

Chapter 73 Newsletter for Spring 2018

Spring 2018 Meeting and Luncheon

Everyone is invited to attend our **Spring 2018** Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA Meeting which will be held on **Saturday, April 21, 2018** 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 9:00 a.m. and the luncheon menu for the meeting includes a choice of roast beef **or** chicken for your entrée, with 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. To avoid “late fees”, please sign up **by Monday, April 16, 2018**.

Thanks to Fred Hicks, VE3MTS, you can register online for the Spring 2018 Meeting by logging in to the **Members Only** section of the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA website at the following link:

http://qcwa.ca/Members_Only.php,

or by downloading a copy of the **Meal Registration Form** that can be found on the **“Home Page”** at the following link: <http://qcwa.ca/RegistrationForm.pdf>, and mailing your completed **Meal Registration Form** and a cheque, payable to **QCWA, Chapter 73**, to the Treasurer at the address that can be found at the bottom of the Registration Form.

Due to the new software for our Fred Hammond Chapter 73, QCWA website; you will be required to **re-register** for

access to the **“Members Only”** section if you are registering for the meeting online. **Note:** You will only have to do this once!

The **Guest Speaker** at our Spring 2018 Meeting and Luncheon will be **Bob Morton, VE3WY**. Bob's presentation will be about the VC2EME dxpedition, <http://www.dxmaps.com/dxcalendar.php?Lan=&Cod=1343>, that operated in June of 2017 from Zone 2 on 2M EME and 6M terrestrial (mainly 2m moonbounce but also some 6m contacts). The main purpose of the dxpedition, organized by Bob and his team, was to put Zone 2 on 2m for those needing it to get their **Worked All Zones Award**. Prior to this dxpedition there were only about 4 stations in the world that had worked all 40 CQ zones. After Bob's trip, there are now at least 15 with this award! Bob Morton (VE3WY, VE3BFM, NI1W, 9G5MR) is a member of the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA. Please visit Bob Morton's **Maple Leaf Communications** web site at <https://mapleleafcom.com/>.



Photo of Bob Morton and his team
Photo Courtesy of Bob Morton, VE3WY

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming Spring 2018 Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA Meeting on **April 21, 2018**. Please note: To avoid “late fees”, please register for the meeting **by Monday, April 16, 2018**.

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, September 23, 2017. The guest speaker at the Fall 2017 Meeting was Pierre Fogal - VE3KTB. Pierre was first licensed in 2000, while living in Colorado. He still holds the Extra class licence KC0IGY. Pierre returned to Canada in late 2004 but it would be 10 years before there was time to pass the Canadian exam to become VE3KTB. His interests include chasing DX, contesting and just about anything else. Science and Amateur Radio have always gone hand-in-hand for him, allowing him to activate NA-008, NA-043 and operate from KC4AAA.

Pierre's very interesting and informative presentation was about the Eureka Amateur Radio Club (EARC), probably the most northerly located amateur radio club in the world, located in Eureka, Ellesmere Island, Nunavut, Canada,

<https://www.qrz.com/db/VY0ERC>, and the Polar Environment Atmospheric Research Laboratory (PEARL), <http://www.candac.ca/candac/Facilities/facility.php?type=PEARL>, a climate research lab where the mercury drops to a frigid -50 C before even factoring in the wind chill. Please visit the following websites to learn more about more about science happening at the PEARL:

<http://www.candac.ca>

<https://eureka.physics.utoronto.ca/>

Mary Card, VE3FEB, President



Mary Card and Pierre Fogal
VE3FEB VE3KTB

Special Thanks to Larry Asp, VE3RF



Larry Asp, VE3RF

Special Thanks are in order, once again, to Larry Asp, VE3RF, who is a volunteer at the Hammond Museum of Radio. Larry continues to bring interesting artifacts from the museum to talk about. At our Fall 2017 Meeting Larry brought along a Johnson Viking Navigator, circa 1958, and several electronic keys. I am looking forward to Larry's presentation at our Spring 2018 Meeting!

Mary Card, VE3FEB, President

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

Donors – Fall 2017 Prize Table

Thank you to the following Chapter 73 members who donated to the Prize Table for our Fall 2017 Meeting!

