

GEORGIAN BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Local TimeEXECUTIVE:

President ----- Ian Trenholm - VE3HIP
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NEXT MEETING : Jan. 19th -Thursday at Bayview Manor, Owen Sound

at 8:00 P.M. Sharp.

This location on west shore road, just past Owen Sound
Golf Course. Directions will be given on VE3OSR.

CLUB EVENTS COMING UP:

Snowmobile rally with GBARC club looking after communications,
on Jan. 28th, out of Southampton. Contact Dick VE3BIS.

Kiwanis Sno-Rally 100 out of Owen Sound on Feb. 4th, 1978.
As in other years, communications hqs. will be Sydenham
township sheds. Contact Ian VE3HIP.

Maps, instructions, etc. at club meeting and on 2 M.

Heritage Week-end - Fort Elgin in Feb. Contact Dick VE3BIS

MISC:

As you can see by the copies of photos taken at the annual
Christmas wine & cheese party, a fine time was had by all.
We had a better turn-out than last year, and the wx did
co-operate for a change. Thanks to all who helped with the
set-up, supplies, music, food, etc, etc.....

We all wish Jack VE3DTS a speedy recovery after his operation,
and hope he will be feeling up to par soon. We miss you on the
ham bands, Jack.

The up-coming events would be an excellent time for some of
the students studying for their ham tickets to get involved
and gain on-the-air experience. Teachers, take note and advise
your students please.

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Ian VE3HIP

I'd like to make a few comments relating to the President's message in the Dec. issue of Feedback, as they may have given a false impression of the way the newsletter has been handled in the past.

Firstly, there should be no impeachment of the editor for doing his job of editing the material submitted for publication. In the three years that I did the job, I edited the material on a number of occasions, but I never felt the need to advertise the fact. The editor should not need to consult the other members of the executive before editing the material, he should have the strength of his own convictions and be prepared to carry them out.

The procedure that the club executive plans to follow is in fact no different than the one that was followed for the past few years.

The editor in doing his editing, however, must be prepared to do it properly, which means erasing and filling in the erasures or retyping the whole thing either to clarify the article or remove grammatical and spelling errors. The newsletter will not be enhanced if the editing is done by scoring out parts with a felt pen and writing in editors comments with a ballpoint pen.

The editor must also know what he is talking about before he starts to edit anything, otherwise he will end up falling in to the same trap that he is trying to help others to avoid.

For instance in the Dec. issue I mentioned that the FCC had dropped a proposal to allow Criminal Band operation in the 220mhz amateur band. As you may have seen, Criminal Band was erased and GRS written above with a ballpoint pen. Now for the education of the multitude, the FCC have no jurisdiction over GRS ops. The GRS operation is controlled ??? by the DOC. The FCC of course have control of Citizen Band operation. There never was any suggestion that the GRS be given any part of the 220mhz band, therefor the editor's comment becomes farcial as it is suggesting that Canadian GRS licences are being controlled from Washington.

My final comment concerns the Criminal Band connotation that was deleted in the Dec. issue. The item was taken word for word from an American club newsletter and the only reason it may have been scored out in Feedback is that it may offend some of the more sensitive souls who are sympathetic to GRS operation. That ought to clarify the situation as far as the editor's job is concerned and it should be remembered that there are two kinds of feedback, positive and negative. Positive causes oscillation and is productive, while negative has a damping effect, raises no squeals and can be considered a pacifier. Think about it for a while.

VE3DFX

This month we will have the annual Simulated Emergency Test and that means a lot of traffic to be passed on all the nets. If you are asked to take some messages for the area it is embarrassing to have to admit that you have no idea how to handle them. The ARRL log has all the information that you need to understand the numbered messages and handling instructions, but for those who use other log books the information is duplicated here. There is no excuse for people not learning the correct procedure for making up and processing formal traffic, as it is not too complicated and this type of operation is one of the justifications for the amateur having their frequencies. Traffic nets will not handle messages that are not made up in the proper format as this delays the net.

It is important that you also get a pad of message blanks from ARRL and see that they are used whenever you have traffic to pass. Another important item is a copy of the net directory which is available FREE from ARRL, all that you need to do is send a SASE and they will ship one up to you.

