

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

## **APRIL 1994**

#### REGULAR EVENTS

GBARC MEETINGS: LAST TUESDAY OF EACH

LAST TUESDAY OF EACH

BREAKFAST MEETINGS: SECOND AND LAST SATURDAY

OF EACH MONTH

GBARC INFORMATION:

INFORMATION REGARDING MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE

DIRECTED TO IAN VESHIP

519-371-5479

# Minutes of the meeting of March 8th. 1994. BY VESMWU

The meeting was opened by president Bob at 7:42 with 25 members present. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as published. The treasurer reported we have \$334.10 in the account and that the repeater licence fee of \$69.00 will be paid soon. The Marine-Rail Heritage Center will not be available for our meetings on the second tuesday of the month so it was decided to move our meetings to the fourth tuesday, the next meeting will be on April 26th. It was decided that it is not worth the cost to get a P.O. box for the club mail since there is no real problem with having mail sent to various members.

OLD BUSINESS Roy, EBM handed out copys of the fanout list, it was then decided to postpone further discussion of it till the Markdale repeater is back on the air so that we will know who can access the club repeater network. There will be a meeting on emergency communications in London on April 14. Rick, HIO reported that the 146.94 machine is working well at Barrow Bay and that the 146.895 machine will soon be installed in Markdale. The ISC will be informed of the new locations of VE3OSR and VE3GBT.

NEW BUSINESS Field day will be at either Bob or Genes place. It was decided that we can't afford to rent a tent this year, we will have to get by with smaller tents and tarps, we will be renting an outhouse. Food will be pot luck. Bob plans to bring some moose meat. Our flea market is tentatively planed for May 14 at the fair grounds.

The posibility of a tour of the Alan Park satalite station was discussed and will be looked into further. Dan, DQC moved we close the meeting, Bill, HMZ seconded the motion. The 50/50 draw was won by John, TXB. (All abreviated calls are VE3 untill such time that a VA3 says something worth noting)

**NEW MEETING PLACE** Our new meeting place for club meetings will be the Marine-Rail Heritage Centre, at 1165 - 1st Ave W., downtown .........73 VE3HIP

CW MEET From: VE3XOX ANYONE INTERESTED IN UPGRADING THEIR CODE QUALIFICATION OR JUST TO JOIN IN AND HAVE SOME FUN WITH CW. HERE ARE THE FELLOWS INTERESTED SO FAR .... GARY VE3IOD MARK VE3UUV TOM VE3TSA DON VE3VTO BILL VE3HMZ JACK VE3TWK DOUG VE3TDV JERRY VA3JL......ANY MORE PEOPLE OUT THERE WISHING TO PUT SOME TIME IN ON CW? ALL INVITED WHETHER YOU HAVE CODE OR NOT...TIME TO BRUSH UP... HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON...PASS IT ON TO ALL ... THX BOB VE3XOX

# "The Passing Of The Pot"

As Far Back As Childhood, As Memory May Go One Household Vessel Greets Me, That Wasn't Meant To Show

Beneath the Bed 'Twas Anchored, Where Only Few Could See But Served the Entire Family, With Equal Privacy

Some Called the Critter "Peggy," and Some the "Thundermug" Others Called it "Badger," A Few Just Called it "Jug"

To Bring it In at Evening, Was Bad Enough No Doubt But Heaven Help the Bloke, Who Had to Tote it Out

The Special One For Company, Was Decorated Well

But Just the Same it Rendered, That Ole Familiar Smell

Our Big One Was Enormous, and Would Accomodate A Watermelon Party, Composed of Six or Eight

At Times When Things Were Rushing, and Business Extra Good Each Took His Turn Awaiting, or Did the Best He Could

Sometimes When in a Hurry, To Our Disgust and Shame We Fumbled in the Darkness, and Slightly Missed Our Aim

Today This Modernism Relieves Me A Lot and Only in My Vision, Do I See That Homely Pot Author Unknown,

## **RAC NEWS BULLETIN**

#### **BRITISH SCANNERS BUSTED**

It is not illegal to listen to police radio transmissions in Great Britain; however, it is illegal to act on any information heard when monitoring police frequencies. In England, scanner operators are considered amateur radio operators.

