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FEEDBACK

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
GEORGIAN BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.

Sponsoring

VE3OSR FM REPEATER 146.940- Mhz MARKDALE
VE3OST FM REPEATER 145.290- Mhz OWEN SOUND
VE3GBT FM REPEATER 146.895- Mhz BARROW BAY
VE3IJD PACKET BBS 145.630 Mhz KEADY



20th ANNIVERSARY

REGULAR EVENTS

GBARC MEETINGS:

SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

BREAKFAST MEETINGS:

SECOND AND LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

MINUTES OF THE LAST GBARC MEETING

GEORGIAN BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INCORPORATED Minutes of meeting Nov. 9th, 1993. Meeting opened by Pres. Bob, XOX at 7:35 P.M. at Owen Sound Billy

Bishop Regional airport, with 34 members and 2 guests present. Guests were Jack and Heather Kissinger, KA1QU and N1QCM..Jack and Heather are building a home in Kemble and will be moving here permanently when the house is finished. A warm welcome was extended by Bob, XOX on behalf of the club....Jack and Heather took out a family membership at conclusion of meeting. Treasurers report shows bal. of \$ 794.10 in club acct, \$ 237.18 in student educational account. Minutes of previous meeting adopted as read by Dan, DQC ;seconded by Henry TTV. carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gene, IJD gave a report on upgrade of the computer used on packet. Separate donations of approx. \$ 600.00 has been received from various club members using packet at the present time. Plans are to have a 386 board with 2 meg ram. Doug, TDV gave a report on the insurance quote. Moved by Don, VTO seconded by Derek, GDH the club purchase \$ 1,000,000.00 (one million) public liability insurance for \$ 375.00 plus tax. This insurance will cover club members liability in the event an accident occurs at any club functions. Carried. Doug to follow up and report back at next meeting. Gene, IJD gave a report on the Scout Jamboree..Good contacts were made and a lot of scouts are interested in packet radio. A good time was had by all in spite of the rain, rain,rain....

Tom, TSA gave a report on the packet meeting in Barrie...Message handling as well as future plans for packet in the area were discussed. VE3FJB has 112 users at this time..Tom mentioned it was great to have lunch with them and put a face to the many call signs that we see on packet. A letter was received from Linda Droine, Santa Clause Parade committee chairman on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Owen Sound. Again this year they are asking our help with communications parade day, Nov. 20th, starting at 10:00 A.M. GBARC club members taking part are asked to be at the LCBO parking lot at 9:00 A.M., where you will be matched up with a Kiwanian to help with the parade. After the parade, we are asked to join them for lunch at the Grey Granite Club. Rick, HIO reported that work on VE3OSR is just about completed and plans are to install in Markdale this coming

Saturday, 13th. If all goes well, the three repeaters will be linked, VE3OSR, VE3GBT, and VE3OST..... Tripping any one will automatically trip the other two...VE3AEO donated a power inverter for 12 volts for the output of the 290 machine in Owen Sound ,should the power line fail. Ian, HIP gave a report on club crests . We only have 6 left and time to order more. The quote for 50 same type 3 colors is \$ 196.00 plus taxes. Any art changes would be an extra \$ 27.00. It was mentioned a contest could be held to draw up a different design. After discussion , it was decided to leave the design as is and order a new supply. Moved by Doug TDV ,2nd by Cy,CC..Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The two trophies for GBARC member of the year award were on display for the members...One is a keeper, the larger gets passed around each year to the new winner, with past winners names and year engraved. After much discussion , it was resolved to have nominations tonight, put these names on a ballot in Feedback and members could vote by mail , or cast their ballot at the next meeting. Election will be next meeting, Dec. 14th. ... A proxy will be included so that any member may designate another member to vote on their behalf, if they so wish. Members nominated for the award are:

Tom St.Amand, VE3TSA....Nominated by Ian,HIP, 2nd Barrie, TUS.

Gene McDonald ,VE3IJD... " " Jack,TWK, " Don, VTO.

Bob Vary, VE3XOX " " Rick,HIO " John, TXB.

Rick Slack, VE3HIO " " Tom, TSA, " Brad, RHJ.

John Apsitis, VE3TXB ... " " Don, VTO, " Bill, HMZ.

Nominations closed on motion by Brad, RHJ ...seconded by Dan, DQC.

