

Spring 2017 Meeting and Luncheon

Everyone is invited to attend our **Spring 2017** Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA Meeting which will be held on **Saturday, April 29, 2017** in the Conservation Hall (at the east end of the building) of the **Mohawk Chop House and Conference Centre** (Mohawk Inn) located at the northwest corner of Campbellville Road and Highway 401.

Coffee/tea and cookies will be available starting at 9 a.m. The lunch will, once again, be buffet style and the buffet menu includes, salad, chicken **or** roast beef, vegetables, mashed potatoes, gravy, and apple crumble for dessert. The “early” registration fee for the luncheon is \$25 for members and members’ XYL’s and \$30 for non-members and is non-refundable for no shows. We have to confirm the total number of attendees five days before our meeting. Only a **limited number** of “walk-ins”, at a price of \$30 per “walk-in”, will be allowed.

Thanks to Fred Hicks, VE3MTS, you can sign up **online** for the Spring 2017 Meeting and pay your Chapter Dues using the following link: <http://www.qcwa.ca/members.html>.

First time users will be required to register and an email will be sent to you verifying your registration. If you would like to register by mail, please download a copy of the registration form and send your completed form to the address on the form.

I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA Spring 2017 Meeting on April 29, 2017! To avoid “late fees”, please sign up **by Monday, April 24, 2017**.

Contributions to the scholarship fund are encouraged and prize donations are always welcomed! Thank you!

Mary Card, VE3FEB, President

President’s Report

Our Fall Meeting was held on Saturday, October 22, 2016. The guest speaker at this meeting was Brock Godfrey from the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (formerly Phone Busters) is a joint operation of the RCMP, the OPP and the Competition Bureau of Canada. The Anti-Fraud Centre is the central agency in Canada that collects information and criminal intelligence on such matters as mass marketing fraud (i.e. telemarketing), advance fee fraud (West African letters), Internet fraud and identification theft complaints.

Brock’s presentation on *Fraud Awareness* was excellent and everyone at the meeting benefitted from the information that Brock shared with us.



Mary Card, VE3FEB & Brock Godfrey
The guest speaker at our Spring 2017 Meeting and Luncheon will, once again, be Brock Godfrey, who will continue to educate us and to teach us how to protect ourselves and our friends from “Cybercrimes” with the second part of his *Fraud Awareness* presentation “Passwords and Beyond”.

Brock’s presentation will focus on computer security with the emphasis on passwords -- *How to create, record, and remember them*. We will also learn about the advantages of Anti-Virus software, Password Managers and other advances in computer security.

Mary Card, VE3FEB, President

Remembering Ron Gimbel



Ron Gimbel, VE3DBD, SK

I was deeply saddened when I learned about the passing of Ron Gimbel, VE3DBD, SK, on Saturday, April 1, 2017. 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 wife Jean Gimbel, VE3CBQ, and to his daughters Joyce, Lois, Sandy, and Susan and their families.

Ron volunteered in the community at his church and was very active in the Kitchener Waterloo Amateur Radio Club (KWARC) where he taught amateur radio. He was also an active and valued member of the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA where he served on the Executive as the Vice President. Ron was an expert in technology and he shared his expertise in technology with our chapter and brought our Chapter into the 21st century with our E-Blast messages and he worked tirelessly with Jean, VE3CBQ, to print and mail out our chapter Newsletters and print and frame our Awards certificates.

On a personal note I remember Ron for his kindness, for his thoughtfulness, for his patience, and for his mentorship, even late at night!

To honour Ron Gimbel I would like to dedicate our Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA Spring 2017 Newsletter to our many happy memories of Ron Gimbel, VE3DBD, SK.

Mary Card, VE3FEB, President

2017 Scholarship Report

Our scholarship program, which continues to honour the memory of the Silent Keys of our Chapter, is now in its fourteenth year! This year we are, once again, supporting our deserving and grateful Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA 2016 Scholarship recipients who are pursuing their studies at the postsecondary level. Our scholarship recipients are very appreciative of the financial support from our chapter on their educational journeys to make the world a better place for others. On behalf of our 2016 Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA scholarship recipients, special thanks to our chapter members, to the family of George Zador, VE3DSG, SK, and to Rob Hammond and Hammond Manufacturing, for your generosity and for your ongoing support of our scholarship program. Students from across Canada who are entering any year of postsecondary education can apply for one of our Chapter Scholarships. If you know any deserving students, please encourage them to apply for one of our 2017 Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA scholarships. The 2017 scholarship application is posted on our website, www.qcwa.ca. Completed scholarship applications should be submitted by email to Mary Card at mary.card@gmail.com by Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 11:59 PM.

Scholarship Committee

Mary Card, VE3FEB, Chair

Jim Cull, VE3ND

QCWA Weekly International Nets

SSB - Sunday's 2000 Z on 14.347

CW - Wed 8.00 PM EDST on 7035

CQ-100 - Friday 11:00 AM EDST on 14.347

For a free 90 day trial using CQ-100 go to qsonet.com.

