

FEED BACKGEORGIAN BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWS

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The March meeting was attended by 23 members and visitors. Cy read the minutes of the previous meeting and gave the financial report which showed \$152.66 in the club funds.

A 2m transmitter hunt will be organised by VE3BIS and VE3DQA to take place in May or early June.

Terry, VE3CAB will be giving a talk on SWR at the May meeting and he has a Field Day movie to show also. Terry has invited the club to his country home for this year's Field Day .

Dick, VE3BIS intimated that the annual fishing ??? trip would be held this year and the cost of the boat was \$40 so that is to be shared by those who go along. Get your names in to Dick if you plan to go.

Cy read a letter of appreciation to the club from the organisers of the Sno Rally for which we provided communications in February.

The Class A exam will be held in Owen Sound at the end of May so if you plan to take it you have only a few more weeks to prepare.

The car rally is on April "26th" and as I mentioned at the meeting we will be having a full scale rehearsal on April 5th or 13th. All the mobiles we need will be informed as soon as I have the confirmed date.

VE3EFX showed slides of the Apollo program, Mars probe, Skylab and Oscar 6/7.

The meeting ended with the showing of a movie on the construction and operation of vacuum tubes.

Art, VE3EXS, brought some 2m gear along and sold the lot after the meeting.

VE3EFX got some good DX in the last few weeks in the form of 5T5, DM2, HB2, 9X5, and lots of the less rare ones like VP5, PJ9, ON8, KV4 and OA4. The WPX contest brought a lot of interesting stuff on to the bands. My country totals now stand at 139 worked and 135 confirmed.

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VE3HIR now has 6 countries worked in 4 continents so she hopes to get WAC before taking the Advanced exam in May.

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In this issue of Feedback is an interesting piece of test equipment called the "OCTOPUS". I took it from the January QST and reproduced it for the benefit of all those who are too cheap to belong to ARRL. I have made one at work and find it to be an excellent aid in checking components on circuit boards. Once you get the 'scope set up it will show a lot more than a multimeter.

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Thanks to Walt VE3FFN for the article on ham radio in Poland, I sure appreciate the interest taken by those who contribute to make the newsletter interesting as well as informative each month. How about some more stories from the older hams on "How they got into ham radio"? Guys like HIS who goes back to the TOM TOM era must have an interesting history.

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Jim, VE3GRV has promised to get a triband beam in time for Field Day so that we can use it before he installs it on the home station.

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The club membership was shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Bill Cox, VE3HGQ, at his home on March 7th. Bill was on the repeater a few minutes before he died and appeared to be in good health. Members of the club took part in the funeral service and at the request of the family a donation was sent to the Cancer Society. Cy has contacted RSO and ARRL to inform them as Bill was a member of both organisations.

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Having invested in a new ribbon for the typewriter you will notice quite a difference from these pages done on the old one.

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VE3HIP is back from his vacation in Florida and we had VE3DXO on the net this week after a trip to Antigua. Nice to have these two stalwarts in circulation agn.

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It is common knowledge now that our employees in the government service have decided to impose an increase in dues for the amateur licence to \$13 per annum. The last increase was a whopping 300% from \$2.50 to \$10. I would like to know what we are going to get for our money. I have the most abominable QRM here from a 44KV line and it's like pulling teeth getting DOC to do anything about it. There are about 15,000 hams in Canada so the increase will rip off an extra 45 kilobucks each April. Have you noticed \$195,000 worth of service from DOC ? Heck they can't even get the licence renewal forms out on time and that is what brings in their income. I have complained numerous times to DOC about my interference problems with little or no luck so I'm seriously thinking of writing and saying that some ham is bothering my new Kamikazi colour tv and then we'll see how long it takes them to leap into action. Most of you in this area would get a letter and questionnaire from Crawford Douglas , I'd suggest that we all write him and tell him that if he wants to accumulate Brownie Points he could get some tough questions on the floor of the House to find out who initiated the rip off.

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The Worked All States table standings are shown as of the beginning of April

VE3HIR	50 worked	46 confirmed			
VE3HIN	34 worked	18 confirmed			
VE3HIO	30 worked	17 confirmed	VE3HIP	17 worked 15 confirmed
VE3HKV	12 worked	12 confirmed			
VE3CGU	8 worked	2 confirmed	VE3HIZ	3 worked 1 confirmed

I'd like to get the totals in by the end of each month for the table.

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VE3FOT was alerted by a call on the repeater from VE3ARV at 11.48 EST on March 30th with regard to an accident on Hwy 10 near Flesherton. A horse trailer had capsized and was blocking the road. There was a blizzard in progress at the time and visibility was less than 200 yards. VE3FOT called the Mount Forrest OPP and they were on the scene in a short time. Good work Harvey and Van.