During the S.E.T. weekend monitor the nets and get in there if there is traffic that you can deliver or relay

Another facet of public service is the assistance we give to the clubs that are running the Snowmobile Marathons, so lets assume some responsibility and get out there this year with our 2m rigs on the dates requested. Don't let the others do it.

ARRL RECOMMENDED PRECEDENCES AND HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

Amateur radio exists as a hobby because it qualifies as a service. Please observe the following ARRL provisions for PRECEDENCES and HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS in connection with written message traffic. These provisions are designed to increase the efficiency of our service both in normal times and in emergency.

Precedences

EMERGENCY—Any message having life and death urgency to any person or group of persons, which is transmitted by amateur radio in the absence of regular commercial facilities. This includes official messages of welfare agencies during emergencies requesting supplies, materials or instructions vital to relief of stricken populace in emergency areas. During normal times, it will be *very rare*. On c.w., this designation will *always* be spelled out. When in doubt, *do not* use it.

PRIORITY—Important messages having a specific time limit. Official messages not covered in the "Emergency" category. Press dispatches and emergency-related traffic not of utmost urgency. Notice of death or injury in a disaster area, personal or official. Use abbreviation P on c.w. Inquiries as to the health or welfare of someone in the disaster area are handled *after* the above are cleared and are designated "inquiry" (Q).

ROUTINE—Most traffic in normal times will bear this designation. In disaster situation, traffic labeled "Routine" (R on c.w.) should be handled *last*, or not at all when circuits are busy with emergency or priority traffic. Most traffic handled on amateur circuits in normal times will fall in this category.

The precedence will follow the message number. For example, a message number may be 207 R, or 207 EMERGENCY on c.w., "Two Zeta Seven Routine (or Emergency)" on phone.

Handling Instructions

HXA—(Followed by number.) Collect landline delivery authorized by addressee within miles. (If no number, authorization is unlimited.)

HXB—(Followed by number.) Cancel message if not delivered within hours of filing time; service originating station.

HXC—Report date and time of delivery (TOD) to originating station.

HXD—Report to originating station the identity of station from which received, plus date and time. Report identity of station to which relayed, plus date and time, or if delivered, report date, time and method of delivery.

HXE—Delivering station get reply from addressee, originate message back.

HXF—(Followed by number.) Hold delivery until (date). This prosign (when used) will be inserted in the message preamble before the station of origin, thus: NR 207 R HXA50 W4MLE CK 12 . . . (etc.). If more than one HX prosign is used, they can be combined if no numbers are to be inserted, otherwise the HX should be repeated, thus: NR 207 R HXAC W4MLE . . . (etc.), but: NR 207 R HXA50 HXC W4MLE . . . (etc.). On phone, use phonetics for the letter or letters following the HX, to insure accuracy.

OBSERVE PRECEDENCE. SEND OR DELIVER THE MESSAGE OF HIGHER PRECEDENCE FIRST.

The letters ARL are inserted in the preamble before the *check*, and in the *text* before spelled out numbers representing texts from this list. Note that some ARL texts include insertion of numerals. *Example:* NR 1 R WIAW CK ARL 8 NEWINGTON CONN JUNE 1 DONALD R SMITH AA 164 EAST SIXTH AVE AA NORTH RIVER CITY MO AA PHONE 733 3968 BT ARL TWENTY SIX ARL NINETY NINE X 73 BT DIANA AR. For additional information consult *Operating an Amateur Radio Station*, published by ARRL.

George Hart, WINJM, *Communications Manager.*

I. For Possible "Relief Emergency" Use

- ONE All safe. Do not be concerned about disaster reports.
- TWO Coming home as soon as possible.
- THREE Am perfectly all right. Don't worry.
- FOUR Everyone safe here. Only slight property damage.
- SIX Everyone safe, writing soon.
- *SEVEN Reply by amateur radio.
- ELEVEN Conditions do not permit me to come home at this time. Am perfectly all right. Will be home as soon as possible.
- *TWELVE Are you safe? Anxious to hear from you.
- *THIRTEEN Is safe? Please advise.
- *FIFTEEN Advise if you need help.
- *SIXTEEN Please advise your condition.
- *EIGHTEEN Please contact me as soon as possible (at).
- *NINETEEN Request health and welfare report on (state name, address and, if known, telephone number).

