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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.

## This Month

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HAM RADIO TRIVIA

SPLIT RAIL FESTIVAL

CABOT HEAD LIGHTHOUSE

TERRY FOX RUN

GBARC Mail Box

**NEXT MEETING November 26 at the GBARC Christmas Dinner**

### President

Gene VE3IJD



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Bob VE3XOX



### Secretary

Tom VA3TS



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Bob VE3LKD



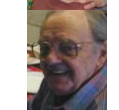
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# GBARC MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Minutes of GBARC Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2003

ATTENDANCE: Susan TLK, Bob DRB, Norm NBJ, Bernie BQM, Chris MUM, Jim CJM, Randy, Aubrey TUQ, Ashley XOQ, Joe JNA, Steven SEG, Bob MCK, Barry WBG, Greg RQY, Deter DTS, Stan ZON, Dave DXO, Bob NX, Bob LKD, Gene IJD, Tom TSA, Brian FOK, Wendy DYL.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm with 19 in attendance. Introductions were made by all present. Bob LKD gave the treasurers report. Moved by Bob LKD that the treasures report be accepted, seconded by Jim CJM. A question by Barry WBG asking if the antenna from the estate of Ian HXX had been purchased. The president reported that it in fact was.

The secretary Tom TSA winged the minutes of the last meeting as I didn't have a copy with me. A motion by Gene IJD to accept the July Minutes, seconded by Barry WBG, accepted.

Gene reminded everyone to put their grocery sales tapes from ZEHR's into the box provided. We get a small rebate for this which amounted to \$58 last year.

## **Old Business**

Jack DTS is coming along well from his recent aneurism. He is up and around at the hospital in Wiaraton and recovering well. Gene also visited Bill EFX at the Kincardine hospital and reports that in spite of his severe auto accident he is coming along well also. Bill has been in the hospital for 5 months due to his injuries.

Gene motioned that we send Jack and Bill each a flower bouquet to let them know they are in our thoughts. Seconded by Aubrey TUQ, all in favour.

## **New Business**

Gene discussed the idea of a youth group. Norm NBJ has created a proposal for the GBARC Youth Amateur Radio Program which has a main goal of bringing new membership into amateur radio, with the emphasis on the youth in our community. Ashley and John Fair contacted Mr. Yeo who is the principle of OSCVI and presented this idea of youth and amateur radio. Mr. Yeo agreed to review the information presented and return with his thoughts. Feedback from Norm NBJ outlined a situation in Burlington where this idea caught on and licensed 20 new hams in the first year it was tried. Gene reiterated that this is a club project and not just another task for the executive.

Field Day results were submitted to ARRL as follows:  
20M SSB=122, 20 CW=1, 40 SSB=80, 40 CW=6, 80 SSB=25

Owen Sound Airport Fly in. About 15 members came out to help with communications at the Fly in. The same assistance was given at the Wiaraton Airport.

Flower Pot. 11 hams attended and made 222 contacts during this event. Jim reported good participation, good weather and a nice time. Last weekend a group of 15 members went to Cabot Head and communicated with 128 other hams mostly on 20m with most the contacts in the US with a contact in Cuba and Brazil.

Power Outage. Gene IJD would like to recognize Percy BBD for his outstanding work as net control during this time.

Gene discussed the idea of our group getting recognition for the events we do. Chris MUM agreed to make up a short note and forward this on the local newspapers for each event we are involved in.

Wiarion airport has agreed to give us a 12x14 foot room free of charge. We can use this as a meeting place or to set up a station as a 100 foot tower is also available for our use. Our long range plans are to put a repeater on the tower to cover the peninsula and also link with our other repeaters in the area. Bruce ARES in Kincardine are also very interested in our group taking on the ARES function for the Bruce Peninsula. Brian Reis, from the Wiarion Airport, described the room and the tower facilities.

Terry Fox was another good success with 15 hams in attendance to observe the 10 km run and be available in the event of any situation which would require emergency services. No incidents were reported this year but our members provide an important service whether we were actually needed or not.

Stan VA3ZON reported on the Flesherton Split Rail Festival which is held this coming weekend. All are invited to attend and if you would like to help out, this would be appreciated. Setup is Thursday night.

Tower Work. There are 3 towers which need to come down, two at the QTH of Ian HXX, and one at the QTH of Phil AQC, close to Bob NX's qth. Gene will put out a notice close to the time required and go from there.

