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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

This years Meeting line-up

JOTA 2005

Minutes of the 27th Sept 2005

Repeater in Warton Update

**NEXT MEETING will be on
November 2005 at the Grey Roots
building**

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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

JOTA 2005

This year Jota is on October 15-16 and we will be having about 20-25 scouts attending. It will be held at Steve Cornfields house which is located just north of hwy 26 (see map below). Scouts will be arriving around 1:00pm and we can start setting up any time that morning. Steve has a 30 ft tower which was up beside his chimney but is now on the ground Steve says we can jerry rig it in the yard if we want to use it as a tower. If any one needs a ride out to JOTA give me a call @ my cell 374-9461. I need as many people as possible and if it's any leverage supper will be provided.

Operating will start around 1-1:30 when the scouts arrive and will continue in to the night. If you want we can continue operation on Sunday morning.

Please advise if you can come out for the day or even for a couple hours. Please advise via e-mail va3jaf@rac.ca subject name JOTA 2005 or call @ my cell 374-9461 ASAP.

A little blog about 48th annual JOTA

48th Jamboree on the Air - 15-16 October 2005

JOTA is an annual event in which about 500,000 Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of amateur radio. It is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. The JOTA is a world-wide event. Units may operate for 48 hours or any part thereof, from Saturday 00.00 h until Sunday 24.00 h local time. It is for members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), and also for members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS).

Minutes of the 27th Sept 2005

Minutes of GBARC meeting 27th September 2005

President Gene IJD brought the meeting to order at 7:12 PM with 25 members and guests in attendance. Gene introduced Winston Seeney VE3WFS, who was our guest speaker at this meeting. Winston is well known by a number of clubs and organizations for his presentations and speeches he has given over the years.

Winston is a member of the ODXA speakers bureau and has been a keynote speaker at the national R.A.C. convention in British Columbia. He has also been involved in a number of dx-peditions including the polar bear express dx-pedition. The talk by Winston was very interesting and enjoyed by all present. At the conclusion, Gene thanked Winston and we all took a break for coffee and cakes.

New Business

Gene informed the members present of the change of location of Saturday morning breakfasts. It is now at the Family Ties Restaurant on the corner of 3rd Ave E and 10th Street in Owen Sound. Members and guests usually arrive around 9 a.m .

A discussion was held to include coffee/tea and cakes for every meeting at Grey Roots.

A motion raised by Bert AEG to continue with this, seconded by Bernie BQM was carried. The January and February meetings will be "on the Air" 146.940

The repeater committee reports VE3GBT operating well in Wiarton on 146.895-. Recent attempts to link back to VE3OSR have proved unsuccessful, with the culprit being the linking controller. The committee recommends the purchase of a new controller. A motion raised by Bernie BQM to purchase a new

controller, seconded by Jim CJM was carried.

The GBARC Christmas Dinner and Amateur of the Year Award will be held on Dec. 8th , 2005 at the Golden Sand Restaurant, 251 10th St East, Owen Sound on 10th street behind CIBC formerly Ritz. Happy hour will be from 6 pm - 7 pm with Dinner at 7 pm.

This is the December meeting.

Email Gene to let him know the numbers in your party.

gene.mcdonald@sympatico.ca

The 50/50 draw was won by VA3CJM , Jim won the 50/50 and turned it back to the club...\$26

