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FEEDBACK

The OFFICIAL Newsletter of the
Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club Inc.

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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



GEORGIAN BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Minutes of meeting, February 22, 2000

The meeting was called to order by President (A) Bernie BQM at 1930 hrs. Bernie welcomed everyone including the new successful Amateur Radio Operators to the club and meeting. There were 21 members in attendance and 5 guests.

Motion by Joe JNA to accept the minutes as printed. Seconded by John TXB. Carried.
The treasurer, Jim CJM, reported a bank balance of \$3338.35.

OLD BUSINESS

Brad gave a report on the completion of the **radio course**. 21 people attended the course. 13 wrote and 10 passed. 8 still to write. A date will be announced for those who missed the exam and wish to write. Thank you to everyone who helped out with this successful course. There may be

“on-the-air” sessions set up for code practice to complete the 5 words per minute requirements.

Field Day will be held on the weekend of June 24th and 25th. The members voted on holding Field Day at Gene’s IJD. Gene will make arrangements for the tent and washroom facility and bring the details to the next meeting for approval of expenditures.

The nominations are coming up and a nomination committee will be required for next meeting.
Please bring in ideas, suggestions for the club crest.

NEW BUSINESS

Bernie BQM handed out the **point system** outline for members feedback on the idea to promote club participation and offer some return to the club members in the way of prizes. Motion was made by Jim CJM to accept the proposed system as written. Seconded by Joe JNA. Carried.

TOPIC for discussion: Lowering the 12 word per minute requirement to 5 words.

We have been invited to participate in the **Bluewater Science Fair on April 5th and 12th** in Owen Sound on the Chi Cheemaun. We may want to contact Port Elgin and Kincardine radio clubs as a joint effort to display the amateur hobby to further awareness. Bernie BQM will get more details about this event for next meeting.

Discussion was held on finding a place to establish an amateur radio station for club use and as an emergency station setup. If anyone has any ideas please call Bernie or bring to a meeting for consideration. Gene IJD suggested there may be a possibility of using the hospital. Bernie will try to get a contact name. Mike MJL suggested an empty township building but has not been successful in contacting. We will continue to keep an eye out for an appropriate spot.

Brad will organize and hold an advance radio course if there is enough interest.

Motion to adjourn made by Dudley KF2FE second by Bert Green.

\$25 won in the 50/50 draw by Aubrey TUQ .

Next Meeting at the Georgian Yacht Club March 28th 7:30.

The President's Report



Hello to all

By now all of you know that GBARC is moving toward fulfilling your goals, like acquiring it's own Clubhouse.

This search started when there was talk of having our own trailer and finding a permanent home for this venture, establishing the pro's and cons of this ideal like winter access and the cost, talks with Amateurs indicated a possible permanent building may be more appropriate. The search was on.

We all know by now that there is a possible location in the works, the proposed GBARC clubhouse in the Rockford Plaza, you were all invited to view this building March 04. Wow, I wish you all get together for breakfast like this more often, what a great turn out. Over 33 Amateurs attended and each of you said you are in support of a clubhouse. I'm very positive from your turnout and your support that this goal will be a reality in a short period of time. All of you that attended this special meeting also saw the benefits versus the cost and are in favor of the additional cost involved.

Now the hard part. The executive will take your recommendation and support to negotiate for the best possible deal with the owners.

Our next general meeting March 28, this issue will be on the table, Please join us to be part of GBARC stepping forward into the future. Together we can make it happen.

Are you working on Ideals and suggestion for a Club Crest, if you are and would like to share your creation, let's put it on the home page and see what others think?

Field Day, the location will be at Gene's QTH VE3IJD on the last weekend in May this year, and preparation are under way, I'm looking forward to this fun event and seeing all of you there.

Each month at our meetings, time is reserved for you to show your stuff during show and tell, dig up your stuff from your shack, web site or junk box.

VE3 BQM Bernie

Thanks

Bernie Monderie

LSR25@opac.on.ca

This is the parking lot looking at the proposed location. The windows with the writing is it.(looking north). There is a spot out back for a tower, which there is permission to erect.



