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Hello CCO

February 1st 2020 Bob Nash VE3KZ

This is the very early history of our club.

As the first CCO President I must confess that the start-up was a very personal experience.

Sorry if my call keeps popping up.

I was very much in the middle of it all!



How We Started

Dual Sources of Inspiration in the Spring of 2002

As luck would have it, an idea from **one individual**, VE3WO was the catalyst to fire up a **larger group** through VE3KZ as the link.



Travis VE3WO

The Instigators

Bob VE3KZ

“Canada Contest Club?”

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It started with an e-mail from Travis VE3WO in Sudbury asking my opinion concerning possibly starting a **Canada Contest Club**

Alas

Canada Contest Club was not possible. **No Country-wide Club Competitions** were allowed. But why not an **Ontario Club!**

“Coffee Club”

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At a Coffee shop in **Mississauga** there had been steady contesting attendance from the **Golden Horseshoe** with individuals from as far away as **Scarborough** and **Kitchener**

Why not an **Ontario Club** ?

This group of experienced Contesters had previously discussed this from time-to-time. VE3KZ now brought another incentive to follow through. **This time seemed right!**

Setting the Wheels in Motion

- ▶ The Group at the Coffee Shop already had a fine nucleus of **Contest Operating** talent like VE3EJ, VE3DZ, VE3NE and many more.
- ▶ Review of previous scores showed excellent opportunities for Competition in both North American and International events for an **Ontario Club** effort.
- ▶ We needed a plan for our debut into the **Club Competition** arena. We had to organize a complete set of rules and tools if we wanted live action for the **2003 Calendar Year**.

Inaugural CCO Meeting

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We decided to set an Inaugural Meeting at the VE3EJ Superstation in the Summer of 2002 to discuss these topics

What will be the objectives for CCO?



Our Objectives

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- #1 Increase CCO **membership**
- #2 Determine **the contests** on which to concentrate
- #3 Produce **competitive** combined club scores
- #4 Create a scoring system for **inside CCO competition**
- #5 Choose a **Club Executive**
- #6 Develop a **financial plan**
- #7 Solicit **other ideas** during the CCO first meeting.

Objective #1 Realized

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#1 Increased CCO membership

Solicited active Ontario Contesters
to go

From **60** members in Summer **2002**
to **145** Active by the end of **2003**

Objective #2 Realized

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#2 Determined the contests on which to concentrate

34 contest weekends - those with Club Competitions
plus 2 RAC Contests and the Ontario QSO Party

11 were CW-Only

10 were SSB-Only

9 were Mixed-Mode

of which

3 were VHF

5 were RTTY

Some occupied two weekends and special consideration was given to the short
multiple Sprint and NAQP events

Objective #3 Realized

#3 Produced competitive combined club scores

In 2003 **#3** WAEDC Club score outside Europe

In 2004 **#1** California QSO Party Club outside California

In subsequent years

Many **#1's** Florida QSO Party outside Florida

Many **#2's** and **#3's** CQWW 160 in North America

Many **#3's** and **#4's** Russian DX in North America

Many **#4's** CQWW DX in North America

Many **#3's** and **#4's** CQWW WPX in North America

Our Formidable Competition for NA WWDX Contests were YCCC, PVRC and FRC.
For the QSO Parties TCG from Tennessee was our early archrival.

Objective #4 Realized

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#4 Created a scoring system for inside CCO competition

We invented and implemented the unique **sCCOre** system for CCO

sCCOre Plaques for the first year
VE3AT VE3KZ VE3EJ VE3DZ & VA3NR

Within 6 years, **42 sCCOre Plaques** & **22 Endorsements**.

The sCCOre Point Process was soon largely, but alas still not completely Automated

Objective #5 Realized

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#5 Chose a Club Executive

The first CCO Executive of 4 took office

Bob VE3KZ President

John VE3EJ Vice-President

Travis VE3WO Secretary

Don VE3XD Treasurer & Information Tech Support

Objective #6 Realized

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#6 Developed a financial plan

Outgoing

Expenses for sCCOre Plaques and CCO Sponsorship of others

Expenses for CCO Meetings

CCO Donations to such as WRTC and other worthy activities

Income

Personal Donations & Commercial Donations raffled at Meetings

Objective #7 Realized

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#7 Solicited other ideas during the CCO first meeting.

Alex VE3MA took charge of **graphics** for CCO

Peter VE3SUN took on the **sCCOre calculations**

Bob VE3KZ took on the task of designing a flexible system of **Geographical Limit Circles** to allow Club Competition in the CQ, ARRL and WAE contests

After the 2002 meeting

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**CCO was off and running!
Time to relax after a job well done!**

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Thanks for your attention

73 Bob VE3KZ