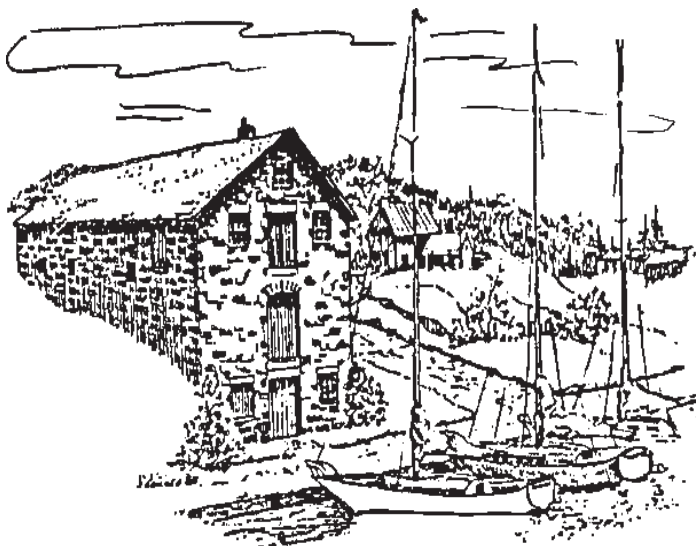


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**Meetings** are held on the second Monday of the month at the Red Cross Building, 167 Navy Street Oakville.

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and all are welcome.

**Repeater** : VE3OAK  
147.015 + .600 (VHF) (131.8 Hz CTCSS)  
444.325 + 5.000 (UHF)

**Digipeater / Node** : VE3OAK  
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**Net** Mondays at 7:30 p.m. (except meeting nights and holidays) on  
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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Well the year 2000 has come and the only Y2K Bug appears to have been of the flu variety. It seems that not many of us were able to escape it. I have some cold virus kicking around my sinuses right now and we head out for Costa Rica in a few days. Cold or no cold, I paid my money and so I'm going. Let's hope I don't destroy the ecology down there!

As for the Y2K bug, I guess there were a few "die hards" who said that there wasn't going to be widespread problems. But, I feel that if we didn't have all that publicity, and didn't look into it and make the corrections; we may have been in the midst of chaos right now!

Don't forget the February meeting will be at the Oakville Hydro Operations Center, 530 Lyons Lane. This should be very interesting. It was very popular the last time and I missed it, so I don't want to miss it again this time.

If you didn't get your last month bulletin in the mail, then check your Email. Ed VE3TAS has been doing a great job putting it together in Adobe format and you can print it out yourself or save it to disk, or even look it up on the web page. It seems that most of our members have Email accounts and this saves us a lot of postage! The Adobe format is great as it allows us to pack it together with all the graphics and bundle it into a small electronic package. Now, if we could only get the Adobe Reader itself packed into a small package...

The coldest day so far this winter was during this week where the temperature dropped to below "0" even in the Farenhight scale. I'm wondering how many of you were out doing antenna work! That shows real dedication.

Well that's all for now, I gotta go and pack my suitcase with summer outfits. Nothing personal, but I hope the worst of the winter comes while I'm gone!

CUL....Jack VE3ITM....73>

# OAKVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

**General Business Meeting: January 10, 2000**

**Attendees: 13**

Jack VE3ITM opened the meeting at 1935 hr.

No program planned for this evening – so an informal Business meeting held.

Next meeting (February 14<sup>th</sup> at 1930 hr) is a visit to the Oakville Hydro Operations Center. The address is 530 Lyons lane. South off Cross across from Trafalgar Village Plaza.

Greg VA3GGF stated Vic Henderson – VE3FOX has been appointed new EC Coordinator for the region. Greg asked the question “Do we want to be part of a coordinated group”?

Discussion Points.

Are we in or out?

We have a commitment to town and region with 5 other groups. If we get further involved, then more people would have to be involved.

Greg VA3GGF is updating the “call up tree” and is contacting people by Email.

Greg VA3GGF discussed what the OARC role would be in the case of a disaster. It would be basic Health & Welfare stuff. Local only. Our present commitment is to the local Red Cross.

Russ VE3JUZ advised Club membership now at 55 plus 2 life members. A list of Email addresses was distributed.

A recommendation was made to put past issues of the bulletin on the Web Site. This had been discussed at Executive meetings, and it was agreed that they would be put on the site after 3 months. Brian VE3DNS is to talk to Michael VA3MVW and make this happen.

