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I managed to get past the last meeting before I collapsed from this bug that bit me. Nasty stuff. Not SARS, or so the Doc says. Nevertheless I am still suffering even today. Nobody else in the house caught it so I'm not contagious.

This edition of the Groundwave is especially full. Articles from Maurice-Andre, VE3VIG, Harold Hamilton, VA3UNK and a big article on Baba (VE3KX)'s event written by Guy, VE3WGL, fill the pages. There are lots of photographs so the email file is a little large. Sorry about that.

Doug Leach, VE3XK, Jim Dean, VE3IQ and I attended a radio club meeting in Cobden this past month. Jim talked on the latest WARC issues while Doug put in a plug for RAC. I talked about IRLP of course, but everyone was there to hear Jim.

They weren't disappointed.

A cheque for \$600 was given to Jim and Doug for the "Defence Of Amateur Radio Fund".

Now if more clubs would do this, and more Amateurs join RAC, we could secure the future of Amateur Radio in Canada. As it stands, only a small percentage of Canadian Amateurs are members of RAC. It is time for a change in attitude here. If you are not a member, please join now. Before it is too late.
VE3EV



APRIL MEETING 7:30, MAR 12 at Ottawa City Hall

In the Honeywell Room.

This is "Homebrew" night. Bring whatever you have been working on for the past year. Who knows: you could bring home the award for best project. Its not a Juno, but..

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Articles may be submitted for use in this publication provided that they portray events or activities that promote Amateur Radio. Letters and comments are also welcome. Submissions may be made by mail addressed to the Editor care of the OARC, or by e-mail to "editor@oarc.net". Deadline for submissions occurs on the last Monday of the month preceding any regular meeting of the OARC.

Please support your local radio organisations. They support you!

Club Information

The Ottawa Amateur Radio Club Inc. is an association of Radio Amateurs devoted to the promotion of interest in Amateur Radio communications in the National Capital Area and to the advancement and achievement of club members.

Regular Meetings of the OARC Inc. are held on the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August) in the Richmond Room (2nd floor of the Old Teacher's College) of Ottawa City Hall (formerly Regional Municipality of Ottawa Carleton Headquarters) on Lisgar Street. Meetings commence at approximately 19:30 hours. Further details about each meeting is elsewhere in this publication.

Executive Meetings of the OARC Inc. are normally held on the first Wednesday of each month at 19:30 hours. Contact the President to confirm the date, time and place of the next meeting.

The CAPITAL CITY FM Net meets every Monday at 20:00 hours on the club repeater **VE2CRA** to pass traffic and to make announcements of interest to Amateurs in the National Capital Region.

The SWAP Net is a service provided and conducted by Dan Reardon, VE3GUU. This feature appears on the Capital City FM Net. To list items and make inquiries, call Dan Reardon at 721-3339 or e-mail him at ve3guu@igs.net. Also available on the web: <http://www.igs.net/~swap>

The POT-HOLE Net is a SSB/HF net sponsored by the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club and is conducted every Sunday at 10:00 hours on **3.760 MHz**. All amateurs are welcome to check in.

The POT-LID CW Net is an informal slow-speed CW net sponsored and conducted by Ed Morgan, VE3GX, and meets every Sunday, except during July and August, at 11:00 hours on **3.620 MHz**, to promote interest in CW and CW procedures.

The QCWA CHAPTER 70 Net meets every Thursday evening at 20:00 hours on repeater VE3TEL, **147.03** You do not have to be a QCWA member to participate.

The 2M SSB Net is sponsored by the West Carleton ARC. Look for it every Tuesday night (except the first Tuesday of the month) around 21:00 on **144.250**. It is very informal and vertical polarisation is encouraged.

VE3TEN

Tuning in the beacon so that it makes sense requires you tune to **28.175** on cw and read the tone that is there . The spaces between the elements are the higher tone. If that doesn't work, tune to **28.175.28** on lower sideband for better results.

