

Fall 2012 Meeting and Luncheon

Our Fall 2012 meeting and luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2012 at The Mohawk Inn, located at the northwest corner of Campbellville Road and Highway 401, (<http://www.mohawkinn.com/location.htm>). 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 after the cutoff date (\$25 each), so please 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 always welcomed! The Guest Speaker for our Fall 2012 Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA Meeting will be Terry Maurice, VE3XTM, who will be doing a presentation about Flex radio (fully computerized transceiver). We are also planning to have a representative from RAC (Radio Amateurs of Canada), at our Fall 2012 Meeting to not only provide us with updates about recent RAC activities, but also to inform us how RAC helps amateur radio operators in Canada.

President's Report

Our Spring meeting was held on Saturday, April 28th, 2012 at the Mohawk Inn. It was an honour to have HAVEN-1 project lead, Justin Kominar, VE3LVN, and HAVEN-1 project team member, Jason Scharlach, VA3PSN present at this meeting. Justin's talk about the successful launch and recovery of "HAVEN-1", his high altitude balloon project was extremely interesting and educational and we were all very interested in all of the items from the "Haven-1" project that Justin brought to the meeting.

HAVEN-1 High Altitude Balloon Launch Presentation April 28, 2012



"HAVEN-1" team member, Jason Scharlach, VA3PSN, Mary Card, VE3FEB, the "HAVEN-1" balloon and Justin Kominar, VE3VLN, the "HAVEN-1" Project Leader

For further information on the successful "HAVEN-1" High Altitude Balloon Launch, please visit Justin Kominar's Website: <http://haven-1.elven.ca/>.

Chapter 73 - SILENT KEYS

Ed Hohertz - VE7FZ
April 28, 2012
Paul Cassel - VE3SY
April 30, 2012
Tom Watson - VE3CYL
July 14, 2012

REMEMBERING PAUL CASSEL

I was very sad to learn that Paul Cassel passed away on April 30, 2012. On behalf of everyone who is a member of and a friend of the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA, I would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and especially to his sister, Blanche Cassel (amateur radio operator to be) and to his wife Marel Cassel.



PAUL CASSEL, VE3SY (SK)
(Photo courtesy of Blanche Cassel)

Paul not only did so much for our Chapter as our Webmaster, as our Archivist, as our Photographer, as a guest speaker, etc., etc., etc., but also used his talents in the community

to help out whoever he could. Harold Braun reflects that "Paul was a strong supporter of Fred Hammond and the Museum and is being sorely missed. His official title at the Museum was "Station Manager" but he did more than look after the station. Paul was also instrumental in changing our Chapter name from Southern Ontario to the Fred Hammond Chapter." At Paul's Memorial Service that was held on Sept. 23, 2012 at the Hammond Museum, we all learned more about the multifaceted man who was Paul and about his expertise and love for his many hobbies. These included travel, cameras, amateur radio, the Hammond Museum of Radio and cars. On a personal note, I am very grateful to Paul for mentoring me as a Photographer, for encouraging me to get a Blackberry, (maybe an IPAD next!) and for teaching me how to get "the winning bid" in an Ebay Auction. I would like to dedicate this issue of our Chapter 73 Newsletter to our many memories of Paul Cassel.

Mary Card, VE3FEB, President

2012 Scholarship Program Report

Our scholarship program, which continues to honour the memory of the Silent Keys of our Chapter, is now in its ninth year! This year, we were able to award three scholarships, our yearly Chapter Scholarship, and two Chapter Scholarships courtesy of Rob Hammond and the team at Hammond Manufacturing. On behalf of our 2012 Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA scholarship recipients, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our chapter members and to Rob

Hammond and Hammond Manufacturing, for their generosity and for their ongoing support of our scholarship program.

Our **first** 2012 scholarship recipient is Brittany Cull. Brittany is currently in her third year of the Child and Youth Worker Program at Seneca College in Toronto, Ontario. Brittany volunteers in her local neighbourhood and helps to organize events for children, adolescents, and adults. Brittany's career goal is to work with children within the School Board under the Behaviour Resource Services Department. She is also interested in taking an American Sign Language course to develop further knowledge in working with children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Brittany comes from a long line of amateur radio operators. Her great-grandfather was Earl Bray, VE3ND (SK), her father is Barry Cull, VE3NDD, and her very proud grandfather is our Chapter member, Jim Cull, VE3ND!