Dan, DQC agreed to investigate a type of badge,etc. that could be awarded to past club executives in appreciation of their work with the club. Aubrey TUQ and Barrie TUS gave a talk on the Santa Clause net organized for sick children in the hospitals ... This has been done in many smaller communities for several years. Forms are available to get info on sick children, i.e. pets name,favorite colour, favorite toy , were they on last year. Set up would be hand held in the hospital ,cross banded to car or van in hospital lot ,to link up with VE3MTR and the control centre where Santa is located. Members felt this would be a great pr project for the club..Bob XOX and Ian, HIP agreed talk to the administer of the Grey Bruce Regional Health Center. Any plans will be presented at the next meeting. Meetings will continue to be held at the airport until further notice.

Rick,HIO demonstrated the cans owned by the club, as well as the old VE3OSR repeater that has been taken out of service. This repeater will be returned to Jim,CRV by Bob, XOX. A sub-meeting will be held directly after this meeting, chaired by Gene, IJD, to discuss future packet plans. Meeting adjourned by Jack DTS, 2nd by Bill HMZ. Winner of 50/50 draw was Merv , MVS. by Ian, VE3HIP.,

SEASONS GREETINGS

JUST A SHORT NOTE TO WISH ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM VE3TSA AND FAMILY. I HOPE 1994 BRINGS EVERYONE HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

WANTED

ARTICLES , STORIES,
CARTOONS FOR FEEDBACK,
THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF
MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT
SENT ME *THEIR* STORY...

EDITOR

VE3BZC ROSS 371-4326

TUBES 12BZ6 -- 2 REQ'D

HOW I GOT INTO HAM RADIO... STORIES FROM VE3TTV, VE3IOD AND VE3TFV

From:VE3TTV 11/03/93 22:20:49

HI TOM-----"HOW I GOT STARTED IN AMATEUR RADIO"

WELL, IT ALL GOT STARTED BACK WHEN I WAS ABOUT 14 YEARS OF AGE. I REMEMBER I HAD JUST PURCHASED MY FIRST RIG!! A PAIR OF WALKIE TALKIES..... I COULDN'T GET OVER THE AMOUNT OF AMATEUR (OR SO I THOUGHT) ACTIVITY THAT WAS ON THESE LITTLE RIGS.....SHORTLY AFTER THIS EXPERIENCE I PURCHASED MY FIRST SWL RECEIVER. IT WAS A 3 BAND "CANDLE" WHICH OCCUPIED QUITE A BIT OF MY TIME... AFTER THIS PURCHASE, I BECAME MORE AQUAINTED WITH THE AMATEUR BANDS AND STARTED TO APPRECIATE WHAT COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH AMATEUR RADIO..... I CONTINUED ON THROUGH THE ERA OF CITIZEN BAND RADIO WHERE I MET NORM BIGGAR AND BOB VARY WHO ALSO HAD THE SAME AFFLICTION!! (SORRY GUYS).....WELL IT WASN'T TOO MANY YEARS LATER MR. BIGGAR RECEIVED HIS AMATEUR STATUS AND CALL VE3MTV. WITH CONSTANT HINTS AND THE LAPSE OF ABOUT 8 OR 10 YEARS (GIVE OR TAKE A FEW), I FINALLY DECIDED TO TAKE THE PLUNGE. I WON'T GO INTO THE GORY DETAILS, BUT AFTER COUNTLESS HOURS OF STUDY AND THAT @#\$%&* CODE PRACTICE ON W1AW, I FINALLY RECEIVED MY INVITATION TO GO TO THE DOC OFFICE IN KITCHENER.... ARRIVING ABOUT FIVE MINUTES LATE, I SAT DOWN JUST AS THE TESTS HAD BEEN PASSED OUT (WHEW).....AFTER THE TECHNICAL PORTION OF THE EXAM WAS OVER, THE TIME CAME FOR THE FAMOUS MORSE CODE TEST.....I WAS QUITE CONFIDENT THAT IS UNTIL IT WAS MY TURN AT THE KEY. THE INSTRUCTOR GIVE ME SOME TEXT TO SEND AND THERE I WAS.....I DON'T THINK THERE HAS EVER BEEN A TIME WHEN MY HAND SHOOK SO BADLY, UNLESS MAYBE THE TIME I SAID "I DO".....ANYWAY, HERE I AM VE3TTV AND STILL IN ONE PIECE.....DON'T MIND THE SPELLING, I WASN'T ALLOWED TO USE "CW".

*****73*****<<HENRY>>*****

FROM : GARY VE3IOD Ham Radio

Some of the time when I was young back when everything was just DREAMS, the life I had was just sort of bouncing around not really doing anything.