The Ottawa Amateur Radio Club bulletin "Groundwave" is published and distributed to club members by mail. Publication dates may vary but it is hoped that the bulletin arrives at its destination before the events listed in it have expired. The bulletin is not published for July and August when meetings do not occur. Every effort is made to provide accurate information in the bulletin, however we are all human and mistakes can be made. The OARC accepts no responsibility for any damages that may result from this. The opinions expressed in this bulletin are only those of the author.

Voice (VHF) 146.94/146.34 100Hz output tone
(UHF) 443.300/448.300
IRLP Node 2040 146.94/146.34 (VE2CRA/VE3RC)
(Code 411 for info) (Code 204 for activity)
(Code 88 for time)

For further information please contact the Repeater Chair.

Note: The IRLP link not connected to ECHOLINK. Please do not try to connect using the alpha keys on your keypad. It just confuses the operator.

Note: The IRLP link is disabled during the Capital City Net each Monday. It is disabled from 2000 to 2145 Mondays except for May to August when the link is disabled from 2000 to 2020.



MK's Words

Lissen Up!

Minutes of the March General Meeting March 12, 2003 19:30

The meeting was called to order by the president. There were 39 present including two guests, John Bartley, who subsequently joined the club, and Sandy Cameron (VE3AAC).

It was moved by George Roach (VE3BNO) and seconded by Doug Leach (VE3XK) that the minutes of the February meeting be accepted and the motion was carried.

Peter Gamble noted that the next EMRG meeting is April 12 at 0900 at the fire hall on Alert Road near the airport. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

It was reported that Harrie Jones received the Volunteer of the Year award from the Canadian Ski Marathon in recognition of his 25 years of contribution.

Harold Hamilton (VA3UNK) has volunteered to take on the task of organizing Field Day. Anyone wishing to help should contact Harold.

The most interesting QSO of the month was a tie between Claire Fowler and Chris Constable. Clare's contact was with a fellow Ottawa ham who lives about 10 km away from Clare yet their QSO took place via AO-40 over a path of 120,000 km! Chris worked Antarctica via 2 m and IRLP! The first QSO was a long path covering a small physical distance while the second QSO was a short path covering a large physical distance.

It was moved by Croft Taylor (VE3CT), seconded by Mike Kelly (VE3FFK), and passed by the members to donate \$100 to Baba Piprani (VE3KX) who recently lost his house and belongings in a fire. A collection was also taken and \$361 was raised. Anyone else wanting to contribute to the relief fund can contact Guy Ladouceur (VE3WGL). A benefit lunch is also being held on March 22.

Greg Danylchenko donated a pair of Senators hockey tickets to the club. The tickets worth over \$300 were auctioned off at the meeting. Cary Honeywell was high bidder at \$130. Proceeds go to the club.

The president, Ben Price, raised the subject of next year's budget. The executive wants to balance the budget this year. The past few years have been deficit financed by using Packet Group money for operations. There was confusion as to the actual moneys that were available and those that were in trust (i.e. not available). Further budget discussion was deferred until the treasurer could provide the membership with information on the status of all funds.

Our speaker for the evening was Cary Honeywell (VE3EV) who, in spite of near laryngitis, talked about his work at the Canadian Forces Electronic Warfare Centre. He described the organization and function of the group.

The 50/50 draw of netted \$25 for the club.

The next meeting will be held on April 9 and is Home Brew Night. Be sure to bring in your projects for the judging. The meeting was adjourned at 22:05.

Ian Jeffrey, VE3IGJ

Well I guess I'm a happy camper. On the one hand, my taxes are getting complicated enough that I'm going to have to go back and take a second run at them. On the other hand, these modern times let me spend my tax refund before I get it.

So I did. I took the plunge and bought an Elecraft K1 transceiver kit. Both it and its big sister are reviewed pretty well in QST, so I won't go into all that stuff here. I just decided I wanted something smaller and lighter than the bike mobile rig I now use for HF. I wasn't too keen on paying more for it than I did for my "big rig", but ever since Heathkit things have gone that way. For the more elaborate equipment, one ends up paying a premium for the privilege of doing the assembly job oneself. (The simple stuff is still cheaper in kit form than assembled) That said, I'm still looking forward to putting my new toy together.

