

April 91

# Feedback

Monthly bulletin of

The Georgian Bay  
Amateur Radio Club



MINUTES OF G.B.A.R.C. MEETING

March 18th, 1991

President Tom TSA opened the meeting at O.S.C.V.I. with 16 members present.

The bank balance to date is \$729.80.

VE3OSR REPEATER

A letter from the Club to Jim CRV was read explaining the Club's proposals for the Repeater change-over and thanking him for his past services.

A letter from Gary Shaw of the Grey County Highways Department was read in reply to a Club letter to the Department, explaining that the Club will be required to pay \$800.00 annual rent if equipment is to remain on their tower. The Secretary was subsequently advised by Mr. Shaw that no retroactive fee would be required and no fee would be required if the equipment were to be removed immediately.

Jim CRV briefly explained the history of VE3OSR and its related electronics. He stated that the equipment presently owned by himself and the Club is at the base of the tower and is multicoupled into an antenna owned by the "Two-way Communications Company". He feels he can clarify those facts with Mr. Shaw and obtain an understanding with him that no fee would be required from the Club since our equipment is not actually attached to the tower.

Jim further reiterated that he has no objection to designated amateurs - e.g. RickH10 and CarlPCK - having access to the Repeater for maintenance purposes as long as they are skilled in their knowledge of the electronics. He is also willing to establish a price for the Repeater equipment he owns and offer to sell it to the Club if desired.

A full discussion was held including several remedies to improve communications into the downtown area of Owen Sound with hand-held transceivers.

A motion was made by Tom NEM that the VE3OSR Repeater equipment presently at the site of the Grey County Highways Department and multicoupled to an existing antenna remain at that site and that Jim CRV will make the necessary arrangements with the Department and with Two-way Communications Company that no rental fee will be expected of the Club; motion seconded by Henry TTV and carried.

It was agreed that the Club give \$20.00 to Jim CRV for the 1991 renewal of the VE3OSR licence.

#### STUDENTS

The class of amateur radio students have visited shacks of Tom TSA, Ted AEO and Norm MTV and the exercise was appreciated by all who participated.

#### EMERGENCY MEASURES

Ross CUV has requested A.R.E.S. information from CRRL but as yet has received nothing.

Guest Bernie Backer, Disaster Planning Coordinator of the Regional Health Centre explained the present operation of the ambulance service in the Grey-Bruce area, particularly as it would be affected by a disaster. He admitted that system would be in serious jeopardy if phone lines and communication towers were rendered inoperable and appreciated the potential of amateur radio operators and Clubs such as ours.

We agreed to work closely with Mr. Backer when the Club's emergency measures program becomes better organized.

#### NIAGARA PENNINSULA HISTORY

Jim BFV will reproduce upon request an interesting history of amateur radio in the Niagara Penninsula.

#### BOAT RIDE

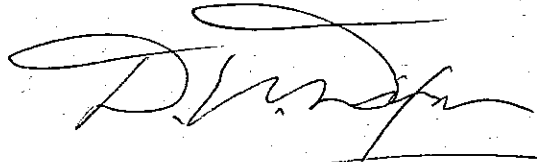
Jim CRV offered to renew the annual June Boat Trip. More discussion to be held at a later date.

ELECTION

Secretary-treasure Dave DXO wished to relinquish that office. On motion by Jim CRV, Tom NEM agreed to assume that duty until a general election in May; seconded by Ross CUV and carried.

Jim BFV and Jack DTS agreed to act as a nominating committee to bring in a proposed slate of officers in time for a general election in May.

On motion by Cy CC the meeting adjourned.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the Secretary-Treasurer mentioned in the text above.

NEXT MEETING 15 APRIL

**COUNTY OF GREY  
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT**



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March 8th, 1991

The Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club  
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Attention: Tom St. Amant, President

Dear Sir:

Your letter of request to remain on the Woodford Tower without any rental being paid was presented at our Grey County Highways Committee meeting of March 5th, 1991. It was decided at that meeting that because of the expense of maintaining a radio communications tower, your radio club would have to pay the \$800.00 rental fee for space on this tower. This is the same fee charged to other agencies in the area. I have enclosed a copy of the initial letter which was sent to Jim Vamplew on March 28th, 1989, with regards to rental space on this tower. If your Club is not prepared to pay the Grey County Highways Department for this rental space, then you will have no choice but to relocate your equipment to another site.

Would you please get back to me as soon as possible and let me know your decision with regards to this matter.

Yours truly,

Gary Shaw,  
Grey County Highways  
Department Manager

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J. D. HUBBELL, P. Eng.  
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HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

March 28th, 1989

Grey-Bruce Amateur Radio Club  
c/o Jim Vamplew  
1105 - 1st Avenue East  
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Dear Sir:

At our Grey County Highways Committee meeting on February 17th, 1989, a motion was passed to charge all users of the Woodford and Ceylon Tower sites a yearly rental fee. The County Roads Department has on-going maintenance and operating costs at each of these sites and it was decided that the rental fee for the year 1989 would be \$800.00 per site.

Enclosed you will find the invoice for this amount.

Yours truly,

Gary Shaw,  
Maintenance Manager

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