



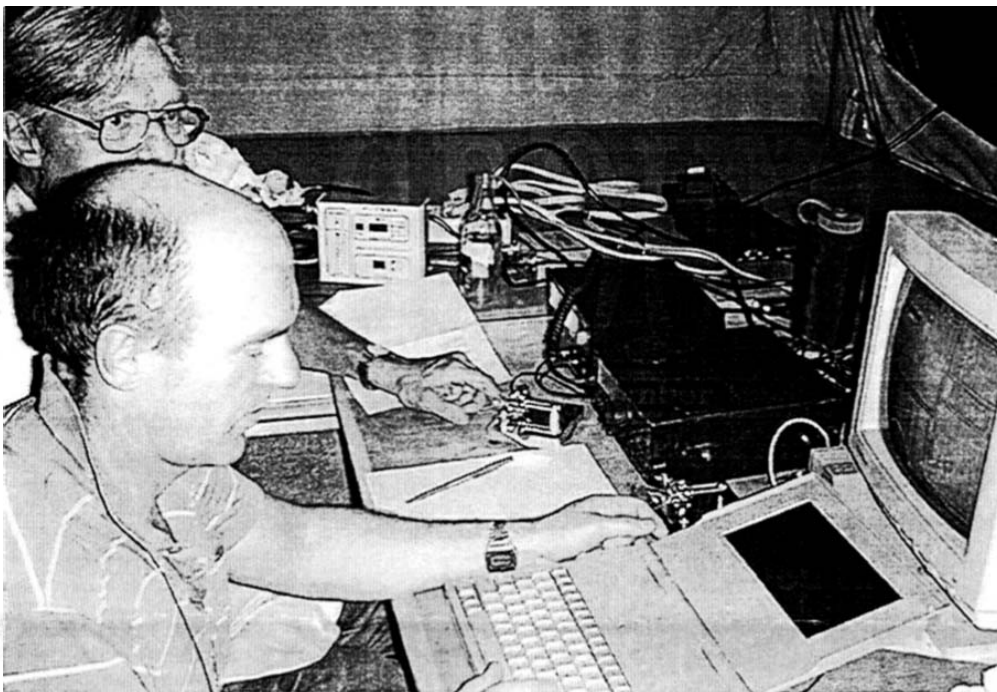
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Next Meeting on Sept 2, 1998 ... see you there !!!



Roger (VE3 BZR) making contact and Paul (VE3 ICV) logging away.

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Club Information

The Ottawa Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (OARC). 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 first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) in the Keefer Room (2nd floor of the Old Teacher's College) of the Regional Municipality of Ottawa Carleton Head Quarters complex 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 second Wednesday of each month at 19:30 hours. Contact the President to confirm the date, time and place of the next meeting.

Packet Radio Meetings will be held at 19:30 hours on the last Thursday of every second month beginning in September, at the Algonquin College - Lees Campus. This is an OARC Inc. Technical meeting open to all who have an interest in packet radio.

NET's of Interest

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 836-2633, Fax: 836-5635.

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 SWAP Net is a regular feature of this net.

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 every Thursday evening at 2000 hrs local time. Repeater VE3TEL is used, courtesy of the Pioneer Amateur Radio Club. The frequency is 147.03 out, 146.43 Mhz in. The callsign used is VE3QCW. Visiting Hams are invited to check into this Net. You do not have to be a QCWA member to check into this Net.

OARC Inc. Memberships

- Individual Membership is available for \$20.00
- Family Membership is available for \$25.00
- New Hams just licensed may qualify for free membership, contact the membership Chair.
- Junior Memberships - To encourage young people to join the club and to participate in amateur radio, the club is opening a junior class of membership. Dues will be at 50% discount but the junior member must pick up his/her copy of the Groundwave (preferably at the meeting).

Club Repeaters

Voice (VHF)	146.94/146.34
(UHF)	443.300/448.300
Packet	147.07(sx) For QSO and Packet BBS.
Packet 56 kbps	220.55/433.55
East of Ottawa	145.69(sx)
Ottawa Centre	145.07(sx)
Hull	145.05(sx)
West of Ottawa	145.03(sx)
South of Ottawa	144.91(sx)
Nepean	145.59(sx)
West Carleton	144.97(sx)

For further information, please contact the Repeater Chair.

