

FEEDBACK  
GEORGIAN BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWS

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The last meeting was held on Feb. 17 at the CIAG Computer Building, Owen Sound. Dick VE3BIS gave a very interesting talk on antenna design and set up a good demonstration.

Bill VE3EEE was present and gave a talk on different types of interference and ways of correcting them. Bill also had some books from the DOC that contained some good technical information on interference problems.

Notice of motion has been made to include a new class of membership known as Special Membership. This new class of membership would give all privileges of full membership at a rate of \$2.00 per year. Special membership would be restricted to students, whitecaners and pensioners.

Notice of motion has also been made to include the immediate past president as part of the executive.

These motions will be voted on at the March meeting so be sure to attend and voice your views.

The next meeting will be held on March 17, at the CIAG Computer Building, Owen Sound.

If you have any ideas for a cover design for Feed Back please bring them to the next meeting so we can chose a design and make a standardized cover for our news letter.

From The President....

The content of our Club meetings has, for the most part, been quite comprehensive and has had a goodly amount of variety. Your Officers trust that both quality and quantity have been exhibited. We have attempted to conduct acceptable proportions of business related to the smooth functioning of the Club, as compared to technical and feature presentations which will be relevant to the diverse interests of our members.

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Gratitude is extended to those of you who have made suggestions which have resulted in good programs, and to you who have actively participated in giving the varied presentations which have been enjoyed by all. Particular thanks goes to our Programme Director for his ability to determine our needs and engage topics that fulfill them.

However, there is a continuing necessity to obtain more ideas to enhance the quality of our meetings. You are all requested to make your wishes known. Just give the matter a little thought and submit your suggestions to Verne. Those of you who have had association with other clubs should not hesitate to give us some topics that have been used elsewhere.

All of our members receive Feedback regularly, but many of you are unable to attend the meetings, particularly because of extended distances. As you know, all motions and other matters of a business nature are discussed and finalized at the meetings. The thought has been expressed that we may be remiss in not providing an opportunity for you distant members to enter into those discussions or to exercise your franchise. A case in point would be the annual election of Officers which will take place at the May meeting.

It may be that, to provide such a service, through this publication would be somewhat unwieldy. It may also be that those of you who are not able to attend the meetings have been satisfied with the routine operations of the club and are quite content to leave the normal functions in the capable hands of those who are present.

However, so that we will have some idea of your thinking in this matter, please take this as an invitation to express your views. If you feel strongly that you want to be kept more "in the picture", then drop a line to the Club and let us know your wishes.

We have been in operation as a Club for several years now and each year sees some new faces and some new call letters added to our roster. We extend a cordial welcome to all in that category.

However, each year we also lose a few, and the Executive is sensitive enough to wonder what reasons are responsible for individuals not wishing to renew their memberships. It is not our desire to become personal, or to conduct a detailed survey to determine the motives behind those decisions.

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However, the same cordial welcome will be extended to those who do renew their memberships. So if you know anyone who has simply forgotten, or who may require a few words about the virtues of Club membership, please act as a good ambassador and bring them back to the fold.

VE3DXO

G.B.A.R.C. TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

1. The final amplifier in your rig has the following condition for normal use:
  - a. Class "B" for SSB
  - b. Class "A" for AM
  - c. Class "C" for FM
  - d. None of the above
  
3. For normal conditions the final tank circuit should be tuned to provide:
  - a. Plate current "DIP"
  - b. Plate current "PEAK"
  - c. Set by drive control
  - d. Set by bias voltage
  
4. The antenna current will always be maximum for maximum final current:
  - a. Depends on station grounding
  - b. Depends on final tuning
  - c. Depends on S.W.R.
  - d. Is not related

VE3EFX has ten ARRL Logbooks for sale at the going price of \$2 each. If anyone takes all ten the price is \$16.

Also for sale is a clip on quarter wave whip for 2m mobile operation complete with ... and connector, Price is negotiable.

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Field Day is coming up and as one of the committee chosen to head it up I would like to get an idea of the number of people we can expect to participate.

In previous years we have put on two stations and at the present time I feel that we should do so again this time. One station on CW and one on SSB is about all we can handle with the available operators and equipment.

We must decide on the call to be used, the location, (several are under our consideration) and who can supply the rigs.

Each station should have the following gear: Tent or other suitable operating shelter, with table and two chairs, log sheets, dupe list, clock on GMT, adequate lighting, and an swr bridge in the antenna feedline.

