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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

Meeting Line-up

Repeater in Warton Update

TEE Shirts

**Our NEXT MEETING GBARC
Christmas Dinner and Amateur of
the Year Award
Dec. 8, 2005
Happy hour 6 pm - 7 pm, Dinner at
7**

**Golden Sand Restaurant
251 10th St East, OwenSound
on 10th street behind CIBC
formerly Ritz**

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This Year Meeting line-up

I have booked the Grey Roots building on the bypass for our September 27/05 meeting as Norm is doing a good job to secure a very fine speaker. The room will hold about 75 people and costs \$75 for 4 hours under the non-commercial rate(GBARC), \$150 for commercial. Once the speaker(s) are booked we can advertise this with other clubs and hams. The club can probably count on paying for fuel and possible meal expenses for this speaker but I think our members need to get something from dues other than repeater usage...agreed?

Here's my thoughts on meetings....

Oct, Ladies night...speaker geared to them

Nov...regular meeting , tech talk....gear, gizmos, SWR metres etc....

Dec. Christmas party....still need a place and I'm sure the cost will be more

January and February...meetings on air only...4th Tuesday night 7 pm...some kind of interesting discussion

March April May ...regular meetings , prehaps an April/ May speaker

June...wrap up after field day meeting with anyone left over....drinking LKD's beer of course, my QTH is available

No July or August meeting

Gene McDonald, VE3IJD
President Georgian Bay ARC

Repeater in Wiarton Update

Some History:

The CAT 400 has a programming problem that CAT is working on and the only work around is to keep the tail on the linked repeater to a minimum. Other than that it looks like the link is up. I moved the link antenna to a point further from the repeater beam antenna and that got rid of our de-sense problems.

Until further notice the Wiarton Repeater will be down. I Just came from the airport and the CAT 400 controller was stuck in transmit on both the repeater and link sides. It appeared to me that when the CAT sent it's ID out and it got interrupted by 94 it would seize. I'll call Florida tomorrow and probably get a CAT 250 sent up. They acknowledged the 400 has one problem,,I think it has 2....Here's to keeping you posted....Gene

Clubs Tee Shirts

I stopped into Ram Trophies today and talked to them about Club Tee shirts. The layout they have is oblong in shape ,,4 inches wide and 2 1/4 inches high and says Georgian Bay on top with Amateur Radio Club underneath and we can have individual callsigns placed into the middle. I will bring 2 Tee shirts and a printout of the lettering with me tomorrow to the meeting so anyone interested can have a look at the sizes and let me know if you are interested. I will also collect \$21 for each one as the money has to go in when I place the order in a weeks time. I thought if we all had the same colour of shirt it would look good when we were a group such as Terry Fox Run or Flower Pot Island get together. I had hoped for a navy or dark grey shirt with light blue lettering...we'll talk about it after the meeting....Gene