Harold Braun, VE3CD, Awards Chair



Jean Gimbel, VE3CBQ, and Lois Gimbel

Awards Chair Report

The QCWA Anniversary of Licensing Certificates and the QCWA Century Club Certificates will be presented at our Spring Meeting that will be held on April 29, 2017. Century Club certificates are issued to QCWA members whose age, when added to their number of years as a QCWA member totals 100 or more. QCWA Certificates will only be issued by Headquarters to Life members or to members whose memberships are up to date. (Note: This is QCWA Headquarters policy and is not a Chapter 73 ruling.) QCWA Headquarters no longer prints and mails out QCWA Anniversary of Licensing Certificates and Century Club certificates. To obtain a certificate a member can print out his/her own certificate. For Chapter 73 members, the Chapter 73 Executive takes care of the printing and prints out certificates for our members.



John Enns, VE3BB, received his 50 Year Certificate from Harold Braun-VE3CD Presented in Kitchener – April 9, 2017

Congratulations to the following 2017 QCWA Certificate recipients!

50 Years

John Enns VE3BB

55 Years

Mary Card VE3FEB

David Thorne VE3LDT

Len Morris VA3LM

60 Years

Bill Ambler VE3CFY

Ron Gimbel VE3DBD, SK

Bert Almemo VE3NR

Larry Asp VE3RF

70 Years

Jack MacQuarrie VE3AWY

Jim Thompson VE3BCA

Century Club

Ann Nutter VE3HAI

Bill Catlender VE3PA

Bob Abell VE3XM

Harold Braun, VE3CD, Awards Chair

Special Thanks to Larry Asp, VE3RF



Larry Asp, VE3RF

Special Thanks to Larry Asp! Larry Asp, VE3RF, who is a volunteer at the Hammond Museum of Radio, continues to bring interesting artifacts from the museum to talk about to our chapter members. At our Fall 2016 Meeting Larry brought along a National NC-300 Antique Radio, circa 1955-56.

Mary Card, VE3FEB, President

Donors – Fall 2016 Prize Table

Thank you to the following Chapter 73 members who donated to the Prize Table for our Fall 2016 Meeting!

VE3AO Mike Ennis

VE3BCA Jim Thompson

VE3FEB Mary Card

VE3GVD Bob Pattison

VE3NR Bert Almemo

VE3IEL Bob Chrysler

VE3IYY Carol Little

VA3PM Pierre Mainville – Radioworld

Thank you, as well, to the Chapter 73 members who donated anonymous prizes to the table! Please remember to put your call sign on your donations!

Thanks to Pierre/VA3PM and Radioworld, I managed to sell tickets for \$ 115.00 from the raffle of books and gift cards. The funds were handed over to our Treasurer.

Bert Almemo, VE3NR

Vice-President and Prize Chair



Bert Almemo, VE3NR

Hammond Museum of Radio

If you are in the Guelph, Ontario area be sure to visit **The Hammond Museum of Radio Museum**,

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

at 595 Southgate Drive, Guelph, Ontario.

The museum is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for self-guided tours. The curator of the museum is Mrs. Noreen Irwin-Hann, VE3AQZ.

The curator and volunteers are usually at the museum on Thursdays.

The Hammond Museum of Radio would welcome volunteers from Chapter 73 to help out at the museum. If you would like to learn more about this volunteer opportunity or to be trained to volunteer at the museum, please contact the curator, Mrs. Noreen Irwin-Hann, VE3AQZ, by phone at 519-822-2960, ext 252 or by email at nirwin@hammfg.com. If you are considering making a donation to the museum please contact the curator, by phone or by email, prior to bringing your donation to the museum. Thank you.

Harold Braun, VE3CD, Awards Chair

World Amateur Radio Day:

April 18, 2017

The following information is from the article written on April 9, 2017 by Alan Griffin and is courtesy of the [International Amateur Radio Union](http://www.internationalamateurradiounion.com) and RAC Canada, <http://wp.rac.ca/>.

Every April 18, Radio Amateurs worldwide take to the airwaves in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day. It was on that day in 1925 that the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) was formed in Paris.

Amateur Radio experimenters were the first to discover that the short wave spectrum — far from being a wasteland — could support worldwide propagation. In the rush to use these shorter wavelengths, Amateur Radio was “in grave danger of being pushed aside,” the IARU’s history has noted. Amateur Radio pioneers met in Paris in 1925 and created the IARU to support Amateur Radio worldwide.

