

Christmas greetings

Christmas greetings by amateur radio operators

Ham radio operators in the district are willing to accept brief non-commercial greeting messages in parts of Canada and the U.S.A. while postal service is unavailable. Delivery may take two to three days and the information required is name, address and phone number of both destination and sender.

Overseas messages in most cases cannot be accepted because many countries forbid their amateur stations handling third party traffic.

Amateur radio is a scientific hobby; a means of gaining personal skill is the fascinating art of electronics and an opportunity to communicate with fellow citizens of private short wave radio.

The military services seek the co-operation of amateurs in developing communication reserves and amateurs have won the gratitude of the nation for their heroic performances in times of natural disaster and also the stand by system for the nations civil defence.

The agency responsible for amateur radio in Canada is the Department of Communications with it's principal offices in Ottawa.

Prospective amateurs, no longer restricted as to age, may take the examination for an Amateur Radio operator Certificate at one of the regional offices of the D.O.C. The test is in three parts; a morse code test at ten words per minute; a

written technical exam and an oral examination.

Right here in our area we have the Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club.

During the summer months they go on weekend campouts to try to make contacts using generators so that in emergency situations they are independant of any electrical power.

It was told to this reporter that the AMSET Co-operation (which is partially Canadian owned) launched satillites at Cape Kennedy piggy back to others, (at no cost to the public) which are now powered by solar cells.

Don't hold back; send those Christmas messages and remember the Amateur Radio is

indeed a magnificently useful institution.

Call: R.Shave--797-2401; G. Dantzer--832-9582; J. McTaggart --797-2255; W.Cowan--832-5702; R. Young--832-9583

Remember this group of men are donating their time and equipment for you at no charge so take advantage of this tremendous service.



Mr. Shave manning his radio.