My bench already has other projects on the go, and I don't want to disturb them to build this one. The idea of a build party has kind of fizzled out while waiting on a presentation (some day -maybe) on the ATV stuff. Outside of that, there wasn't much consensus about what, exactly to build. So here's the plan.

Lissen up.

Every Wednesday from about 19:00 to about 21:00, from April 23 to June 4 except for OARC meeting nights and a previous commitment on May 28, I will be over in RM 4195 MacKenzie Bldg at Carleton U., putting this little gem together. If you want to stop in and watch, that's fine. If you want to go out and order a kit of some kind and want some help along the way, you are welcome to bring it in and we can work on it together. (if you want someone to fix something you have munged up, or to build your entire kit for you, look elsewhere). If you want to build something from scratch but don't have the space, lets have a look and see what we can do. There is lots of intriguing hardware out there in the catalogues. If we start to run out of time, we can begin to steal time from the weekends, but I hate to do that once the weather turns nice. Anyway, this offer is open to

OARC members, so I won't be announcing it on the nets, just here in the Groundwave. Maybe by homebrew 2004 everyone will have something nifty to show off.

In outdoor sports, we (XK,ZTU,myself and several members of the Almonte Amateur Radio League (not to be confused with that other ARRL)) did another car rally for the Motorsport Club of Ottawa. These are becoming routine by now, with no big (radio) problems, and many fewer scoring problems, since the scoring is mostly finished by the time the cars return. I think the next one is in Navan on April 26, but don't quote me on that. Check out their web site (mco.org) to be sure.

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Another bunny hunt has come and gone. The last time we lost out in a tie breaker. This time we managed to win it, although the fancy toys still aren't performing up to scratch. The next one is April 13, the day after the EMRG meeting.

You didn't forget about the EMRG meeting, did you? How about the flea markets in Iroquois on the 19th, or Smiths Falls on May 10? The calendar sure fills up in a hurry these days. There is an Ontario QSO party, and a long weekend in there too.

That's all for now. I'm still playing with the Ski Marathon logs. It is taking WAY longer than I figured it would, but I'm learning a lot, so I don't mind.

73, & keep the soldering iron warm.

Mk VE3FFK

Internet Radio Linking Project

Well, it can't be said that users were not warned. We have, once again, become victim to someone who is playing games with Node 2040. For many nights over the past few weeks, someone has been playing "Name That Tune" with their tone pad and are causing minor chaos to the system. This happens after 2300 each day. Commencing the week of April 6th, 2040 will be unavailable between 0000 local to 0700. I hate to do it, but.....

We have received one complaint from Node 8600 and one from Node 8620 about repeated connections with no audio. This is happening very frequently and as a result I have disabled connections to that node until someone comes forward and tells me what is going on. I had a look at the logs and most of these connections are about one minute in length, with several forced disconnects due to timeout. If you are having trouble using the IRLP please contact either myself, VE3EV or George, VE3BNO. Don't play games. Everyone loses! **VE3EV**

From DC to Green Light

Of Life or Death

Cary Honeywell VE3EV

We live in a, more or less, civilized world as far as creature comforts are concerned. On even the coldest days of winter we can usually look forward to a pleasant and peaceful life without a major risk of death due to the environment. We are always close to safety and salvation. Even if the worst happens and your entire life goes up in flames, you can count on family and friends to keep you out of harm's way. For most of us that is.

If you live on the other side of the tracks, the view isn't quite so nice.. but that is another story.

With that thought firmly planted, I turn north to the Arctic where I spent some time as a radio operator in Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories. I had little appreciation of the hostile nature of the Arctic until it took a swipe at me. It was all very innocent, but I learned a lesson that I won't easily forget.

From the south window on the second floor of the Polar Base building, just off to one side of the airport, I could clearly see two Pingos that rose above the absolutely flat terrain. I decided that once my inner-ear problems settled out I would find a way to go out there and see what these things were.

