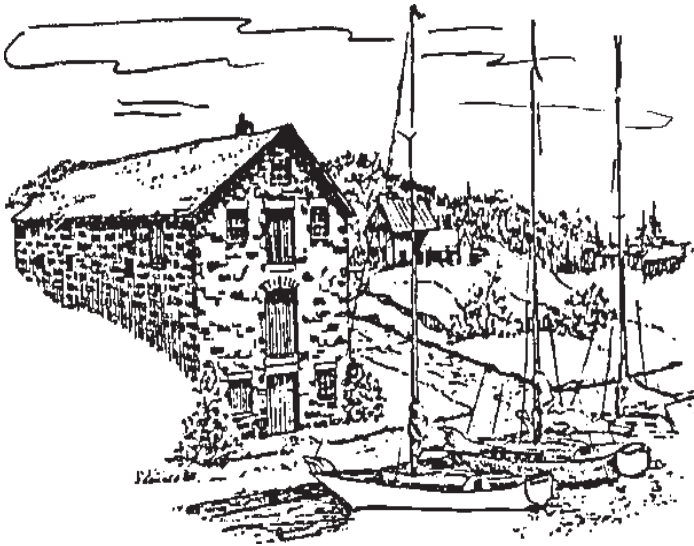


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Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at the Red Cross Building, 167 Navy Street Oakville.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, our O.A.R.C. year is winding down. Field day will be upon us soon. I've always enjoyed field day and miss it when we don't have one. This year we will have one and I am looking forward to it. Mike QSK is handling the details and knowing Mike, I'm sure everything is well in hand.

At our last meeting we had a Representative from RAC, Dana Shtun VE3DSS, He gave us an interesting talk and covered everyone's questions afterward. It looks like RAC is on the mend and things are looking good for the future. There are many "interests" always looking for more band space and we could slowly loose some without a strong representation from our own national organization. RAC cannot do it without membership and I would urge everyone to become a member. Do it now while you are thinking about it!

The next paragraph is a "cut and paste" from my last message. I'm putting it back in this bulletin as a reminder.

Don't forget, Its time to think about things like the "Dizzy Izzy" award. The cut off is the end of this month (April). Also, we will be open for nominations for "Ham-of-the-Year" award. Nominations must be submitted in writing to any of the executive before the end of the month (April)!

We will also need to come up with a "slate" of directors for next year; I would like to urge everyone to consider being a director. Say: "sure, I don't mind, put my name down" when someone calls. Actually, it would be preferable if you would volunteer now and not wait for anyone to call!

If you look at our membership list, you will find that the majority of the names listed have helped the club out in one way or another over the years, and that's the way a club should be, everyone chipping in and helping out wherever they can. If you haven't been involved yet, why not give it a try. You will be helped in any way you need. If you are one of those who have helped out in the past, why not give it another go-round.

I would like to thank all those who helped out this year and in past years as well. Your contributions have not gone unnoticed. I would also like to give a special thanks to those who go on year after year helping out the club in some way. Without you, the club wouldn't exist. I was going to list some names here but there are so many, I'm afraid of leaving someone out. All you have to do is read through the membership list and you will spot them right away and the next time you see them, say thanks, they will appreciate it!

Well that's it for now, till next time 73 Jack VE3ITM

OAKVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

General Business Meeting: April 10, 2000 Attendees: 20 (including 1 guest)


- Jack VE3ITM welcomed the group present and opened the meeting at 1930 hrs. He requested an individual introduction of all present. He advised he still has some Lions Club Community tickets. They are \$10.00 each and May 25th is the drawing date. He asked for a motion to adopt the March minutes as published. The motion was made by Jim VE3JIC, seconded by Doug VE3RG and carried. He asked if there was any business arising from the minutes. As there was none he asked Jim VE3ITT to present the financial report.
- Jim VE3ITT presented the financial report stating that the savings this year are attributable to the release of the Hot Bananas through E-mail to members with an internet address as well as no fees for the Club license. He stated we should end up with a budget balance of around \$2000.00 at the end of the year. He advised we have 59 members this year versus 69 last year. Jim asked if there were any questions. Carvell VE3CPQ asked if Jim would be able to tabulate what the postage savings are, with the reduction in the number of bulletins being mailed. Jim said that this number would be contained in the final financial report for the end of our fiscal year (July 31, 2000). This report would be available at our September, 2000 meeting. Jim moved for acceptance of the financial report. This was seconded by Carvell VE3CPQ and was carried.
- Ken VE3WKH inquired how he would receive Hot Bananas, as he does not have a computer. He was advised that members without E-mail would continue to be mailed a copy of the bulletin.
- Jack VE3ITM remarked that the club membership is holding well when compared to last year and taking into account the number of members who have moved. He asked if anyone could comment on the repeater. Harry VE3HKC advised that to his knowledge the repeater was working well other than some abuse from time to time by some non-amateurs (bandits). The best action is to ignore their activity. Jack asked how packet was doing. Derek VE3DDL stated that it is still down due to some backbone issue but did not know if it was a local or downstream issue. Carvell VE3CPQ advised he had been told it was a downstream issue. Jack advised that MICHAEL VA3MVW was coordinating the web site. He also advised the group that nominations for HAM of THE YEAR and DIZZY IZY awards must be submitted by April 30th.
- Ron VE3FII advised he had received 6 QSL cards from the Jamboree on the Air event. He will acknowledge these with a club QSL card. He informed members that ARRL had related the events of a pirate attack and recovery of a young victim in their bulletins. He had a copy of the bulletin for those interested in reading the article. He went on to comment that as a point of interest the author (Lynn-Philip Hodgson) of the book "Inside-Camp X" was living in Oakville when she wrote the book. He reminded members that the Oshawa Club was holding a Special Events Station commemorating Camp X. The dates and frequencies are contained in the article in the March Hot Bananas.
- Russ VE3JUZ advised he had nothing to report on membership but, for those interested, he had copies of the latest list of members.
- Harry VE3HKC advised that the Field Day site in Acton (not the Scout area) was sheltered. Derek VE3DDL advised he would check with Dave VA3DDA to determine how much room we will have.
- Jack VE3ITM introduced our guest for this evening, Dana Shtun VE3DSS from RAC who will talk on RAC affairs. Since there was no further business to discuss Jack requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1955 hrs. The motion was made by Doug VE3RG, seconded by Dave VE3DPD and carried.

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