A recent sting operation which resulted in several people being charged involved phony broadcasts made by the police. In one broadcast, aliens were said to be landing nearby. In another broadcast, money was said to have been discovered in the woods and large sums were blowing around. When eavesdroppers arrived at the sites, they were charged.

South Yorkshire police ordered "Operation Marconi" when they suspected that criminals were benefiting information gleaned from the airwayes.

This story originated over the Reuters newswire and was carried in W5YI Report.

#### Western New York - Southern Ontario Repeater Council Repeater List by Geographical Area VHF:1993.09.01 UHF:1993.08.23

CTCSS: 156.7 Hz CENTRAL Notes TX(MHz) RX(MHz) Callsign Location ON 52.070 VE3LSR Edgar 53.070 144.590 VE3TTB Edgar ON o Linkl 145.190 ON o Linkl 144.890 VE3RPL Parry Sound 145.490 ON o Linkl 146.085 VE3ZAP Shelburne 146.685 146.130 VE3XTX Owen Sound ON a 146.730 ON 146.160 VE3SGB Midland 0 146.760 146.190 VE3MTR o Linkl 146.790 Collingwood ON 146.220 VE3MUS Dwight ON o Link2 (ca) 146.820 146.250 VE3LSR ON e z 146.850 Edgar 146.280 VE3MRT Bracebridge ON 0 146.880 146.310 VE3UGB Midland ON o Linkl 146.910 147.600 VE3RAG ON o e a 147.000 Barrie 146.430 VE3RSR ON Britt o e 147.030 ON o e 147.720 VE3OSH Oshawa 147.120 ON 0 147.750 VE3PEN 147.150 Penetang ON Q 147.780 VE3MGB Penetang 147.180 147.795 VE3LNZ Lindsay ON 147.195 147.795 VA3TDV 147.195 Meaford ON O ON 147.810 VE3ORR Orillia 0 147.210 147.885 VE3PTX ON 147.285 Pefferlaw 0 147.915 VE3LSR ON e z DVR Edgar 147.315 223.160 VE3GAR #Orangeville ON 0 224.760 Midland ON 0 224.760 223.160 VE3UGB Uxbridge ON 0 442.225 447.225 VE3VIF ON 442.350 447.350 VE3WHU Edgar 0 Mitchell's Co ON Link6 447.550 VE3USH 442.550 447.575 VE3UOR ON Link6 Edgar 442.575 ON 448.000 VE3NAA Raglan O 443.000 ON Walkerton 443.025 448.025 VE3RBT O o (ca) 448.075 VE3MRT Bracebridge ON 443.075 ON o Linkl 448.275 VÈ3CAB Creemore 443.275 443.475 448.475 VE3OUR Oshawa ON o a o e (ca) 156.7Hz 448.625 VE3DRC Orangeville ON 443.625 449.025 VE3NSL ON 444.025 Orangeville 0 449.275 VE3HQW ON o 156.7Hz 444.275 Moonstone 449.350 VE3LSR ON a e z VFAT Linkl Edgar 444.350 Midland ON 444.650 449.650 VE3SGB Q 449.675 VE3GAS Colgan ON 0 444.675 ON o Link2 Nobleton 444.700 449.700 VE3RAK ON #Oro O 449.775 VE3WHU 444.775 Parry Sound ON o Link6 449.800 VE3UPS 444.800 449.900 VE3WIK Singhampton ON 444.900 ON 444.925 449.925 VE3RAP Orangeville CTCSS: 162.2 Hz CENTRAL EAST Notes RX(MHz) Callsign Location TX(MH2) 144.550 VE3RTR o Linkl Rice Lake ON 145.150 ON 144.790 VE3KFR Cambellford 0 145.390 o Linkl Link2 (ca) e ON 146.025 VE3PBO Peterborough 146.625 Haliburton ON 146.655 146.055 VE3ZHR ON Apsley O 146.370 VE3OCC 146.970 147.705 VE3TWF Ingoldsby ON 147.105 o DS Link 147.765 VE3RTY 147.165 Colborne ON o Link2 147.840 VE3TBF ON 147.240 Essonville