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VE3HIR got her 15 wpm sticker for her copy of the March code proficiency run on W1AW so she will be trying for the 20 wpm run this month.

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The next club meeting is at 8pm on April 17th in the CIAG Computer Bldg.

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Has anybody heard the Oscar 7 beacon yet ? A report to AMSAT will net you a QSL.

The members of the Peterborough ARC will be using the prefix XN this year to celebrate the 150th anniversary of that city. I haven't heard anyone using it yet but it may not be used for the full year. So keep an ear on 75a for them.

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It's like to hear what other club members are working, isn't anyone else going after those special calls, awards, and certificates? Surely out of 50 members there must be some who are doing more than waffling on the repeater every day.

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The WIAW code practice is at 6.30 EST every night and the 3.530 mhz transmission comes in very well just now. If you plan to go for your Advanced ticket in the next couple of months you should be copying it.

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Berry, VE3JAN, went up the tower at Woodford the other day and replaced the light. Thanks again Berry.

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Correspondence with RSO informing them that VE3DPO is no longer the club SA31 appears to fall on deaf ears. We have told them at least a dozen times now that VE3DQA is the SA31 but they still send everything up to Jack. Maybe when they read my delegates report for this quarter they will get the message.

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If you have joined the RSO or ARC since becoming a club member please inform us, VE3DPO or myself so that we can update the records.

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With all the 2m gear that has been acquired by the local amateurs in the last few weeks we should have plenty of operation on the repeater this summer.

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The GBARC net is on 3.783mhz every Sunday at 9.30 am local time. PSE check in.

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VE3EAR, Bruce in Goderich is working on a repeater for his own use down there. It will be equipped with auto patch, input on 52.76mhz output on 146.61mhz. VE3EIN, John in Kincardine has a repeater working now on 46-06 and he plans to have the antenna up higher later this year.

VE3EES, Dick finally convinced somebody into putting up the antenna on his tower. VE3GLV, Jim has the seals on order for the 1200 line rig. Delivery abt 3 weeks.

3. Regulations are set to Eric Hildy of Port Hope, who has owned the Amateur
club and is now waiting on the issue of his call. Eric took the course run by
Jim, VE3GRV, at Georgian College.

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We may all have the opportunity to use special prefixes during Olympic Year, if
a joint submission from CARR and ARRL to the ICCC is approved. The request is to
allow VE and VE stations to use HO and VE respectively from July 1st 1975 to Aug.
1st 1976. If the request is granted, I hope all our club members will avail
themselves of the privilege and get on the DX bands to work as many stations as
possible during that period. Personally I'd rather have had the call for the
1976 calendar year.

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The special QRP Call already been approved for use by the station at the house.

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Field Day this year is on 28th and 29th of Jun. or the club participation will
be discussed again at the April meeting. If sufficient operators can come we'll
put three stations on, otherwise we will put two stations on as we did last year.
Two things I want decided on right away are 1. the call to be used, and 2. The
date when we can go out to the site and look it over. VE3EFX, can be used this
year again if desired and I'd like to visit the site around the end of April.
THINK ABOUT IT AND BRING YOUR THOUGHTS ALONG TO THE CLUB OR VOICE THEM ON THE NET.

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There is a Hammerlund rx model HQ110 handbands only, for sale in Tiverton \$100.
Contact the Inverhuron Playboy VE3HIG, Box 144, Tiverton, Ont.

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Rich, VE3NEC, is a pro to the Inverhuron club operating the station at VE3HIG on
the DX bands. He worked 14 countries and he doubt this experience whetted his
appetite for the advanced ticket.

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Is your name in the QSL bureau? There could be cards lying in the bureau.

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Static levels are rising on 30 metres now as we get closer to summer conditions,
but 30 metres is open later in the evening. VE3EFX worked DX5, HHC and DAK
for new countries during the third week in March.

Having passed the Amateur exam it is usually a problem to decide what gear to buy and there are a number of things to be taken into consideration before rushing into a purchase that may not come up to your expectations. The questions are.

1. How much are you prepared to spend ?
2. Do you want to get a small rig to get you through your year on CW or do you want to keep the gear and use it on fone later ?
3. Do you want a transceiver or separate transmitter and receiver ?

The answer to the first question usually has a bearing on the other two, so once you decide on the amount to be spent you are half way there.

Almost any CW rig and a reasonably selective receiver will get you lots of contacts during the first few months of operation as long as you have them connected up to a good antenna.

If you want a good rig that will be a long term investment it is wise to get one that covers all bands. You may feel that a single or triband rig is all you want right now but in a couple of years when ten and fifteen are open you may wish that you could use them.