Energy Mines and Resources were our main customers. They were well supplied with material and transportation which included one fairly antiquated Bombardier Olympic single ski snowmobile. It was on this unsteady contraption that I made my way out into the southern ice towards these two monoliths on the horizon. From the window they looked no more than a mile south, but in actual fact the first one was two miles and the second was much further. For the first hundred yards I made good progress but then things started to degenerate. Having no paths or tracks to follow, I blazed on as fast as I dared. The first precipice educated me on the perils of assuming that what you see is what you have. The snow was actually stone hard and very suddenly started to drop away in front of me. I was now looking at an Arctic version of the badlands of Alberta. Not flat but very broken and hilly. Some hills were gentle slopes. Others were straight drops of from one to a dozen metres. My two mile trip was becoming a extended marathon over hostile ground. For every metre I took towards the Pingo I had to travel ten metres around the patch. It soon became obvious that I was a little out of my league here but despite this I carried on and after an hour of traversing the ice-pack I finally made it to the base of the first Pingo.

Thrusting out of the Arctic permafrost, this Pingo was only thirty metres tall and was an easy climb. Still it took me twenty minutes to ascend the summit of this colossal frost-heave. The view was breathtaking.....and deceiving.

Doing a complete turn looking in all directions, the terrain once again looked perfectly flat. Only two items stood out. One was the airport and its buildings with the DEW line station behind it, about two miles to the north, and the other was the second Pingo, about a mile south of me. There was nothing else. Absolutely nothing. No other buildings, hills, trees, roads, people or objects of any kind. At least I couldn't see anything. This was probably the most isolated spot in the world that I had ever visited. If something were to happen to me out here, would anyone know? That disquieting thought motivated me to return to the base so I descended from the top of the Pingo back to the snowmobile.

What I saw when I got back to the machine disturbed me a little more. When I had left the machine, the only tracks I could see were mine and the snowmobile's. Now there were three more sets of tracks. Animal tracks. Almost as big as my hand. Whatever they were they had circled the machine at least once and one had even urinated on the back tread. They might have been dogs but I wasn't about to stick around to find out. It was then that I realized that I couldn't see the base from where I was. I had to retrace my tracks as best I could, aimed into the sun. This was going to be work!



About half way along, I was able to spot the airport and decided that a direct approach was in my best interests. As long as I was aimed at the airport, I would be able to get back. Or so I thought. About three hundred yards short of the end of the runway and at a forty five degree angle to it my world collapsed under me. On the lee side of a small hill, out of sight of the base, the ice below me gave out and the one ski wonder rolled over pinning my left leg under the frame. I could see the fuel slowly leaking out of the filler cap just above me. If I was securely pinned here, nobody would see me for a long time. I wasn't visible from the airport, and any aircraft taking off would likely not see me either. Following my tracks wouldn't help because I wasn't following my tracks back to the base. It didn't take me long to reach the conclusion that I would have to dig myself out. Thankfully the ice below me had cracked so I was able to dig a furrow under my leg which allowed me to remove myself from under the machine.

I'm not the strongest individual in the world, but that day I was able to roll an eight hundred pound snowmobile onto its treads without any help. I had a few anxious moments when the beast refused to start, but start it did and I spent the next twenty minutes making my way back to the base while giving thanks to what ever deity that smiled on me that day.

On my return to the base, the EMR guy who loaned me the snowmobile didn't appear to be too upset that I had damaged his machine. Machines can be replaced. People can't be.

That evening during my shift I spent more than a few moments considering how perilous life in the Arctic can be. Actually, the matter is really simple. You get lost, you're dead. You lose the safety of the base environment, you're dead. You tangle with the local wildlife, you're dead. You get stupid, you get dead. Its as simple as that.

A few days later I got another wakeup call. The outside temperature rose to above freezing and as a result the whole area was bathed in a veil of gray-white mist. Not a complete whiteout, but close to it. As nothing was flying, I spent my afternoon shift reading a book. Early in my shift one of the EMR types came up to the shack with some news. The pack was moving. My first thought was that the ice pack was thawing and moving. I was wrong. It was a pack of wild dogs. Some might even have been wolves, but nevertheless I was told not to go outside for any reason. The dogs were on a tear, making their way off the southern ice on their way into the village to get whatever they could find to eat. Usually this diet was restricted to sled dogs and garbage, but as a pack they could take down a man and tear him to shreds before anyone could intervene. The staff weren't allowed to shoot the dogs, so they turned out to be a local nuisance; to be avoided.