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224.800
            223.200 VE3RTR
                               Rice Lake
                                             ON
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  224.840
            223.240 VE3TBF
                               Essonville
                                             ON
                                                   o Link2
  444.575
            449.575 VE3KRG
                               Peterborough
                                             ON
                                                   (ca) e
  444.975
            449.975 VE3MXR
                               Rice Lake
                                             ON
                                                   o Link3
CENTRAL WEST
                   CTCSS:
                           97.4 Hz
  TX(MHz)
           RX(MHz) Callsign Location
                                                   Notes
   53.130
             52.130 VE3RBT
                               Walkerton
                                             ON
  145.110
            144.510 VE3RBT
                               Walkerton .
                                             ON
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  145.290
            144.690 VE3OST
                               Owen Sound
                                             ON
                                                   0
  146.610
            146.010 VE3TIV
                               Kincardine
                                             ON
                                                  0
            146.040 VE3RAN
  146.640
                               Proton Stn.
                                             ON
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  146.820
            146.220 VE3PER
                               Port Elgin
                                             ON
                                                  oea
  146.895
            146.295 VE3GBT
                              Markdale
                                             ON
                                                  0
            146.340 VE3OSR
  146.940
                              Lions Head
                                             ON
                                                  0
  147.165
            147.765 VA3CRV
                               Paislev
                                             ON
                                                  O
  443.525
            448.525 VE3GBT
                               Owen Sound
                                             ON
                                                  0
  443.925
           448.925 VE3TFE
                              Markdale
                                             ON
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NIAGARA
                   CTCSS: 107.2 Hz
  TX(MHz)
           RX(MHz) Callsign Location
                                                  Notes
  145.190
           144.590 VE3RAF
                               Thorold
                                             ON
                                                  o Link
  147.075
           147.675 VE3HNR
                              Dunnville
                                             ON
                                                  o e (ca) Link: VE3HM
  147.165
           147.765 VE3RAC
                              Ridgeway
                                             ON
                                                  a e DS Link1 UFAT z
  147.240
           147.840 VE3NRS
                              St Catharines ON
                                                  0 (ca)
  147.300
           147.900 VE3WCR
                              Fonthill
                                             ON
                                                  0
  442.250
           447.250 VE3HM
                              Thorold
                                             ON
                                                  o Link5
  442.500
           447.500 VE3BNU
                              Wainfleet
                                             ON
                                                  O
           447.775 VE3XCP
  442.775
                              St. Catharines ON
                                                  o (ca) Link
  442.900
                              Niagara Falls ON
           447.900 VE3GRW
                                                  (ca) e DVR
  443.125
           448.125 VE3TLN
                              Welland
                                             ON
  443.175
           448.175 VE3LWH
                              Thorold
                                             ON
  443.400
           448.400 VE3WCU
                              Fonthill
                                             ON
           448.575 VE3XUK
  443.575
                              Thorold
                                             ON
  444.725
           449.725 VE3PLF
                              Fonthill
                                             ON
                                                   (ca) FAT
SOUTH
                   CTCSS: 131.8 Hz
  TX(MHz)
           RX(MHz) Callsign Location
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   53.110
            52.110 VE3WIK
                              Carlisle
                                             ON
  145.110
           145.610 VE3LOP
                              !Mt Pleasant
                                             ON
  145.210
           144.610 VE3ZMG
                              Guelph
                                             ON
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  145.330
           144.730 VE3RND
                              New Dundee
                                             ON
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  145.490
           144.890 VE3DRW
                              Hamilton
                                             ON
                                                  o Linkl
  146.715
           146.115 VE3NYC
                              Hamilton
                                             ON
                                                  (ca) e
  146.760
           146.160 VE3NCF
                              Hamilton
                                             ON
                                                  o a e Link2
  146.790
           146.190 VE3SWR
                              Cambridge
                                             ON
                                                  0
  146.805
           146.205 VE3TVI
                              Grimsby
                                             ON
                                                  0
  146.835
           146.235 VE3WWW
                              Waterloo
                                             ON
                                                  0
  146.865
           146.265 VE3RCK
                              Kitchener
                                             ON
                                                  0 (ca) z
  146.895
           146.295 VE3RAE
                              Burlington
                                             ON
                                                  O
  146.925
           146.325 VE3SME
                              Simcoe
                                             ON
                                                  o e Linkl
  146.970
           146.370 VE3KSR
                              Baden
                                             ON
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                                                    (ca) z
  147.015
           147.615 VE3OAK
                              Oakville
                                             ON
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  147.030
           147.630 VE3RSS
                              Acton
                                             ON
                                                  0
  147.045
           147.645 VE3WAT
                              Delhi
                                             ON
                                                  0
                                                    (ca)
  147.090
           147.690 VE3WFM
                              Waterloo
                                             ON
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 147.105
           147.705 VE3MBR
                              Hamilton
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 147.135 147.735 VE3OD
                              Halton Hills
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147.150
           147.750 VE3TCR
                               Brantford
                                              ON
                                                    o (ca)
            147.810 VE3RSB
  147.210
                               Burlington
                                              ON
                                                    107.2 Hz
  147.345
            147.945 VE3PDX
                               Stoney Creek
                                              ON
                                                    o DX info, Link4
