

Our Fall meeting will be held on Saturday, 31 October, 2009 at The Mohawk Inn located at the northwest corner of Guelph Line and Highway 401. As usual coffee will be available at 9 AM.

Our Speaker will be our well known member, Harold Braun, VE3DWH who will tell us all about CQ100. Halloween costumes are optional.

The price is \$20 for members and member's XYL's, and \$25 for non-members and is non-refundable for no shows. We have to confirm the number of attendees four days ahead and only ten walk-ins will be allowed at \$25 after the cutoff date, so get your money in early. The meeting will be in the large hall at the east end of the building, with the lunch buffet served in an adjacent smaller room. Contributions to the scholarship fund are encouraged.

New Members

Earl Kaufman, VE3CTY and Roberta Williams, VE3RMW as a friend.

Silent Keys

Clarke Bradford, VE3WCB, at age 81,
Thelma Woodhouse, VE3CLT
Dennis Eason, VE3BRO.

President's Report

I enjoyed having the opportunity to meet and visit with many of you at our last meeting on May 2nd, 2009 at the Mohawk Inn. The presentation by Master Warrant Officer Glenn Rowe from Camp Borden was well received by everyone. I enjoyed his excellent PowerPoint presentation on aviation in Canada throughout the last 100 years and, in particular, hearing his presentation this year, which is the 100th anniversary of flight in Canada. Special thanks to Master Warrant Office Rowe for the information brochures and special gifts that he brought to our meeting and shared with us.

(see photo at end of newsletter)

Our scholarship program, which continues to honour the memory of the Silent Keys of our Chapter, is now in its sixth year! This year, five very deserving

and grateful students are pursuing their studies at the postsecondary level and they have received financial support from our Chapter members, Rob Hammond, VE3EIL, and Hammond Manufacturing, and the family of our Past President, Earl Mann, VE3EHM (SK), in his memory. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our chapter members, Rob Hammond and Hammond Manufacturing, and the family of Earl Mann, for their generosity and for their ongoing support of our scholarship program.

Thank you to Bert Almemo, VE3OBU, our Vice-President, for continuing in his role as our meeting Prize Chairman. At our next meeting Bert will continue our new tradition of having a meeting "raffle" to raise money for our scholarship fund. If you would like to donate to the "prize table" and/or the "raffle" for our next meeting, please contact Bert at balmemo@sympatico.ca. Thank you to Keith Bentley, VE3DHL, our Secretary-Treasurer for creating our newsletters, for preparing the agendas for our meetings and for sharing his financial expertise with us. Thank you to Paul Cassel, VE3SY, for maintaining our website, www.qcwa.ca for us. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Barc Nutter, VE3HAH, our Membership Chairman, and his wife Ann Nutter, VE3HAI, for once again hosting our Chapter Executive meeting at their home on September 1, 2009.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on Saturday, October 31, 2009 at the "The Mohawk Inn", 401 and Guelph Line. Our fall meeting will feature, Harold Braun, our Awards Chairman, who will be presenting a live demo of the CQ100 virtual HF radio software. For more information on CQ100, please visit <http://qcwa.ca/cq100-net.htm>.

Scholarship Report

The Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA Scholarship program is now in its sixth successful year. Our 2009 scholarships, each valued at \$500, honour the memory of all of the Silent

Keys of the QCWA Chapter 73, and, in particular, the memory of Fred Hammond. I would like to say a special thank you to Rob Hammond, VE3EIL, and the Hammond Manufacturing Company Limited for continuing to support our scholarship program and for providing scholarships and financial assistance, once again this year, to two very deserving students who are pursuing post secondary education. This year, through the generosity of our chapter members at our last meeting, we were able to award a second chapter scholarship, in addition to our yearly chapter scholarship. And, this year through the generosity of the family of our respected and much-loved, Past President, Earl Mann, VE3EHM (SK), we were able to award a special fifth chapter scholarship, in his memory. Our QCWA scholarships will not only help our five scholarship recipients financially with their postsecondary education during the school year 2009-2010, but also honours them for their hard work, their contributions to the community and their commitment to the field of telecommunications.

