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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

### Guides on the Air

#### President

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## Gota

# Guides on the Air

GOTA is an opportunity for Members of Guiding - from Sparks to Guiders - to talk to other Members of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world via amateur radio. Outside Canada, GOTA is known as Thinking Day on the Air - TDOTA. GOTA and TDOTA are held every year on the third full weekend in February. This is a weekend close to Thinking Day - the day when Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world remember the founders of Guiding and Scouting as well as their sisters in WAGGGS - the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. GOTA/TDOTA is a fun way to reach out to some WAGGGS sisters during Guide-Scout week!

Helen Archibald is the coordinator and has set up the GOTA Web site.

Message from Gene ve3ijd

**:-) I want to recognize and thank the following dedicated hams who yesterday gave of themselves for the betterment of the ham radio hobby in both showing a group of young girls the joy of communicating with others who shared a similar enjoyment miles away and also the parents some of whom watched very closely and seemed to be in awe of how we could reach out so easily and talk with others. It was pretty much the same core group that set up for JOTA last October for the Scouts. Having said that, why don't YOU come out the next time the Club has a special event set up and lend that helping hand. I'm sure you will find it a great benefit and perhaps you'll end up dusting off those radios when you get home.**

**Operating on 80 metres about 20 Girl Guides talked for about 3 hours to other groups in Barrie and Georgetown. We occupied ONTARS for over an hour before moving off frequency. Norm VE3NBJ set up a digital station on 15 and worked some USA stations on PSK31. Laptops with sound cards have made this a very easy mode to operate on. Thanks Barry, The Timmies and Timbits were very very good.**

**Many pictures were taken and I look forward to creating a QSL card to send to the other groups. Thanks to Barry VA3WBG, Bob VE3LKD, Percy VA3BBD, Tom VE3TSA, Bernie VE3BQM, Jon VA3JAF and Norm VE3NBJ.**

**Bob Droine earns the Strong Arm award for hurling a weight over the roof for an antenna support. The location was at Camp Anneesh near the drive-in at OwenSound and it's in the works to use the facilities for Field Day this year.**

**PS...Don't forget the GBARC February 28th meeting will be "ON The Air" using the 146.94/146.895 repeaters on Tuesday night...7:30 pm**





