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Feedback

Monthly bulletin of

The Georgian Bay
Amateur Radio Club



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The Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club (GBARC) is based in Grey and Bruce counties and meets at 8 p.m. sharp on the third Thursday of each month, except July and August, downstairs in the Grey-Bruce Tourist Information Centre at Springmount, just west of Owen Sound.

The club marked its 10th anniversary in the fall of 1983. It was formed in late 1973 by a core of area amateurs consisting of Dick Shave, VE3BIS; Jim Vamplew, VE3CRV; Jack Avis, VE3DTS and Bill Hardie, VE3EFX.

Since then, the club has grown to about 50 resident and non-resident members.

The Georgian Bay club operates a 2-metre FM repeater on 146.34 (in) - 146.94 (out) at 1200 feet ASL at Woodford, just east of Owen Sound.

VE3OSR is an open repeater and covers roughly the area from Collingwood in the east to Southampton in the west and from Durham in the south up to the Bruce Peninsula. Autopatch facilities are available.

The GBARC net meets every Sunday at 0930 local on 3.783 MHz with a rotating schedule of net controllers. Any amateur is welcome to check in on phone or CW.

Club officers for 1983-1984

President	Bill Kohlman, VE3NEG
Vice-President	Jack Avis, VE3DTS
Secretary-Treasurer	Jim Harron, VE3BFV
Membership Secretary	Moe Hurlbut, VE3LPT
Program Directors	Don Finlayson, VE3JUO Harvey Smith, VE3FOT
Net Manager	Dave Dixon, VE3DXO
Technical Director	George Ziegler, VE3HFW
Feedback Editor	Rob Ludlow, VE3AQT
Coffee	Jack Barrett, VE3AUB

Past Presidents

1973-74-75	Jim Vamplew, VE3CRV
1975-76	Dick Shave, VE3BIS
1976-77	Dave Dixon, VE3DXO
1977-78	Ian Trenholm, VE3HIP
1978-79	Ian Sutherland, VE3HXX
1979-80	Don Richards, VE3IDS
1980-81	Harvey Smith, VE3FOT
1981-82	Laverne Wyville, VE3LPD
1982-83	Moe Hurlbut, VE3LPT

Dues

Annual dues for full club membership including a subscription to *Feedback* are \$10.00.

Feedback

Feedback, the monthly bulletin of the Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club is published monthly and mailed to reach members prior to each regular meeting. Contributions, articles and letters are encouraged and should be sent to Rob Ludlow, VE3AQT, 847 15th Street East, Owen Sound, Ontario, N4K 1X7. Phone 371-1692. Deadline is the first Thursday of each month.

Information

More information on club activities may be obtained from the Secretary-Treasurer, Jim Harron, VE3BFV, RR2 Kemble, Ontario, N0H 1S0 or from the Membership Secretary, Moe Hurlbut, VE3LPT, Leith, Ontario, N0H 1V0, or from any other club official.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Minutes

The May 17, 1984 meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by President Bill, VE3NEG. There were 16 members present.

Jack Avis, VE3DTS said he had sent a letter to Don Meadows, VE3LQS at Corbeil regarding the interaction of the North Bay repeater and VE3OSK on 146.34 - 146.94. No reply had been received.

VE3NEG passed on the report of Field Day Co-ordinator Tom, VE3NEM. Ian, HXX has graciously volunteered to let the club use his farm this year.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$320.81. The Treasurer suggested a change in banking arrangements for the club from a chequing to savings account because of excessive bank service charges. The members agreed.

Under New Business, there was the election of officers for the coming 1984-1985 club season. The executives are:

- President Ian Sutherland, VE3HXX
- Vice-President Norm Biggar, VE3MTV
- Secretary-Treasurer Dave Dixon, VE3DXO
- Membership Secretary Moe Hurlbut, VE3LPT
- Net Manager Dave Dixon, VE3DXO
- Feedback Editor Stu MacKinnon, VE3CGM
- Chief Coffee Maker Jack Barrett, VE3AUB
- Program Director . . . still vacant . . .
- Technical Director . . . still vacant . . .