  224.740
            223.140 VE3TED
                               Burlington
                                              ON
  224.960
            223.360 VE3DRW
                               Hamilton
                                              ON
                                                    o Link1
  442.300
            447.300 VE3OAK
                               Oakville
                                              ON
                                                    107.2Hz Link
  442.450
            447.450 VE30KR
                               Oakville
                                              ON
            447.525 VE3UHM
  442,525
                               Carlisle
                                              ON
                                                    Link6
            447.625 VE3RTD
  442.625
                               Hamilton
                                              ON
  443.025
            448.025 VE3TCR
                               Brantford
                                              ON
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                                                     (ca)
            448.075 VE3ZOE
  443.075
                               Hamilton
                                              ON
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  443.150
            448.150 VE3OKV
                               Oakville
                                              ON
  443.200
            448.200 VE3IWL
                               Burlington
                                              ON
                                                    107.2 Hz
  443.250
            448.250 VE3RFI
                               Winona
                                              ON
                                                    oe
  443.325
            448.325 VE3RTP
                               Campbellville ON
                                                    151.4 Hz
  443.425
            448.425 VE3OD
                               Halton Hills
                                              ON
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  443.450
            448.450 VE3MMX
                               Brantford
                                              ON
                                                    o (ca) e
  443.675
            448.675 VE3WIK
                               Carlisle
                                              ON
                                                    (ca)
  443.850
            448.850 VE3RKL
                               Arkel
                                              ON
                                                    o Link7
  443.975
            448.975 VE3OCY
                               Hamilton
                                              ON
                                                    o
            449.075 VE3NCF
  444.075
                               Hamilton
                                              ON
                                                    o a e Link
  444.125
            449.125 VE3MTC
                               Milton
                                                    o e DS
                                              ON
  444.325
            449.325 VE3OAK
                               Oakville
                                              ON
                                                    o
  444.425
            449.425 VE3RDX
                               Hamilton
                                              ON
  444.550
            449.550 VE3SML
                               Waterford
                                              ON
                                                    o e RB:52.525 Link7
  444.650
            449.650 VE3VSC
                               Vinemount
                                              ON
                                                    o
  444.750
            449.750 VE3RDM
                               Hamilton
                                              ON
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  444.825
            449.825 VE3RSB
                               Burlington
                                              ON
                                                    O
  444.875
            449.875 VE3RBM
                               Kitchener
                                              ON
                                                    114.8Hz
  921.000
           909.000 VE3TQC
                               Brantford
                                              ON
SOUTHWEST
                   CTCSS: 114.8 Hz
  TX(MHz)
           RX(MHz) Callsign Location
                                                    Notes
   53.010
             52.010 VE3MCR
                                              ON
                               Parkhill
                                                    O
  145.150
            144.550 VE3RFC
                               Stratford
                                              ON
                                                    (ca) Link
  145.390
            144.790 VE3MGI
                               London
                                              ON
                                                    a e DS Link DVR
  145.450
           144.850 VE3YXU
                               London
                                              ON
                                                    e UFAT Link CANWARN
  146.760
           146.160 VE3RGB
                               Grand Bend
                                              ON
           146.310 VE30BC
  146.910
                               Hensall
                                              ON
                                                    O
  147.000
           147.600 VE3MCR
                               Lucan
                                              ON
                                                    O
  147.060
            147.660 VE3LON
                               London
                                              ON
                                                    a e DS DTMF:7661
  147.180
            147.780 VE3TTT
                               London
                                              ON
                                                    o Link1
  147.240
            147.840 VE3NDT
                               Dorchester
                                              ON
                                                    O
  147.270
           147.870 VE30HR
                               Ingersoll
                                              ON
                                                    o
  147.285
           147.885 TBA
                               Mitchell
                                              ON
                                                    O
                               St Thomas
  147.330
           147.930 VE3STR
                                              ON
                                                    O
  147.375
            147.975 VE3ZDT
                               St Marys
                                              ON
                                                    a DS
  224.780
           223.180 VE3TTT
                               London
                                              ON
                                                    O
  442.300
            447.300 VE3TTT
                               London
                                              ON
  443.200
           448.200 VE3NMN
                               London
                                              ON
                                                    o a e DVR H/VFAT L
  443.800
           448.800 VE3STR
                               St Thomas
                                              ON
  443.925
           448.925 VE3WHR
                               Woodstock
                                              ON
                                                   0
  444.100
            449.100 VE3CUE
                               Glencoe
                                              ON
                                                   VFAT
  444.400
           449.400 VE3SUE
                               London
                                              ON
                                                    o Linkl
  444.525
           449.525 VE3ZTD
                               St Marys
                                              ON
  444.575
           449.575 VE3MCR
                                              ON
                               Lucan
  444.650
           449.650 VE3RXU
                               Dorchester
                                              ON
                                                   o e CANWARN
  444.800
           449.800 VE3MGI
                               London
                                              ON
                                                    a e DS VFAT Link
  444.850
           449.850 VE30VY
                               London
                                              ON
                                                    (ca) e 114.8Hz
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Stratford

