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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

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**NEXT MEETING October 28**

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# YOUTH GROUP

Gene VE3IJD

Those of you who attended the Field Day version of the general GBARC meeting heard me speak of a youth group supported by GBARC. In the past, too much time and effort putting together very good training sessions resulted in new hams (young & old) not getting on the air or some not even being heard from again. Some of these fine recruits were sons or daughters of our own members. We all recognize that topics heard on most of our repeaters are not youth related. I'd like you to try and help me change that.

### My ideas would be to:

- 1 Have a meeting of the "minds" with some interested young attending
- 2 Organize a group of youth with a maximum age limit (19)
- 3 Have them run for office and set up a typical slate of Officers, including a Pres, vice Pres, Sec, and Program director and a liaison back to the main GBARC
- 4 Have GBARC show a financial commitment to them for funding of start-up projects (set up a limit)
- 5 Have a meeting place and time to possibly coincide with our general meetings with the youth splitting away for their own meeting
- 6 Give them time for CW practice on the GBARC repeater for those who want to upgrade licenses
- 7 Have a GBARC committee that will assist with projects and general youth activities other than the present GBARC executive
- 8 Any other ideas that arise from point # 1

**Now that you're reading this, please think about how YOU can commit to such a worthy cause such as keeping this club alive with youth.**

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## SWAP SHOP

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**Do you have some ham equipment for sale or are you looking for something, well then what better place to do that than in the GBARC feedback. If you are looking for something or have something for sale just send your name Callsign and what you have for sale to [ve3seg@rogers.com](mailto:ve3seg@rogers.com) where it will be posted in the swap shop section of the GBARC feedback and on the GBARC Web Page.**

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# HAM RADIO TRIVIA

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## 1. What is an 807?

A very strange RST signal report
A bottle of beer
The latest rig from Kenwood
A cross between 73 and 88

## 2. FISTS is:

A 75 meter SSB net devoted to fighting street crime
An organization of CW enthusiasts
A group of mad H.A.M.S.
Federal Institute of Satellite and Technology Systems

## 3. What is/was a "slop jar" in ham radio slang?

A spittoon
An early form of "wet" electrolytic capacitor
A fictitious device, like a drip pan for a grid leak
An electrolytic rectifier

## Answers for the October edition of Ham Radio trivia

1. Earphones popular in the late 20s and 30s

2. A superhet receiver

3. A 3 tube receiver

Answers for these questions will appear in the October edition of the Feedback

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# BRUCE PENINSULA AND AREA FLYIN

A week after the Flower Pot Island Expedition ,eleven GBARC members assisted Bruce Peninsula and area in their Flyin at the Warton Airport. We erected a large tri-band antenna on 2 sections of tower for a very impressive antenna display. We also demonstrated IRLP with a two meter link via a 4 element beam pointed at Owen Sound. The group wore our club emergency vests and patrolled the tarmac assisting airport personnel in keeping things safe for viewers of many aircraft, including a Harvard that was giving rides. Along with airplanes they had an impressive arrangement of vintage motorcycles and cars. Of course we were located right across the yard from the barbeques and couldn't resist the temptation to eat very well. Thanks to the following for giving a face to the public for GBARC...Norm VE3NBJ & Future ham daughter Janet, Norm VE3MTV, Merv VE3MVS, Tom VE3TSA, Jon VA3JAF, Bob VE3NX, Ashley VA3XOX, Steven VE3SEG, Bert VA3AEG & Gene VE3IJD.

Here is a letter from Brian and Wendy

Hi Guys

Will you please pass along our deepest thanks to everyone from the amateur club who took part yesterday. We were really pleased with the way things went, and although there's one or two adjustments we'll have to make for next year as far as directing visitors to the different areas, we're happy with everything. I really wish I could have gotten over to see more of the folks from your group, but they kept me on the run all day, and it didn't ease up until it was almost all over. Anyhow, we're really pleased we had your assistance, and Doug Sykes (Airport Manager) expressed how impressed he was with your group, and how great it was to have you on board.

# FLOWER POT ISLAND

We had a great time on the Island again this year. Hosts Gary & Heather sure can make you feel at home. The weather was really good on Saturday, less pleasant on Sunday and everyone got their exercise walking out with gear as the water was too rough on the north side of the Island. There were two stations set up, one on 40/80 and one on 20 meters. Everyone got to witness the power of home made traps that were constructed to cut the interference between stations. Talking about food, ever have white fish cooked on a barbeque?.....it was delicious...but of course we had the great chefs of the world there. We also had a thrill seeker...how's the broken arm coming Mr. Droin ? Now comes the fun of sorting out the many QSL cards that will be streaming in for the Island and Lighthouse numbers. I don't know total QSL's at this time but probably a couple of hundred were made, including some on CW. If you haven't been to Flower Pot , next year on the August long weekend we'll be trekking north again, for about \$50 per person why not join us?.....here's a list of those who made it possible for 2003...Bob VE3NX & YL Tony, Jim VA3CJM, Chris VA3MUM, Barry VA3WBG, Susan VE3TLK, Bernie VE3BQM, Jonathan VA3JAF, Bob VE3LKD, Steven VE3SEG, Norm VE3NBJ, Gene VE3IJD and XYL Randy for a lucky number 13 in total.







# 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](mailto:ve3kpp)