
Chapter 73 Newsletter for Fall 2002

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

Please complete and return the enclosed form with your cheque for \$15.00 per person, by September 28, 2002 in the pre-addressed envelope provided. Please add your e-mail address so we can update our records.

Chapter 73 Dues

Please 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 per year (up to 3 years in advance). The reply form includes a section for renewal information. Please advise of any changes in address, etc.

QCWA Membership Dues

QCWA Headquarters has asked us to remind those whose memberships have expired to send in their renewals. You should normally be notified by Headquarters, but we will have renewal forms at the registration desk if you need

them.

Meeting Agenda

- Chapter President's Report
- Silent Keys
- Introduction of new members and guests
- IARU Report
- QCWA Report
- Chapter 73 Treasury Report
- Scholarship Plan
- QCWA service awards
- Guest Speaker
- Luncheon
- Prizes

Bequest

The Fred Hammond Chapter received the donation of the complete amateur station of one of our members, the late George Zador, VE3DSG. It will be sold at current used equipment prices and the proceeds will be used for our projected scholarship fund, and the QCWA endowment fund.

President's Comments

We are very pleased to have Tom Domonkos, VE3FCK, speak to us about the very significant contribution made to the art of Radio by Reginald Fessenden. Tom is a former school teacher and is presently working in the high technology communications industry. He has been an amateur for over 12 years. Tom became

interested in the history of Reginald Fessenden in 1990, and has spent the years since then in acquiring accurate, detailed information about his accomplishments, and examining original notes stored in the Archives building in Washington, DC. Fessenden's work has been largely ignored in Canada, however Tom has been writing and lecturing extensively about him and hopefully these efforts will help to correct that unfortunate situation. We are greatly looking forward to Tom's presentation.

Thanks to the kind donation of equipment from the estate of the late George Zador, we hope to have more funds available to devote to scholarships. Our Vice President, Mary Card, has been looking into how we can set up a fund, however she needs some help, and we are looking for volunteers to assist her.

We are also looking for someone to fill the position of Membership Chairman. The task is to recruit new members and to chase up lapsed members. Record keeping and money handling remains the task of the Secretary Treasurer.

Highlights Last Meeting

Our spring meeting was held on Saturday, May 4th at the Plainsman Restaurant near Clappison's Corners, Ontario, with 85 members and guests in attendance. Our new President, Tom Atkins, VE3CDM, presided. Tom introduced new members, Al d'Eon, VE3AND, and Margaret Cassel, VE3RE, and reported the passing of Forbes Simpson VE3OD. He also noted that two non-chapter members, who were well-known amateurs, Charles Shedden, VE3NV, and Al Lowry, VE3AL, were silent keys. Tom called on all of us to each recruit a new member for QCWA.

Croft Taylor, VE3CT, QCWA Vice President, reported on various aspects of the QCWA, including the very successful cruise which was last year's convention. He also introduced an honoured guest,

Leo Meyerson, W0GFQ, who joined our chapter.



Tom gave us an IARU report, the highlight of which was the continuing effort to obtain a worldwide 300 Khz allocation on the 40-metre band.

We then had a report from the RADIO AMATEURS OF CANADA, Ontario South Director, Bob Cooke, VE3BDB, who updated us on the various RAC Activities, such as seeking Government recognition of Radio Amateurs' capability in emergency planning. RAC are putting on a membership

drive, and are looking for ways of improving the benefits of membership.

Our guest speaker was our own renowned member, Paul Cassel, VE3SY, who gave us an excellent illustrated talk about IRLP, the Internet Repeater Linking Project, which provides a way for VHF/UHF repeaters to link to each other using voice over internet protocol. IRLP has become a very popular mode, with over 450 stations now in operation around the world, including McMurdo Sound in Antarctica.

After a very fine buffet lunch, we had a prize draw with many winners. Prizes were courtesy of Electrosonic Inc., Hammond Manufacturing, Maple Leaf Communications, Radio Amateurs of Canada, Buzz Roberts, VE3ZDD, Tom Atkins, VE3CDM, and Croft Taylor, VE3CT

See you all on October 5th at the Plainsman

WEB SITES OF INTEREST

QCWA Homepage
www.qcwa.org

Fred Hammond Chapter 73 Web Site
www.kwarc.org/qcwa

Hammond Museum of Radio
www.HammondMuseumOfRadio.org



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