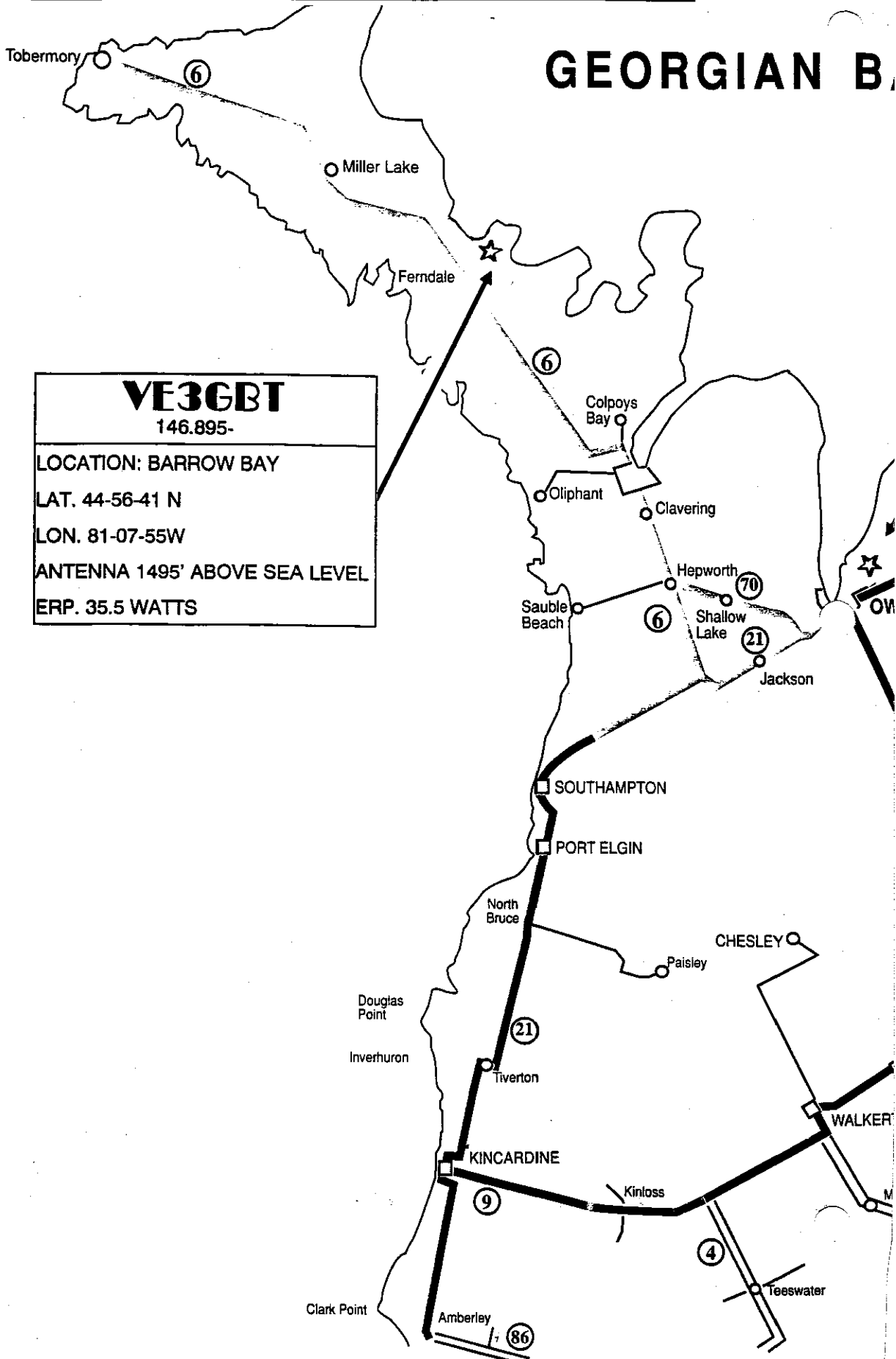
I would like to say that Kenny Slack had a lot to do with pulling together the knowledge to find my way to amateur radio! Having not much of anything as a child, I managed to scrounge some copper wires & a couple of transister-shaped antennae in the shape of an elm tree on its side. I managed to receive radio Equador, BBC, & radio Johannesburg + many more.

Now I wonder is there an end to what you can do on, or in your radio, as well as in your mind. I am now attending OSCVI. While at WEST HILL, I wrote in my grade 12 year book, "School is learning about nothing & forgetting it." I soon thought nothing is something, and you have to learn something before you can forget it.

I wonder what I WILL write in the future--in the meantime--life is a school and HAM RADIO IS FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

G.B.A.R.C.