If you buy used gear it is best to listen on the swap nets to see what the going prices are and what is available. Also if you buy from an amateur who has used the equipment he'll be able to advise you on its operation and you won't be paying the 7% tax.

Separate TX and RX will cost more money and of course take up a lot more space than a transceiver would. For instance the Yaesu separate gear that has just come out costs around \$1400 and that is in the States while the RX 101 costs \$700.

It is essential to get a HANDMADE only RX as a general coverage RX is not likely to have the selectivity or calibration that you will want. Older sets like the Drake RE, SX115, and HQ170 will perform fine but don't expect the same kind of performance that a new set will give.

Transmitters like the Ranger, DX40, and Valiant are fine CW rigs but have no SSB capability so are not a good long term investment if you plan to go on fone.

For mobile or portable operation a transceiver is a must or there is a point to keep in mind. If more flexible operation is desired than that offered by current transceivers you can go split frequency by adding the external VFO as an accessory and it will still be a few hundred dollars cheaper than separate TX and RX, while giving the same flexibility.

It is obvious that if you decide to get new gear you can save a considerable bit of money by buying out of the Province and saving on the Sales tax ripoff.

You will be hearing a couple of new prefixes on the bands now that the New Year is in. The stations in North Bay are celebrating the 50th anniversary of that town being incorporated as a city, by signing with the prefix XO in place of VE. The North Bay Club is offering a certificate to amateurs who contact 15 of the XO stations this year. Send your log data and a 10"by 8" stamped envelope to

N.E.A.R.C.
Box 624
North Bay.

The city of Calgary is celebrating it's 100th birthday this year and the amateurs there are using the CY prefix.

The Calgary club is offering a certificate to those who contact 20 of the CY6 stations. Send your log copy to

Century Calgary Award
Box 592
Calgary T2P 2J2.

If you don't have the Calgary Stampede Award you can kill two birds with one stone and ask them to send it as well. You only need 15 contacts for that one.

If you are on CW don't hesitate to call stations on phone as they'll be pleased to give you the contact. QSL addresses are the same for these stations, only the prefix is changed.

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I heard a station signing CH1 the other day so this could be a new Maritime call.

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Remember the GRANC net Sundays on 5.735 mhz at 14.30Z that's 09.30 EST. CU there

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The North Bay club net is at 11.00 EST on 5.740mhz each Sunday, so if you want to catch those XO stations it may be a good place to look.

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Thank to Terry VE3CAR and Verne VE3BSF for their contributions to the newsletter, I am always pleased to get material from other people.

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Some 2m S.E. Prog Mine rigs will be available to club members very soon at \$35 which is a very reasonable price, and the conversion is a simple job. These are mobile rigs and if the one I saw is anything to go by, they are in first class condition. I am taking delivery of SIX only, so if you are interested let me know.

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Just room to wish one and all a HAPPY NEW YEAR and good DX in 1975

The 17th meeting of the club was held in the CIAG bldg. on Thur. April 17 with 28 members ~~xxxxxx~~ and guests in attendance including K5EVE/VE3 who is now living in Kincardine.

Minutes were read and adopted as correct. Financial report showed a balance of \$132. 66. *

VE3BSF suggested that a letter be sent to ARRL re having the date of Filed Day changed in the future as he feels it conflicts with the July 1 holiday. A vote was taken and the suggestion was carried.

On a motion by VE3BIS seconded by VE3CAB it was unanimously agreed that VE3FOT Harvey Smith act as a nominating committee carried.

* A card was received from Mrs W. Cox acknowledging our donation to the Cancer Society.

Jim VE3CRV reports that the repeater is now operating ok.

A discussion was held on the idea of a possible change in time for the Sunday morning net but after some discussions pro and con it was unanimously agreed that the club net remain at the present hour of 0930 hours.

VE3HIO was finally presented with a plaque for his efforts in winning the beginners CW contest last December.

VE3CAB reports that he has requested a licence to operate a beacon station on 10 M.

VE3BIS & VE3DQA assured those interested that the transmitter hunt would be held late in May or early June. Details to be announced in FEEDBACK and on the Sunday net.

VE3HIN donated a 450Mhz rig to the club which was actioned for the sum of \$1200 ~~xxxxxx~~ and the proceeds added to the club funds TNX MIKE.

The lucky recipient was our ~~own~~ own Jorgen VE3HW/VE3.

VE3FFN once again donated the door prize which was won by Peter Bowers.

A film on electromagnetism was shown as well as some footage taken by Terry at Ryerson Field Day last year, both film were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Moved by VE3DTS seconded by VE3EPX that meeting adjourn.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT \$ BANK BALANCE 135.66