That door leads to an area 17' x 12' and to a bathroom off to the right. The room has a baseboard heater and the circuit panel. (220v for a whole gallon)



This is from the back of the room looking out (south). 27' x 16'. Forced air gas furnace in ceiling.



REPLIES

-----Original Message-----

From: James Van Overbeek <mailto:jvo@log.on.ca> Sent: Friday, March 03, 2000 6:51 PM

Tom,

Received your message a couple of days ago, but had major computer problems and it took me a couple of days to sort things out. I won't be able to attend the breakfast tomorrow, but I'm going to give my 2 cents worth. The clubhouse is probably a good idea - I'm still not totally convinced. How much am I prepared to pay ? Right now, \$10/month would be my max. You should have a good turnout tomorrow. The location for the proposed clubhouse is about 150 m from my Mom's house, so you've definitely chosen a good neighbourhood. Incidentally, there's another auction facility about to be built just down the road from the mall - same side, but just across the old RR tracks. Regards, VA3JVO

[For those who did not hear the GBARC 80m net this Sunday morning: the subject of the GBARC clubhouse came up, and I promised to make my objections known via email to the club. -- Brad VE3RHJ]

There has been much discussion about renting a clubhouse for GBARC. I am opposed to this for several reasons. In the interest of fairness to the club executive, I am spelling out my objections now, so that they may be prepared to respond at the next club meeting (March 28th). I have not yet seen a written proposal. But based on what I have been told, I believe this proposal to be (a) hasty, (b) irresponsible, and (c) elitist.

(a) I would like to know what options have been considered to the \$350-a-month rental unit which has been proposed. In particular, has any attempt been made to get a suitable space donated? Has the city of Owen Sound been approached? Any nearby townships? Any emergency organizations (fire, police, OPP, ambulance, hospital)? Any educational/municipal facilities (schools, college, airport, museums, youth centre, seniors centre)? Any civic organizations (e.g. Kiwanis)? Any "allied" organizations (Scouts, CNIB, Sportsmen)? Any businesses which might be willing to support a good cause? The GBARC, and amateur radio, are well respected and should be able to capitalize on this, especially if we emphasize our emergency preparedness role. (Recall that we once had an offer of space at the Warton airport.)

What other alternatives have been evaluated? (There was once discussion of the club acquiring a trailer. Has this been explored?) If rent we must, what other rental properties have been considered? Is this the lowest rent we can find? Can a better location be found? (b) I am greatly concerned that the club is undertaking such a large financial commitment without preparing an annual budget. At the very least, I should like to see a budget for the next 12 months, indicating all income -- making allowance for the loss of membership from the proposed dues increase -- and all expenses, including utilities, insurance, equipment, repeater maintenance, planned activities (e.g. Field Day), newsletter (assuming that hardcopies will still be mailed to those not on the Internet), meeting expenses, and administrative expenses. Will the club's liability insurance cover the new facility, or will it need to be increased? Will additional insurance be required?

What guarantee do we have of continued occupancy, and against a raise in rent? If the club spends \$1,000 to erect a tower at the clubhouse, will that expenditure be lost if we fail to renew our tenancy? How will the club finance the equipment, furnishings, and antennas to be placed at the clubhouse? It seems that our entire club surplus -- which has taken years to accumulate -- will be required just to pay the rental, leaving little for equipment.

Do not be deceived by the club's current budget surplus. It was not that long ago that we had an annual panic near the end of the year, as the club chequebook approached zero and bills needed to be paid. After a few years of this, we took a number of steps to improve the budget, including an unpopular dues increase, finding a new and less expensive meeting place (the yacht club), and finding a less expensive way to produce Feedback (the Internet). As a result, we now for the first time have a comfortable cushion, and could seriously contemplate purchasing a decent rig for the club. It seems to me that this new proposal will eliminate that at a stroke. Without a budget, how can we know?

(c) A dues increase to \$100 will make GBARC a club of "well-to-do" hams.