All members present agreed to the above slate of officers. Don, VE3JUO moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Andy, VE3LCZ.

73, Jim, VE3BFV

Secretary-Treasurer

Future Meetings

The June GBAC meeting has traditionally been a relaxed summer's night cruise of Owen Sound and Georgian Bay courtesy of Cap'n Jim, VE3CRV and his luxury mini-Queen Mary. This year is no exception and all those who's comin' aboard are asked to muster at the Owen Sound Yacht Club (the one north of the Clog and Thistle and Owen Sound Marina) at 7 p.m., not 8 p.m. the regular meeting time, to allow for a two-to-three-hour cruise and be back in decent time.

807's, hot dogs and gasoline are not free so please bring a few folding ones to pay for what you consume and help out with fuel.

Editor's Notes

My apologies for a fairly small bulletin this month but I guess we all get a little busier outside this time of year. In addition, I'm trying to get ready for a move and I was also in bed for about 10 days with a sprained back and a virus at the same time. Life is full of challenges.

You'll see the new club executive listed on the previous page . . . all willing volunteers but a program and technical director are still needed. Here's a chance to take on a small job, help the club and feel good about your contribution.

Stu MacKinnon, VE3CGM has been kind enough to take on the job of Feedback Editor. He'll do a fantastic job but please give him your support as you did to me. One can't put out a bulletin without submissions and ideas.

That brings me to the thankyou department . . . thankyou to all of you who kept the material coming regularly and a special thanks to Dick, VE3BIS who kept us tied into the Florida connection all winter with his special features . . . especially when there are probably plenty more tempting things to be doing in Florida in the winter'. The Ontario Amateur in its current edition has reprinted one of Dick's pieces from our last Feedback . . . puts GBARC on the map! Dick sets a pretty good example of involvement, commitment and caring that we can all learn from.

We all also owe Don Rowe, VE3L2X, a generous thankyou for his dependable reproduction of the bulletin each month. We all like to get Feedback in the mail each month but there is work behind it and Don, who many of you never see, is a big part of Feedback getting out on time.

Thanks also to all the other club bulletin editors across the province who agreed to exchange bulletins with GBARC to our mutual benefit. New editor Stu should start thinking about a bigger mailbox!

Incidentally, there were no takers at the last club meeting on the offer from Pen Publishing to offer club discounts to members who want the newest version of the All-Canada Callbook. You recall the first, very popular edition came out in February of '83. I guess everyone's happy with the old one.

For my part, I've enjoyed the challenge of editing Feedback but a year is enough and it's time for a fresh approach which VE3CGM will give.

Don't forget there will be no meetings or Feedback mailings in the summer. The first meeting of the fall is Thursday, September 20, same time, same place. There will likely be a Feedback mailing prior to this as a reminder.

I'll be moving to Orleans, an eastern suburb of Ottawa, on July 31. I hope to be on the air sometime soon after that and check out propagation on Sunday mornings on 75!

So, that's it from me, have a good summer and good hammin'.

CU on the air,

73, Rob, VE3AQT,

QRT.

A PLAN FOR DISASTER

Emergency plan #3 is now in effect, that is all that was said, the phone call to our house was one of many that were made from our local hospital, it was 1908 30 May 84.

My wife took the call and I called Andy VE3LCZ on the local repeater and asked him if he would take care of the Two meter communications for the emergency if I took the low band, sure enough was his answer, If you want a dependable alternate get someone like Andy.

Grab the rig FT101E grab the emergency file, dont forget the Mic, SWR meter get everything needed into the car and go to the hospital and set up the emergency communications centre.

