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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

This Month

Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club
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Meeting

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GBARC Mail Box

**NEXT MEETING December 3 at
the GBARC Christmas Dinner**

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GEORGIAN BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2002 MEETING

The Meeting was chaired by Vice President Bob XOX.

The Treasurer's Report and the minutes were not available.

New Business

JOTA "Jamboree on the Air" was held at the clubhouse on Saturday October 5 . The 1st Owen Sound troop and a scout troop from Markdale attended. There were approximately 20 scouts. They used the HF rig to talk to other scouts and ran PSK31, a modern form of RTTY. They cooked hot dogs etc. for dinner. Thank you to the club members who came out to help the scouts have an enjoyable afternoon.

The Santa Claus Parade will be held on November 16. Volunteers will be needed to help Kiwanis members. Please bring your handheld radio and meet at 9:00 a.m. in front of the Beer Store downtown.

The Christmas Dinner will be held on Tuesday December 3. There will be a social at the Clubhouse from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and a turkey dinner at the Rockford Restaurant will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets at \$10. each can be obtained from Bernie BQM, Gene IJD or Bob XOX. Please get your tickets as soon as possible.

A discussion of recent interesting contacts was held.

Please make sure we have your correct Email address. Let Tom TSA know about any changes.

On January 1, 2003 the HF net on 3.735 will be held on Wednesdays at 9:00 p.m. The 2 m net will be held on 146.94 Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

At the next meeting Chris MUM and Jim CJM will show pictures of their trip.

Moved by Deiter DST and seconded by Walter FFN to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Jamboree on the Air

Jota this year was on Saturday October 5. We had the 1st Owen Sound troop and a scout troop from Markdale attend at our club house. There were approximately 20 scouts and five Amateur Radio operators all together participating in JOTA. We mainly used IRLP but we did listen to HF and did a bit of PSK31 contacts. The scouts were all given a chance to make at least one contact but most made two or three. While some of the kids were making a contact others were doing all sorts of soldering and just having fun with electrical gizmos and gadgets. The scouts learned a lot about Amateur Radio, scouts in different areas and had a lot of fun. After the scouts were all talked out there was a BBQ. By the time for the scouts to leave they couldn't wait for JOTA next year.





IRLP and PSK 31

IRLP stands for the Internet Radio Linking Project. The aim of this project is to link radio systems separated by long distance without the use of expensive leased lines, satellites, or controllers. Your 2 meter mobile or even your 2 meter handheld can now be used to communicate around the world.

The IRLP uses Voice-Over-IP software and the power of the Internet to link your radio site to the world. The system uses its own custom interface board and software suite which makes interfacing your radio system to the world simple and cost effective.

The IRLP runs a large network of dedicated servers and nodes to offer the very best in voice communications. The heart of the IRLP is its Amateur Radio network which reaches hundreds of towns and cities across North America, Europe, Britain, Australia and many other countries, linking them all with a full dynamic range, telephone quality sound.

PSK31 or Phase Shift Keying 31 baud is a form of communication keyboard-to-keyboard that we "hams" (amateur radio operators) can enjoy. And it's been made instantly usable by all of us, due in part to the proliferation of the personal computer, and in part to the superb and generous efforts of some

very talented ham/programmers. PSK 31 is a chat room but instead of using the internet it uses ham radio.

The club is planning Dates in the near future for club members to come out, learn how to use IRLP and PSK 31 and give you a chance to make a contact or two.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

YOU MIGHT BE A HAM IF.....

1. YOUR WIFE SAID "LETS GO SEE AUNT ANNA AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID ANTENNA

2. YOUR WIFE SAID "COULD YOU CUT THE GRASS?" AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID POUND THE BRASS!

3. YOUR WIFE SAID "WE'VE BEEN INVITED TO BREAKFAST AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID HAM FEST!

4. YOUR WIFE SAID "SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THE CHECK BOOK AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID LOG BOOK!

5. YOUR WIFE SAID "IS MY SEAM STRAIGHT? AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID, " IS MY BEAM STRAIGHT?'

UP COMING EVENTS

Christmas Dinner will be held on Tuesday night December 3. Happy Hour at the Clubhouse between 6 and 7 pm with the meal to be catered at the Rockford Restaurant at 7pm. Tickets at \$10 each will be sold in advance and can be purchased from Jim VA3CJM, Bob VE3NX or GeneVE3IJD.

As of January 1st the GBARC nets are changing times. The HF net that is on 3.783 Sunday mornings will be changed to Wednesday nights at 9:30 pm on 3.735. The GBARC 2 meter that was held on Thursday night on 146.940 at 9:00pm will be changed to Sunday morning at 9:30 am on 146.940.