There are many -- youth, seniors, those on fixed income, those on irregular income -- for whom the increased dues will present a serious hardship, if not an absolute impossibility. I, and others in the club, have worked for years to make amateur radio more accessible to all. E.g., we've cut the cost of the radio course in half, and offered discounts to students. It seems contrary to that goal to raise the dues so that only the employed middle class may belong to the club. This will, of course, not keep people out of amateur radio. But it will keep them out of the club. Even those who could afford the higher dues will ask to what other purposes that money could be put -- a RAC membership, the Defence of Amateur Radio Fund, a QST subscription, a CNIB donation, or some non-radio cause or activity.

Speaking for myself: \$100 crosses my comfort threshold. It's not a question of what I can afford; it's what I choose to afford. Essentially, GBARC is a charity to which I have been willing to contribute \$30 or (with misgivings) \$50 a year. A demand for \$100 or \$200 will drive me away.

73, Brad

Brad Rodriguez, VE3RHJ

Hi from VE3GCQ, Grant

A clubhouse of our own sounds nifty. There's an air of permanence about it - have a stn. set up, etc. I would wish though that we could get one more out-of-the-way, in some cheaper location, so we could pay less rent. The clubhouse would only be used once in a while, so why pay big rent for it every day? If we want public visibility, then I hope some sugar daddy in the club volunteers the rent, cuz I'm hoping my membership fee stays at \$30. What about a spare building on somebody's farm? etc. 73's, VE3GCQ.

Boy...I can't stand it no more....

For less than 10 dollars a month (that's less than a 6 pack, or three packs of smokes, or a stop in at the local eatery) I as a member of this club can use this location 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year for sitting down, and meet with the guys too talk radio, play radio, learn radio, and have an enjoyable get together with guys that enjoy the amazing hobby of amateur radio. How many times have you been in town finding your self with an hour to kill and end up at the local coffee shop or end up at the mall walking around?

Your in town and you hear Ve3*** mobile say "think Ill go over to the club house and make a coffee or for those guys that think coffee is yuckyTea " and you have a few minutes to kill ...Bet you head that way to join in.

Well now that you do not have to pay for that licence at costs a terrible 24 dollars a year, and that 25 dollars a year for the packet bit net dues, plus you throw that 30 or 35 in that you already were paying. And not to mention the savings of 50 cents a month for those 10 monthly feed backs cost for mailings, that now can be picked up at the club house the next time your through. We now are up to about 80 or 85 dollars just for those things. Thats going to cut the costs to have a club house to less than 1.50 a month more than im paying now.

There is a lot of work gone in to this club over the last 25 years and the same thing happens over and over every year, and thats WHERE ARE WE GOING TO HANG OUR HATS THIS YEAR? We as THE GEORGIAN BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB have never had a place to set up our own pictures ,trophies, qsl cards, Antennas, and goodies.

There was talk of a trailer...2000 to 3000 dollars to buy a old used storage trailer, then lets fix it up so it looks like a presentable building (doors, roof,foundation of some sort, steps and a window) There goes 1000 dollars real easy. Now lets put this thing on **your** property .I dont think you would mind cars and trucks pulling in and out at different hours of the day and not to mention you sitting at your own staion trying to talk to that friend of your in england and the club staion on line next door causing that pain in the neck that comes with qrm. Sorry not me, not on my place.

Now we most pay for snow removal (so we can get to our new club trailer). Thats about 200 to 300 dollars a year. OH yes, before we remove the snow from our drive way and parking area , we need a drive way and parking area. Ok thats another 3 to 4 thousand easy spent.

Guess if we are going to have lights, cameras, and action, we better have some electrical service. Well there goes another 1000 to 2000 dollars. And not to mention heating and all that good stuff.

What no wash room....out behind the bushes girls and boys....DONT THINK SO. Not me. this is just a start of putting in our own trailer.

With this new location in Rockford, We have parking, snow removal ,hydro, lights, heating, wash room and a place to put a tower which is not going to bother me or you on your station.