Our first scholarship recipient is Laurel Bentley. Laurel graduated from Mayfield high school and is currently studying Communication Studies at Sir Wilfred Laurier University. Laurel is not only dedicated to her studies, but also extremely interested in the growing industry of telecommunications and the role it plays in globalization. At school, Laurel played on the intramural dodge ball team. She has also volunteered at a camp as a leader-in-training where she enjoyed working with children. Laurel is interested in music and she plays the alto sax. In the future, Laurel aspires to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Honours Communications and go on to work as a marketing manager or in advertising, specializing in radio and television arts. Laurel's proud grandfather is Keith Bentley, VE3DHL.

Our second scholarship recipient, Ivan Law, is currently a nanotechnology engineering student at the University of Waterloo. In addition to pursuing his

studies, Ivan currently serves as the Business Development Officer for the University of Waterloo's Nanorobotics Group. He is also a member of the engineering Jazz band and the Waterloo Community Concert Band. He is also active in intramural soccer and volleyball. Ivan is a member of *Engineers Without Borders*, and supports the high school outreach activities of the Waterloo Chapter. In the future, Ivan hopes to combine his engineering education and business experiences to work in product development/research and development in the telecommunications industry.

Our third scholarship recipient, Wilson Li, graduated from high school in June of 2009 and was the recipient of a Governor General's Academic Medal 2009. Wilson is currently in his first year at the University of Waterloo in the Honours Computer Science, Co-op program. Wilson was very involved in extracurricular activities while he was at high school. As a member of the "Radio Monarch" team, he was responsible for reading the morning announcements to the staff and students. He was also a member of the school's environmental club, MEND, a member of the Principal's Student Advisory group, and he was the student administrator for his school's website. In addition, Wilson was the student coordinator for the Seniors in Cyberspace program (in partnership with *Toronto Intergenerational Partnerships*) at his school, a program in which students from the school taught basic computer skills to seniors in the local community. Wilson also volunteered in the community on an ongoing basis at the SEAS centre (Support Enhance Access Services). In the future, Wilson would like to work for a company such as Microsoft and find ways to use his leadership and communication skills "for the betterment of humanity".

Our fourth scholarship recipient, Katherine Ritzmann, VE3KMR, has been an amateur radio operator since 2003 when she was 13. Katherine graduated, as an Ontario Scholar, from Eastwood C.I. in 2008 and that year she also received a Certificate of Endorsement for Business Studies. This year Katherine is in her first year of the Honours Business Administration program at Wilfred Laurier University (Waterloo Campus). During her high school years, Katherine was very active in her church and participated in a Bible Study group during the week and

assisted with Sunday school for 3-year-olds on the weekends. During the summers that Katherine was 15 and 16 years of age she volunteered at a day camp for children. In the future Katherine would like to be a Chartered Accountant and she states that she has learned, "If I work hard for something, I can achieve it. That is something I can take with me in all that I do, especially in the next few years ahead."

Our fifth scholarship recipient, Brendan McDonald, VA3BJM, graduated from high school in Dryden, Ontario in June of 2008. Brendan is currently in his second year of the Joint Honours program in Linguistics and Psychology (a four year program). Brendan continues to be involved in extracurricular activities as a university student. Brendan has continued his work with his high school's Music Association and is also a member of the Lake Shore Music Association. He has also joined "ADELSA", a linguistic student group. Brendan has volunteered many hours towards ham radio events such as the Pumpkin Patrol (gate night and Halloween safety)—mobile and base station operations; the Christmas parade – walking safety regulator, ARES emergency evacuation plan for Dryden and area, and he also helped with the organization of the Amateur Radio supper in Dryden. Brendan is currently a member of RAC and also a member of the Amateur Radio Club in Ottawa (OARC). During this past summer, Brendan ran a summer youth program with the City of Dryden. In the future, Brendan is hoping to pursue the career of Audiology, which will require an additional three-year Master's degree. Brendan's scholarship this year is a special scholarship organized by the family of our Past President, Earl Mann, VE3EHM(SK), and honours the memory of Earl Mann who had, like Brendan has, a love for and passion for both music and amateur radio.