Ottawa Amateur Radio Club Flea Market

The Ottawa Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (OARC) is pleased to announce its annual Hamfest.

When: Saturday, September 5, 1998 (Labour Day weekend)

Time: Tailgaters: 9 am; Building: 10 am until 1 pm

Place: Carp Agricultural Fair Grounds
3970 Carp Rd off Highway 417 (at Falldown Lane)
Carp, Ontario, Canada

Cost: \$10/table, \$5/tailgate, \$3 general admission

Talk-in will be on VE2CRA (146.94 -).

Contact: Jim Cummings (VE3XJ) for information tel: (613) 446-1225 or e-mail: fleamarket@oarc.net

The OARC Hamfest is held at the Carp Agricultural Fair Grounds at the same time as the Carp Farmer's Market. So in addition to their amateur radio needs, attendees can also enjoy stocking up on farm fresh produce.

June Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the OARC General Meeting - June 3, 1998

The meeting was called to order by the President, Richard (VE3UNW), at 7:35 p.m.

We welcomed one guest this evening - Peter Teson.

Richard opened with the ever popular "Haves and Wants" section of the evening, Fred (VE3IO) is (still) looking for circuit diagrams for his Zenith colour TV (good luck) and Fred went on to say that there was lots of fun at the Capital City Raceway where students operated their electric vehicles. Graham (VE3DBG) asked if anyone had a source for 2 in. floppy disks. Harrie (VE3HYS) suggested Westboro Electronics. Also, it was suggested that the Kodak Web Page be checked out, as Kodak makes 2 in. floppies for digital cameras. Guy Juneau (VE3ZZJ) asked for advice on how to install a R-7 antenna. Ken (VA3KA) told Guy, that the R-7 was a simple antenna to install, but warned about overhead electrical wires. Eddy (VE3XTU) asked if anyone had any information on whether the proximity of a chimney flue would affect a GAP antenna. Paul (VE3ICV) that since the flue and antenna are 12-15 ft apart, that should be sufficient.

Turning to announcements, Peter (VE3BQP) stated that the Emergency Measures meeting would be held this Saturday (9-12) in the Honeywell Room of the RMOC building. Topics will include the Ice Storm (a favourite with all) and EMR management.

Harrie advised that the Repeater Council would meet Sunday, at 1 pm at the usual place.

Paul announced that Field Day preparations are well underway. The OARC station would again be held at the Nortel Corkstown Road location. Paul is looking for volunteers and needs a loan of a lap-top computer. Also, he is looking for help setting up a satellite station. (Thanks again to Northern Telecom for your support!)

Our gallant Vice President, Ed (VA3MPY) advised that the Algonquin Amateur Radio course was finished and the exam would be held next week.

Richard reminded all members (and their friends) of the OARC Flea Market to be held on Saturday, September 5th at the Carp Fair Grounds. (Note from your Minute Taker: Hope to see you all there and I'm sure there will be lots of information on this classic and very enjoyable event elsewhere in this edition of the Groundwave. Don't forget,

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Radio Amateurs of Canada

All News below is received from Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) bulletin service. Readers may subscribe to this service, visit the RAC website at www.rac.ca for more information.

From: Ken Pulfer, VE3PU
Date: August 23, 1998
Subject: Current concerns on the RAC web site

A newly opened section of the RAC web site will provide an opportunity for readers to keep up to date on current issues affecting Amateur Radio, and for RAC to seek input and guidance from all Canadian Amateurs. The RAC Reading Room will continue to carry the "Notice Board", and the "What's New" sections for brief news items.

A forum page will seek your input on a different topic each month. For September we just want to know what aspects of Amateur Radio you consider to be most important.

If you have difficulty finding a page, it's because many of the links on the RAC home page have been moved to the Current Concerns section.

From: Pierre Mainville VA3PM
Date: Aug 20, 1998
Subject: SET 1998

The RAC Field Organization is pleased to announce that we are reactivating the annual Simulated Emergency Test (SET) this Fall. We feel it is very important to demonstrate the cohesion between Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) groups and National Traffic System (NTS), as well as to demonstrate to served agencies and the public what services can be provided under simulated emergency conditions.