I watched them moving to the north, all the while fighting and snapping at each other. I hoped the RCMP informed the locals about this migrations. Since it was a common occurrence I have to assume they were prepared. They must have been as there were no reports of anyone have a set-to with the pack. The tracks I found around my snowmobile took on new meaning that day. If get stupid, you get dead!

On a lighter note, I discovered one thing about the local natives. Almost all of them were named "Gruber". Helen Gruber was our cook. Her daughter was the helper. The manager of the Hudson Bay post was a Gruber, as was the service station operator, and manager of the curling club, post office, cat house... whatever. A few years later, while working at the Department of National Defence, I saw a picture hanging on the wall of

one of our officers. On close inspection I saw that the officer in the picture was standing next to an Eskimo woman. I asked the officer if the woman was Helen Gruber and she nearly fell over. She wanted to know how I knew Helen Gruber.

Everyone north of Inuvik knows Helen Gruber. It is almost a universal name for any middle aged Eskimo woman in the western Arctic.

But I knew the REAL Helen Gruber!

VE3EV

VE3JW

The "Connexions" Exhibit at the Museum of Sci and Tech, where the VE3JW exhibit station is situated, is undergoing major renovations and rebuilding of its displays.

A new display showing fiber optics is being built in conjunction with the Nortel enterprise. It will cover a huge area of the South-West corner of the Museum and will be using a newly built second level in that area.

Work is being carried out mostly at night so as not to inconvenience the visitors during the daytime opening hours. Nevertheless, Museum crews have been at work during daytime as well, and the noise level increases at times whenever lumber or steel are being shifted or power tools are being used.

At JW, we have been trying to accommodate the public, which is at a very low density at this time, since exhibits in this area have been removed and barricades been installed. All our regular operators have been advised to protect themselves and the equipment, and to close the station and vacate the area when the situation warrants.

So, our activities at JW have been somewhat slowed down since the beginning of the construction, but, before this happened, we were able to conduct our regular events such as White Cane Week and Guides on the Air.

Here are a couple of pics of our activities before the construction phase. In the first picture we have our regulars, Larry VE3WEH and Graham VE3GBD, controlling the Trans Provincial Net on 40 metres during White Cane Week. In the second pic we have Mike VE3LTN, on the right, and Duncan VE3GXU, WCW guest, having a European contact on 20 metres. Mike is one of our new regulars at the VE3JW station. In the third pic we have Barry VE3KJB, enjoying the facilities as he is working CW on HF.





Although our activities are somewhat curtailed due to the works going on in our area, it is still possible for any licensed Radio Amateurs to come in and enjoy the station. Until the end of June, your visit will require a little more coordination as crews may or may not be at the station depending on the construction activities. So, consult the OVMRC website at VE3JW Operations, phone the station at 991-6949, or contact the scheduled operator. I'm always available, try 749-9010.

Cheers! and have a fantastic Spring!

Maurice-André, VE3VIG

VE3K X—A Short Recap

In the early hours of Friday, March , 2003, a fire destroyed the residence of Baba VE3KX (Chandrakumar Piprani). Baba and his son Taran were asleep at the time and were amazingly able to escape the blaze. The house & contents were a total loss. Baba suffered second degree burns to his head while his son froze his feet. Both are recuperating well and should be back to normal physical in a few months.

