

FEEDBACK

The OFFICIAL Newsletter of the Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club

November 1998

Minutes of Meeting October 27, 1998

Meeting was called to order by President Kim VE3DXE. There were 26 members and 3 guests in attendance. Minutes from the September meeting were distributed and a Motion to accept these minutes as printed was made by Joe JNA. Seconded by Okke TWI.

The Treasurer report was read by Secretary Chris MUM in Jim's absence. Present balance is \$2,303.02.

Old Business Martha Dinsmore, VA3SBD, attended the JOTA weekend of Oct. 17th. There was a good turnout for the event. Carl BY gave a quick overview of the excursion to zone 2. There was not a count as to the number of contacts as yet but the group had a great few days. There may be the opportunity to have more of an information night at a later time. Carl said they will be going again next year so if anyone is interested in going let him know.

New Business

Bill Dowkes presented the following founding members with a 25 Year Anniversary certificate:

Jack Avis VE3DTS	Walter Stroyko VE3FFN
Stan Guzonas VA3ZON	Ian Sutherland VE3HXX
Bill Hardie VE3EFX	Tess Hardie VE3HIR
Mike Slack VE3HIN	Jim Harron VE3BFV
Jim Vamplew VE3CRV	Dave Dixon VE3DXO

Congratulations to all!

Martha SPD reported that the Festival of Lights is looking for volunteers for security. She has a contact number if you are interested in signing up please contact her.

After a discussion the attending group decided to have Kim DXE find out if the Marine View Restaurant is available for the December meeting December 15th. There will be a social hour before hand at the Georgian Yacht Club. This will be confirmed by Kim at the next meeting.

Bernie BQM displayed the repeater and it is now ready to tune up and put into place. Frequency will be 146.940 VHF and 443.375 MHz UHF.

Bernie also held a briefing on different types of direction finders. He discussed the rules of a Fox Hunt and had set up a test sight to give us a chance at trying to find it. Next meeting will be the night for the actual Fox Hunt contest. Come prepared to participate if you are interested. 146.520

The membership voted unanimously to keep the phone patch for members' use only. As a club member, we are obliged to assist anyone needing help in an emergency to complete a phone patch.

Memberships are due for the reduced rate by December 31st. See Jim CJM at the next meeting or mail to the club address on the Website.

Motion to terminate meeting by Jack DTS. Bernie BQM won the 50/50 draw.



Message from the President: Kim Styan VE3DXE

Hello fellow hams, and radio enthusiasts.

September and October has been busy months for myself preparing for our trip to the Region of James Bay. I can now concentrate on my duties as president. This year's new and fresh executive have lots of ideas. We have introduced a shorter business meeting and added a technical discussion period followed by a "show and tell", this is where club members are encourage to bring in projects or new equipment.

A date to mark on your calendar is Tuesday December 15th. GBARC Christmas dinner will be held at the Marine View restaurant (next to the Yacht Club). There will be a "happy hour" at the Yacht Club 6:00pm (BYOB). Dinner will be at 7:30pm. Cost is \$10.95 per person plus drinks, dessert included. Don't forget to bring your better half with you . I will be presenting the "Ham of the Year" award at the Christmas dinner. There will be no December's meeting , so see you all at the dinner.

Just as a reminder that membership dues are due by December 31st. Don't forget to bring your designs for the club's QSL cards to January's meeting. I would like to wish everyone a "Merry Christmas" and all the best in 1999.

73's Kim VE3DXE

Technical Directors Report Carleton Styan VE3BY

The GBARC started this season with a bang! 5 members and one guest went on a DX expidition in to the "Region of James Bay" which is located in zone two. Brad Rodriguez VE3RHJ and is wife Wendy VA3RHJ, Ivan Payne VE3DO and his friend Aiverus (SWL), Kim Styan VE3DXE and myself VE3BY set off to northern Quebec to operate in the world largest contest, CQ World Wide Contest. After 48 hours and below zero tempertures we had completed over 1600 QSO's. As quoted by Brad we played Santa Claus. Zone two is one of the more rare zones of the 40 in the world. To date I have been receiving QSL card in the mail every day requesting confirmation of our zone 2 contact. Plan to be at Januarys meeting and find out more on this event.

GBARC gets new repeater controller: Hats off to Bernie Monderie VE3BQM for a great job of wiring the new CAT 1000 repeater controller to the repeater. Bernie is looking for any suggestions on programming announcements. The new repeater controller now supports a Phone Patch, this option will be available to club members.



New addition to the meetings: Every meeting will have a short technical discussion on radio related topics, also club members are encouraged to bring in projects, new toys and other items of interest to our new "Show and Tell" segment of the meeting.

FYI!!!!!! Coax Cable for sale. RG 213 cable is now available to GBARC members. This cable is \$.55/ft incl taxes. soon to come will be ground cable and other hard to find supplies. Requests of large quantities of cable please contact Carl Styan VE3BY.

Stay tuned for future discussion on grounding and lightning.

73's de Carleton Styan

Program Directors Report Bernie VE3BQM

The Santa Claus Parade on November 21 went over well with the help of our peers supplying communication for the parade coordinators, passing messages of the float lineup so that the TV announcer knew what float was next, and also monitoring the flow and reporting any problem. We also had an operator ride in the parade with the St. John Ambulance just in case a radio required medical attention .

All operators felt a great joy helping out for a great cause, The Kids, our next generation of operators.

Preparation for next years parade is under way and we should be part of it, this time we will call on you for help creating a float to put in the parade, so that all watching will know that we are part of this great cause.

We will also look at the other great advertiser, the Northern Light show. Lets show our stuff in lights.

Fox Hunt with no guns, the November club meeting you will have the opportunity to participate in a fox hunt and challenge your skills as operators locating weak signals. You can also request the use of this transmitter and organize hunts for the fun of it with smaller groups any time , be part of the fun.

Do you want to advance your skills in CW (di daw), well let me know, because we are planning to start having a great time learning, including myself, in this mode of communication, this challenge will only take 10 to 15 min. a night and guess what you can have your 5 words in no time.

The club meetings are for all of us, so lets hear from you during the show and tell period of the meeting with your experience building that antenna or showing the novice operators part of your shack or just sharing your experiences. We all can learn from each other.

Did you know that Bob VE3STS actually operated a tuning tool (screwdriver) on the 147.940 repeater. He was a great help to the technical team, thanks. You can be part of any project as well, I sure love this hobby, don't you? Together we can build the future of Amateur Radio.

CQ DX CQ DX catch the wave, HF is on the air, well I'm not there yet, coming soon at a radio near you. I can't say much regarding this yet , but you can, and we all would like to hear from you in the news letter.

DE VE3BQM

MESSAGE from the EDITOR VE3TSA Tom

Well it looks like the newsletter is on the go again and it is indeed gratifying to receive input from our club executive. As always, any submission from any member (or non-member) would be greatly appreciated. This is your newsletter and as such should reflect the views of you, our membership. It needn't be long or involved, maybe just the story of how **you** became interested in Amateur radio. Don't be shy, I'm just an e-mail away. 73
Tom