Each rig must have a written tuning procedure on the table so that the person who is operating it knows what to do if he changes bands. Ideally all those planning to operate will be instructed in the proper use of the gear prior to the Field Day operation.

As far as antennas are concerned, my trap dipole and triband vertical can be used on one station, so we need at least an other trap dipole for the second rig.

All those concerned with the setup MUST be on site before 2pm on the day, especially if you are bringing along equipment.

During the operation only the operator and the logger should be in the tent, as there is nothing like an audience to distract the operators and cause chaos.

Logs must be written neatly, accurately and signed. The logger with the worst writing will be given the job of rewriting the log entry for ARRL.

The dupe cards will be kept properly and not laid aside by some operators as ... happened in the past.

All persons planning to stay at the site will be required to bring sufficient food and clothing for a thirty hour period.

FIELD DAY IS ON JUNE THE 25TH AND 26TH THIS YEAR, SO LET'S GET GOING.

we can get 10 operators and 10 loggers we could have 2 hours on and 3 hours off giving each pair three 2 hour shifts. Comments to me, VE3EFX if you have any.

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With a bit of effort we can get the Rusty Bronson Trophy back this year as there ought to be lots of new operators from our three classes.

Sam, VE3CFQ, says that his scout group is starting its second Amateur Radio class and he has eight young lads taking the course. They are all equipped with receivers and are keen listeners already.

Paul, VE3IKO, who got his call in January is now very active on the 40m CW band and has worked stations in New Mexico and Washington states for his best DX.

Jamie, VE3IKP, has a little problem in the receiver portion of his transceiver which Sam expects to have cleared very soon and then Paul will have some local competition to contend with.

At the rate these kids are going they will be ready for the advanced ticket next year and this is just the kind of shot in the arm that we need for Amateur Radio in this area.

Sam deserves the highest commendation for the effort and time that he spends with these youngsters, not just in the radio classes but in the field of scouting also. He is planning to take a group of the boys to the Jamboree in Prince Edward Island this summer and will be looking for phone patches back to this area at that time, so that the lads can talk to their parents and keep their hands in operating the radio as well.

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One thing that we might find if we get a lot of new club members in the age group of these scouts, is that we will need to cater to them in the club newsletter and in the programs we put on at club meetings. They will have access to KIN and GOD but not OSR, so their contact with the club will be at meetings and on the Sunday morning net, but FEEDBACK could be the most important contact they have with our club.

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One thing that is noticeable to me is the lack of those presently taking the Radio Amateur courses, at the club meetings. I'd have thought that if they were interested in getting a ticket they would be anxious to join the club and get more exposure to what Amateur Radio is all about.

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VE3EPM and VE3JLR got number 1 and number 2 respectively of the Stratford Festival Theatre Commemoration Award, from the Stratford Radio Club. They are using the prefix VF and if you contact two of these stations you qualify for the certificate.

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The Goderich club will be operating for the two weeks prior to July 10th using the special call VE3JUB as part of the 150th anniversary celebration in Goderich.

Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of Feb. Meeting

The Feb. meeting of the club was held in the CIAC bldg., Owen Sound on Thursday Feb. 14 1977 with 28 present. The minutes were read and on motion by Verne, VE3BSF, seconded by Bill VE3LTA were adopted.

Can VE3CTI introduce two new hams who just recently received their calls namely Jamie Mallory VE3INF and Paul Crozier VE3IKO. These boys were taught by Can. Congratulations were extended by Dave VE3DAC.

Can withdrew his notice of motion regarding student fee for club membership and the matter was left to the discretion of the Executive to arrive at a satisfactory solution. A discussion followed re amending the bylaws and Dave offered to draft up a revised set for the approval of the members.

Further discussion was held on holding a FLMA market and on motion by Dick VE3BIS, seconded by Jack VE3DTS that a Flea market be held with the following members as a committee, Jim VE3BTW, Bill VE3FOF and Bill VE3BPE

A discussion followed regarding a cover for FEEDBACK and it was suggested that any club member who so desires submit a sketch at the next meeting at which time the best submission will be adopted and will be used for Feedback.

Dick VE3 presented an excellent talk on antennae and I am sure new members and old was able to get something out of his talk. Many thanks to Dick. Our special guest of the evening was Bill VE3E E our District RI who gave a very interesting talk on interference. It was indeed a pleasure to have him with us.

Coffee and donuts were served. Meeting Adjourned 10:15

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