VE3EJM Al Illidge

VE3FEB Mary Card

VE3GVD Bob Pattison

VE3OBX Jerry Fenkell

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

Bert Almemo, VE3NR

Vice-President and Prize Chair

CLARA PRESENTATION

Special thanks to Ann Nutter for her presentation on the Canadian Ladies Amateur Radio Association (CLARA) 50th Anniversary Birthday Bash that was held in Winnipeg from July 17, 2018 to July 20, 2018. To read more about the CLARA Birthday Bash please visit the following link:

<http://clarayl.ca/index.php/clara-turns-50>

Mary Card, VE3FEB, President

2017 Scholarship Report

In 2017, during the 150th Anniversary of Canada and the 150th anniversary of Confederation, the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA Scholarship program entered its fourteenth successful year. Our chapter scholarships are each valued at \$500 and honour the memory of all of the Silent Keys of The Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA and, in particular, the memory of Fred Hammond.

We would like to thank Rob Hammond and the Hammond Manufacturing Company Limited for continuing to support our scholarship program on a yearly basis by providing two scholarships for our Fred Hammond, Chapter 73 Scholarship Program.

For the year 2017 we awarded three chapter scholarships. The scholarships are not only helping our scholarship recipients financially with their postsecondary education during the school year 2017-2018, but also honours them for their hard work, contributions to the community, and their commitment to the field of telecommunications.

Our scholarship recipients are not only very appreciative for the financial support provided by our chapter, but also are honoured to have been selected as Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, 2017 Scholarship recipients. On behalf of our 2017 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. Congratulations to the following three Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, 2017 Scholarship Recipients.

Donata Gierczycka, VA3HNK, SP5HNK, our first scholarship recipient, is a full-time PhD Mechanical Engineering student at the University of Waterloo. Donata is very active in her school community and the amateur radio community. At university, Donata has been leading a writing group for graduate students and she has organized workshops on presentation and delivery skills for her research group. She has also been learning an endangered

Mohawk language (kanien'keha) since January 2018. As an amateur radio operator, Donata operated as VA3HNK in the SPDX Contest (April 2017), RAC Canada Day Contest (July 2017), and RAC Canada Winter Contest (December 2017). Donata was first licensed as SP5HNK in 2002. Since 2003, she has been an active contester, focusing mostly on CW and RTTY competitions. In 2003, her team established a world record in a multi-two category in the CQ WPX RTTY contest using the SN70M call sign. She organized the World Wide Young Contesters meeting in Darlowo, Poland, in 2005 and from 2008-2011, she was a member of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) High Speed Telegraphy (HST) Working Group, representing the Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK). She won a bronze medal at a HST Championship in Pordenone, Italy in 2008, as a member of the Polish national team, and she co-organized the 7th IARU Region 1 HST Championship in Rawa Mazowiecka, Poland. After Donata's move to Canada, she joined the Kitchener-Waterloo Amateur Radio Club and she received the VA3HNK call sign in 2016. She is a member of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC), and continues to participate in CW contests. In 2016, she won the 1st place in Canada in the SPDX Contest in the 20m CW category. In the future Donata hopes to obtain a faculty position in Mechanical Engineering at a Canadian Institution.

Donata states, "*The scholarship will help me in the process of finalizing my dissertation. I would like to express my gratitude for the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA for sponsoring the scholarship and enabling my success at the University of Waterloo.*"

Sidy Ndongue, our second scholarship recipient, is currently in his second year of the Electrical Engineering program at the University of Waterloo. Sidy, who graduated from John Diefenbaker Senior School in Hanover, Ontario in July of 2016, is a hardworking student with excellent grades and a great interest in engineering/mathematics and science. Sidy decided to study engineering at university because engineering "*is all about solving problems*". As a high school student, in a small community,

Sidy decided to study, on his own, the advanced courses that were not offered at his school and during his grade 12 year he successfully self-studied Linear Algebra, Calculus 1, 2, and Multivariable Calculus by reading math books from cover to cover. In addition he was selected to attend the prestigious *Quantum Cryptography School for Young Students* at the Institute for Quantum Computing at the University of Waterloo. He also volunteered over 110 hours in the Computer Buddies Program at the Hanover Public Library teaching seniors to learn how to use their phones, laptops, and tablets. This year Sidy is planning to join the Midnight Sun student design team and help to build a solar powered car to compete in competitions.

Sidy states, *"I would like to thank the members of the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA for providing me with the very generous \$500 scholarship. I am currently a second-year student at the University of Waterloo studying Electrical Engineering with the goal of becoming a Radio-frequency engineer (RF engineer) or to work on research regarding quantum circuits. This scholarship will go a long way towards lightening the financial burden of school. I hope that one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me."*

Neil Nutter Slemko, our **third** scholarship recipient, is in his first year of the Renewable Resource Management program at Lethbridge College in Lethbridge, Alberta. Neil graduated from Canmore Collegiate High School in Canmore, Alberta in June of 2017. As a high school student Neil played basketball and he was also selected for the Canmore Police Committee to represent the student body of his high school.