The main weekend for the 1998 SET is Oct 3-4, but ARES teams or nets may conduct their exercises anytime between September 1 and November 30. Consult with your Section Emergency Coordinator before settling on a date as a SET works best if there is active participation in a number of areas throughout a Section, and involving more than one local net, if possible.

Whether you are part of a new or experienced ARES group, the SET is a great opportunity to learn or practice useful skills in traffic handling, net operation and emergency communication management. For more information and guidelines check the RAC Web page. The URL is: <http://www.rac.ca/set1998.htm>

From: J. Farrell Hopwood - VE7RD
Date: August 12, 1998
Subject: World Amateur Radio Day

As the International Amateur Radio Union member society for Canada, Radio Amateurs of Canada is pleased to endorse Canadian participation in World Amateur Radio Day.

"Communicating Worldwide for Three Quarters of a Century" is the theme of this year's World Amateur Radio Day, set for September 19. The event marks the first two-way transoceanic Amateur Radio contact between French station 8AB and American stations 1XAM and 1MO on November 27, 1923.

The historic contacts ushered in the era of worldwide shortwave communication. IARU Region One will broadcast a special program on shortwave that traces the early history of shortwave communication and the contributions amateur radio has made to the development of radio science and the understanding of HF propagation. The program will air to North America on September 19 at 2100 UTC on 15205 kHz. For more information, contact Hans van de Groenendaal, ZS5AKV, e-mail hans@intekom.co.za.

RAC suggests that Canadian amateur radio clubs may wish to use this occasion to publicize amateur radio at a local level through such means as a mall display or other public demonstration, or through a news release to your community newspapers. If a local event on that day is not practical, a recording of the broadcast will be a useful public relations tool for use at a later date.

From: RAC
Date: July 24, 1998
Subject: JI1KIT becomes new PM of Japan

On July 24, Foreign Minister, Keizo Obuchi, a member of the House of Representatives, an enthusiast for amateur radio, was elected as a president of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) of Japan.

Obuchi, a member of JARL and a very good friend of Shozo Hara, JA1AN, president of JARL, established his amateur station JI1KIT in 1975 and made a great contribution to JARL as well as Japanese amateur radio community.

As the new LDP leader, Obuchi will be elected prime minister of Japan in an extraordinary session of the Diet on July 30th.

(Text from JARL)

From: RAC Headquarters
Date: Sunday July 19th
Subject: RAC President announces resignation

Radio Amateurs of Canada President Farrell (Hoppy) Hopwood, VE7RD, has advised the RAC Board of Directors that he is resigning from his position as RAC President and Board Chair effective December 31, 1998. The RAC Directors will now convene the "RAC Elections Committee" as outlined in the corporation's bylaw, to elect a new

president to fill the one-year remaining in Mr. Hopwood's two-year term.

In his message to the RAC Board, Hoppy stated, "It is to address longstanding personal wants and to be better able to meet my obligations to my family that I have decided that it is time for me to step down. I am very grateful for the honour and the privilege of serving our members and the amateur community as RAC's first President during these times of formation and growth. I cherish the great privilege of working and sharing with each of you and with many other friends and volunteers over the years. The vision, the challenges and the wonderful accomplishments shared with you all hold a special place in my memory and in my heart. I now look forward to living out the promises and dreams that beckoned me when I retired from B.C. Tel in 1992."

Hoppy has been an amateur since 1956. His contribution to national amateur radio organization began in 1985 when he worked with the EXPO 86 Amateur Radio Station Committee as a representative for the Canadian Amateur Radio Federation (CARF). He was appointed a CARF Vice President in 1986 and later elected as the CARF Pacific Region Director in 1988. He became President of CARF in 1990. Hoppy was a leader in the move to merge CARF and the Canadian Radio Relay League (CRRL) into the Radio Amateurs of Canada. He was elected RAC's first President in 1993.

From: RAC HQ
Date: June 29, 1998
Subject: Worked All RAC Award

Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) is pleased to announce the following award available to all Radio Amateurs worldwide. WORKED ALL RAC (WARAC)

A certificate will be issued to any Amateur who confirms two-way communication with an Official RAC Station using the suffix "RAC" in at least 10 of the 13 prefixes.