REPEATER
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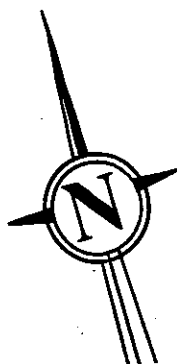


GEORGIAN B

VE3GBT
146.895-

LOCATION: BARROW BAY
LAT. 44-56-41 N
LON. 81-07-55W
ANTENNA 1495' ABOVE SEA LEVEL
ERP. 35.5 WATTS

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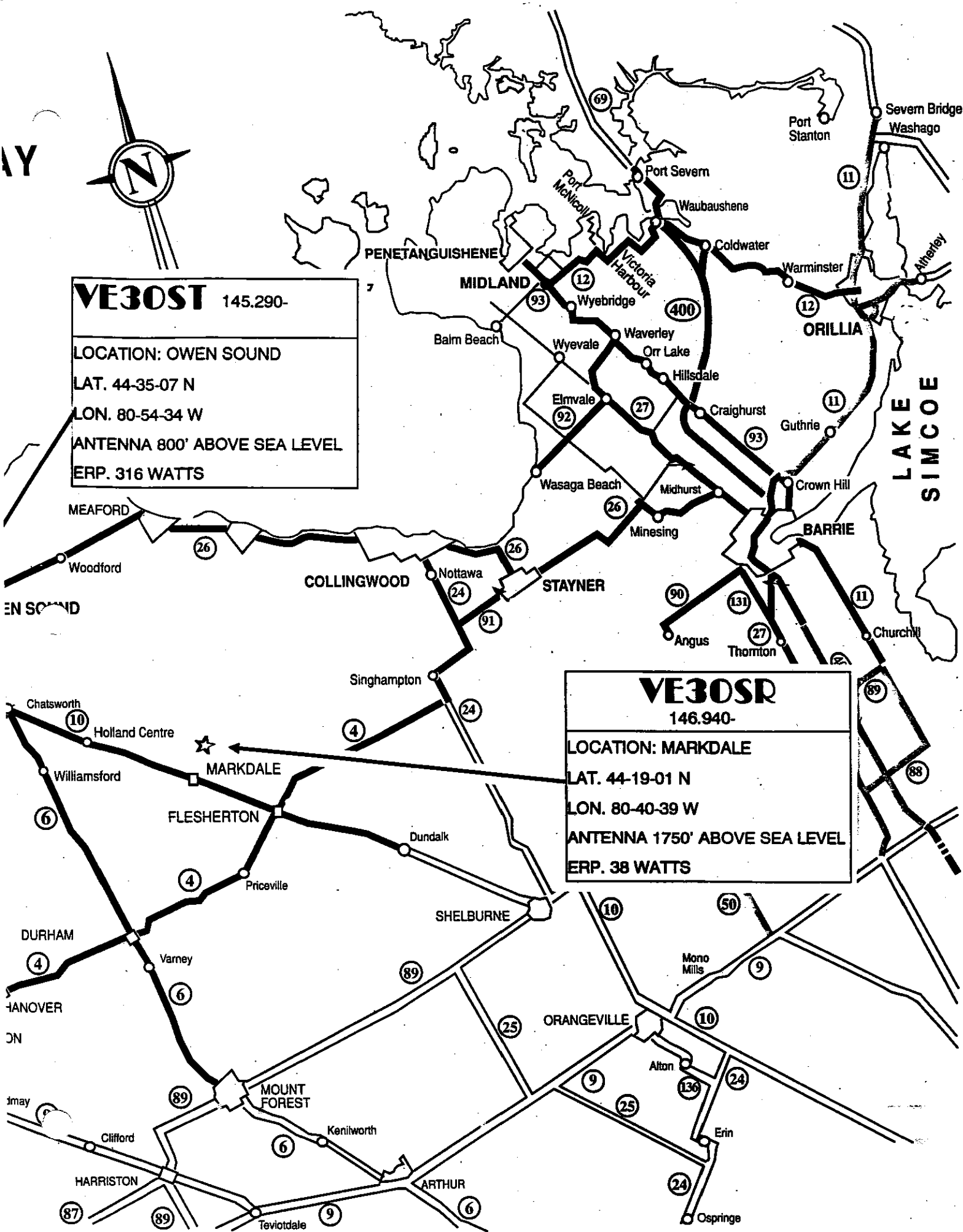


VE3OST 145.290-

LOCATION: OWEN SOUND
 LAT. 44-35-07 N
 LON. 80-54-34 W
 ANTENNA 800' ABOVE SEA LEVEL
 ERP. 316 WATTS

VE3OSR
 146.940-

LOCATION: MARKDALE
 LAT. 44-19-01 N
 LON. 80-40-39 W
 ANTENNA 1750' ABOVE SEA LEVEL
 ERP. 38 WATTS



From: VE3TFV

Becoming a HAM goes a long way back for me, probably to the day I was born. I was born into a family with two brothers who are hams and a father who is in the two-way radio business. So one could say that this would be an influence on me.