Our **second** 2012 scholarship recipient is Wendy Liao. Wendy is currently in her first year of the Honours Bachelor of Arts Program at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario where she is studying Political Science (Concentration in International Relations) and Cooperative Education. Wendy participated in countless extracurricular activities and sports team at school and in the community while she was at High School. She participated in the *Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces* Leadership Initiative, and volunteered as a *Seniors in Cyberspace* Coach at Toronto Intergenerational Partnerships. She was also a Student Ambassador in partnership with

Free The Children a program in which Wendy travelled to Kenya to help build a school for children who live in rural areas of Kenya. Wendy's career goal is to change the world through passion, resilience and innovation.

Our **third** 2012 scholarship recipient is Megan Ross. Megan is currently in her first year at the University of Guelph where she is enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts: Honours Psychology program. At high school, Megan participated in many extracurricular activities including: the Rugby Team, the Badminton Team, and the Arts Club. She was also a Fashion Show coordinator, a peer mentor for autistic children, and a Leadership Camp Instructor. In the community Megan was a Youth Leader for the Girl Guides of Canada, a referee for the Frontenac Soccer Association, and a worker for the Leukemia Foundation Bottle Drive. Megan also had a part-time job at Trousdale's Foodland in Sydenham, Ontario. Megan's career goal is to enter a career in mental health, to provide one-on-one social support to people with mental illness, and to help to break down the stigma surrounding mental issues.

**Mary Card, VE3FEB
Chair, Scholarship Committee**

Some Interesting Sites to Visit

Go to (Amateur Radio Video News:

<http://arvideonews.com/hrn/>).

Here you will find a listing of 24 tv type internet broadcasts all about various ham radio topics. On the home page there is a list of 18 other audio, video and podcasts of interest to hams.

Ron Gimbel, VE3DBD, Vice-Pres.

Financial Update

Fred Hammond Chapter 73, QCWA

Bank Balance \$8,429.16
April 20, 2012
INCOME \$1,830.00
(Luncheon, Renewals,
Scholarship Donations)
EXPENSES \$1,336.20
(Mohawk Inn, Bank Charges)
Bank Balance, 08.31.2012 \$8,922.96
**Jean Gimbel, VE3CBQ,
Secretary-Treasurer**

How to Join or Renew Your National Membership

Do not pay by cheque or money orders. To process them US banks charge \$10.00 because of a Homeland Security ruling. You can now join or renew your membership on-line. The link to the applications is available at www.qcwa.org/how-to-join.php.

After you complete the form, click 'Add to Cart' and you are taken to PayPal to complete the transaction. You can then also continue shopping for Member Supplies at

www.qcwa.org/member-supplies.php. Add the items you want to your Shopping Cart and check out using PayPal. All items can be handled by a single transaction. **You don't need to be a member of PayPal to use a Debit or Credit card.** You do need to be a member of PayPal to use your Checking or Savings account. PayPal is **very** secure and convenient to use for online purchases. However if you wish to join, a very simple procedure, and wish to use your credit or debit card you don't have to enter credit card numbers and date for every transaction...just when you join.

**Ron Gimbel, VE3DBD,
Vice President**

Trivia information

- Dayton Hamfest

In 1964 the Hamvention moved to Hara Arena, its present location. In 1973, Hamvention expanded into a two-day event and the following year (1974) Sunday was added to make the Hamvention a three-day event. Putting on the Hamvention costs in excess of \$700,000 each year.

Historic Attendance Information

Year	Attendance
1992	33,000
1993	33,669
Change from April to May	
1994	35,000
1995	33,000
1997	28,000
1998	28,120
1999	28,176
2000	28,804
2001	26,151
2002	24,832
2003	22,168
2004	19,869
2005	20,411
2006	20,324
2007	19,318
2008	17,253
2009	18,877
2010	19,750
2011	22,312
2012	24,483

**Ron Gimbel, VE3DBD,
Vice President**

Special Thanks to Chuck Wilson, VE3IUO, for volunteering to be the Web Administrator for the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA, and for sharing his "web" expertise with everyone who is a member of the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA. Please visit our website: www.qcwa to see our exciting new website.