The hospital power was still on and the antenna's were intact so by 1932 the low band rig was "on the air" VE3OMO Jerry in Ottawa, VE3NOV Ken in Toronto responded when I asked for operators on the PQ net, we moved to 3763 and the emergency net was set up by 1943, VE3CAC Gerry Port Elgin, VE3MTF Frank Kincardine, VE3CTU Duffy Orillia, & VE3ERP George Alliston all called in in the next few minutes.

Thanks very much to all the Amateur operators who took part, the two meter tests by Andy over repeaters VE3PER Port Elgin VE3OSR Owen Sound VE3MTR Collingwood, all these lines of communication by radio were available to the hospital staff within forty minutes of the first call,

The Saugeen District Memorial Hospital at Southampton DISASTER PLAN.

was prepared by the hospital staff and approved by B. Hamner Ministry of Health 24 Mar. 81.

The local amateurs were asked to indicate the sort of assistance they may provide I asked the local amateurs what they thought of the issue and they said we were in a good position to provide emergency communications, this led to discussions with the administration staff, meetings were held, many and most were not to do with amateur radio, but after the dust settled, they knew what we could do and we now know the problems they face and were prepared to set up a permanent small part

of their required organization, Amateur Radio Communications.

Let me Emphasize Amateur radio is a small part of the radio communications of today, we are not Hero's we don't tell them what to do, we are a quiet competent competent service, We don't have flashing lights on our cars, we don't wear fancy lapel badges, we carry a security pass card.

The local amateurs involved Bill VE3NEG Gerry VE3CAC Rahn VE3MAI Andy VE3LCZ and yours truly.

Forty, Seventy Five, and Two Meters would give us the coverage we needed to places of interest, the hospital had a fifty foot radio tower on the roof and we got permission to put up a trapped dipole for forty and seventy five and a five eights with ground plane for two, a pair of coax feedlines were made which when lowered over the side of the roof would reach through the window to the operating position at the back of the main office, a coax storage box is affixed at the tower base.

ALL COMMUNICATION by amateur radio must be through an authorized person and it must be written dated timed and signitured, an exception can be made for separate two meter links to casualty clearance places etc, but a close control must be exercised if it's a request for materials or for that matter unwritten verbal communication would be the exception. Have the originator go through the proper channels, don't have a hundred dozen pancakes arrive when the order was for bandages.

I hope I haven't forgotten to mention any one in the Amateur ranks who have helped with the system here, if I have I'm sorry, I have not mentioned the names of the people who are part of the hospital staff, they of course gave us our directives and they are the ones who we will be assisting.

Again let me ask you to be sure to carry out practice drills you would be surprised at how stupid we all are under emergency conditions, maybe not stupid but it just looks that way when your under stress, the test drills provide a lot of answers and many questions.

Lets hope we don't need the system lets have it in case we do.

Seventy Three's Dick VE3BIS.

Net Control Schedule

The last roster you have goes to the end of July. However, I thought I should extend the list through to September when regular Feedback issues will be published again.

If you are planning a vacation or have other commitments at the time your name appears, please make suitable arrangements for someone to take your place.

Selecting Net Controllers in advance makes good sense and the procedure we have been using seems to be working well. I hope you agree. The only change I might suggest is to make shorter and more frequent lists that extend only for the duration of each Feedback issue. That should be helpful to anyone with a short memory! Rob has been inserting a shortened version each month - - a good idea.

Jun.	3	DTS	Jack
	10	BSF	Verne
	17	AQT	Rob
	24	LPT	Moe
Jul.	1	BFV	Jim
	8	AEO	Ted
	15	IDS	Don
	22	HXX	Ian
	29	LPG	Mal
Aug.	5	AUB	Jack
	12	JUO	Don
	19	DXO	Dave
	26	CRV	Jim
Sep.	2	NEG	Bill
	9	BIS	Dick
	16	FFN	Walter
	23	LCZ	Andy
	30	LPD	Laverne

Keep Yakin' !
Dave, VE3DXO

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