II. Thanks or Social Messages

- TWENTY Thanks for the wonderful time.
- TWENTY ONE Your gift greatly appreciated. Many thanks.
- TWENTY TWO Many thanks for your good wishes. Happy to hear from you.
- TWENTY THREE Your amateur radiogram appreciated. Many thanks.
- TWENTY FOUR Your letter appreciated. Many thanks.
- TWENTY FIVE Your package received. Many thanks.
- TWENTY SIX Delighted to hear the good news.
- TWENTY SEVEN Congratulations on your promotion.
- TWENTY EIGHT Congratulations on your election.
- THIRTY Good luck in your new position.

III. Anniversaries

- THIRTY ONE Heartiest congratulations on your wedding anniversary.
- THIRTY TWO Love and best wishes on the anniversary.
- THIRTY FOUR Wish I could be with you.
- THIRTY FIVE Wish we could be with you.
- THIRTY SIX Wish you could be with us.
- THIRTY EIGHT Congratulations and best wishes on your retirement.

IV. Weddings and Birthdays

- FORTY Congratulations and best wishes for health, happiness and prosperity.
- FORTY ONE Hearty congratulations and wishes for your happiness together.
- FORTY SIX Greetings on your birthday and best wishes for many more to come.
- FORTY EIGHT Congratulations on the new arrival. Hope mother and child are well.

V. Greetings and Seasonal Messages

- FIFTY Greetings by amateur radio.
- FIFTY TWO Love and best wishes. I am thinking of you most affectionately on this day.

- FIFTY THREE Best wishes for a Thanksgiving Day full of cheer and happiness.
- FIFTY FOUR Victory or defeat, our best wishes are with you. Hope you win.
- FIFTY SIX All the best for a Merry Christmas.
- FIFTY EIGHT Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- FIFTY NINE Merry Christmas from all of us. Wish you could be here.
- SIXTY All the best in the New Year.
- SIXTY ONE Love and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- SIXTY TWO The heartiest of seasons greetings.
- SIXTY THREE Most sincere wishes for health, happiness and prosperity.
- SIXTY SEVEN Most sincere wishes for health and happiness on this Easter Day.
- SEVENTY Best wishes for a very pleasant journey.
- SEVENTY ONE Have not heard from you in some time. Please write or answer by amateur radio, through the station delivering this message.
- SEVENTY TWO Wishing you and yours the best this holiday season.
- SEVENTY FOUR Hope you have a wonderful vacation. See you when you get back.
- SEVENTY FIVE Having a wonderful time. See you when I return.
- SEVENTY SIX This message is sent free of charge by amateur radio from an exhibit at the (name of fair, exposition, hobby show, etc.)
- SEVENTY SEVEN Having a wonderful time at (name of fair, exposition, exhibit, etc.). Wish you were here.

VI. Miscellany

- SEVENTY EIGHT This acknowledges receipt of your letter.
- SEVENTY NINE This acknowledges receipt of your message.
- EIGHTY This acknowledges receipt of your recent communication.
- EIGHTY ONE Please acknowledge receipt of this message by return radiogram.
- EIGHTY SIX Everything well here. Hope all well there. Will write later.
- EIGHTY SEVEN Send..... dollars as soon as possible.
- EIGHTY NINE Am sending.....dollars immediately.
- NINETY Arrived at.....(place) safely. Will write as soon as possible.
- NINETY ONE I am in the hospital and receiving excellent care. Will write soon. Don't worry. My new address is.....
- NINETY TWO Please arrange quarters for.....days.
- NINETY THREE Have been reassigned to..... Will write as soon as possible.
- NINETY FOUR Will travel on temporary duty orders to.....(place) on.....(date).
- NINETY FIVE Will arrive.....(place) on.....(date).
- NINETY SIX Send no further mail. Will send new address soon.
- NINETY SEVEN Leave granted. Should arrive on.....(date).
- NINETY EIGHT Leave denied. Will write later.
- NINETY NINE Please arrange transportation to meet me.

*Not to be solicited in emergency. Messages out of disaster areas must receive precedence.



