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FEEDBACK



The OFFICIAL Newsletter
of the
Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club
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<http://greynet.net/~gbarc>

GBARC meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month except July and August at the Georgian Yatch Club, 2475 3rd Ave West, Owen Sound.

Breakfast meetings are held at the Rockford Esso at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd Saturday of the month and every 2nd Saturday after.

Nets 80 metre net on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on 3.783 Mhz. Two metre net on Thursday at 9 p.m. on VE3OSR 146.94-Mhz.

Submissions are always welcome. Send them to Tom ve3tsa@rac.ca

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MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Chris VA3MUM, Jim VA3CJM

Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club, Minutes of June 22, 1999

Meeting was called to order by President Kim VE3DXE at 19:30 est. The minutes of last meeting were distributed and amendments are noted. Motion to accept these minutes by Joe JNA. Seconded by DTS. The Treasurer, Jim CJM, reported a bank balance of \$2508.17. A cheque \$262.20 was issued for purchase of Field day hats purchased.

OLD BUSINESS

Reminder for IJD packet user dues was issued. The Canada day contest is coming up July 1, 24 hr contest, Carl BY will have his doors open to any operator who would like to help out and operate the bands. Last year Canada Day QSL were past around.

NEW BUSINESS

The new club QSL cards were past to members present, others are available, contact Kim DXE. The club made available supplies to be sold to member, PL259 \$1.50, 5/8 whip antenna \$25.00, Mag mount for antenna \$25.00, Switching 30Amp power supply \$130.00. A discussion of the Jame Bay VY0O trip was put on by Carl BY.

Field Day: Saturday morning will be set up time to be ready to start operating the contest at 2:00PM.

The Sun Time was contacted for this event also was Rogers Cable.

We will have a trailer set up on site. The trailer was donated for our use courtesy of the Sydenham Sportsman Club. Thank you to Jack and Joe for arranging this. All are welcome to come to have fun and operate regardless of your licence classification, none is needed when your with a licenced operator.

Ares - No report was available.

Welcome to our Guest present: Tom VE3CVL

The winner of the 50/50 draw was Bob LKD in the amount of \$24.00.

The Meeting was terminated by a motion by Bob LKD, seconded by Joe JNA.

SEE YOU ALL AT FIELD DAY



MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT

Kim VE3DQE
ve3dxe@rac.ca

Greetings to all. I hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful summer. September is here and its time for GBARC to get back into session. Lots has happened since the last meeting was adjourned.

Contest Postings

Results from the 98 Canada Day contest have been published, GBARC did very well for a first time contest effort. 1999 Canada Day Contest results are out and we placed top five in Canada! Congratulations to the gang!

If you had missed this event stay tuned for next years plan.

The Results from the GBARC CQWW 98 Zone 2 Expedition will soon be out. Carls 80 meter score broke the zone 2 world record (as posted in CQ Contest). We are anxiously waiting for the 160 and 20 meter results.

GBARC will be marking its ground again this October from Lac Ouescapis, more details to follow.

Field Day again was a great success. The new location at the Georgain Bay Yacht Club was proven to be a great location, Im sure we will all agree that this is the place to have it for 2000. Grant VE3GCQ displayed a very interesting tower structure that he assembled, due to the rain the tower was not erected, but I bet we will see it up next year. All participants this year received a 1999 GBARC cap to proudly wear during Field Day. VY0O Expedition. GBARC member Ivan Payne VE3DO, headed a very successful operation to Grass Island in the North James Bay. Many members enjoyed working the group during Field day and the Canada Day Contest. Ivan is preparing a presentation on the expedition for the 99/00 season. Good work Ivan. Congratulations! John VE3TXB and Ann (SWL tobe) were happily married on the weekend of Field Day. A card was passed

around for all to sign. All the best to the happy couple from GBARC. Emergency Preparedness