AubreyTUQ brought up the Plowing Match as a club event. This will take place a year from now and will be held in the Meaford area. It is likely that this is a bigger event than our club alone can handle. It was suggested that other clubs be invited to participate. Gene also agreed to contact the Ottawa club for pointers in how they handled theirs. Aubrey brought up the idea of a special event call for this.

Bob MCK raised the question of the possibility of a radio course this year and if it could be held sometime in the good weather months. Over the years we have had many courses and tried it many ways. It's been our experience that no time of the year is best. There are those who like the winter months as they are vacationing in the summer. There are those who like the summer as they are vacationing in the winter. The fall is out for some as this is hunting season. The spring has March break so others can't make it. The bottom line is, the best time for a course is when we have instructors to teach it. There are 12 sections (<http://greynet.net/~gbarc/courseoutline.htm>) so pick a section. If you see a call sign, then that means this section is spoken for. Bob MCK, Bob DRB, Bob LKD, Joe JNA, Gene IJD, Jim/Chris (before Jan/after April) volunteered to instruct a lesson.

50-50 Draw was won by Bernie BQM.

Next meeting October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn by Bernie BQM, seconded by Aubrey TUQ.

# HAM RADIO TRIVIA

**1. How many world time zones are there?**

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**2. The "Benton Harbor Lunch Box" was:**

An antenna match made by Nye Viking
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A portable single band transceiver by Heathkit
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A Field Day food container.
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Another name for the Yaesu FT-1000MP
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**3. What is a MOPA?**

A slow cw operator
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A mechanical printer aid
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A printer appliance
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A master oscillator, and power amplifier
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**Answers for the September edition of Ham Radio trivia**

**1. A bottle of beer**

**2. An organization of CW enthusiasts**

**3. An early form of "wet" electrolytic capacitor**

**Answers for these questions will appear in the November edition of the Feedback**

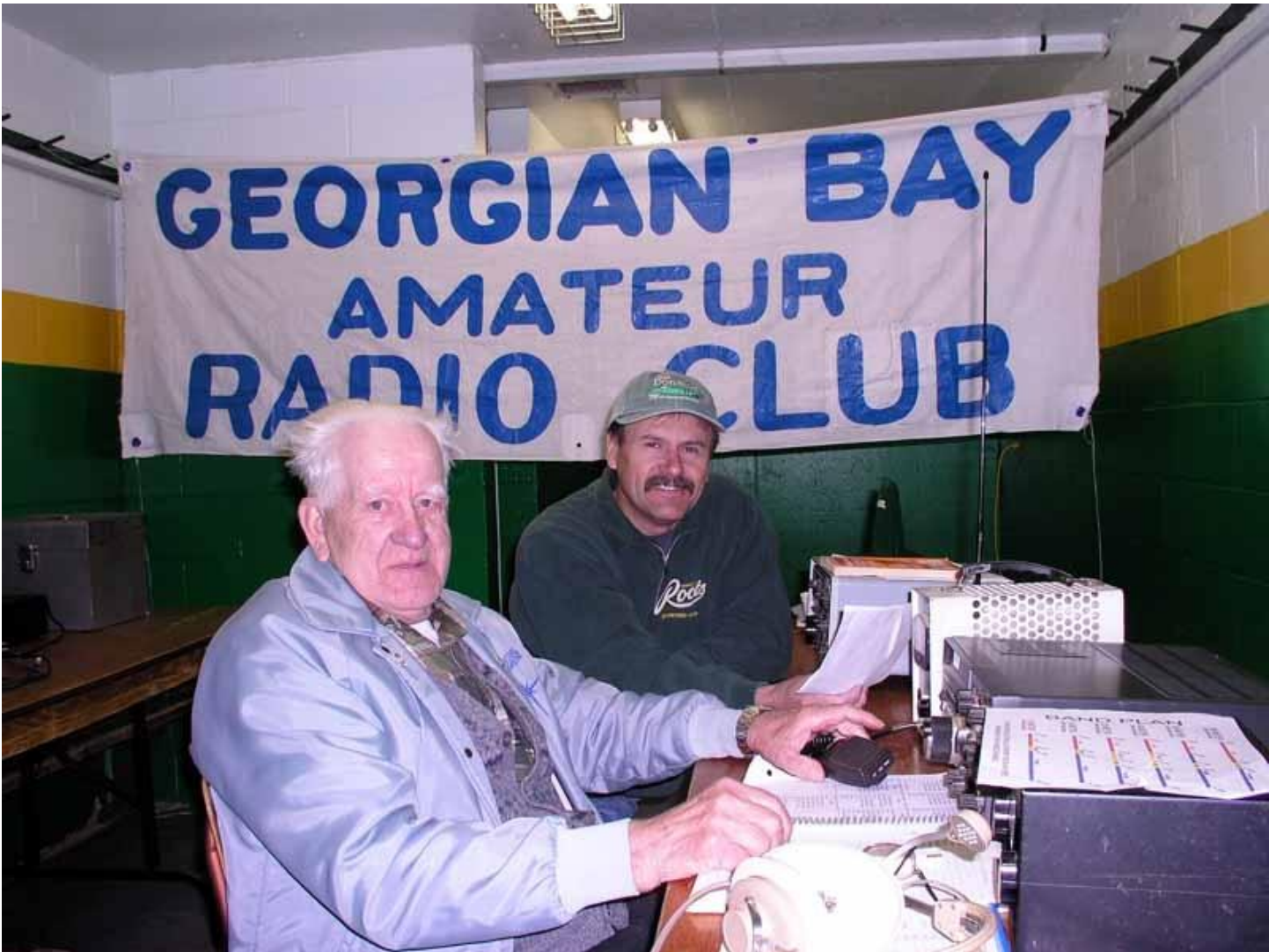
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# SPLIT RAIL FESTIVAL

