

Chapter 73 Newsletter for Fall 2011

Fall 2011 Meeting and Luncheon

Our Fall 2011 meeting and luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at The Mohawk Inn located at the northwest corner of Campbellville Road and Highway 401. As usual coffee and cookies will be available starting at 9 AM. 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. Prize donations are always welcomed.

Silent Keys

Ken Shirk, VE3CGI, March 13, 2011

<http://qcwa.ca/obit-sherk-ve3cgi.htm>

Keith Bentley, VE3DHL, August 20, 2011

<http://qcwa.ca/obit-ve3dhl-keith-bentley.htm>

Bob Fugard VE3DUF, September 28, 2011

<http://qcwa.ca/obit-VE3DUF%20Fugard.htm>

President's Report

I enjoyed having the opportunity to meet and visit with many of you, once again, at our Spring meeting that was held on Saturday, April 29th, 2011 at the Mohawk Inn. It was an honour to have our very own Chapter 73 member Bob Morton, VE3BFM as our guest speaker at this meeting. Bob's talk on the topic of "Antennas" was extremely interesting and included not only visual, but also live demonstrations of antenna gain.



Mary Card thanks Bob Morton

To view the "online" April 30, 2011 Photo Album with photos of this meeting, courtesy of Paul Cassel VE3SY, please follow the following link:

<http://qcwa.ca/meetings/2011-04/index.htm>.

I'm looking forward to seeing and visiting with everyone at our next meeting on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at "The Mohawk Inn", (<http://www.mohawkinn.com/location.html>), at the 401 and the Guelph Line.

The guest speaker at our next meeting, Simon Claughton, VA3SFC, will be presenting a very interesting talk on "Vintage and Antique Radios". This topic of "Vintage and Antique Radios" will provide an opportunity for the members of our Chapter to learn more about the radio equipment that paved the way for our modern radio equipment. Simon, VA3SFC, is not only a collector of antique and vintage radios, but also a member of the Ontario Vintage Radio Association, <http://www.ovra.ca/>.

Simon has been an amateur radio operator since 1991 and is very involved in the world of amateur radio. He is currently a very active member of the Peel Amateur Radio Club (PARC), <http://ve3xr.wordpress.com/>, and a member of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) that consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. Simon is a member of Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC), <http://www.rac.ca/>. Simon has many other interests, including stamp collecting. Simon received his MBA in 1999 from the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario and he is currently the President of Berlet Electronics Ltd., <http://www.berlet.com/>, Canada's premier supplier of radio remote controls for industry. I am really looking forward to meeting Simon at our upcoming meeting and learning more about Antique and Vintage Radios.

I was very sad when I heard that Keith Bentley, VE3DHL, became a Silent Key on August 20th, 2011. I was extremely fortunate to have the privilege of working with Keith on the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA Executive since October of 2001. Keith Bentley was our valued Secretary-Treasurer from October 2001 until October 2010. In his role as Secretary-Treasurer, Keith created our informative newsletters twice a year, sent out our newsletters, prepared the agendas for our meetings, kept track of "who" was going to attend our Spring and Fall Meetings and not only shared his financial expertise with us, but also expertly looked after the finances

of our Chapter. I will miss Keith's valued friendship and mentorship and on behalf of the members of our Chapter, I would like to extend our sincere condolences to his family and to his wife Rosalie and thank her for sharing him with us.

Mary Card, VE3FEB, President

2011 Scholarship Report

Our scholarship program, which continues to honour the memory of the Silent Keys of our Chapter, is now in its ninth year! This year, four very deserving and grateful students were selected as recipients of 2011 QCWA Fred Hammond, Chapter 73 Scholarships, each valued at \$500. These scholarships honour the memory of the Silent Keys of the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, and in particular, the memory of Fred Hammond. I would like to say a special thank you to Rob Hammond 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 postsecondary education. This year, through the generosity of our chapter members at our last meeting, we were able to award one additional chapter scholarship, in addition to our yearly chapter scholarship, Our Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA scholarships will not only help our four 2011 scholarship recipients financially with their postsecondary education during the school year 2011-2012, but also honours them for their hard work, their contributions to the community and their commitment to the field of telecommunications

Our **first** 2011 scholarship recipient is Trevor Cull. Trevor, a hardworking and dedicated Honour Roll student and Ontario Scholar, graduated from Aurora High School in June of 2011. At his graduation, he received a Leadership Award. During High School, Trevor participated in the following extracurricular activities: he was a member of Running Teams; he assisted students with special needs; and he volunteered with his classmates at a Toronto Homeless Shelter. He also participated in the community as a volunteer at the Neighbourhood Network, a non-profit community-based agency that brings together volunteers with local charities to assist Newmarket and Aurora residents in need. Trevor is currently in his first year in Algonquin College where he is studying Business Marketing. After graduating from

College, Trevor plans to get his Real Estate Licence which will complement his degree in Business Marketing. Trevor comes from a long line of amateur radio operators. His great-grandfather was Earl Bray, VE3ND (SK), his very proud grandfather is our Chapter member, Jim Cull, VE3ND, and his father is Barry Cull, VE3NDD. In the future, Trevor is planning to continue the family tradition and obtain his own amateur radio licence.