Just two years later, at the International Radiotelegraph Conference, Amateur Radio gained the allocations still

recognized today — 160, 80, 40, 20, and 10 metres. Since its founding, the IARU has worked tirelessly to defend and expand the frequency allocations for Amateur Radio. Thanks to the support of enlightened administrations in every part of the globe, Radio Amateurs are now able to experiment and communicate in frequency bands strategically located throughout the radio spectrum. From the 25 countries that formed the IARU in 1925, the IARU has grown to include 160 member-societies in three regions. IARU Region 1 includes Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Northern Asia. Region 2 covers the Americas, and Region 3 is comprised of Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific island nations, and most of Asia. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has recognized the IARU as representing the interests of Amateur Radio.

Today, Amateur Radio is more popular than ever, with over 3,000,000 licensed operators!

World Amateur Radio Day is the day when IARU Member-Societies can show our capabilities to the public and enjoy global friendship with other Amateurs worldwide.

April 18 is the day for all of Amateur Radio to celebrate and tell the world about the science we can help teach, the community service we can provide and the fun we have.

We hope you will join in the fun and education that is World Amateur Radio Day!

Reference:

<http://wp.rac.ca/world-amateur-radio-day/>

Ontario QSO Party (OQP) 2017

The following article is courtesy of Contest Club Ontario.

The 20th Annual Ontario QSO Party 2017 will be held on the third full weekend of April at the following times: 1800Z April 15 to 0500Z April 16, and 1200Z to 1800Z April 16.

Beginning in 1998 under the thoughtful guidance of Bob Chandler VE3SRE it quickly became a popular event among Ontario hams and beyond. In 2006 the organization of the party was turned over

to Contest Club Ontario (CCO) who now manages the event.

In the contest, stations outside Ontario make as many contacts with Ontario amateur radio stations as possible. Ontario stations contact as many amateur radio stations as possible both in Ontario and world-wide. See the full set of rules at the following link: <http://va3cco.com/oqp/rules.htm> for the contest exchange, frequencies, modes and categories.

New for 2017

- The Youth Plus Category.

The concept of Youth Plus is to think of it as "youth plus grandpa", and will give you an opportunity to spend some time with your grandkids, sharing the magic of radio.

The idea being - to have the youth do as much of the operating as possible - on-air exchange, calling CQ, etc. Grandpa (the licenced control op) would take care of logging the QSO, submitting the log, and anything else that is needed. Even though we use the term "grandpa", it is meant to help participants understand the concept rather than being a literal term. "Grandpa" can be anyone with an amateur radio licence. For this - youth can be anyone 18 years of age and under. The youth do not have to be your grandkids. It can be your kids, grandkids, even kids in your neighbourhood - kids that might be interested in seeing what Amateur Radio is all about.

Please keep track of the times when you have help operating, and send an email with the operating time(s). We will score this part of the log separately to determine the winner. We will also score the complete log. Youth Plus entries will be listed separately in the contest results. This is new for 2017, and we are hoping some folks will give this a try. Plaque goes to top score, but the real intent is to have youth "catch the magic" of ham radio.

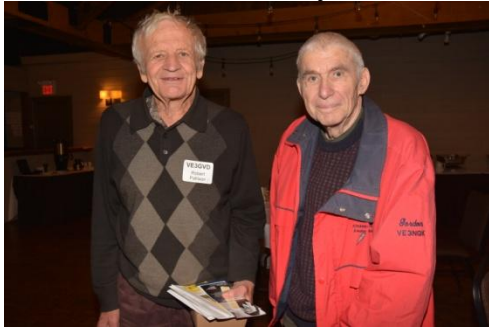
Reference:

<http://va3cco.com/oqp/index.htm>

Reported by:

Mary Card, VE3FEB, President

Photo Gallery



**Robert Pattison, VE3GVD,
and Gord Gibson, VE3NQG**



**Ron Howard, K8YAL,
and Fred Dixon, VE3CZ**



**Caryl Amyotte,
and Bob Chrysler, VE3IEL**



**Jim Cull, VE3ND,
and Mike Ennis, VE3AO**



**Bill Ambler, VE3CFY
and Fred Dixon, VE3CZ**

Fall 2016 Meeting



**George Roach, VE3BNO,
Pierre Mainville, VE3PM,
and Frances Roach, VE3HKG**



**Waldemar Szczesniak, VE3CZK,
and Ziggy Rodzoch, VE3ZIG**



Jim Thompson, VE3BCA



**Carol Little, VE3IYY
and Gord Moogk, VE3DBP**



James Davidson, VE3TPZ

Chapter 73, Executive



**Fred Hicks, VE3MTS
Treasurer and Webmaster**



**Bert Almemo, VE3NR
Vice President and Prize Chair**



Harold Braun, VE3CD, Awards Chair

Note: The photos in this issue, except the Awards Presentation photo on page 2, are courtesy of Mary Card, VE3FEB.

The Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA Newsletter for Spring 2017 has been prepared by Mary Card, VE3FEB – Editor, and President, Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA



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“Things turn out best for people who make the best of how things turn out.”

- Art Linkletter