

Chapter 73 Newsletter for Spring 2014

Spring 2014 Meeting and Luncheon

Our Spring 2014 meeting and luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at The Mohawk Inn located at the northwest corner of Campbellville Road and Highway 401. Coffee and cookies will be available starting at 9 AM. The price for the luncheon is \$25 for members and member's XYL's and \$30 for non-members and is non-refundable for no shows. We have to confirm with the staff at the Mohawk Inn, the total number of attendees four days before our meeting and only ten "walk-ins", at a price of \$30 per "walk-in" will be allowed after the cutoff date. Please get your money in to Jean by April 22, 2014. Both the meeting and the luncheon will be held in Conservation Hall (at the east end of the building). The luncheon this year will, once again, be a served meal, with three choices instead of a buffet. Contributions to the scholarship fund are encouraged. Prize donations are always welcomed.

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

President's Report

Our Fall meeting was held on Saturday, October 26th, 2013 at the Mohawk Inn. It was an honour to have Mark Pecen, VE3CPK/VE3QAM, as our guest speaker at this meeting. Mark, who is an active long-time amateur radio operator, gave a very interesting and educational talk on the history of amateur radio from the Maxwell and Hertz era (1860) to the present time and shared with us his thoughts on the future of amateur radio. Thank you Mark!



Mary Card, VE3FEB and Mark Pecen,
VE3CPX/VE3QAM

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our Spring 2014 Meeting at the Mohawk Inn. In honour of the one hundredth anniversary of the Canadian Submarine Service, at this meeting we will be having a guest speaker from the new Elgin Military Museum of Naval History in Port Burwell, Located forty minutes (28 miles) away from the Elgin Military Museum in St. Thomas, Ontario, He will be making a presentation on the HMCS OJIBWA the first submarine built expressly for the Royal Canadian Navy (<http://projectojibwa.ca/project.aspx>). The Elgin Military Museum is proud of having met the challenge of incredible hurdles to preserve and operate HMCS OJIBWA, a cold war Oberon Class submarine, as part of a Museum - reflecting our naval heritage for the benefit of future generations. I'm also looking forward to hearing Larry Asp, VE3RF, talk about the Hammond Museum.

Mary Card, VE3FEB, President



HMCS Ojibwa

Spring Meeting Program

At the spring meeting this month our guest speaker(s) are from the Museum of Naval History in Port Burwell, Ontario. On display at the museum there is a Cold War Oberon class Submarine, HMCS Ojibwa. We look forward to hear how this large submarine was secured and moved from Halifax to Port Burwell and then set up on land. The ship has been cleaned, refurbished and is now open for viewing inside and out. The radio room has been refitted as a working Amateur Radio station.

Ron Gimbel, VE3DBD, Vice President

2014 Scholarship Report

Our scholarship program, which continues to honour the memory of the Silent Keys of our Chapter, is now in its tenth year! This year we are, once again, supporting our deserving and grateful Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA 2013 Scholarship recipients who are pursuing their studies at the postsecondary level. Our scholarship recipients are very appreciative of the financial support from our Chapter members, and Rob Hammond and Hammond Manufacturing. On behalf of our 2013 Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA scholarship recipients, special thanks to our chapter members and to Rob Hammond and Hammond Manufacturing, for your generosity and for your ongoing support of our scholarship program. The 2014 Fred Hammond, Chapter 73 Scholarship applications are due on April 21, 2014. Students from across Canada who are entering any year of postsecondary education can apply for one of our Chapter Scholarships. If you know a deserving student, please encourage them to apply for one of our Chapter Scholarships. The scholarship application for this year is posted at the following link:

<http://www.qcwa.ca/scholarship.htm>

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

Financial Update

Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA

Bank Balance

October 21, 2013 \$7,353.77

INCOME

(Luncheon, Memberships,
Scholarship Donations) \$2,605.00

EXPENSES

(Mohawk Inn, Bank charges
Deposit for April 2014,
Web Site renewal,
Office expenses) \$1,384.27

Bank Balance

March 21, 2014 \$8,574.50

**Jean Gimbel, VE3CBQ
Secretary-Treasurer**

Awards Chair Report

QCWA Anniversary of Licensing Certificates and Century Club Certificates will be presented at our Spring Meeting on April 26, 2014. 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. 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 Headquarters policy and not a Chapter 73 ruling.)

