

QCWA

Fred Hammond Chapter 73

Chapter 73 Newsletter for Fall 2003

Our Fall 2003 meeting will be held on **Saturday, October 4, 2003** 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 30, 2003 in the pre-addressed envelope provided.

Chapter 73 Membership Dues

Please check the upper right corner of your address label. The figures (eg. 12/2003) 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. You may have received a notice from Ernie, VE3OU which could be out of date, since there is a lag in receiving information from QCWA HQ. If his notice contradicts your own understanding, please disregard it.

Hearing Enhancement

As an aid to those who are hard of hearing, we will have a flea power two metre FM transmitter at the podium, so bring your handheld with earphone.....146.625 Mhz.

Prize Donations

Members are encouraged to contribute a prize if they are so inclined.

Meeting Agenda

- Chapter President's Report
- Silent Keys
- Introduction of new members and guests
- IARU Report
- QCWA Report

- Chapter 73 Treasury Report
- Scholarship Plan Progress Report
- New Business
- Guest Speaker
- Luncheon
- Prizes

President's Comments.

The World Radio Communication Conference ((WRC) held in Geneva in June 2003 made history, with particular reference to Amateur Radio.

For the first time ever, an HF broadcasting allocation was moved in order to accommodate the needs of another service.....Amateur radio. The result:

In March, 2009 the frequencies 7100 to 7200 will no longer be available to broadcasters. Amateurs in Regions 1 and 3 especially in Europe are the biggest beneficiaries, and here in Region 2 amateurs will appreciate that 40 metres at night will say farewell to the broadcasters.

Many other important regulatory matters were resolved, and it is strongly recommended that all amateurs refer to the professional publications for more detailed information: QST, CQ, 73, The Canadian Amateur, RADCOM etc

We should never forget that the global amateur organization IARU, comprised of HQ in Newington CT and Regions 1, 2 and 3, have represented the world amateur community since its inception in Paris in 1925 and it is the dedication and skills of those volunteers involved who have preserved and protected the Amateur Service for the past 78 years....a truly remarkable achievement, Without IARU and its family of volunteers. Amateur Radio would have ceased to exist long ago!

Looking forward to seeing you all on October 4th, bring along a guest!

Highlights of the Last Meeting

Our Spring meeting was held on Saturday, 3 May 2003, at The Plainsman Restaurant. Five new members were welcomed: Len Morris, VE3FJB of Orillia; Bill Catlender,

VE3ILE of Scarborough; Bill Ambler, VE3CFY of Kincardine; Rob Hammond, VE3EIL of Guelph; and Bob Pattison, VE3GVD of Goderich.

Chapter President Tom Atkins announced that one of our prominent members, Ray Hunter, VE3UR known as "Uncle Ray" became a Silent Key.

QCWA President Croft Taylor, VE3CT reported on the current activities of the association. The scholarship committee is operating in the black, financially. Seventeen scholarships were awarded this year. The 2003 convention is being hosted by the Dallas Chapter, and a very good program is planned. There is no convention scheduled for 2004. An Alaska cruise and Dxpediton is being planned for 2005. An election of directors will be held in 2004. The number of directors is to be reduced from 10 to 8.

As mentioned in our chapter report in the Summer 2003 issue, Tom Atkins, VE3CDM was inducted into the Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame by Bob Cooke, VE3BDB the Ontario South Regional Director of Radio Amateurs of Canada.



Left Bob Cooke, VE3BDB, Right Tom Atkins, VE3CDM

Vice President, Mary Card, VE3FEB, presented a report recommending that Chapter 73 establish a scholarship program for relatives or friends of Ontario Amateurs, and announced that Rob Hammond of The Hammond Manufacturing Company has offered considerable financial assistance. This would allow us to offer two scholarships. A motion to proceed was

made by Earl Mann, VE3EHM and seconded by Ann Nutter, VE3HAI and was carried. A committee will be formed to administer the program.

Tom Atkins gave us a review of IARU activities stressing the progress being made on the rationalization of the 40 metre band.

Harold Braun, VE3DWH, who is a member of the board for the Hammond Museum, updated us on its activities. A new 40 metre antenna has been installed, and 3 stations are in operation. Paul Cassel, VE3SY will be training potential operators. Staffing volunteers are needed. Anyone interested should contact Harold.

Our guest speaker was Dave Flarity, VE3DVE, one of our members, who gave us an excellent presentation about

the extensive activities of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service group in the Niagara Area.



Dave Flarity, VE3DVE

Certificates were awarded to: Bill Loucks, VE3AR, George Bridgeman, VE3MMQ - **Century Club** Ted Bodman, VE3CD, Jock MacArthur, VE3DJ - **70 years**

Frank Edwards, VE3ER, Puss Valeriote, VE3DSC - **65 years**

Jack Fortune, VE3VO, Stan Treeby, VE3HT, Al Vanderburgh - **55 years in 2002**

Herb Lehman, VE3BZU, Gord Moogk, VE3DBP, Clive Oakes, VE3YB, George Spencer, VE3AGS, George Towns, VE3NIJ, Bruce Underwood, VE3ANU, Fred Wilkinson, VE3AJW **all 55 years**
George Bridgeman, VE3MMQ, Martin Rosenthal, VE3MR - **50 years**



L-R Front Row: VE3ER, VE3CD, VE3AR, VE3VO, VE3HT L-R Back Row: Croft Taylor, VE3CT, President QCWA, VE3ANU, VE3DBP, VE3BZU, VE3AGS Harold Braun, VE3DWH, CH73 Awards Chairman

WEB SITES OF INTEREST

QCWA Homepage

<http://www.qcwa.org>

QCWA Chapter 73 Web Site

<http://www.kwarc.org/qcwa>

Hammond Museum of Radio

<http://www.hammondmuseumofradio.org>

See you all on Oct 4th at the Plainsman