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For over 30 years, the Split Rail Festival in September has celebrated arts, crafts and heritage. Held in Flesherton, Ontario, the festival takes place in the 4th week of September every year. This is the thirtieth anniversary of the Festival and the theme is "Quilting - Part of Our Heritage." The 2003 Festival runs from

September 26th to 28th and is as exciting as ever - featuring over 90 craft booths, continuous musical entertainment, vintage machinery, classic cars, Southern-style gospel concerts and guaranteed fun for the whole family.





# CABOT HEAD LIGHTHOUSE

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On Sunday September 21, 2003 the GBARC and all there Ham gear Set out to Cabot Head Lighthouse. Cabot Head Lighthouse, built later than most of the others in Ontario's Natural Retreat, is a wooden dwelling with an attached 49' square wood tower rising from one corner. Its original light, operational in 1896, could be seen for 16 miles from its perch about 80' above water level. The area was named in honour of explorer John Cabot. Cabot Head Lighthouse is situated on a cliff 1/3 mile east of Wingfield Basin in Georgian Bay. The lighthouse dome and keeper's quarters have been restored to there original state by the Friends of Cabot Head. Many GBARC members showed up to activate the Island.





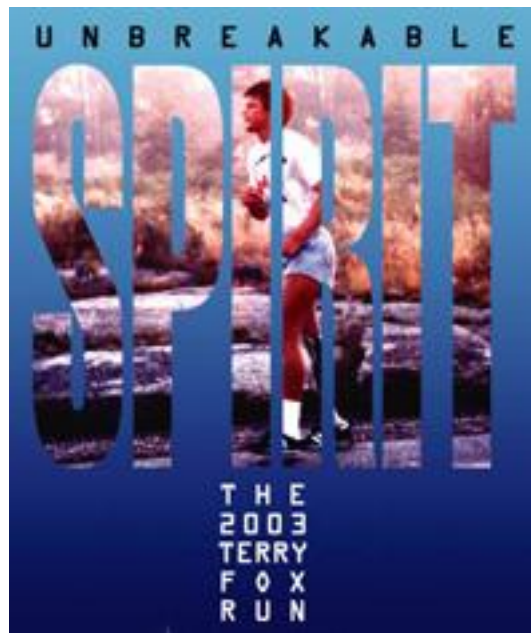


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## TERRY FOX RUN

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The first Terry Fox Run in 1981 attracted 300,000 participants across Canada and raised \$3.5 million. To date, close to \$330 million has been raised for cancer research in Terry's name. Each year, thousands of volunteers organize Terry Fox Run events in Canada and around the world including the GBARC who provided communications for the Owen Sound run on Saturday September 14. The Run is a non-competitive event where people get together as individuals, families and groups to raise money in Terry's name. It is a day of celebrating Terry's legacy and helping to keep his dream of a cure for cancer alive. A special thanks to all who helped with communications and made donations.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

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Have you made an interesting contact or read a really interesting article that you think others would like? well then what better way of doing that then in the GBARC newsletter. The GBARC newsletter is always looking for interesting stories so if you have one done be a chicken be a ham and send it to Steven VE3SEG and Barry VA3WBG at [ve3seg@rogers.com](mailto:ve3seg@rogers.com)

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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

<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](#)

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