

Chapter 73 Newsletter for Spring 2006

Our Spring meeting will be held on Saturday, 6 May 2006 at The Plainsman Restaurant. Please send in the reply form right away. Contributions to the Scholarship Fund are encouraged, as are prize donations. For those who are hard of hearing, we will have a flea power transmitter on 146.625 MHz. Bring your handheld with earphone.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Welcome to our Spring meeting. When deciding about travel plans for this year, an early reminder that you should plan to visit Calgary where for the third time recently, Canada is again the chosen location for the 2006 QCWA International Convention in Calgary, Sep 28-30 hosted by the QCWA Wild Rose Chapter 151. Join us and enjoy some of the legendary Western hospitality, with its President Ken Oelke, VE6AFO as the Convention Chairman. What better reason for making this Convention part of a trip to Western Canada this year?

Special congratulations to Chapter 151 for their leadership in involving students at Ralph McCall Elementary School in Airdrie, Alberta on December 2, 2005, to make it possible to make contact with the International Space Station using Amateur Radio, which was a great success with international publicity. For a second time the week of March 20, 2006 they will do a repeat performance with Sir James Loughed Elementary School in Calgary.

Detailed reports of the Calgary contacts with the Space Station are contained in the March/April

2006 issue of The Canadian Amateur magazine, and in the Spring 2006 issue of the QCWA Journal....

Tom, VE3CDM



Chapter 151 President Ken Oelke VE6AFO and Chapter 73 President Tom, VE3CDM

LAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Speaker

Our feature presentation was an entertaining talk by well known Dxr, Gary Hammond, VE3XN about last year's major dxpedition to the Kerguelen Islands where over 67000 contacts were made. Gary showed us many interesting pictures.



Election of Directors

A slate of directors for chapter 73 was elected for the next two year period.

President: Tom Atkins, VE3CDM
Vice President and Scholarship Committee Chair: Mary Card, VE3FEB
Secretary-Treasurer: Keith Bentley, VE3DHL
Membership Chairman: Barc Nutter, VE3HAH
Prize Chairman: Bert Almemo, VE3OBU our newest member
Awards Chairman and Hammond Museum Liaison: Harold Braun, VE3DWH

We are still looking for someone to look after our historical records.

President Tom, VE3CDM thanked Ernie Crump, VE3OU for his excellent job as Membership Chairman for the last two years. Ernie introduced a procedure for new members to join both the QCWA International organization and Chapter 73 at the same time, eliminating the need to join the two organizations separately. He also reminded people whose memberships had expired to renew.

Prizes

After lunch we had a prize draw with many winners. Prizes were courtesy of Martin Rosenthal, VE3MR, of Electrosonic Inc., Tom Atkins, VE3CDM, Ernie Crump, VE3OU, Len Dodds, VE3GHN, and Jim Traves, VE3FMT.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

The members of the Scholarship Committee are pleased to announce that we are now in the **third** year of our successful scholarship program! This year we will once again be providing financial assistance to students who are continuing their education at the postsecondary level. Special thanks to Rob Hammond and Hammond Manufacturing Company, and to the members of Chapter 73 for their commitment to our scholarship program. We

encourage all eligible students to apply for one of our scholarships. Applications, which can be obtained from our web site, are due on April 21, 2006.

Scholarship Committee:

Mary Card (Chair), Jim Cull, Jack McQuarrie, Earl Mann, Ann Nutter

MAY 6th MEETING

Speaker

Our speaker will be Dr. Gordon Hayward, VE3EOS, who will tell us about some of the research he is doing at the University of Guelph involving the use of quartz oscillators as biological sensing devices. A more detailed biography is available on our chapter web site, www.qcwa.ca.

Awards

There will be a number of awards presented at this session. Their names will be announced at the meeting. Prominent among them will be Gord MacPhail, VE3IH who will receive a 75 year certificate and a Life Membership.



Gord, VE3IH and Mary, VE3FEB

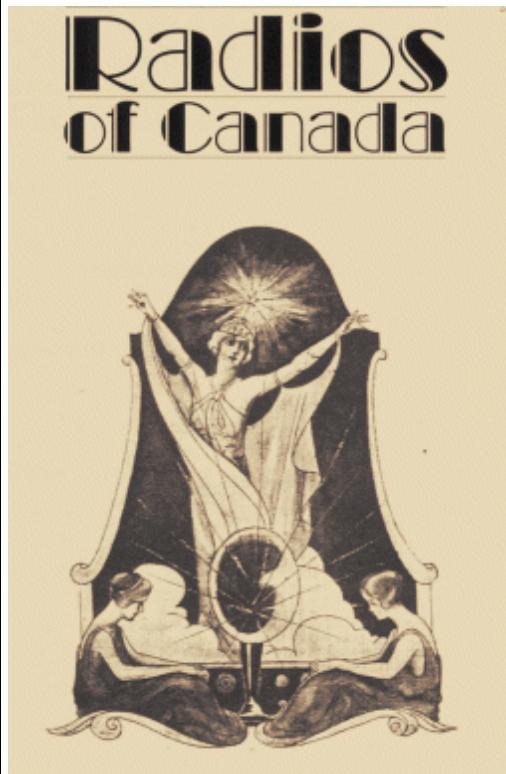
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As usual, we will have a prize draw after lunch.

RADIOS OF CANADA

Lloyd Swackhammer VE3IIA of Alma has released his wonderful 164 page book; Radios of Canada.

Lloyd's book is the most extensive documentation of radios designed and manufactured in Canada from the very obscure to the big brand names. This book was begun as an effort by the author, a radio collector, to also compile a list of all, or as many as possible, of the Brands of radios that were ever made in Canada. The list grew and information on the manufacturers was added until the possibilities of a book began to emerge. For some time it had become apparent that information



on radios of Canada was now lagging far behind information on radios in the USA. So this project is seen as an incentive for the radio hobby in Canada to become as interested, or more so, in the history of Canadian Radios, as in the collecting.

The scope of the book was of necessity, limited to the prime experience of the Author, which was 'Crystal sets, and tube type' home entertainment radios, that is, the radios that were used in the homes of average Canadian

families. The years that are covered are from 1920 to about 1965, after which the transistor radios prevailed. The transistor, military, amateur, commercial, auto, aircraft, etc., radio history may be a challenge for others.

The decision was made to give some basic information on the manufacturer, but not an elaborate history, even if that was possible. Then provide a representative selection of pictures of radios of the Brand Name Listed. The pictures were chosen to give good coverage of the early radios and the unusual radios, and then some of the more 'likely to be seen' radios carrying a particular Brand Name. An attempt was made wherever it was possible, to locate at least one picture of each Brand Name listing. This as you will see, led to the substituting of an advertisement of the radio, or even no picture at all. The decisions made and indicated by the above paragraph, kept the book to a manageable size for the abilities and interests of the Author.

You may purchase a copy of Lloyd's 164 page book for \$35 + \$8.00 for expedited parcel delivery.

Submit payment by Money Order to:

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WEB SITES OF INTEREST

QCWA HQ Homepage
<http://www.qcwa.org>

QCWA Chapter 73
<http://qcwa.ca>

Hammond Museum of Radio
www.hammondmuseumofradio.org

See everyone at our next meeting May 6th at the Plainsman