Repeater-controller is not Y2K compliant but Graham VA3GPC put the date back to 1972.

A discussion on Repeater sensitivity was held. It would seem that coverage for Oakville is adequate.

There will be a field day. Mike VE3QSK & George VE3OGP are coordinators

RAC web site shows outdated info. Greg VA3GGF to try and get up to date information on site.

There was no further new business. Meeting closed at 1815hr.

CUL... Doug VE3RG

## **FEBRUARY OARC MEETING**

The February meeting will be held February 14<sup>th</sup> at the **Oakville Hydro Operations Centre** at 530 Lyons Lane. (Lyons Lane is South of Cross Ave – opposite the Trafalgar Village Shopping Centre). Parking is available on the south side of the building, adjacent to the GO parking lot. Enter via the front entrance to the second floor meeting room.

After a short business meeting at 7:30 PM we will have a tour of the Oakville Hydro Control room, seeing the distribution system SCADA and communication equipment. Meter Section facilities that have recently received Measurement Canada accreditation for calibrating and sealing will also be covered.

*CUL... Russ VE3JUZ*

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### ***BATHTUB DRUNK SPARKS SEA DRAMA***

COPENHAGEN (Reuters) – A Danish man set off a real-life sea rescue mission while playing with toy ships in his bathtub, the *Sjaellands Tidende* newspaper reported on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

The drunken 52-year-old phoned in repeated mayday alarms to the Maritime Sea Rescue Command as he piloted his water toys, claiming he was captain of a 12-crew freighter in distress. Giving a position west of the Baltic Sea Island of Bornholm, which belongs to Denmark, he said his vessel was listing 45 degrees and that one crewmember had been washed overboard.

Authorities quickly dispatched two rescue vessels to search the area for 90 minutes.

Police eventually traced the phone calls to the home of the intoxicated man, who admitted the false alarm. He faces fines and compensation claims of 10,000 Crowns (\$1,400) for the “disaster”, which police said was the first of its kind on record.

Submitted by Peter VA3PRS

## **THE MICRO MARKETPLACE (CIRCA 1980)**

### **A computer buyer's guide to three ascending price brackets.**

(The following was taken from an article contained in **Toronto Life** the November 1980 issue)

#### ***Effective and inexpensive machines***

Commodore PET: Basic unit, 8K capacity, \$1195, and cassette recorder, \$120, give you everything to start up. Trade gossip rates this as a reliable machine with limitations that can be smoothed out by adding more equipment, but will not disappear entirely.

TRS-80: Level I, 4K system, \$799; Level II, 16K system, \$1099; Level I, 16K system, \$998. Interfaces provide expanded memory potential up to 48K. According to the Tandy people, who manufacture the TRS series and market it through Radio Shack, if you buy, you have to buy strictly Tandy products. However, like Bell Canada's monopoly on telephone equipment, Tandy's control of Level II-type equipment is being broken by innovative manufacturers at Radio Shack.

Mattel Intellivision: Master component \$450; tape cassettes, \$39.95. Possibly anathema to True Users, but likely the micro that will make it on the mass market. Simple to use with good development possibilities ahead.

#### ***More versatile and expensive***

Apple II: Starter system, 16K ram, \$1595; cassette recorder, \$75. A good system that has worked hard to improve a weak graphic system. Uses BASIC, and with expanded memory, capable of using the newer languages, PASCAL for example, and old heavies such as FORTRAN.

Atari: 800 personal system (8K, expanded to 48K), \$1600; 400 system (8K expanded to 16K), \$945. Atari has been hampered by software problems recently, but its hardware remains quite good.

Texas Instruments: T199/4 Home Computer Console, #1300. Like the TRS, TI's system utilizes only its own products. As such, it is dependable, with software heavy on the educational and business side.

#### ***Top of the line with variations***

Any of the medium-priced micros can be made to operate at peak efficiency, but for rapid performance and huge storage, you should look for machines that will interface with high-speed printers and hard disk capacity.

Northstar: 32K, \$4000; 48K, \$4660; 64K, \$4960. Commercial grade RAM based memory, expandable and compatible with other manufacturer equipment.

Alpha-Micro: Standard operating system, including CRT, printer and built-in text editing and processing program, about \$28,000. Expandable from 64K to 1,024K (with additional memory boards).



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