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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., at the Rockford Restaurant.

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 Barry/Steven

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NEXT MEETING January 28

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Santa Claus Parade



It was a COLD, blizzardy November 16 morning but, despite the weather the GBARC was prepared to help out with the Santa Claus parade. There were 10 members who volunteered to make this one of the best and safest parades ever. After all that hard work, we all had a big appetite therefore we all went to the Rockford restaurant for lunch paid by our favorite president Bernie (HA HA HA).





Club Christmas Dinner

Turkey Not Ham Please



The GBARC 2002 Christmas dinner was held on Tuesday December 3rd at the Rockford restaurant. Approximately 40 club members and their family attended this wonderful dinner. In the past years we have held it at the club house but, we decided to try something different and held it at the Rockford restaurant. The meal was very well prepared and I am sure no one left on an empty stomach. Not having to worry about preparing the food and cleaning up left us with nothing to do but eat and talk (a ham's favourite things to do). Several members donated door prizes with most members being lucky enough to take something home. At this time I would like to thank all the club members who sold tickets, donated door prizes and even the people that came out for making this one of the best Christmas dinner.

GBARC XMAS 2002



HILL DOWKES VE3DIQ



Amateur of The Year



This year's "Ham of the Year" is a well known person to the club - Bernie VE3BQM. Bernie is the president of the GBARC and has spent much time helping other hams and helping others becoming hams. Bernie spends many hours helping do communications during such events as the Terry Fox Run, Billy Bishop Heritage Day and many other events. Bernie is always willing to lend a hand and in my opinion really deserved the "Ham of the Year" award.



**BERNIE VE3BQM
HAM OF THE YEAR
2002**

See picture above: Bob XOX handing Bernie BQM the Ham of the year trophy and a cheque for \$10,000 ...just kidding

Final 73'S Ian VE3HXX

I am sure many of you know Ian personally. Those who have talked to him on amateur radio soon found out how friendly and helpful he was. Ian helped many during his life time. He was a true AMATEUR in every sense, helping and giving to the very end. He enjoyed radio as many amateurs do and I am sure there will be a special place for him to sit and use the radios where he is now. He has been to every event he could possibly be at and did whatever he could to help. He would be at field days, doing his part at CQing; crowd control and security at the Terry Fox run, Billy Bishop Heritage Day and Santa Claus Parade. He has sponsored field days in the past. Ian spent many hours as a net controller on the ONTARS net. He has been a faithful member of the Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club and has lent the club equipment for some of their events. I know all will miss him greatly, but his mic shall not be silent for long and his spirit will be with us forever.....



TWAS AN AMATEUR CHRISTMAS



'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the night,
We Amateurs sent messages, with the speed of light.

The stockings were hung by the ham rigs with care,
In hopes a new dual-bander, soon would be there.

And Ma with her HT, and I with my set,
Had just settled down for a long Winter's net.

Here and there are the books that we need,
Books that we're crazy if we don't read.

Books equal to motherhood, and apple pie,
Like Uncle Wayne, they Never Say Die!

When out in the street there arose such a clatter,
I sprang to the window to see what was the matter.

When what to my wondering eyes should I see,
But a plain gray van, with a license plate: "F C C".

With a little old driver so lively and quick,
I knew as my heart sank, it was not St. Nick.

He knocked at the door, no chimney to help,
Said "I'm from the government, I'll have those cookies & milk."

Now I thought to myself, "What a sticky wicket",
With laser sharp eyes he was examining my 'ticket'.

He tested the radios, one by one,
I held my breath, and tried not to run.

Now Yaesu, now Kenwood, now Ten-Tec and Icom,
On Comet, on Cushcraft, on Azden and Den-Tron,

To the top of the tower, to the end of the beam,
Now dash away, dash away, signals SO CLEAN!!

After testing my setup, and laughing so gay,
Not "HUMBUG" said he, but "Your rigs are OK".

Then he was away like a flash, no question or fee,
By then, he was just like Santa Claus to me.

And..I heard him exclaim `ere he drove out of sight,
"73's TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!"



UP COMING EVENTS

Many of you voiced your wishes regarding the GBARC Sunday 80 MTR net 3.783, this was regarding a proposed plan to change the Frequency, Date, and Time of this net in January. After many inquiries and discussion with some of you I decided that GBARC will NOT change the Sunday 80 mtr net. This formal net will remain at the same time same place. In addition to this net we will have a GBARC round table net on Wednesday evening on 3.735 at 9 PM. This net will be a discussion net, all are welcome. The 2 mt net will also remain unchanged on Thursday evenings.

There will be No December Meeting. Meetings will return on Tuesday January 28.

New years is just around the corner and we are going Back to Basics. There will be a segment on building stuff, simple stuff. Do you need to connect your radio to your computer and need to make a cable, we will show you how.. Field day is coming, lets make the antenna's from the ground up, how will it work, what will we need to make it and what can you learn from this. You will make it, learn how it works, and use it. You decide what to build, when, and with what, and as a team we will do it.



From The Mailbox

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THE BRUCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER

IS NOW POSTED 73 DE JIM COVERLEY VE3OVV

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

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](http://www.brucearc.on.ca)