The owner of the building is into emergency relief, meaning he takes off to locations to help in areas where people have lost every thing due to weather or what ever. He has more or less thrown in a 1000 dollars a year out of his income off this location , so we as a service, emergency , and club can put up a tower, have a radio station, and grow to become a bigger, better and stronger club. He is going to look after snow removal, hydro, and heat plus knock off 1000 dollars a year out of his income so we can be a club with a home. There will be no cheaper rent around! As long as we continue to hang our hats in other peoples club houses , we will never be in one place for very long. As long as we pay, we stay. We decide to stay next year , we pay. We decide to go some where else, we go. Its not some one else saying "bye guys , we need the room".

We have had several meetings, exec and public meetings at there site were talk has gone on about the club having there own location and the out come has been so great that people that are members that i thought would be dead against this have said to me "Boy , This is Great, I have not seen this many people take part in this club for years." Out of the 34 or 35 people that came to the first of several meetings , there was 30 that said great lets do it and a couple the others mentioned 50 to 75 was a good price, and couple that said this would be great, Think I'll join the club. **THIS IS A GOOD THING.**

Well i could go on and on but its 3:30 a.m. and i have to get up in 3 hours.... For less than 10 dollars per month , Lets make this club a strong club, with our own home.

bob ve3xox

BY-LAWS GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF THE GEORGIAN BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

AMMENDED JULY 1992
AMMENDED FEBRUARY 1997

BY-LAW 1 GENERAL

(A) The BY-LAWS of the Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club, (Hereinafter designated as "The Club") shall be enacted by a vote of all voting members of the club and shall be duly recorded by the secretary, as provided for in the Constitution of the club, but only when and if the provisions of the constitution regarding notice to be given, and quorum requirements, are met.

(B) A voting member shall be a full member whose arrears of dues, if any, do not exceed one (1) month.

BY-LAW 2 MEMBERSHIP

(A) There shall be three (3) classes of membership,

FULL MEMBERSHIP, FAMILY MEMBERSHIP and ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.

(B) Full membership shall be exclusive to, and mandatory for, all holders of a certificate of proficiency in amateur radio issued by the Department of Communications, CANADA.

(C) Family membership shall apply to immediate family members who would normally be classed as full membership but occupy the same household.

(D) Associate membership shall be restricted to any person who does not hold a certificate of proficiency in amateur radio issued by the Department of Communications, CANADA.

(E) Associate membership shall confer all privileges of the club and its activities save and except the right to hold office in the club, and the right to vote on any motion, by-law, or constitutional amendment.

BY-LAW 3 DUES

(A) Full membership, Family membership and Associate membership dues shall be fixed by a BY-LAW of the club, and such dues may be altered from time to time, by an ammendment to the said BY-LAW in the usual way.

(B) Dues are payable for the following year, from the 1st day of September to the 31st day of December in the current year. Special cases may arise from time to time which will be reviewed by a quorum of the executive comittee.

(C) The schedule of dues for members in good standing shall be as follows:

i) **Full membership** - \$35.00, discounted to \$30.00 per year if paid before December 31st.

ii) **Family membership** - First full member - \$35.00, discounted to \$30.00 per year if paid before December 31st.

- Second full member -\$25.00, discounted to \$20.00 per year if paid at the same time as the first full member and before December 31st.

iii) **Associate membership** - \$25.00, discounted to \$20.00 per year if paid before December 31st.

(D) The schedule of dues for new members shall be as follows:

i) **New Full Members** - \$35.00

ii) **New Family Members** - \$25.00 for second full member and each additional full family member.

iii) **New Associate Members**- \$25.00

BY-LAW 4 RESOLUTIONS

(A) Statements of policy of the club to the public, governing departments, and officials of such governing departments, and affiliated bodies, and officials of such affiliated bodies, or to the media, shall be by resolution, duly motioned and seconded, and voted on by a quorum of full members as set out in the constitution.

(B) No member, either FULL, FAMILY or ASSOCIATE shall make any statement of policy, as set out in BY-LAW 4 (a) without direction and permission of the club as set out in that BY-LAW.

BY-LAW 5 CLUB BULLETIN

(A) Members in good standing shall receive copies of the club bulletin, as they are issued.

