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# FEEDBACK



The OFFICIAL Newsletter

of the

## Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club Inc.

P.O. Box 113, Owen Sound, Ontario N4K 5P1

**GBARC Meetings** are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month except July and August in our CLUBHOUSE, Unit 6 Rockford Plaza, Rockford On. 5km S of Owen Sound. 7:30 p.m.

### Breakfast Anyone?

Any Saturday 9:00 a.m., a mile south of rockford at the 6 & 10..west side of road...

### 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

## This Month

Message from the President

Minutes of the last meeting

Amateur of the Year

Santa Claus Parade

### President

Bernie VE3BQM



### Vice-President

Bob VE3XOX



### Secretary

Susan VE3TLK



### Treasurer

Bob VE3LKD



### Newsletter Team

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Tom VE3TSA



### Newsletter Team

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Tom VE3CVL





# Message from the President

Wishing you peace, joy and happiness this holiday season and a new year filled with good health and prosperity.

I would like to thank you all for a fun and productive year, your contribution and efforts has made GBARC a club to be proud of, and together we will keep Amateur radio alive and well.

New Ideals like IRLP opens up new ways of communication for you our members to enjoy, HF will never die because of it's challenges, and lets not forget CW when everything fails.

The new year will bring everyone together again to share new experiences and skills needed to make our team prosper in this fun hobby of ours.

Lets not forget that Amateur is a personal or family hobby, all the toys we enjoy can and should be shared with your family over the holiday, get them on the air and enjoy the fun.

See you all in 2002, Merry Christmas everyone.....

Bernie Monderie  
GBARC President

PS. If you send in your due's before December 31, 2001, you will save \$10.00 this way you can have the extra gift under the tree for yourself.



## Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club Minutes of November 27th, 2001 Meeting

The Meeting was called to order by President Bernie VE3 BQM at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone was welcomed and introductions were made.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Walter FFN and seconded by Joe JNA. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Bob VE3 LKD.

### Old Business

The Santa Claus Parade was held on November 17. There were no specific assignments for the club this year however help was still given with communications. 12 club members attended.

Bob XOX gave a report on the status and history of the IRLP (Internet Repeater Linking Project) that Bernie BQM, Tom TSA, Gene IJD, and Bob OX have been working on. When it is up and running properly on 146.73 there will be instructions on how to use the system including the protocol involved.

### New Business

The 147.165 (+600) repeater in Paisley is now operational.

A motion was made by Bill DIQ and seconded by Gary IOD to order co-ax. Motion passed.

A motion to renew our RAC membership for \$39.95 was made by Bob LKD and seconded by Jerry HDH.

Noble Insurance bill of \$432. is now due. It has been suggested to increase our liability from \$100,000. to \$300,000. A motion was made by Gene IJD and seconded by Joe JNA that Bob LKD be given the authority to buy the extra coverage if there is a premium increase of up to \$35. Motion passed.

Christmas dinner is on December 8 at the Clubhouse. A wine and cheese hour will be held from 6 - 7 p.m. and a pot luck turkey dinner at 7 p.m. Bob OX has volunteered to cook the turkey. Call Bernie 371-2921 if you are able to attend. There will be a \$5. charge collected at the door. A - L bring a main dish, M - Z bring dessert, cheese and crackers or an appetizer.

A membership list has been posted. Please check for errors or omissions.

Bob XOX was nominated for Amateur of the Year by Gene IJD and seconded by John JY. Motion was carried unanimously. Thank you to Dr. Bob DRB for making and presenting a plaque for the "Certificate of Appreciation" for club members.

Ron Irwin LDP made a presentation and answered questions on Spectrum Analyzers.  
50-50 draw was won by Randy \$20.

Bob OX will ask his father to make a plaque for members who have passed away.

Continue to look into crests if one can be found that is good quality and at a reasonable price.

Christmas dinner will take place December 8, 2001. Ron told us about a community radio station being established in Hanover. It is scheduled to go on the air December 30. The next meeting will be held on January 22, 2002.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



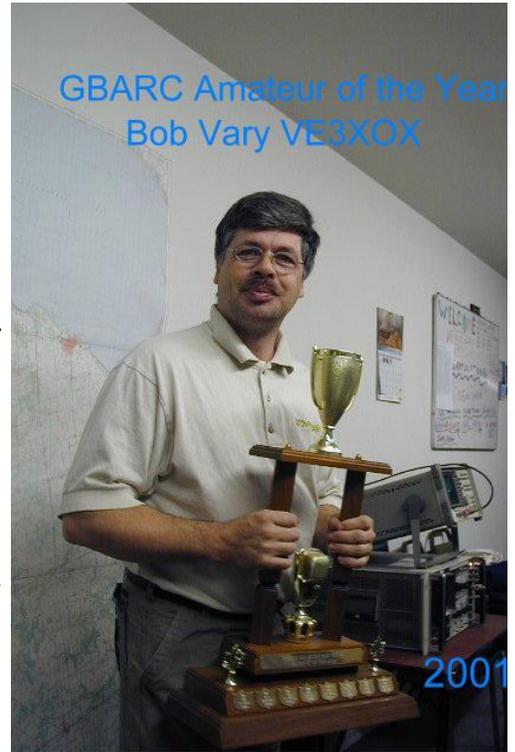
*Here he is folks, this years recipient of the coveted GBARC  
amateur of the Year Award. I can't think of a more deserving  
member.*

*Congratulations from all of us...editor*

Hi All...

Would like to thank you all for the special honour of being GBARC  
amateur of the year 2001. It has been a very enjoyable year 2001 with  
lots of happenings with great entertainment in Amateur radio. The year  
has slipped past so quick and we are about to start another year with  
hopefully as much fun as we had this year. We already have our 2002  
Flower pot trip planned and booked...Only problem this year is , looks  
like we are going to have electrical power on the island. What are we  
going to do with all the candles? The 2001 Christmas Dinner on the 8th  
went well with a great group of people. Wish again to wish all a big  
Thank you and also wish all a merry, great and safe Christmas and New  
year.

73 for now  
bob  
ve3xox/va3ox



# Santa Claus Parade 2001





Once again the Santa Claus Parade was a great success, with a good turnout of club members. Afterwards we had coffee and donuts at the QTH of VE3TSA.

## IRLP

Well here it is folks, this is the IRLP setup at the QTH of VE3TSA. I know it's not much to look at, certainly not many flashing lights or bells or whistles, but it seems to work well and without a lot of intervention from me. The computer is a pentium class machine running linux connected to the internet via a hub (which you can't see in the picture). The link radio is the lower rig on the right and the upper rig is the one I use to monitor the channel.

The antenna is a simple quarter wave mag mount stuck on a toolbox near a window. You can't get much better lightning protection than that.

I see the setup being used quite often by club members and that's nice to see. Just another benefit of belonging to GBARC...73 *editor*



Just a few words to bring the year 2001 to an end. I would like to extend a big thanks to Tom VE3CVL for all the work he does distributing this newsletter to all our members. I know that is a big job, one that too few know about, so from now on I will include Tom's picture at the beginning of all newsletters as part of the newsletter team. I'm only sorry I didn't do it before. editor

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# From The Mailbox

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## ZEROBEAT

THE BRUCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER

IS NOW POSTED 73 DE JIM COVERLEY VE3OVV

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When in Barrie stop in at the **Barrie Amateur Radio Club Meeting**

Georgian college, Rowntree Theatre

Date: TBA Time: 7:30 PM

73 de ken ve3kpp

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