VE1, VA2, VA3, VE4, VE5, VE6, VE7, VE8, VE9, VO1, VO2, VY1, VY2.

Effective date of the award is 0000 UTC July 1, 1998.

For further details, please visit the RAC web site at:
<http://www.rac.ca/warac.htm>

The application form is also available on the web site at
<http://www.rac.ca/awapp2.htm>

From: Ken Pulfer, VE3PU
Date: June 17, 1998
Subject: IARU conference

As the society representing Amateur Radio in Canada, RAC is invited to attend the IARU Region II conference, which is, held every three years. Region II covers most countries in North and South America as well as Latin

America and the Caribbean. The most recent conference was held in Niagara Falls in 1995.

This year, the conference will be held at Margarita Island in Venezuela at the end of September. Given our tight budget situation, RAC has only been able to set aside enough money to help to defray the cost of one attendee, but fortunately several other Canadian amateurs have agreed to go at their own expense.

The Canadian delegation will be headed by Jim Dean VE3IQ, Vice President Government affairs, and will also include:

Daniel Lamoureux VE3ZDL, Regional Director for Quebec and President of RAQI, Tim Ellam, VE6SH, Vice President and General Counsel, Earle Smith, VE6NM, Jacqueline Lamoureux, VE2ZJL

The Canadian delegation will be presenting a number of papers, and participating in IARU discussions related to the future of the Amateur Radio Service, and the evolution and protection of our bands. This work is being done by RAC for all Canadian Amateurs, your advice and guidance to the delegation members will be most welcome.



Above: Marc VA3 DRV and George VE3BNO Operating VA3RAC during the Canada Day Contest ... not sure why Marc was smiling.
Below Guy: VA3FZA at the controls ... more pictures on www.oarc.net.



Notice to Members

To: Ottawa Amateur Radio Club Inc.
 From: Bytown Marine Ltd.
 Date: July 10, 1998

Recently, some money was given to Bytown Marine for use by the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club. I have been asked by the donor to write this letter outlining the conditions of using this money.

1. That the money be used to:
 - promote the interest in amateur radio communications.
 - promote the advancement and achievement of club members.
 - build infrastructure
 - revitalize membership in the club through club activity (club projects, repeater enhancement, digital experimentation, etc)
2. That the money be released on a matching dollar scheme. ie. One dollar is released from this account for every dollar spent by the club in this program.
3. The club may encourage donations to the club, but must encourage donations to the account at Bytown Marine.
4. All monies spent by the club from this date forward which follow the conditions set forth above are eligible for matching funds.
5. That the club publish this letter in the Groundwave.

The original amount in this special account was \$2500.00. Since then, two club members; Richard, VE3UNW and Marc, VA3DRV have each contributed \$250.00. As of this date, \$3000.00 are in the account.

73,

Graham Walker, VE3GGW

mk's Words

Aug 17/1998

I hope your summer was as enjoyable as mine. The weather hasn't been this good since before sunblock was invented. I seem to recall saying about the same thing last summer. Can it last? Will we have to pay for it in January?

Field day, Canada Day and new sunspots make for radio fun. With a few public service events, a bunny hunt an

EMRG meeting, and watching trial balloons being launched by Industry Canada and RAC, I wonder how I ever find time to go to work. Somehow it always gets done. Now the flea market is almost here. Would it be this hectic if we didn't go into the deep freeze for a third to a half a year (depending on your definition)?

I managed to get the bike up and running like it should be. That means that I've started commuting on the big waves, the 30 metre band. Every second week the 2m FM rig comes off the bike and the little HF rig (Index Labs QRP Plus) goes on. With the band in such great shape, you CAN get away with calling CQ with a QRP rig. I'm still trying to work the pacific on my way in to work, and Europe on the way home, but so far the best DX has been a '5 near Dallas, TX. When running QRP CW bike mobile, there is never a shortage of conversation topics. Even if you aren't on a bike, there is something to talk about when you make a QRP QSO. It seems most of the QRP types are also doing something else that is interesting, whether it is mobile, homebrew, or an antenna that is out of the ordinary. Maybe the QRO folks are doing interesting stuff also, but are in too much of a hurry to talk about it. A surprising number of others out there are also running QRP. One guy in Sydney (Nova Scotia, not the other one) was running the same antenna and power, but from a Metro - not much more of a ground plane than I have. I don't get disappointed if someone can't hear me. At least now I know why.

