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georgian bay amateur radio club

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Nets: 75 Metre - 3.783 Mhz Sunday 9:30 Local time A.M.
C.W. - 3.540 Mhz Wed. & Sun. 8:00 P.M. Local Time.

CLUB EXECUTIVE:

President - Ian Trenholm VE3HIP
Vice-Pres. - Ian Sutherland VE3HXX
Sect.-Treas.- Cy Weaver - VE3DQA

Next Meeting at Bayview Manor- May 18th, 1978 - 8:00 PM Local Time.
Directions will be given on the repeater if required.

NOTES FROM THE PRES. SCRATCH PAD:

- Election of new club officers at the May meeting.
- Bill Cowan ,orig. VE3BFZ of this club now VE1QS (Had VE1BOM)
- On Tuesday, May 23rd, Dr John deMercado, Director General, Telecom. regulations Service D.O.C. will be in Barrie at Georgian College, 7:30 PM meeting with the Barrie Amateur Radio club and others talking about band change allocations. We have been in touch with the Barrie club ,and they welcome amateurs from other areas to attend. Arrangements will be arranged at our May meeting.
- If you have not been in touch with Vern VE3BSF regarding Field Day participation, please do so as there are many details to finalize.
- Congratulations to Paul Crozier Ve3IXO on obtaining his Advanced ticket this month. Some of the other students sitting for the exams passed portions of the tests, and will not be required to write the full test, providing they re-write sections within two or three months. Keep 'crackin' gang --- its all worth it in the end. Just ask VE3KPK !!
- Future issues of Feedback will include a 'Coming Events ' section, so please keep your editor informed re. amateur activities.

73 & cul.

Ian

So Your Husband is a Ham..... think about itPlease

For years now wives have been asking the same old question. "Why does my husband play with that silly radio?" I don't have the answer, but let's take a look at the situation and then think about it.

Since the beginning of time, the male of the species has been the one to go forth and explore the unknown. Some men worked in the field of discovery such as Magellan, Drake and Columbus. Other men like Edison, Newton and Banting worked in the area of science.

Men are competitive! They try to be good at some one thing. They enjoy doing things that others find impossible. Some get their kicks from sports, some collect stamps on one thousand ^{dollar} bills, some collect women and still another group collect radio parts.

I suppose amateur radio was started by Marconi when he flashed a short message across the Atlantic at the turn of the century. Since that time men have been caught up by the fever of this fascinating field of science called radio. Men such as De Forest, Hertz and Alexander Graham Bell, all amateurs in their own way, forged ahead laying the groundwork for what we call the electronic age. Plagued by lack of funds, and often scorned by their friends, they went on to lead the way to such inventions as T.V., trans atlantic telephone, safe aircraft landing facilities and hundreds of things that make our everyday living more comfortable and enjoyable.

If we throw a switch in our home the room will light up, while another switch allows us to watch things happening almost anywhere in the world. These men helped to make this possible as did the hams who followed in their footsteps.

The nations of the world respect and encourage amateur radio because they know what the hams have done and continue to do every day in the year. Hundreds of messages are delivered free of charge each day to people in all parts of the world. People are in contact with friends and relatives via amateur radio.

When disaster strikes, wiping out communications, the hams set up emergency networks handling messages for local and government authorities until regular facilities are back in order. This is what happened in Italy and Ohio just last year. During the Ohio flood Hams set up emergency stations, operating twenty-four hours a day, assisting local police and rescue workers in locating and helping those in distress.

This is one reason the hams hold a field-day weekend. This is a great excuse for fellows to get together and enjoy each other's company, but if you look a little closer you will find that these fellows are operating under emergency conditions just to be certain that they can fill in for telephone etc, in time of a disaster. You will see they are generating their own power, they are operating on a twenty-four hour basis and in contact with other amateurs in other countries. So what makes this a big deal?

Just imagine how you might feel if you awoke some morning to find that there was no electric power, no radio, no J.V. and no idea about what was going on. Think about it what has happened? ... is our family O.K. where and how do you get the answers? Amateur radio is the only way you will find out exactly what is going on.

Many wives feel neglected because their husbands spend so much time tinkering with their radios and maybe they have good reason for feeling this way. But please think about it..... How many of your friends know where their husbands are each night..... and how many of your friends wish they didn't know where their husbands are some nights.

Your husband, the ham is a rather smart fellow as you well know., and the smartest thing he ever did was to marry you. He was also smart when he went for his ham ticket. He has passed a very complete examination in radio theory and passed a test in morse code which is similar to learning another language. This is no breeze and strictly supervised by the Government of Canada. Think about it.

Our Government and the other nations of the world listen when the amateur radio organizations speak, a privilege that is granted to very few groups. The respect of these nations is very important to us but even more important to us is the respect of our wives, the greatest gals in the world.

Please think about it 88

Jed

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Shut-In's Day was originated in 1940 by an Amateur Radio Operator, Ernie Barker, VE3AWI, of Goderich. It is the first Sunday in June, this year the 4th; and is dedicated to honouring deserving citizens who are handicapped, or who can be found in hospitals, nursing homes, senior citizens homes, tiny apartments, and some trying to maintain their own homes under difficulties. From a small beginning the movement has spread over Canada and the U.S.A. (at least) .

What better club project than to visit shut-ins, take them for a short drive if possible, to bring or send them a little gift, a letter or card, or some service; just to let them (lonely people) know they are not forgotten.

Do we have any radio people in any of the above categories ?

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Art - VE3HP

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TALK IN on 2 METER FM

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LOTS OF BARGAINS — MEET YOUR FRIENDS

OUR HISTORY — — — It all started as a garage sale at the QTH of Rocco HGZ, in 1975. We grew, and in 1976, many Hams arrived at the QTH of Gord VE3IH. The tremendous rise in popularity justified the rental last year of Centennial Arena. Hundreds of Amateurs and their friends came, and more will this year! Will you?

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