

QCWA

Fred Hammond Chapter 73

Chapter 73 Newsletter for Spring 2004

Our spring 2004 meeting will be held on **Saturday, May 1, 2004** 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 April 27, 2004 in the pre-addressed envelope provided. **Please add your e-mail address so we can update our records, many of which are out-of-date.** Please consider using the RAC alias that allows you to set your address as yourcall@rac.ca. Instructions are available on the RAC web site, www.rac.ca. Then any time you change your e-mail address, you only have to notify the alias instead of all your ham friends. This service is available to all hams whether RAC members or not. ***If you do not belong to RAC, please join. The future of amateur radio in Canada depends on our support, and RAC is the only voice we have.***

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 our new combined renewal forms at the registration desk if you need them. You can now renew in Canadian funds through Chapter 73.

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.....146.625 mhz.

New Member

We are pleased to welcome a new member, Bob Barton, VE3FVF, of Baden, Ontario



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
- Certificate Presentations
- Prizes

President's Comments.

Greetings: This year is the 30th anniversary of the founding of our

Chapter. As reported in our Winter newsletter, there will be a special event station operating at the Hammond Museum, as detailed below. Anyone interested in operating can contact Harold Braun, VE3DWH at ve3dwh@kwarc.org. or at 519 884 2388. Harold is coordinating the event.

We are happy to announce that our guest speaker at the Spring meeting will be Robin Haighton, VE3FRH, President of AMSAT North America, who will tell us about the plans for Amateur Satellites for the next few years.

We would appreciate hearing from members with suggestions for future topics and guest speakers. Please speak to Keith, VE3DHL, or myself.

Our Vice President, Mary Card, VE3FEB, will bring everyone up to date on the finalization of our Chapter 73 Scholarship Program, which will be implemented this year. Please therefore give some thought to the nomination of suitable candidates.

Ottawa QCWA Convention

A reminder about the big QCWA event this year...the convention in Ottawa, October 15, 16, and 17th, hosted once again by Chapter 70. Based on the great success of the last convention in Ottawa, this is surely the opportunity for us to show our support for our colleagues...and be sure to

bring along your ladies...Details are available at www.qcwa.org. If there is enough interest, maybe we could consider arranging bus transportation!

Chapter 73 Net

Congratulations are in order for Ernie, VE3OU, our Membership Chairman for his efforts in starting the Chapter 73 Net on the Transprovincial Net (TPN), 7055 Khz, at 10am on the first Wednesday of every month, and we are encouraged by the level of participation...well done! Please mark it on your calendar and join the group.

Membership:

Because of the very nature of our organization, constant attrition of our membership is an ongoing matter, as every year we are sad to report Silent Keys who are no longer with us. To maintain the viability of Chapter 73, it is vitally important that each one of us try to encourage new members who are the lifeblood of our Chapter. A reminder too that the current simplified application system, again the direct result of VE3OU's efforts, makes it easier to become a new member, so please speak to your friends about joining QCWA and Chapter 73.

Looking forward to seeing you in the Special Event at the Hammond Museum in April and at our Spring Meeting on May 1st.

Your continuing support of Chapter 73 is appreciated.

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Tom, VE3CDM

Highlights of the Last Meeting

Our fall meeting was held on Saturday, October 4th, 2003 at the Plainsman Restaurant. A new member, Bill Leal, VE3ES, of Windsor was announced.

A list of silent keys was read:

- **Gale Moore, VE3OUN**, whose call passed to his grandson, Ian Moore of Orangeville
- **Banner Edwards VE3SU**, formerly very active in QCWA and RSO
- **Jack Fortune, VE3VO** of Waterloo
- **Joe Yuricek, VE3WG, VE3GAS**, not a QCWA member, but well known on ONTARS and the Sanderson Hour
- **Ed Hughes, VE3WU**

A prominent guest was Robin Haighton, VE3FRH, President of AMSAT North America, who told us about the coming AMSAT Symposium, held in Toronto, two weeks after our meeting.

Croft Taylor, QCWA President presented a report and pointed out that election of QCWA Directors will be held in the Summer of 2004. A combined Chapter 70 (Ottawa) and Chapter 73 form was submitted to HQ, nominating Tom Atkins, VE3CDM as a Director.

A motion was made to donate \$500 in US funds from the proceeds of the bequest of radio gear from the estate of the late George Zador, VE3DSG to the QCWA International Scholarship

Fund (this has been done and acknowledged by HQ).

Our Speaker was Paul Cassel, VE3SY, who provided a fascinating live demonstration of how to sell stuff, on e-bay.



After our buffet lunch, we had a prize draw with many winners. Prizes were courtesy of Electrosonic Inc., Hammond Manufacturing, Ernie Crump, VE3OU, and Larry Parker, VE3EDM.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION VE3HC

Don't forget the Chapter 30th anniversary special event on 24 and 25 April, when the Hammond Museum Station will be operating from 1300Z to 2100Z. Starting frequencies will be 3762.5, 3890, 7244, 14262, 21365, and 28325, depending on conditions. Two transceivers will be in operation.

QSL to:

Hammond Museum of Radio
595 Southgate Drive,
Guelph, ON N1G 3W6

A special QSL card as illustrated in our last newsletter will be returned.

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<http://www.qcwa.org>

QCWA Chapter 73 Web Site

<http://qcwa.ca>

Hammond Museum of Radio

<http://www.hammondmuseumofradio.org>

See you all at the May 1st Meeting