateur radio, Bob's interests include: antennas (of course!), alternative energy sources and conservation, playing music, stamp collecting, and travel. Bob has been in business since 1989 and his company *Maple Leaf Communications*, http://mapleleafcom.com/contact_about_us.shtml, is not only over 90% off the grid (wind and solar powered), but also has a wood stove that heats the shop in the winter! Bob extends an invitation for anyone who is in the area during the winter, to drop by for a maple tea!



"Elections" were held at our Fall 2010 Meeting held on October 30, 2010 meeting for the positions on the Board of Directors of the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA. For the next two years these positions will be held as follows: President, Mary Card, VE3FEB; Vice-President, Ron Gimbel VE3DBD; Secretary-Treasurer, Jean Gimbel; VE3CBQ; Membership Chairperson, Norm Friedin, VE3CZI; Awards Chairperson, Harold Braun, VE3CD and Prize Chairperson, Bert Almemo VE3NR.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to our valued Chapter member, Paul Cassel, who has agreed to continue in his role as the Webmaster of the Fred Hammond, Chapter

73, QCWA website, www.qcwa.ca, in order to keep us all informed.

On behalf of all of the members of our Chapter, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Keith Bentley, VE3DHL, who was our valued Secretary-Treasurer from October 2001 until October 2010. In his role as Secretary-Treasurer, Keith created our informative newsletters twice a year, sent out our newsletters, prepared the agendas for our meetings, kept track of "who" was going to attend our Spring and Fall Meetings and not only shared his financial expertise with us, but also expertly looked after the finances of our Chapter.

I would also like to thank Barc Nutter for his commitment to our Chapter and for sharing his expertise with us as our Membership Chairperson. I would also like to recognize the dedication of Harold Braun, VE3CD (VE3DWH), a long-standing member of the Executive of our Chapter. Harold was the Secretary-Treasurer of our Chapter from 1997 to 2001 and has been the Awards Chairperson from 2001 to the present time.

The first meeting of our newly formed Board of Directors Chapter Executive was held on November 20, 2010 at the home of Barc Nutter, VE3HAH and Ann Nutter, VE3HAI. I would like to thank the former Board members for attending this "Transition Executive Meeting" which provided an opportunity for the new Chapter Executive members to learn more about their roles and responsibilities as Executive members from the previous Executive members. As always, I would like to thank Barc and Ann for taking the time to not only provide an excellent "Meeting home" for our Chapter Executive, but also for their continued commitment to the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA and for sharing their wisdom with us. Congratulations are in order for Ann Nutter, who is currently the Acting President of the Canadian Ladies Amateur Radio Association (CLARA), for the current year! To learn more about CLARA, please visit the following website: www.claranet.ca.

Harold Braun, our Awards Chairman, will be presenting the annual awards certificates from QCWA headquarters to our members at our Spring 2011 meeting.

Bert Almemo, welcomes items for the ever popular prize table for our April 30th meeting. I would also like to thank

everyone in our Chapter for their continued generosity and thoughtfulness in bringing items to our meeting for our always exciting prize draw.

I'm looking forward to seeing and visiting with everyone at our next meeting on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at the "The Mohawk Inn", 401 and Guelph Line.

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

Mary Card, VE3FEB, President

"Things turn out best for people who make the best of how things turn out!"
- Art Linkletter

Scholarship Report

Our scholarship program, which continues to honour the memory of the Silent Keys of our Chapter, is now in its eightth 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. On behalf of our 2010 Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA scholarship recipients, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our chapter members, Rob Hammond and Hammond Manufacturing, for their generosity and for their ongoing support of our scholarship program. The 2011 Fred Hammond, Chapter 73 Scholarship applications, now available on our website <http://qcwa.ca/scholarship.htm> are due on April 22, 2011. Students from across Canada who are entering their first year of postsecondary education, or any year of postsecondary education are encouraged to apply for one of our Chapter Scholarships. If you know a deserving student, please encourage them to apply for one of our Chapter Scholarships.

Mary Card, VE3FEB Chair, Scholarship Committee

Awards Chairman Report

The following qualify for QCWA Certificates this year. Certificates will only be issued by Headquarters to Life members or only when your membership is up to date. (this is H/Q policy not a Ch 73 ruling) Presentations will be made at the April 30th meeting.

Congratulations to:

50 Years - Paul Waechter, VE3BBB
60 Years - Robert Abell, VE3XM
65 Years - Court Broad, VE3AZ

Hammond Museum of Radio Notes

At a recent Board of Director's meeting, curator Noreen Irwin-Hann outlined the strengths of the collection.

- 1 - The "Wow" factor - Most visitors are really impressed with the scope of the collection
- 2 - The Amateur Radio collection
- 3 - History of domestic radio in Canada - Visitors are sincerely impressed with the many rare & unique radios.

If you haven't been to the Museum lately, why not plan a visit in the coming months?

At that same meeting Rob Hammond VE3HC commented that more emphasis be placed on attracting applications for the two scholarships provided by Hammond Manufacturing Co. Ltd., from all parts of Canada. Most recent recipients have been from Ontario. For an application form contact Mary Cary VE3FEB who is also Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Larry Asp VE3RF, a volunteer at the Museum is again planning to bring some artifacts to our meeting. He plans to bring along a few old & unique Morse keys the museum recently acquired.

Any questions please contact me at ve3cd@rac.ca

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

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

Please check out the web site:

<http://www.hammondmuseumofradio.org>

Harold Braun, VE3CD Awards Chairman

Membership Chairman Report

I have recently been voted in as your new Membership Chairman by the usual unanimous election process. Actually I volunteered. Barc had done such a fine job that he deserved a rest...might take on another position? The Membership Records have now been transferred to me, and I am in the midst of figuring out what the information I have. As I become more familiar with the

data, I will be able to advise you on the Membership situation which is in good shape.

I am sure there are fellow amateurs who have been licensed over 25 years and may have not heard of or considered joining QCWA. Mention QCWA at your local Club Meetings or when you are talking with others on local repeaters.

See you at the April 30th Meeting!

73 de Norm Friedin, VE3CZI

"It is not the class of license that the Amateur holds but the class of the Amateur that holds the license"

Report from the Prize Table

Earlier this afternoon, March 23, we had a surprise snow fall in Toronto and so far it's about 3 inches on the ground. I thought it was the beginning of spring but obviously not. Well, I guess the snow is not going to stay that long so there is still hope for nicer weather.

Many of you have generously been contributing to the prize table for many years and we are very grateful for your support. You've spread a lot of happiness and fun at the meetings.

I hope that the tradition can continue and I'm going to do my best to make it a fun and exciting event. Please bring something that no longer fits in your shack or basement. Someone else may treasure something you don't need. Thanks.

If you have any questions please contact me at ve3nr@rac.ca or by telephone at 416-283-444 or 416-828-4455.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Mohawk Inn on April 30, 2011.

Bert Almemo, VE3NR Prize Chairman

P.S. The coffee and cookies are ready to enjoy at 9:00 AM. The meeting starts at 10:00 AM.

**Greetings and Best Wishes from
your current and your new,
Fred Hammond, Chapter 73,
Board of Directors**



Ron Gimbel, Jean Gimbel, Norm Friedin, Keith Bentley, Harold Braun, Mary Card, Barc Nutter