ON

444.975

449.975 VE3RFC

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SOUTHWEST
                   CTCSS: 118.8 Hz
  TX(MHz)
           RX(MHz) Callsign Location
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   53.030
             52.020 VE3SMR
                               Essex
                                             ON
                                                  0
  145.190
            144.590 VE3COZ
                               Chatham
                                             ON
                                                  0 (ca) e
  145.250
            144.650 VE3ZZZ
                               #Kingsville
                                             ON
                                                  SHARED NON-PROTECTED
  145.370
            144.770 VE3SAR
                               Sarnia
                                             ON
                                                  123.0 Hz (ca) z
  145.390
            144.790 VE3ECR
                               Windsor
                                             ON
  145.470
            144.870 VE3RRR
                               Windsor
                                             ON
  146.940
            146.340 VE3TCB
                               Ipperwash .
                                             ON
                                                  o Link to VE3NMN
            146.385 VE3WAL
  146.985
                              Wallaceburg
                                             ON
  147.000
            147.600 VE3WIN
                              Windsor
                                             ON
                                                  0
  147.030
           147.630 VE3GOD
                              Goderich
                                             ON
                                                  0
  147.060
           147.660 VE3III
                              Windsor
                                             ON
                                                  0
  147.105
            147.705 VE3ZZZ
                              #Kingsville
                                             ON
                                                  o a e Link
  147.120
            147.720 VE3KCR
                              Chatham
                                             ON
                                                  o (ca) e z DS L
           147.900 VE3TOM
223.060 VE3OOO
  147.300
                              Leamington
                                             ON
  224.660
                              Windsor
                                             ON
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  224.700
           223.100 VE3RRR
                              McGregor
                                             ON
                                                  0
  224.960 223.360 VE3RCA
                              Sarnia
                                             ON
                                                  0
  442.200 447.200 VE3MGK
                              #Chatham
                                             ON
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  444.300 449.300 VE3RRR
                              McGregor
                                             ON
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  444.325
           449.325 VE3COZ
                              Chatham
                                             ON
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  444.400
           449.400 VE3UUU
                              Windsor
                                             ON
                                                  0
  444.500
           449.500 VE3III
                              Windsor
                                             ON
                                                  0
  444.550
           449.550 VE3SUR
                              Sarnia
                                             ON
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  444.775
           449.775 VE3SOT
                              #McGregor
                                             ON
                                                  123.0Hz V/UFAT (ca)
  444.825
           449.825 VE3WZL
                              Goderich
                                             ON
                                                  123.0Hz (ca) e DS
 1282.500 1270.500 VE3SOT
                              #McGregor
                                             ON
SOUTHWEST
                   CTCSS: 131.8 Hz
  TX(MHz) RX(MHz) Callsign Location
                                                  Notes
  442.400 447.400 VE3WWW
                              Waterloo
                                             ON
                                                  o (ca) 131.8Hz
  443.375 448.375 VE3SWA
                              Cambridge
                                             ON
 1287.000 1275.000 VE3WWW
                              Waterloo
                                             ON
                                                  o (ca) 131.8Hz
Notes:
         carrier access
###.#Hz
         CTCSS access tone
PL
         CTCSS access (tone unknown)
DS
         Dual Squelch access system
         autopatch
а
(ca)
         closed autopatch
         Digital Voice Recorder
DVR
         dissemination DX information
DX info
         uninterruptable power system
Link#
         linking capability to group#
HFAT
         HF Agile Transceiver
VFAT
         VHF Agile Transceiver
UFAT
         UHF Agile Transceiver
ATV
         Amateur Television repeater
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!Location indicates coordination not complete #Location indicates an uncoordinated repeater