Upon hearing Baba VE3KX's misfortune, the local amateur radio operators rallied to assist their friend and family through the hard times. A control group was formed to monitor, register and accept donations. The group consisted of the following people:

· **Amateur gear**

♥ Frank VE3YY – (613) 824-6613 – ve3yy@rac.ca

· **Household Articles & Clothing**

♥ Marg VE3EQE & Don VE3NJH – (613) 727-2769 – ve3njh@rac.ca

· **Money (Cash, Cheques, etc)**

♥ Paul VA3PFS – (613) 723-8225 – scottiex@sympatico.ca

· **Logging Center**

♥ Guy VE3WGL – (613) 824-9490 – ve3wgl@rac.ca

The donations started coming in and a few surprises occurred:

Summerhays Grill agreed to donate 10% of all receipts collected between March 16, 2003 and April 06, 2003 (inclusive) involved with this benefit. Simply put you attend, you feed your face, you pay the bill then you give the bill to one of us (VE3YY – VE3EQE – VE3NJH – VA3PFS – VE3WGL) and

the will give us 10% of all money spent. The 10% collected will be a cash donation courtesy of the Summerhays Grill. So take the time, visit the establishment and give us the bill, please!

The Canadian Police College Amateur Radio Club agreed to donate \$100.00 to the Luncheon Benefit and challenge any other Club to match of better the donation. Should any Club or Group surpass the \$100.00, the CPC ARC will increase their donation to match.

The CPC Breakfast Club will donate their portion of the 50/50 draw at their next Breakfast on April 06, 2003 @ 0900 hrs at Summerhays Grill. **The Canadian Police College Amateur Radio Club** agreed to donate \$100.00 to the Luncheon Benefit and challenge any other Club to match of better the donation. Should any Club or Group surpass the \$100.00, the CPC ARC will increase their donation to match.

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A Benefit Luncheon was organized and attendees started registering. For your information, The Ottawa Sun Newspaper wanted to do an article on the fire and our Benefit Luncheon in order to ask for the community at large for donations. Their assistance was sincerely appreciated but unfortunately we had to turn them down in order to keep the process manageable.

The Benefit Luncheon

By Friday evening March 21, 2003. 59 people has indicated they would attend the Benefit Luncheon but by 10:00 A.M. the next morning 70 people were registered.

It would appear that the Radio God was on our side and gave us decent weather for the day and nice drive to the Luncheon. People started arriving for the Luncheon as Summerhays Grill patrons were finishing their breakfast.

The Group consisted of the following forty-nine (49) amateur radio operators, twenty-one (21) family and friends:

- VA2BRR, Ron & Sylvie; VA3ASJ, Andre; VA3BC, To Jane & Tim; VA3DWC, Dennis, VA3FEC, Fran & Sean; VA3PEK Pauline & VA3VKK, Kim; VA3PFS, Paul & Sue; VA3PR, Phil; VA3PUR, Patricia; VA3ZBB, Rod & VE3ZBB, Betty; VE2MPP, Ed; VE3ATN, Bob & Marjorie; VE3BDK, Bill; VE3BTN, Ross; VE3CDA, Ben & Karen; VE3CDE, Jamie; VE3CGO, Doreen & VE3GX, Ed; VE3CRX, Larry & Diane; VE3DRO, Don & Jackie; VE3EJJ, Ernie; VE3EQE, Marg & VE3NJH, Don; VE3FGW, Bill & Lorraine; VE3GBD, Graham; VE3GGQ, Ted; VE3GPR, Bill & Carolyn; VE3IHI, Rick; VE3KLT, Terry; VE3KX, Baba, Son Taran, Daughter Tika, Friends Brenda & Dr friend; VE3LC, Norm & Ginette; VE3MJX, Ron; VE3NOD, Bill; VE3NPO, Roger & Madeleine; VE3REL, Hans; VE3RRY, Rory; VE3RVW, Ruth & VE3ZKF, Gary; VE3SPK, Jim; VE3UNW, Richard; VE3WEH, Larry; VE3WGL, Guy, Marjorie, Chantal & Holly; VE3XK, Doug; VE3XKF, Keith & VE3YSF, Sallie; VE3YY, Frank; VE3ZRK, Bryan & Linda.