(B) Any member may request a copy of the club bulletin be sent to any prospective member, but such request shall grant provision of one issue only of such bulletin.

(C) A member in arrears of dues may receive the first issue of the club bulletin subsequent to lapse; and no further club bulletins will be provided for such member unless, and until, he/she has been re-instated as a member in good standing as provided in BY-LAW 3.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE, THE CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE GEORGIAN BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, THROUGH OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PRO TEM, ADOPT THIS, OUR BY-LAWS, AND CAUSE SAME TO BE SIGNED BY SAID EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ON OUR BEHALF.

_____ PRESIDENT

Bob Vary VE3XOX

_____ VICE- PRESIDENT

Steve Sharpe VE3XKM

_____ TREASURER

Tom Merner VE3NEM

SECRETARY

Norm Pratt VE3NBJ

DATED THIS 25 TH. DAY OF FEBRUARY

ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY SEVEN

REWARD OFFERED

A REWARD OF 500 MICROFARADS IS OFFERED FOR THE INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST OF HOP-A-LONG CAPACITY. THIS UNRECTIFIED CRIMINAL ESCAPED FROM A WESTERN PRIMARY CELL WHERE HE HAD BEEN CLAMPED IN IONS AWAITING THE GAUSS CHAMBER.

HE IS CHARGED WITH THE INDUCTION OF AN 18 TURN COIL NAMED MILLI HENRY WHO WAS FOUND CHOKED AND ROBBED OF VALUABLE JOULES. HE IS ARMED WITH A CARBON ROD AND IS A POTENTIAL KILLER. CAPACITY IS ALSO CHARGED WITH DRIVING DC MOTOR OVER A WHEATSTONE BRIDGE AND REFUSING TO LET THE BAND-PASS.

IF ENCOUNTERED, HE MAY OFFER SERIES OF RESISTANCE. THE ELECTROMOTIVE FORCE SPENT THE NIGHT SEARCHING FOR HIM IN A MAGNETIC FIELD, WHERE HE HAD GONE TO EARTH. THEY HAD NO SUCCESS AND BELIEVED HE HAD RETURNED OHM VIA A SHORT CIRCUIT

HE WAS LAST SEEN RIDING A KILOCYCLE WITH HIS FRIEND EDDY CURRENT WHO WAS PLAYING A HARMONIC.

From The mailbox

THE RADIO H.F. INTERNET NEWSLETTER

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<http://www.anarc.org/cidx/radiohf/index.html>

THE **BRUCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER**

IS NOW POSTED 73 DE JIM COVERLEY VE3OVV

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

Fieldday 2000 Rules

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/rules-fd.html>

Blue Water Science Fair

The "Blue Water Science Fair" is being held in Owen Sound April 5 and 12. This year it includes Grey, Bruce , and Huron counties. This science teacher from Hanover , Mark Sopko contacted me about doing a demo on HAM radio. The fair and demo will be on the Chi Chi Mon . From what he said it will be aboard the vessel and HAM radio wise this could have some advantages for contacts and a really neat QSL card. I have not yet contacted the boys in Port Elgin . The pres. is Ken Mann , retired and lives in Port. About 250 kids each day.

The teachers phone number during the day 1 519 364 2910

During the evening 1 519 363 3792

Please let me know if you or the club is interested.

Bill VE3NEG

Canwarn Training Session

Greetings from Orillia.....In case you can't make a training session in your own area, thought you might like these details.

April 08, 2000.....8.00a.m.

P.P. Headquarters

777 Memorial Ave.,

Orillia.

\$10.00 registration fee covers coffee break, lunch and a chance to win a door prize.
Parking available at south parking lot, (enter at stop lights). Due to limited seating please R.S.V.P. to Alexandra ,
VE3PKA, e-mail ve3pka@rac.ca.

Please mention this very worthwhile training programme to any interested hams. Register in advance but pay at door.
Hope to see some of you there
73, Alex.

HamRad - Amateur Radio Resource

Amateur Radio Soundblaster Software Collection

<http://www.muenster.de/~welp/sb.htm#hell>