direct access to police

#### HOW TO BE A PACKET LID (Constructive criticism by WB6AAM)

When Clem and Jim-Bob started in packet, they had a natural desire, like some new hams to tell the world there is yet another packet station on the air. When they saw the TNC manual, the first thing that stood out was the beacon feature. Our two lids fantasized that packet would be something like catching fish in the old fishing hole, and that people would all want to connect, with their beacons as the bait.

Clem and Jim-Bob studied their TNC manuals further and learned that the beacon in their TNCs could be set to go off anywhere from every 1 to 250 minutes. (Or not at all) In their studies our two rubes also learned they could set their beacons to digipeat through cascades of high-level nodes and digipeaters to improve the "fishing". They learned some other nifty things like putting "CQ" after their callsigns, (whether they were calling CQ or not) and putting <CTRL>G in the beacon text to ring people's bells. Clem and Jim-Bob also thought they should put some important information about their stations in their beacon texts, because everyone would want to know!

This is what everyone else on the channel saw, once every 5 minutes, and repeated over and over through several digipeaters. If there were any other CQ calls or beacons belonging to nodes, gateways, BBSes or other services, these were quickly knocked off everyone's monitors by Clem and JIm-Bob:

WY74LID>CQ \*\* cLEm\*\*/USa,riG hR Gonzo GX2000 tUrb0/Ant Powerprong-67 1/2 wATts/BBS K>>>

KH32LID>BEACON Cq cq/digI JIMBOB in pOdunk/tNC hr packet porker PP-231\ hAv a NIcE day !

 ${f k}$  .ice how these beacons clearly state important information, such as BBS, digipeater or node aliases or callsigns! Notice the correct spelling and the clarity of the texts!

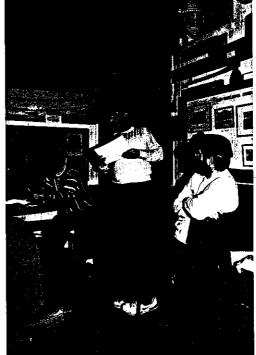
Fortunately, for Jim-Bob and Clem, their community was a progressive one. Rather than hold an "antenna party", the locals on packet took up a collection to pay for psychiatric treatment for our two lids. It turned out that Clem and Jim-Bob both had severe ego problems which caused the obsessive beaconing. Clem and Jim-Bob prior to treatment both had a low sense of self-esteem. They were both obsessed with the idea that also afflicts dogs, boom-box owners and graffiti-writers, that is LEAVING ONE'S MARK. In this case, it was the packet community who had to put up with these rude assertions of "territory".

Now, two years after treatment, Jim-Bob has left packet and amateur radio. He was recently arrested for spray painting his name on a building. Clem is doing better. He works for a firm that makes navigational beacons and is a sysop of a popular forwarding BBS with several HF and VHF ports.