Summerhays Grill donated four unmarked envelopes containing two



\$25 gift certificates and two 30 wing platter certificates. The lucky winners were Phil VA3PR, Marg VE3EQE, Caroline Cousins and Patricia VA3PUR. While everyone were enjoying their meal and visiting with everyone, Paul VA3PFS and my daughter Chantal were busy receiving financial donation. The final total is not know at this time because some donations have yet to arrive by mail but suffice to say that it was a success. **Radio Amateur of Canada** was well represented by the Treasurer Bill VE3FGW, Ontario North Director Doug VE3XK and Ontario North Assistant Regional Director Hans VE3REL. Guy VE3WGL filled in as the Master of Ceremony and informed the Group of the following news:

The Household/Clothing Donations are so numerous that at the present time there are enough articles offered to furnish two complete homes.

The Amateur Gear is plentiful as either donated or loaned.

The Financial Donations are coming in steadily. The VE3CPC Amateur Radio Club Challenge for any Club / Group to match their \$100 donation was a success. The Ottawa Amateur Radio Club, the Manotick Amateur Radio Group and the Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club donated the required \$ 100 donation. The Lanark North Leeds Amateur Radio Emergency Service donated \$195.00. The VE3CPC modified their donation to reflect the LNLARES contribution. It also must be pointed out that at the last meeting of Ottawa Amateur Radio Club, the members went deep in their pockets and collected \$361.00 over and above the Club Donation. The Ottawa Mobile Radio Club have done the same but are still counting the funds! What a great gesture from all the Groups form the City and Valley.

The floor was turned over to Baba VE3KX. Baba related that he had been an amateur radio operator in many countries but and never experienced such a solidarity and generosity of people. He explained the ordeal that his son and he went through. His son has almost recovered fully but Baba will need plastic surgery and healing time. He explained that he asked the surgeon to make him look like Michael Jackson or Tom Jones. Everything was fine until the plastic surgeon told him he could make him look like Guy VE3WGL. Baba figures he would better off looking like his own self and stopped at that point. He has not lost his sense of humour and is a real trooper. The Benefit Luncheon lasted approx. 2 hours and everyone left happy. Please keep in mind:

Summerhays Grill has agreed to donate 10% of all receipts collected between March 16, 2003 and April 06, 2003 (inclusive) involved with this benefit. Simply put you attend, you feed your face, you pay the bill then you give the bill to one of us (VE3YY – VE3EQE – VE3NJH – VA3PFS – VE3WGL) and the will give us 10% of all money spent. The 10% collected will be a cash donation courtesy of the Summerhays Grill. So take the time, visit the establishment and give us the bill, please! **The CPC Breakfast Club** will donate their portion of the 50/50 draw at their next Breakfast on April 06, 2003 @ 0900 hrs at Summerhays Grill.

There will be further Updates and I think this one is long enough for now! We will keep you posted. The next update will be sent on Sunday, March 30, 2003, Stay on Frequency! Again, **Thank you to all for your generosity... 73 & 88, Frank VE3YY - Marg VE3EQE - Don VE3NJH - Paul VA3PFS - Guy VE3WGL**



**Baba,
VE3KX**



VA3FEC, VA3DWC, VE3CDA, Karen Price



Linda(background), VE3ZKF, VE3RVW, VE3ZRK



Most of the attendees at the Luncheon

photographs are courtesy of Larry VE3WEH, Jim VE3PSK and Don VE3NJH



What Is Field Day?

Contest Calendar

Courtesy WARC Newsletter

April

SARL 80-Meter QSO Party	1700Z	Apr 3
MARAC County Hunters Contest SSB	0000Z	Apr 5
SP DX Contest	1500Z	Apr 5
EA RTTY Contest	1600Z	Apr 5
Missouri QSO Party	1800Z	Apr 5
	1800Z	Apr 6
QCWA QSO Party	1900Z	Apr 5
YLRL DX to NA YL Contest CW	1400Z	Apr 9
JIDX CW Contest	0700Z	Apr 12
QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party	1200Z	Apr 12
EU Spring Sprint SSB	1500Z	Apr 12
UBA Spring Contest SSB	0600Z	Apr 13
YLRL DX to NA YL Contest SSB	1400Z	Apr 16
Holyland DX Contest	0000Z	Apr 19
TARA Spring Wakeup PSK31	0000Z	Apr 19
ES Open HF Championship	0500Z	Apr 19
YU DX Contest	1200Z	Apr 19
GACW CW DX Contest	1200Z	Apr 19
EU Spring Sprint CW	1500Z	Apr 19
Michigan QSO Party	1600Z	Apr 19
Ontario QSO Party	1800Z	Apr 19
Harry Angel Memorial Sprint	1100Z	Apr 25
SP DX RTTY Contest	1200Z	Apr 26
Helvetia Contest	1300Z	Apr 26
QRP to the Field	1500Z	Apr 26
Florida QSO Party	1600Z	Apr 26
	1200Z	Apr 27
Nebraska QSO Party	1700Z	Apr 26