Mary Card, VE3FEB, President



Ron Gimbel, VE3DBD, our Vice President, and Jean Gimbel, VE3CBQ, our Secretary-Treasurer

Awards Chairman Report

Congratulations to our Chapter Members who received QCWA Anniversary of Licencing Certificates and Century Club Certificates at our Spring 2012 Meeting that was held on April 28, 2012.



Left to Right: Len Morris, VE3FJB, Jim Thompson, VE3BCA, Bill Ambler, VE3CFY, Larry Asp, VE3RF, Jack MacQuarrie, VE3AWY, Mary Card, VE3FEB, Ron Gimbel, VE3DBD, Bert Almemo, VE3NR, (Absent: David Thorne, VE3LDT, Norman Lawton, VE3ON, Paul Cassel, VE3SY(SK), Al Vanderburgh, VE3ARV, Fred Wilkinson VE3HE, Paul Waechter, VE3BBB, and Ron Nickle, VE3SF)

**Harold Braun, VE3CD,
Awards Chairman**

Hammond Museum of Radio Notes September 2012

The tower and beam were inspected this summer and some minor repairs made. The insulator holding the dipole was replaced. All tower bolts and antenna

connections were checked. The HPS Maintenance Department will apply antirust paint to the base of the tower as recommended. The Museum is now equipped with handicapped door openers on both doors in the Museum entrance. The Wilfrid Laurier University collection was dismantled and nine pieces of radio artifacts were donated to the museum with no strings attached. London Vintage Radio Club held their annual fleamarket in the parking lot at Hammond Manufacturing. Understand it was a washout with the last major rain we had this summer. The Museum was open for the Central Ontario Fleamarket June 3rd, 2012. Bob Morton, VE3BFM, and a Chapter 73 member is repairing the Viewstar PT2500A amplifier. The huge reorganization taking place over the last 4 to 6 months is almost complete, so drop by the Museum to see the latest acquisitions. Noreen Irwin-Hann is usually at the Museum on Thursdays. **Larry Asp, VE3RF**, a Chapter member and volunteer at the museum, will once again be bringing a few small items to our Fall 2012 meeting. To arrange a donation to the museum contact Mrs. Nori Irwin-Hann, VE3AQZ, the museum curator by phone at 519-822-2960, ext. 252 or by email at nirwin@hammfg.com. The museum is located at 595 Southgate Drive, Guelph and is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The curator and volunteers are usually there on Thursdays. Please check out the web site:

<http://www.hammondmuseumofradio.org>.

Harold Braun, VE3CD, Awards Chairman

Greetings from the Hammond Museum of Radio!



Nori Irwin-Hann, VE3AQZ, John Hann, VA3LKH, and Larry Asp, VE3RF, at the Hammond Museum.



Sandi Paradise, VE3MFZ, visits with our Web Administrator, Chuck Wilson, VE3IUO

Photo Gallery - Spring 2012



Bill Ambler, VE3CFY, and Loreen Ambler, VE3EAZ



Thank you to Roberta Williams, VA3RMW, and to Ann Nutter, VE3HAI, (President of CLARA) for welcoming our members and our guests to our Spring 2012 Meeting.



Jim Traves, VE3FMT, and Wilf Hopkins, VE3JNL

Note: All photos in this issue are courtesy of Mary Card, VE3FEB, unless otherwise indicated. To view our "online" Chapter Photo Gallery with photos from our meetings, including our Spring 2012 Meeting with photos courtesy of Mary Card, VE3FEB, please follow the following link:

<http://www.qcwa.ca/Photo%20Gallery.htm>



Harold Braun, VE3CD, our Awards Chairman, and Bert Almemo, VE3NR, our Prize Chairman

The Chapter 73 Newsletter for Fall 2012 has been prepared by Mary Card, VE3FEB - Editor

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