Meanwhile back at home, the HF loop has come and gone and been put back up. Maybe 12Ga stranded wire isn't the best choice for an antenna that is mostly in among the trees. If the antenna had to wait until I got something better, then my radio activity would be 100 per cent bike mobile. As a backup, there is an end fed wire in the kitchen that is still up and working, mostly on 30m again. I have to be careful not to turn that rig on before breakfast, or I will be guaranteed to be late for work. Of course, I have to be careful not to turn it on after supper, or the dishes won't get done, and I have to be... well, you get the picture.

On a lot 25 ft wide, I can't get more than 12 1/2 ft away from my neighbours, but by picking the operating time, and being frugal with the output power, I seem to avoid problems. Even the other Micycle, VE3BUP has found a way to sneak back on to the big waves from home, after a long time off the air due to neighbour problems. I guess this means he won't be resorting to satellites and remote stations to get his hamming fix.

That's it from here this month. Welcome back to another season of indoor hamming.

73
mk

HamFests and Flea Markets

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Eastern Ontario Amateur Radio Fleamarket
Kingston Amateur Radio Club
Saturday, September 12, 1998
Kingston, ON.
St. Margaret's United Church Hall,
690 Sir John A. MacDonald Blvd.
(across from Sears store just south of Princess St.)
Exit 615 from Hwy. 401
Vendors 7 AM, Public 9AM to 1PM
Admission \$3. Tables are \$5 for small, \$10 for large,
dealers \$10
Talkin: VE3KBR 146.94-
For more info: Roger Viner, 613-549-6286,
rviner@adan.kingston.net or Drew Wollin
613-530-0042, wollina@kos.net

QCWA National Capital Chapter 70 Dinner Meeting
Wednesday, September 16, 1998
Family Restaurant, Carlingwood Shopping Centre
(Carlingwood and Woodroffe), Ottawa.
Drinks at 1815, dinner at 1845
Cost: Dinner \$15
For more info: Joan Powell, VE3ZC, ve3zc@rac.ca

West Island ARC Club Auction and Fleamarket
West Island ARC
Saturday, September 19, 1998
Montral, QC.
Ste-Suzanne Church, 9501 Gouin Blvd West,
Pierrefonds, Quebec.
7h30 for vendors General admission at 8h30 Auction at
9h30
Cost: \$5, free if under 12 years TABLES: \$15, includes one
entry
Talkin: VE2RWI 146.910- and 443.050+
For more info: Sam VE2LJV (514) 684-5810,
ve2cwi@rac.ca.

ODXA Radio Fest '98
Ontario DX Association (ODXA)
Friday, October 2, 1998
Hamilton ON
Mohawk College, Hamilton, ON.
Registration: \$15 for the entire convention, \$5 for one-day
attendance.
Notes: The Ontario DX Association invites radio
enthusiasts of all interests and all levels to attend Radio
Fest '98, the 1998 ODXA Convention. Theme:
"Communications Into Our Future". Topics (more to come):
Antenna Basics, Mediumwave Loop Building Workshop;
History of Canadian Radio; Introduction to Shortwave
Radio; Radio Astronomy. Saturday night banquet with
keynote speaker.
For more info ODXA, P.O. Box 161, Station A, Toronto, ON
M2N 5S8, 70400.2660@compuserve.com

Hamilton Hamfest '98
Hamilton ARC
Saturday, October 17, 1998
Hamilton, ON
Marriott Hall (Ancaster Fair Grounds) on Hwy. 53 between
Southcote Rd. and Kitmurry Lane.
Vendors 7 a.m. Public 9 a.m.
Admission: \$5. Vendors (Main Hall) \$15+admission. (Junior
Hall) \$5+admission. Tailgaters \$5 (same price as a table in
the Junior Hall).
Talkin: VE3NCF 146.760(-)
For more info: 905-664-2801,
<http://www.network.on.ca/~wcourt/flea.htm>

