



Minutes of the GBARC meeting of October 28th, 2008

GBARC Minutes General Meeting October 28,2008

Call To Order President Dan VE3CLD called the meeting to order at 19:10. Present were Secretary Gene VE3IJD, Bob VE3NX, Jim VA3CJM, Fred VA3STG, Adam VE3IZS, Spencer VA3PVT and guest Mike VE3OER from Palmerston.

Secretary's Report Gene read then moved adoption of his report from the September 23rd meeting, 2nd by Adam, carried

Treasurers Report Treasurer Bernie had sent a total for our bank account and in his absence Dan advised the group that our bank balance is now \$2534.30 with our Insurance of about \$200 yet to come out of the account.

Old Business

Club Christmas dinner is set for November 29 ,08 at the Golden Sand Restaurant in Owen Sound. The Amateur of the Year Award and a draw for either a GBARC or RAC membership will take place. Last year Tex VE3USI and Jon VA3CIC shared the honours of joint Amateur of the Year recipients.

JOTA.. Gene gave a report on the JOTA held this year at the Wiarton Airport. The Scouts didn't arrive as scheduled and by then the 40 meter band had become noisy with 80m not much better. A couple of local contacts on 80 m , Jon VA3CIC and Ron VE3UC asked questions and gave the group a good taste of ham radio. The Club didn't represent itself too well on this occasion as only Gene, Dan ,Spencer and Bert , VA3AEG came out to help.

Repeaters The local repeaters will have a tone applied to their inputs and as of Dec.1,2008 only those using PL of 156.7 will be able to key the repeaters. This will cut down on much of the interference from neighbouring sites.

New Business

The Santa Claus Parade will take place on November 15,08 and all are required to give a hand with communications. We need at least 10 hams with handhelds to be located along the route to help the Kiwanis organize the parade before it starts at 10 am. Meet in the downtown Liquor/Beer Store parking lot at 9 am.

Breakfasts With the closure of the Rockford Restaurant the group is now meeting at the Top of the Hill Restaurant which is at the corner of 9th Ave. E and 16 Street E, using the Petro Canada parking lot.

Airport Fly in .. June 7,2009 Bob, VE3NX told the group of plans taking place to hold a fly in/drive in at the Owen Sound Airport next year. A lot of help is needed and a plea went out to the club members to assist with communications and security on the grounds. They expect between 1500 and 1600 people to attend and at least 150 classic cars as well as many models of aircraft. More to follow as June closes in.

Presentation #1 Gene gave an overview of communicating with the International Space Station as he had just worked it on October 23,08 using the 144.49/145.8 uplink/downlink frequencies. Audio from his contact with NA1SS was played as a .wav file. Discussion followed.

Presentation #2 Dan had a working packet radio system installed in the meeting room and demonstrated to those who had never been on packet before. A new program is being used called Outpost and it's set up for use on ARES with much the same look as Outlook using Windows. We even had a fresh message placed on his TNC by Gary, VA3FV who didn't make it to the meeting but was using packet from home. Bob, VE3NX mentioned that the 146.895 repeater was down. Dan will check into it as we had some pretty good lightning go through last weekend.

Meeting was adjourned by Fred, VA3STG at 21:00

Minutes by Secretary Gene McDonald VE3IJD