

QCWA

Fred Hammond Chapter 73

Chapter 73 Newsletter for Spring 2002

The Spring 2002 meeting will be held on **Saturday 4 May 2002** at the Plainsman Restaurant on Highway #5, 2.5 km west of Clappison's Corners and Highway #6. Coffee will be available at 9.00 AM, with the meeting starting at 10.00 AM.

Please complete and return the enclosed form with your cheque for \$15.00 per person by 20 April 2002, in the addressed envelope provided.

Membership Dues

Check the upper right corner of your address label. The figures (eg. 12/2002) indicate the expiration month and year of your Chapter 73 membership. If your membership has lapsed, or is due shortly, please include the fee of \$10.00 per year (up to 3 years in advance). The reply form includes a section for renewal information. Please advise of any changes in your address, etc.

Those of you who are guests are encouraged to join QCWA. Information and application forms will be available at the registration desk.

Meeting Agenda

- Chapter President's Report
- Introduction of new members and guests
- RAC Report
- QCWA Report
- Chapter 73 Treasury Report

Guest Speaker

Our topic for this session will be **IRLP**, which stands for Internet Repeater Linking Project, which has taken the world by storm, with over 350 repeaters linked using voice over internet protocol. Our speaker will be our own

member, Paul Cassel, VE3SY, who is highly knowledgeable about the subject, having set up systems in the Kitchener Waterloo area.

Silent Keys

Jim Cooper, **VE3CR**, Clinton August 2001, 96 years
Graham Williams, **VE3ST**, London, Fall of 2001

President's Comments



Happy New Year to Everyone

As you can see we are fortunate in having another interesting guest speaker in the person of Paul, VE3SY who does so much for Chapter 73, and in keeping with the opinions expressed in our informal survey last year, this recognizes the wishes of the membership, and also makes time available to visit with our friends.

In order to maintain the high quality of the presentations we have come to expect and enjoy, we would Welcome any thoughts and suggestions about future guest speakers, and possible subjects of interest.

One simple but special way to honour Fred's memory, would be for each one of us to come up with one new member this year.

See you all on May 4th, 73, Tom, VE3CDM

Highlights of the last meeting

At our meeting in October of last year, a slate of 7 Directors was elected.

President

Tom Atkins, VE3CDM

Past President

Earl Mann, VE3EHM

Vice President

Mary Card, VE3FEB

Secretary-Treasurer

Keith Bentley, VE3DHL

Prize Chairman

Clarke Bradford, VE3WCB

Membership Chairman

Norm Freidin, VE3CZI

Awards Chairman

Harold Braun, VE3DWH

Service Award presentations were made to various members, not all of whom were present.



L-R Gord Barber VE3AAH - 65 years, Ernie Hanson VE3FX - 55, John Halifax VE3BTE-Century Club, Robert Abell VE3XM - 50, and Gord MacPhail - 70 years

Century Club(Age plus years of membership in QCWA is 100)

John Halifax, VE3BTA

70 Years

Gord MacPhail, VE3IH

65 years

Bill Booth, VE3AAA
Gord Barber, VE3AAH
Bill Loucks, VE3AR
Fred Lewery, VE3FGJ
Terry French, VE3OB

55 Years

Ernie Hanson, VE3FX
Eric Enns, VE3BB
Court Broad, VE3AZ
Gale Moore, VE3OUN
Bob Abell, VE3ZM

Minutes From The October 2001 Meeting

The Fred Hammond Chapter 73 fall meeting was held on October 13th at the Plainsman Restaurant near Hamilton Ontario with 68 members and guests in attendance.

Following the introduction of guests a moments silence in memory of Silent Keys was held for: Fred Creed VE3DZ from Kitchener, Doug Hall VE3TB of Guelph who received his 65 year certificate at the 2000 National Convention and Jim Cooper VE3CR who received his 75 year certificate in 1998.

Chapter Treasurer Keith VE3DHL reported that the Chapter is in healthy financial condition with a current bank-balance of \$6,383.

President Earl Mann VE3EHM introduced the chairman of the nominating committee Al Bonner VE3FY who gave his committee's report. Nomination for President was Tom Atkins VE3CDM, Mary Card VE3FEB as Vice-President and Keith Bentley VE3DHL as Secretary Treasurer. With no further nominations being heard a motion was accepted for the close of nominations. As our new President, Tom brings with him a wealth of knowledge regarding amateur radio following his recent retirement as President

of IARU Region 2. Tom served on the IARU board for 18 years.



New Chapter President Tom Atkins VE3CDM and Vice President Mary Card VE3FEB

National Director George Roach VE3BNO presented on behalf of the National organization numerous awards for Years of Service as a Licensed Radio Amateur (see accompanying photo on page 1).

George VE3BNO then reported on the issue of associate memberships. George informed our membership that he felt we can expect a forthcoming vote of the membership on this issue. George also reported that no firm decision has been made for the location of the 2002 National Convention as of this date although there is some possibility it could be at Disney World in Florida.

Our new President elect, Tom Atkins VE3CDM presented a summary of events at the recent IARU conference in Guatemala City. Tom indicated that due to the recent tragic events in the US that attendees were down considerably.

Chapter Secretary-Treasurer Keith Bentley VE3DHL introduced our guest speaker Mitch Powel VE3OT. Mitch has been very active is VLF activity below 200 khz in the 160-190 kHz and the 136 kHz bands. Mitch demonstrated how very low power and very inefficient antennas could produce country wide and in cases transatlantic CW QSOs using very slow CW and computer software to decode the 5 hz audio shifts. With actual off air recordings we were able to see the CW appearing on the video screen yet when listening to the audio it took a lot of imagination to detect any signal by ear.

We then broke for a lovely buffet lunch and then reconvened for the regular prize draws. Many thanks to those who donated prizes Martin Rosenthal VE3MR of Electro Sonic, Radio World, Hammond Manufacturing, the ARRL and Gord VE3IH.

WEB SITES OF INTEREST

QCWA Homepage

www.qcwa.org

QCWA Chapter 73 Web Site

www.kwarc.org/qcwa

Hammond Museum of Radio

www.HammondMuseumOfRadio.org.



See you all on May 4th at the Plainsman



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