Montral South Shore Hamfest
Club Radio Amateur de la Rive-Sud de Montral **Start**
Saturday, October 24, 1998
Longueuil, QC
Place Desaulniers, 1023 boul. Taschereau,
Longueuil, QC.
Time: 9h00
Cost: 5.00 \$
Talkin: VE2RSM 145.390(-)
For more info: Francois Drien VE2FDA ph.:514-672-9994
ve2clm@amsat.org

Joe Norton Award

Joe Norton Trust Award for Amateur Radio

The OTTAWA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC. awards annually the Joe Norton Trust Award for the advancement of amateur radio. The amount of this award is approximately \$500.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, a candidate must:

1. Be a resident of the National Capital Region as defined by the official federal government map;
2. Have received a Certificate of Proficiency in radio from Industry Canada during the period June 1, 1996 to June 1, 1998;
3. Send a written submission of no less than 600 words and no more than 900 words to the executive of the OTTAWA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC., setting out his or her interests, achievements and plans to contribute to the advancement of amateur radio; and
4. Present him/herself for an interview if so requested by the judges.

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there are lots of interesting things for X/YL's at the Farmer's Market.)

Richard with obvious pleasure and approval from the membership, presented Peter Hafichuk (VE3LBW) with a Volunteer Recognition Award. (Thanks Peter for all your help over the years.)

Turning to the most important portion of the meeting, Richard presented the slate for next year's Executive. They included: Ed Strange (VA3MPY) - President; Rick Furniss (VE3IHI) - Vice President; Greg Danylchenko (VE3YTZ) - Secretary; Elizabeth Johnson (VA3ELB) - Treasurer and as Directors; Marc Pichette (VA3DRV) - Net Control; Dean Denter (VA3CDD) - Membership; John Senez (VA3JBS) - Groundwave Editor; Harrie Jones (VE3HYS) - Repeater; George Roach (VE3BNO) - Historian; and Richard Hagemeyer (VE3UNW) - Past President.

Ken (VE3JKF) moved and Fred (VE3IO) seconded that the members accept the slate as presented. The motion was accepted unanimously. (Congratulations to the new Executive and best of luck!)

Moving from a democratically induced high, discussion turned particularly solemn as matter before the members turned to the latest Industry Canada (IC) initiative in licensing the amateur radio service. There was obviously little support in the room for this undertaking. There was discussion of inviting an IC official to attend a future meeting and explain in more detail the proposal. It was also suggested that a joint meeting with other Ottawa area clubs be held. Richard on behalf of the Executive undertook to explore these suggestions.

There were a number of last minute announcements. Ken (VA3KA) advised that Kieren's west- end Packet station was closing down shortly; Ed told members that CK3MP, the RCMP 125th anniversary station would be operational for the month of June and July. Jim Dean (VE3IQ) was retiring as Vice-President Government Affairs at RAC.

The Finer Points of Publishing...

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Joe Norton Award (continued from pg 7)

RULES

1. Entries must be received on or before October 14, 1997. No entries received after that date will be considered.
2. The club will send an acknowledgment in writing upon receipt of an application.
3. A panel of judges appointed by the executive of the OTTAWA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC. will evaluate all entries.
4. Finalists may be interviewed by members of the executive of the OTTAWA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC., the panel of judges, or both.
5. Submissions will not be returned.
6. If the judges do not select a candidate in any year, no award shall be made in that year and the monies shall return to the trust fund.
7. All decisions of the executive of the OTTAWA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC. are final.
8. The winner will be notified on or before October 24, 1997.
9. The winner will notify the OTTAWA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC. of his or her acceptance of the award no later than October 31, 1997.
10. The award will be made during the regular meeting of the OTTAWA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC. in November.
11. The winner agrees to have his or her name, photograph and address published in club bulletins, trade papers and magazines, and on the airwaves.

Send your entry, to be received no later than October 14, 1997 to: Joe Norton Trust Award OTTAWA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC. P.O. Box 8873 Ottawa, ON K1G 3J2

Next Meeting

Paul Cooper will be giving a talk on DX Expeditions as well as the new DX Group now forming in Ottawa. More information on the group can be obtained from Paul in the event you happen to miss the meeting. (Shame on you) He can be reached at 821-2167. For those who are going to the meeting, here's a good chance to compare antenna raising stories and talk about what you did this summer.