Neil states, *"Dear Members of the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA. Thank you for awarding me with a Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA 2017 Chapter Scholarship. I appreciate the tremendous support that you have provided me with this scholarship. It will surely assist me with my tuition and technical gear that is required for my studies. I am enrolled in Lethbridge College's Renewable Resource*

Management program. It will lead to becoming either a Resource Conservation Officer or a Law Enforcement Warden. I have enjoyed being a Parks Canada volunteer for the past three summers. I have participated in the weed recognition and removal program, fence repair project and I especially enjoyed the Bison Reintroduction program. It confirmed to me that I want to pursue an outdoor-oriented career managing and supporting the environment. In these early months of my program, I have had the opportunity to study plants and animals both in the field and in the classroom. Radio is an essential and important communication tool when we work in the field, as well as when I was a volunteer in the backcountry. This scholarship is especially important to me as HAM radio has been a favorite hobby for my grandparents [Ann Nutter, VE3HAI, and Barc Nutter, VE3HAH-SK] and aunt [Janet Maggart, N9ZKU]. I look forward to successfully completing my diploma in two years and pursuing an outdoor-career that uses radio to support their communications and safety working out in the field. Thank you again for your generous support in my endeavor. Sincerely, Neil Slemko."

On behalf of all of the members and the Silent Keys of the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73 QCWA, the Scholarship Committee congratulates our scholarship recipients for the year 2017. We know that each of our scholarship recipients will use their scholarship money, wisely, on their educational journeys to make the world a better place for others!

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

2018 Scholarship Report

Our scholarship program, is now in its fifteenth year! 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 Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, 2018 QCWA scholarships.

**Scholarship Committee
Mary Card, VE3FEB, Chair
Fred Hicks, VE3MTS
Ann Nutter, VE3HAI**

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 21, 2018. 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.) To obtain a certificate a member can print out his/her own certificate. The Chapter 73 Executive takes care of the printing and prints out certificates for our members.

Congratulations to the following 2018 QCWA Certificate recipients!

50 Years

none

55 Years

Rob Hammond VE3EIL

60 Years

Gordon Hogarth VE3CNA

Bill Hardie VE3EFX

65 Years

Martin Rosenthal VE3MR

70 Years

Clive Oaks VE3YB

75 Years

None

80 Years

P.T. (Puss) Valeriotte VE3DSC

Century Club

none

Harold Braun, VE3CD, Awards Chair

September 23, 2018



Ann Nutter, VE3HAI,
presents
Mary Card, VE3FEB,
with her
YLRL
55 year Certificate



Mary Card, VE3FEB,
presents
Ann Nutter, VE3HAI,
with her
QCWA
Century Club Certificate

Hammond Museum of Radio

If you are in the Guelph, Ontario area please 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

Photo Gallery Fall 2017



Fred Hicks-VE3MTS



James Davidson-VE3TPZ & Bert Almemo, VE3NR



Frances Roach-VE3HKG,
Roberta Williams-VA3RMW,
& Ann Nutter-VE3HAI



Larry Asp-VE3RF & Bob Pattison-VE3GVD



Mary Freidin & Norm Freidin VE3CZI



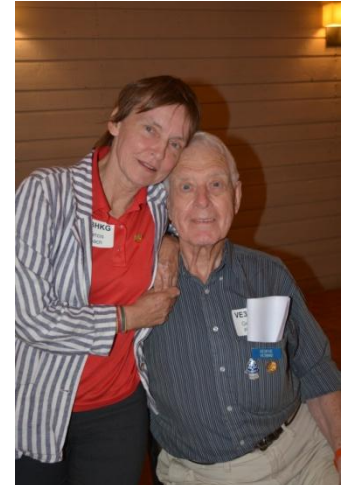
Bob Morton VE3WY & Len Morris VE3FJB



Karen Morton & Marilyn Morris



Jerry Fenkell-VE3OBX & Al Illidge-VE3EJM



Frances Roach-VE3HKG & George Roach-VE3BNO

Note: The photos in this issue, except the dxpedition photo on page 1, are courtesy of Mary Card, VE3FEB.

The Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA Newsletter for Spring 2018 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