Congratulations to the following Certificate recipients:

50 Years

Edwin Taylor VE3FRM
Ferg Kyle VE3LVO
Ron Nickle VE3SF

55 Years

Doug Holmes VE3CWO
Bruce McLellan VE3QB

65 Years

William Morris VE3TM
James Cull VE3ND
Keith Jones VE3MH
John Hann VE3LKH

80 Years

Robert Boyd VE3SV

Century Club

Harold Braun VE3CD
Gordon Moogk VE3DBP
David Flarity VE3DVE
David Thorne VE3LDT
Ron Nickle VE3SF

Harold Braun, VE3CD Awards Chair

Some Interesting Websites

I found a very interesting website "txfilms.co.uk /txfactor" from Great Britain. There is a monthly half hour video exclusively about Amateur Radio. So far there have been two episodes, March and April. Some topics covered are Marconi's transatlantic success, hilltop hamming, FUNcube dongle HF, VHF, UHF SDF receiver, FUNcube satellite, kit building and two meter repeater operation. Another multi-informational site is QRZ.com. Here you can view almost anything you want to know about Amateur Radio. There are many links to many interesting sites. One is "http:twit.tv/hn". Ham Nation is now up to episode 141. The episodes are professionally produced hour long shows on all aspects of ham radio.

Ron Gimbel, VE3DBD, Vice President

QCWA Nets

Check into the net using CQ100 on Friday mornings at 11:00 a.m. on 14.347. Anyone, anywhere, is invited to check into this controlled net. It's not restricted to QCWA members.

For a 30-day free trial for CQ100, go to www.qsonet.com. The site has had some problems with @hotmail.com so if you have a problem registering, use a different email address. You will need to attach a copy of your "Certificate of Proficiency in Amateur Radio" to your email to verify that you are licensed. Currently the cost is 39.00 USD for one year.

A change at CQ100 allows that anyone who has registered, but does not renew can still get in on Sundays (GMT). Also anyone who registers for the 30-day free trial, but does not join can still use the service after the 30 days on Sundays (GMT). I'm not sure how far back the offer goes but if you ever had the free trial offer; please try CQ100 on a Sunday. Let me know if it works for you at ve3cd@rac.ca.

The International QCWA SSB net is on Sundays on 20 metres at 14.347 at 2000Z

(<http://time.unitarium.com/military/2000>)

which is now 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoons. It is usually simulcast to CQ100 on 14.347 for listening purposes.

The CW International CW Net is held on Wednesday evening on 40 metres at 8:00 pm Wed or (0000Z Thursday) on 7.035. It too is being simulcast to CQ100 on 7.035

**Harold Braun, VE3CD
Awards Chair**

Hammond Museum of Radio Notes March 2014

The museum is in the process of acknowledging several more donations from Chapter 73 members and also donations from the estates from several of our recent Silent Keys.

To arrange a donation to the museum contact Mrs. Noreen Irwin-Hann, VE3AQZ at 519-822-2960, ext 252 or email her at nirwin@hammfg.com. The museum at 595 Southgate Drive, Guelph 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 Chair**

Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA Photo Gallery – Fall 2013 Meeting



Larry Asp, VE3RF, talks about the Mercury Super Ten



Fergus Kyle, VE3LVO, Pierre Mainville, VA3PM, George Roach, VE3BNO, QCWA Director, and Frances Roach, VE3HKG

SILENT KEYS

**VE3ON Norman Lawton
VE3FMT James Trayes**

Donors - October 2013 Prize Table

Maple Leaf Communications
Radio World
VE3EIL, VE3AO, VE3CD, VE3ID,
VE3AL, VE3RMW, VE3AZ, VE3CNA,
VE3HAI, VE3GVD, VE3CBQ
Ron Gimbel, VE3DBD, Vice President

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 Fall 2013 Meeting with photos courtesy of Mary Card, VE3FEB, please follow the following link:

<http://www.qcwa.ca/photo%20gallery.htm>

The Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA Newsletter for Spring 2014 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