GBARC members Carl VE3BY, Rod VA3RP and myself were invited to do a presentation for the Grey County Fire Chief's meeting in September. Emergency communications was talked about in depth and a short 20 min. video was shown describing what Amateur Radio Operators can do for the community. The presentation was a real eye opener for the Fire Chiefs. We have been asked to speak at the Owen Sound Council regarding what we can offer to the community in the event of an emergency. GBARC is going to be included in the Emergency Preparedness Plans for the area. More to follow. That all for now, It will be nice to see everyone again and maybe see some new faces. 73's de Kim VE3DQE



MESSAGE from the EDITOR

Tom VE3TSA

Well here is the start of a new season. It was a particularly busy summer for us, camping and going here and there. A lot of people can say the same thing as it seemed it was always busy wherever we went. It won't be too long before the leaves change colour and I start to get the house and car ready for winter. Maybe I'll even get around to fixing up the antenna. I have some new equipment , a homebrew 2 mtr yagi antenna, rotor and a weather station to go up. Some replacement coax and a few other odds and sods.

I hope everyone can make it to the September meeting. It'll be nice to catch up and find out whats been going on this summer. As always, this humble editor will accept any and all submissions and eagerly await your literary outpourings. 73

1999 Canada Day Contest results

RAC has released the 1998 Canada Day Contest results. The Georgian Bay\par Amateur Radio Club, with 595,536 points, took fifth place among all multi-operator entries, and seventh place among *all* entries. (Yes, there were two single-operator stations that scored higher than we did.) Full contest results are available on the RAC web site, . Our claimed score for the 1999 Canada Day contest is 425,500 points, substantially lower than last year, but still respectable! The scoring breakdown is as follows:

	Cdn. QSOs	RAC QSOs	DX QSOs	Multipliers	Score
1998	643	26	443	76	595,536
1999	492	16	255	74	425,500

(Canadian QSOs are worth 10 points each,
except QSOs with official RAC stations are 20 points each.
US and DX QSOs are worth 2 points each.)
73, Brad VE3RHJ

Field Day 1999

Bill DIQ sent these photo's for us all to enjoy...thanks



The field day trap dipole antenna, using an extension ladder as a mast.



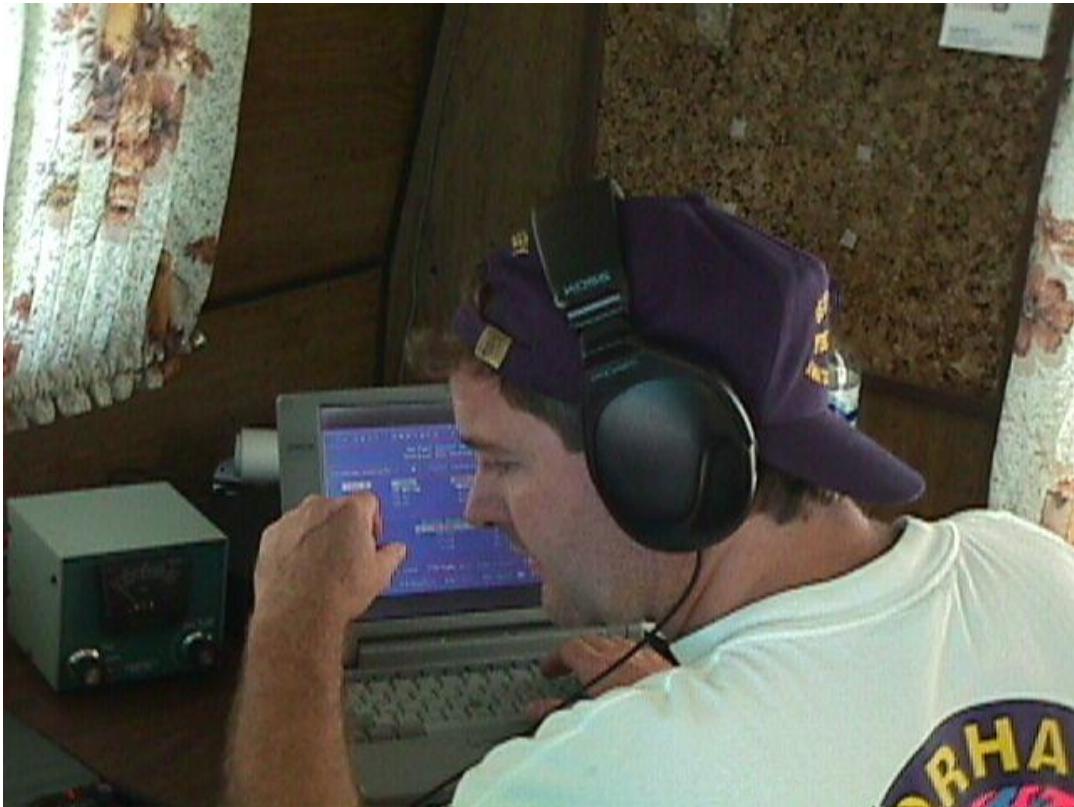
Thanks to the Sydenham Sportsmen Ass'n for the loan of the trailer.