Motion to adjourn at 9:25 by Bert AEG

Minutes by Tom VE3TSA

The next GBARC meeting is Oct 25th at the Grey Roots

Repeater in Wiarton Update

Once upon a time in Keady International land a retired ham radio operator who we'll call Gene had nothing to do so he hopped on his motorcycle and headed to the Wiarton airport looking for trouble. You see,,the airport had just acquired usage of an eighty foot platform tower. No big rush as it had taken 2 full years and 4 months to get Nav Can to release it. A bunch of heliax's (15) left the tower for various locations and 4 were found to be in a conduit that we could use. Gene spent the better part of a day but couldn't get access to the inside cables as the conduits were suspended to the ceiling in good ol'e government style and this was going to require a saw or pipe cutters to break...but...as it turned out Norm VE3NBJ and Gene VE3IJD made a return trip on Sept 8 with hammer and cold chisel in hand and after about 1/2 hour of pounding broke a collar and gained access to the conduit. They pulled out 2 of the heliax's (lot's of work) and pulled them over the ceiling ,(sorry for getting dirt in your soup Vic) through 2 walls into the new ham radio dedicated room. Having enough for one day and not being able to afford lunch they decided to return the following week (sept 13) to finish the job. Gene lost the coin toss and proceeded up the 80 foot tower using a 5 point belt provided by Bob VE3NX. The belt has a nice safety feature for use with safety cables secured to the top of the structure. No sweaty palms this trip up. Once at the top Gene identified the coax by sending tone up it from the radio room. A patch cable was made up and extended the heliax over to the centre mast support of the tower and with the help of a very mature ground crew the beam, mast, tools,

extension cord and a subway sandwich were hoisted up using a rope and pulley system. It was so windy the ropes flew about 50 feet away from the tower. If I threw a piece of tape into the air it went about 500 feet east...perfect if you were going to Ottawa. After about 5 1/2 hours on the tower it was time to depart my nice birds nest. The camera was hoisted for some photos and a couple of short movies (no sound). Norm had given me the 2 thumbs up that the antenna analyser had said come on down !!! On the way down I thought the ground crew (Norm) was going to have to rescue me as my left hand kept cramping (shoulda drank more water) but I saved him the trouble and slowly worked my way down. Ah...tera firma...better than that tower swaying back and forth 6 inches all day. I felt like I had been with Jim and Chris on their sailboat ...maybe now I can eat the rest of that sandwich.

The final test...remove the 4 element beam facing OwenSound and hook up the 11 element beam sitting at a touch over 90 feet facing the TUB...VE3ERA (sorry Jim, bad choice of word connection , didn't mean to call you a TUB) and VA3AAG Gerry both had good reports last night and it will soon be linked with the GBARC repeater 146.940.

These repeaters do cost money but many of you came through in the drive to purchase the duplexers and crystals last year and we had the repeater graciously donated to the club. Insurance costs about \$600 each year and without membership or donations we wouldn't have club machines. Don't get me wrong, nothing wrong with a privateer machine ,,until his job takes him to Tuktoyatuk and his repeater too...been there done that..Gene

WINSTON SEENEY (VE3WFS)

SEPTEMBER 2005 MEETING

GEORGIAN BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB.....

WINSTON SEENEY (VE3WFS)

WILL BE OUR SPEAKER AT THE SEPTEMBER 27TH,2005 MEETING. WINSTON IS WELL KNOWN BY A NUMBER OF CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR HIS PRESENTATIONS AND SPEECHES HE HAS GIVEN. WINSTON IS A MEMBER OF THE ODXA SPEAKERS BUREAU AND HAS BEEN A KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT THE NATIONAL R.A.C. CONVENTION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA. HE HAS ALSO BEEN INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF DXPEDITIONS INCLUDING THE "POLAR BEAR EXPRESS" DXPEDITION. WINSTON CURRENTLY LIVES IN PETERBOROUGH ONTARIO AND HAS KINDLY ACCEPTED OUR INVITATION TO TRAVEL TO OWEN SOUND AND GIVE A NON TECHNICAL PRESENTATION AT THE TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH. MEETING. HE WILL BE GIVING US A PRESENTATION THAT HAS MET WITH GREAT REVIEWS FROM CLUB MEMBERS AND NON MEMBERS ALIKE. HELP US WELCOME WINSTON AND HIS WIFE TO OUR AREA AS THEY TRAVEL TO OWEN SOUND. WE INVITE ALL MEMBERS AND NON MEMBERS TO ATTEND THIS WORTHWILE EVENT FOR THE SEPTEMBER 27TH MEETING AT 7 P.M. SHARP . IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE IT TO A MEETING IN SOMETIME, BE SURE AND TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THIS VERY FINE PRESENTATION AT THE NEW "GREY ROOTS" BUILDING NEAR ROCKFORD....ALL ARE WELCOME!!