May, 2003

AGCW QRP/QRP Contest	1300Z	May 1
IPA Contest CW	0000Z	May 3
MARAC County Hunters Contest CW	0000Z	May 3
10-10 Int. Spring Contest CW	0001Z	May 3
Indiana QSO Party	1300Z	May 3
ARI International DX Contest	2000Z	May 3
New England QSO Party	2000Z	May 3
	1100Z	May 4
IPA Contest SSB	0000Z	May 4
VOLTA WW RTTY	1200Z	May 10
Oregon QSO Party	1400Z	May 10
FISTS Spring Sprint	1700Z	May 10
CQ-M International DX	2100Z	May 10
Anatolian RTTY	1800Z	May 16
His Maj. King of Spain Contest CW	1800Z	May 17
Baltic Contest	2100Z	May 17
CQ WW WPX Contest CW	0000Z	May 24

That's a good question, and if you asked ten hams, you would probably get ten different answers. Some would say that Field Day is a contest, others would say that it is an emergency preparedness exercise, still others would say that it is a party and yet others would say that it is a public relations exercise. Who is right? They all are! Field Day is all of those things and more. The best description anyone can find is that Field Day is all of ham radio in one weekend!

During Field Day, ham radio clubs, groups and individuals take to the field in simulated emergency conditions (living in tents and running on generators and batteries). They are given 24 hours to set up as many stations as they are able. In the next 24 hours they try to make as many contacts as they can with those stations. All aspects of ham radio are used in this pursuit. More than a million contacts will be made on HF and VHF, CW, SSB and digital modes this weekend. Bonus points are awarded for making an extra effort such as making contacts via satellites or sending and receiving message traffic or showing "different" technologies (APRS, SSTV, ATV). Field Day isn't just about radio though. Clubs use this biggest of all yearly events for many other activities. With much of the clubs membership assembled it is a natural time for BBQ's and other gatherings. Also with all of ham radio on display this weekend it is a choice time to show off what we do best. The media and government officials are invited to attend to view what ham radio can do. As you can see, Field Day is indeed all of ham radio in one weekend and anyone that attends their first Field Day rarely misses one again!

Field Day is more than a contest or QSL/certificate Operating Event. For most clubs, it is part contest, part camp-out, part publicity stunt, and part emergency-operations exercise.

Field Day Objective(s):

To contact as many stations as possible on any or all amateur bands (except 10, 18 and 24-MHz bands) in a 24 hour period and, in doing so, to learn to operate in abnormal situations under less-than-optimum conditions.

When: June 28, 29 2003

Setup: Prior to Sat 14:00 (Saturday morning)

On-the-Air Operations: Sat 14:00 to Sun. 14:00

Location: TBD

Your help is required to make this a success. We will need people for a variety of activities. These include: setup, tear-down, operators (CW,Phone), and loggers. This is not an exhaustive list. The more the merrier.

You can contact Harold at 722-9180 or email at va3unk@rac.ca for more info or to volunteer.

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 5 wpm 12 wpm Year Licenced: _____

Other Family Members

Name: _____ Callsign(s): | _____ | | _____ | | _____ |

Qualifications: Basic Advanced Grandfathered
 5 wpm 12 wpm Year Licenced: _____

Name: _____ Callsign(s): | _____ | | _____ | | _____ |

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