Don't end up in skid row or in a mental institution. If you set your TNC to beacon excessively, you may need professional help. Ask yourself: Does your TNC offer a service to the packet community, such as a node or gateway? Does your beacon announce a service or bolster your ego? The first week, try setting your beacon for every hour. The next week, every two hours. The third week, every three hours. Here's a novel concept; rather than "fishing" for contacts with an annoying beacon, try contacting the stations you see on your monitor or in your "heard" list. Calling the stations you see on the air a picer way to make contacts than forcing your beacon on everyone and you is a nicer way to make contacts than forcing your beacon on everyone, and you will make more contacts that way. Once you get on the air the HID feature in y r TNC will "beacon" once, ten minutes after the contact so don't worry, everyone will still know you are out there even if you shut off your beacon.

(The names and callsigns have been changed to disguise location and license class)





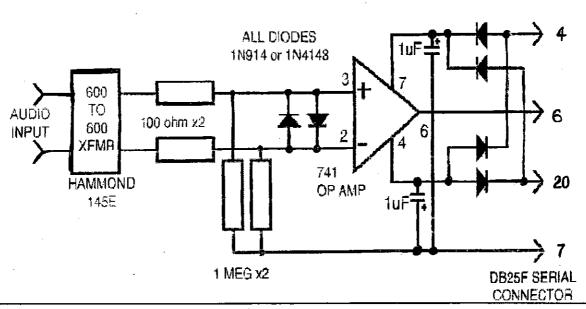




### A SIMPLE AND EASY TO CONSTRUCT, DIGITAL INTERFACE

BY BRIAN, VESTOY

As promised on a recent GBARC net check-in. I am sending along this short article for the FEEDBACK newsletter. The schematic shown is a simple interface for the reception of fax, rtty, cw, sstv, ascii, and baudot signals. There are three programs included on a diskette labeled SSTVFAX2, JVFAX, and HAMCOM22, I also put the latest 60 compression software on the diskette for the purposes of unzipping the compressed fax files. Simply copy all four files to a new directory called FAX on your PC and expand the three fax files by typing the following PKUNZIP \* ZIP. There will then be 32 files in the directory. The three programs are called HC.EXE, SSTVFAX EXE and JVFAX EXE which will run with the interface shown below. It would be a good idea to read all the DOC and TXT files in the directory for further operating instructions for each program. If there are any questions feel free to ask me on the net on Sunday. Each program has its own strength and weaknesses so by using all three at different times, you can satisfactorily receive just about any format of non voice signal. The JVFAX program requires some setup with the C function but I had a fax picture on the screen within two minutes of hooking up the circuit. Select a serial computer port, set up the M mode to 120/288 and press A. After reading the documentation and playing with the other format keys I had great success with multi-level gray fax (world maps showing cloud cover etc.) A good station to use is 8080 USB and adjust the signal so most of the signal falls between B and W on the scale. Another gem is the HAMCOM program. It has a frequency spectrum display. which shows the received signals in useable form. It didn't take long to reliably receive some RTTY BAUDOT weather info. The CW works great too. Unfortunately the SSTV programs require a sync signal to lock properly so I didn't use them much. The programs are all SHAREWARE and the payment for use is optional ( read documentation). The interface can be hand soldered on a perf board and it only took an hour to whip one up the first time. Jim VE3BFV has a couple of extra boards if anyone wants to part with \$10.00 for my effort. If there is a lot of interest I could make some more but it will take a couple of weeks. I have sent along a couple of copies of the software which can be loaned or copied as needed. Good luck and I hope you will try this neat little 



THE SOFTWARE IS AVAILABLE FROM THE EDITOR.....I WILL NEED A FORMATTED,3 1/2" 1.44Mb DISKETTE

# **IDENTITY**

ROY, VE3EBM

Some time when you're feeling important, Some time when your ego's in bloom, Some time when you take it for granted You're the best qualified in the room,

Some time when you feel that your going Would leave an unfillable hole, Just follow this simple instruction, And see how it humbles your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water, Put your hand in it up to the wrist, Pull it out, and the hole that's remaining Is a measure of how you'll be missed.

You may splash all you please when you enter, You can stir up the water galore, But stop, and you'll find in a minute That it looks quite the same as before.

The moral of this quaint example Is do just the best that you can, Be proud of yourself, but remember, THERE IS NO INDESPENSABLE MAN.