Jim VA3CJM and Bob VE3STS check out the photovoltaic cell used to charge our batteries.



Henry VE3TTV at the mic.



Carl VE3BY logging fieldday contacts.



Bernie VE3BQM and Bob VE3LKD operate 40 metre ssb.

**Our submission has been sent in to
ARRL.**

Our final results:

band	QSOs	points
80m CW	50	100
40m CW	50	100
80m SSB	25	25
40m SSB	204	204
20m SSB	156	156
15m SSB	38	38
10m SSB	34	34
6m SSB	6	6
TOTAL	563	663

Our entry class is 2A-commercial. Our power multiplier is 2 (150 watts or less). We qualified for four bonuses of 100 points each (media publicity, locating

in a public place, information booth, 5 natural power QSOs). Thus our total claimed score for 563 QSOs is 663x2, plus 400, or a total of 1,726 points. For comparison, last year we made 907 QSOs and a total score of 2,758, class 2A.

73, Brad VE3RHJ

Terry Fox Run

Sunday September 19, 1999

Once again the time has come for the Annual Terry Fox Run for cancer research. Over the past few years a group of us have been supplying radio communications for the event, much to the appreciation of the organizers and participants. It requires about 2 hours of your time, and a handheld 2 metre rig with good batteries. Hams are positioned around the circuit to supply emergency links back to the headquarters where the ambulance is located. Last year we had 6 volunteers,,, we could always use more..... This year I'll be doing my best again to get whipped into shape to try the 5 kilometre run. Last year it was 10 and the year before 5 but my knee has been bothering me and the pounding of the road is taking its toll on these 47 year old parts. I NEED some sponsors to raise some money for the cause. If you can't help out on Sunday then send me some pledges... any amount will help the total. *Receipts go out to those who pledge \$10 or more.* Over the last 2 years we've raised over \$250. Of course even if you come out with a radio,,,I'll take your money.....hee...heee..... hope to see you around noon in Harrison Park, OwenSound... What do you think about having a barbecue in the park after the run? [Gene McDonald](#), RR # 4 , Tara, N0H2N0 looking forward to your support...

From The Mailbox

THE RADIO H.F. INTERNET NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 1 NUMBER 008 September 1999
<http://www.anarc.org/cidx/radiohf/index.html>

From: G3ZHI@GB7WRG.#19.GBR.EU

A **new class of amateur radio licence**, known as the A/B licence, is to come into effect on the 2nd of August. This comes as a result of negotiations between the Radiocommunications Agency and the RSGB, following consultation with the amateur radio community. This new category allows access to HF bands, with a reduced Morse test speed of five words per minute. The RA pointsout that the introduction of a Class A/B Licence is an interim measure, in preparation for moving towards a more 'incentive based' licensing system.The licence will use the M5 callsign series, and reservations are now being accepted by Subscription Services Limited.

Reservationswill be dealt with on a strictly 'first come first served' basis and a complete application must be received for a reservation to be made. For this new licence class, reservations will initially be accepted for M5AAB to M5AZZ.Further details, along with the Gazette Notice, are being published in the August RadCom, which is due to be posted to all RSGB members next week.

THE BRUCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER

IS NOW POSTED 73 DE JIM COVERLEY VE3OVV

<http://www.brucearc.on.ca>

Internet Traffic Report

<http://www.internettrafficreport.com/>