I can remember sitting with me brothers down in the basement when I was just a little tyke wondering why there was strange voices comming from the box on the bench. Little did I know at the time! A few years latter I bought a tape player/radio that covered a few shortwave bands from a friend of mine. I was amazed that I was hearing people all over the world. I thought it would be great if I could actually talk to these people that I was hearing all over the world. I think from there on in I was destined to become a HAM.

My first on air experiences came when I got my first C.B. radio. This was ok for awhile, but the fact was I couldn't talk to those far away places. Then I discovered through my brother Rick that I could listen to the local HAM's through my scanner by listening to things called repeaters. It took me awhile to understand the concept of repeaters. Then one day Rick asked me if I wanted to goto a breakfast meeting that some of the local hams were having. I that this was great that I could go and meet the people that I was hearing through my scanner. After I met the locals I thought that they were a cool group and I wanted to be one. After this the first GBARC course came along and there I was studying to become a HAM. A few months later I became one.

Now, almost three years later I am in my final year of my Electronics Engineering Technican course in Tellecommunications at college. Still to this day I amazed that I can talk to anyone anywhere in the world. I think that I will be a HAM until the day I die. I think that it is one of the best hobbies that a person could have. Now if I could only convince my girlfriend to become a HAM?!

73 from the shores of Lake Nippissing...Ken Slack VE3TFV...North Bay...

RADIO AMATEURS OF CANADA INC.

Administrative Office
P.O. Box 356, Kingston, ON K7L 4W2

Membership Application: New Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Call Sign: _____

VISA/MASTER CARD No.: _____

Expiry Date: _____

Please make cheques payable to RAC. All payments in Canadian funds.
Payment must accompany application form.

Membership Fees

Families may join RAC by paying the basic fee of \$28.00 per year, plus \$15.00 for each additional person who wishes to use the services of the organization. (One copy of the magazine per family membership.) Please include the extra names and callsigns with the application. Prices include GST.

Membership

1 year individual membership @ \$28.00

Each additional family member:
_____ @ \$15.00

QST @ \$53.50

QST Seniors @ \$46.00 with proof of age

TOTAL

HAM RADIO ON THE ROCK ---- SUBMITTED BY ROSS VE3BZC

HAM RADIO ON THE "ROCK"
[NEWFOUNDLAND]

While visiting NFLD again this fall [Sept./Oct.] with the XYL I noticed in the Cabot Tower on Signal Hill in St. John's. Ham radio equipment and, I think, a long wire antenna running away from the Tower which was not there in 1987. Hard to tell about the antenna though in the pouring rain.

When we returned home I wrote a letter to the appropriate people and received a reply from the President, Don VO1KX of the SOCIETY OF NEWFOUNDLAND RADIO AMATEURS [SONRA].

The following letter outlines better than I could the programs and activities of the SONRA group. It seems that they have organized the over 1000 Hams in NFLD consisting of five separate clubs under one umbrella group called SONRA.

SOCIETY OF NEWFOUNDLAND RADIO AMATEURS

The President
207 LEMARCHANT ROAD, ST. JOHN'S, NF, A1C 2H5

7 November 1993

Mr. Ross E Mills, VE3BZC,
136 6th Avenue W.,
Owen Sound, ON, N4K 6C8.

Dear Ross,

Your letter to the Department of Tourism was passed along to me for reply.

It was kind of you to express an interest in our station and our publications. I enclose copies of recent editions of VONEWS, which is published 4 times per year in normal circumstances, but in 1993 we had to reduce the numbers because we had committed a large amount of money to the purchase of new equipment.

We have just completed a 2-year project of amalgamating all the Ham Clubs under SONRA, and thus we have become an extremely large organization. I have also enclosed copies of the information about that.

In 2 days time we will hold our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, and I enclose a copy of my Presidential Report, which summarizes our recent activities. Also for your archives is a copy of our 1993 Call Book.

The VO1AA Station at Signal Hill is operated on special events, such as IMD, and 12 December each year. As you know, the station is almost on the exact site where Marconi received the first transatlantic wireless signal on 12 December 1901. During July and August we operate daily from 1300 to 1630 hrs on 15 and 20 meters. Signal Hill is a National Historic Site, and attracts a great many visitors during the tourist season.

Vry 73,



D. E. (DON) WYATT, MD, CCFP, DNBME,
VO1KX.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTHS
CROSSWORD.....BY JACK VE3JLZ

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\$20.00.....\$25.00 IF YOU WAIT
TILL JANUARY OR AFTER.