On behalf of everyone in QCWA Chapter 73, I would like to congratulate our 2009 scholarship recipients and wish them success and happiness on their educational journeys to make the world a better place for others.

Mary Card
Chair, Scholarship Committee

Prize Chairman Report

Here are the donors to the prize table Spring 2009. VE3CT, VE3HAH, VE3KWI, VE3CZI, VE3QF, VE3PA, VE3OBU, VE3ID, VE3BFM, of Maple

Leaf Communications, VE3BCA, VA3BEX, VE3GFI, VE3AO, VE3BLK, VE3GVD, VE3CFY, VE3CTY, VE3XM, VE3NQG, VE3MR, of ElectroSonic, and VA3PM RadioWorld.

I hope I didn't forget anyone. If you know of someone else please let me know.

Thanks and 73, Bert Almemo VE3OBU
Prize Chairman and VP, Chapter 73

Awards

Awards were presented to those listed in the last newsletter. Those in attendance at the last meeting are shown in the picture on next page

It looks like the trial using CQ-100 for the Fall QSO Party was a success. Activity was restricted to the 10-metre band, but there was lots of interest. Contacts were made with stations all over the world including UK, Asia, Europe.

Understand the QSO Party committee will review the logs received and make their decision and recommendations regarding using this mode.

No dates have been verified for the 2010 parties to date.

If you participated either in the on-the air or the computer version be sure to send in your log, regardless of the number of contacts made.

Certificates for 2010 will be awarded at the May 2010 meeting. If you recently joined and already qualify for a certificate you can order directly from H/Q or let me know for assistance.

Fred Hammond Museum of Radio

The Board of Director's annual meeting will be held in November but Curator Noreen Irwin-Hann was kind enough to give us an early recap of the past year's activities which will be presented at the meeting.

Harold VE3DWH

Membership Chair comments Sep '09

Currently, our Fred Hammond Chapter 73 has 105 members. We have been about the same size for the last several years.

Our chapter has room to grow and we ask that you invite some of your amateur radio friends to our meeting. They will probably be surprised at how many members they already know. Hopefully, they will enjoy the meeting and consider joining our chapter.

It is an almost impossible task to keep our records up to date. Please let me know if you change your home or email address. Just when I think the email list is right, on the next mailing 2 or 3 letters are returned. Please send me a brief email letter when you have changes.

If you have amateur radio information that might be of interest to others in our chapter, I would be glad to send out the information on the internet for you.

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you at our October meeting.

Barc Nutter, VE3HAH



Some of the members in attendance



Our Guest Speaker Master Warrant Officer Glenn Rowe



Members at the Buffett Table



Another good selection of prizes on the table



(left) President Mary addressing the members (centre) table of members – (right) Bert 3OBU presents Mike 3AO winner of Paddle Draw



Exec members, Barc, Keith and Bert visiting with guest Speaker



Secretary Keith VE3DHL and Prize Chairman Bert VE3OBU making the door prize draws



Front row left to right: Mary Card, VE3FEB President, VE3JNL; VE3BCA:
Back row l to r: VE3QB; VE3FMT; VE3HAH; Harold Braun VE3DWH Awards Chairman

photos by Paul Cassel VE3SY

WEB SITES OF INTEREST

QCWA HQ www.qcwa.org	Chapter 73 http://qcwa.ca	Radio Amateurs of Canada www.RAC.ca	Hammond Museum of Radio www.HammondMuseumOfRadio.org
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