Our **second** 2011 scholarship recipient, Brittany Ellam, graduated from West Island College in Calgary Alberta in June of 2011. Her academic record at high school is excellent and in addition to making the Headmaster's List each year, she was appointed a prefect and was a member of the Prefect Council for the school year 2010-2011. She was also awarded Highest Effort Academic Awards for Biology and Physical Education for the school year 2009-2010. During High School, Brittany participated in many and varied extracurricular activities. She was the President of the West Island College Athletic Association (WICAA) for the school year 2010-2011 and she previously held the positions of Secretary, Special Assistant, and Junior House Captain on the WICAA. As a student, Brittany participated in school Drama Productions and was a member of the following sports teams: Volleyball, Soccer, and Field Hockey. She also participated in the Class Afloat Summer Program during the summer of 2009. Brittany volunteered extensively in her own community and the community at large. In Calgary she volunteered at Hull Homes, a school for troubled youths. She was also a volunteer at the Charles Darwin Scientific Station and the San Clemente indigenous community. Brittany also found time to work part-time as a sales associate in a shoe store in Calgary. Brittany is currently studying Business Administration at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. In the future, Brittany would like to go to graduate school for an MBA and then work in the investment banking industry or in marketing. Brittany's proud father is amateur radio operator, Timothy Ellam, VE6SH. Timothy is a member of the Wild Rose, Chapter 151, Quarter Century Wireless Association and he is also currently the President of the International Amateur Radio Union.

Our **third** 2011 scholarship recipient is Kevin Ferracuti. Kevin is a hardworking and conscientious student who graduated from Barton Secondary School in Hamilton, Ontario. As a student, Kevin participated in extracurricular activities. He played both ice hockey and ball hockey. He participated in the 30-hour famine held at school and he also volunteered in the snack program at school giving food to all students in break time. Kevin also volunteered in the Hamilton area community. He volunteered at the haunted house in Waterdown that was put on by the Rotary Club and he also volunteered as a junior leader at McMaster University in a mini

university summer camp. In addition to participating in extracurricular activities and volunteering in the community, Kevin also worked at a part-time job. Kevin is currently attending Fanshawe College in London, Ontario where he is enrolled in the Environmental Technology course. In the future Kevin hopes to find a career in Environmental Technology and by working in the environmental field, he plans to keep our environment safe for the future.

Our **fourth** 2011 scholarship recipient, Rosalyn Lawton, is from Gore's Landing, Ontario. Rosalyn is a hardworking student who not only enjoys participating in class discussions, but also promptly completes and hands in all of her assignments. Rosalyn participated in extracurricular activities and she also volunteered in community activities. She was a leader in a summer camp provided by St. John Church in Harwood Ontario, volunteered in the LLS class at Terry Fox Elementary School, and she did a presentation about the Red Cross for Social Service Week. Rosalyn is currently in her second year of the Social Worker Assistant Diploma Program at Sir Sanford Fleming College in Peterborough, Ontario. Larosa's career goal is to counsel and mentor children who have encountered different forms of abuse in their lives either in Canada or in International organizations such as the Red Cross, the Me to We Programs created by the Kielburger brothers, and Childcare International. Rosalyn's proud grandfather is Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA member Norm Lawton, VE3ON.

On behalf of everyone in the Fred Hammond, Chapter 73, QCWA, I would like to congratulate our 2011 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**

**Financial Update
Fred Hammond, Chapter 73,
QCWA**

Bank Balance April 21, 2011	\$8,574.46
INCOME	1,685.00
(luncheon, donations for Scholarships, Ch. 73 renewals, Auction)	
EXPENSES	1,044.92
(Mohawk Inn April 2011 and bank charges)	

Bank Balance August 19, 2011 \$ 9,214.54

**Jean Gimbel, VE3CBQ,
Secretary-Treasurer**

2012 Convention is in Reno, Nevada

2011 QCWA National Convention

The 2011 QCWA National Convention was held at the Crowne Plaza at the Crossings, Hotel, Warwick, Rhode Island from September 9 – 11. Jean and I had attended the 2009 Convention in Virginia Beach, Virginia, which we enjoyed. We decided to combine this year's convention with a two week tour of the southern New England states. We left Ontario the day after the heavy rain that swept up the East Coast. We were travelling on Interstate 86 in Southern New York. Just east of Elmira, New York we were stopped and told to turn back as the interstate was flooded. It was necessary to detour north and continue our trip on the New York Thruway. We were travelling with our travel trailer. It's nice to be able to sleep in the same bed every night.

We took in some of the forums held on Friday and Saturday. A fabulous buffet was set up for the Friday night Meet And Greet in the Rotunda room. The speaker was Kay Craigie, N3KN, President, ARRL. At the Saturday night banquet, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, Special Counsel, FCC, Retired, gave the main address. This was a very informative and interesting speech mainly about his work in "cleaning" up the American ham bands. On Sunday morning there was a farewell breakfast. At each event there were valuable door prizes given away, two Kenwood transceivers, TH-D72A HT handheld, TM-D710A mobile and a Yaesu FTM-350AR mobile. On Monday an organized trip to ARRL Headquarters was on the program. Many new friends were made especially in the Hospitality Room. The hotel services were first rate. Everyone was invited to use the W2MM station, the "Voice of QCWA". At the convention it was announced that Chuck Walbridge, K1GD, General Manager will be retiring along with his wife, Janet, Office Assistant and his son Douglas, Journal Editor. Replacements are being sought.

After the convention we visited Newport Rhode Island, Cape Cod and Boston, Massachusetts, ending up in Newington Connecticut at the ARRL headquarters. We arrived later on in the afternoon while Code Practice was being transmitted by W1AW. It was thrilling to see the antenna farm and station in operation for our first time. On the way home from Newington we spent time camping in the Watkins Glen State Park, N.Y.

Ron and Jean Gimbel, VE3DBD, VE3CBQ

Century Club - Al Vanderburgh, VE3ARV



Mary Card, Al Vanderburgh, Harold Braun
Mary Card, VE3FEB – October 1, 2011