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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. Send them to Barry

This Month

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NEXT MEETING September 24th

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GEORGIAN BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES OF MEETING

Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of June 25, 2002 Meeting

The Meeting was called to order and everyone was welcomed by Treasurer, Bob LKD at 7:30 p.m.

No minutes were available from the previous meeting.

Old Business

Billy Bishop Heritage Day was held on June 2. The event was very successful event with approximately 4,000 to 5,000 visitors attending.

Field Day was held on June 22 and 23 with 20 people attending and 131 contacts made.

New Business

Fundraising / Money Raising ideas for GBARC were presented. Examples of ideas are Selling ice at Summerfolk; Raffle for a DVD Player or Digital Camera; Theatre Night at Keady Arena with a sit down dinner and entertainment afterwards (this event would require a deposit to be placed on a band); Field Day Trip to rent a bus, hotel to go to Dayton with 10 % added to the cost as the club's profit; Change membership fees for GBARC.

There are also various upcoming events.

The Canada Day Contest will be held from 8:00 p.m. on Saturday June 30 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday July 1st.

Flower Pot Island will be held on August 3, 4 and 5. There will be electricity so there is no need to bring generators. Moved by Gene IJD and seconded by Joe JNA that the club apply for a Call Sign VA3FPI for Flower Pot Island.

The Terry Fox Run is scheduled for mid September.

The Split Rail Festival will be held on September 27, 28 and 29 in Flesherton.

The Soldering Station is missing from the Clubhouse and has not been checked out. If anyone has it, please return it.

The next breakfast will be held at the 6 & 10 Restaurant in Rockford and not at the Clubhouse.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday September 24, 2002.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joe JNA at 8:45 p.m.

History of The Courage Handi-Ham System

The Courage HANDI-HAM System was "born" in Rochester, Minnesota in 1967; the idea of Ned Carman, W0ZSW. Ned worked for a clinic, and, in the course of his work, would visit people with severe physical disabilities. As he spoke with his clients, who often had few opportunities to leave their homes, he realized that Amateur Radio would be the perfect hobby for them. Here was a hobby that could open a window to the world! A person with the most severe disabilities could stand as an equal with fellow hams in the world of Amateur Radio!

Ned enlisted the help of a group of local nuns, the Sisters of St. Francis, on April 30, 1967. Although their first action was as weather watchers during a thunderstorm that passed through Rochester that day, the Sisters were committed to helping Ned with his new project, and several received their licenses. Among them was Sister Alverna O'Laughlin, WA0SGJ, the former Educational Coordinator for the HANDI-HAM System, now retired.

The first HANDI-HAM was Edna (Eddy) Thorson, N0YL, who took her General Class license exam in December, 1967.

Very soon the Rochester Amateur Radio Club, and a little later the PICONET of South Eastern Minnesota took up the torch of service that Ned had lighted. Word of the HANDI-HAM System spread rapidly throughout southern Minnesota and northern Iowa.

By 1969 it was very evident that the expansion of HANDI-HAM services could not continue without some rather substantial financial support. This support came from the non-profit Minnesota Society for Crippled Children and Adults (whose name would later change to "Courage Center"). The Society granted full affiliate status to the fledgling System and helped with money and equipment.

Word of the HANDI-HAM System spread throughout the Upper Midwest, then across the country, and around the world. It became impossible to continue the work of the System as a volunteer organization... Something had to be done, or HANDI-HAMS would be a victim of its own success. The answer emerged when Courage Center agreed to accept the System as a program, and in 1975 the Minnesota HANDI-HAM System merged with Courage Center to become a full service, providing help wherever there was a need.

The Courage HANDI-HAM System, now a fully-integrated service of Courage Center, is able to call on the resources of its parent organization, from accounting and counseling to rehabilitation medicine and physical therapy, in order to better serve its students and members.

HANDI-HAM stations are now in operation at Camp Joan Mier, Malibu, CA; Courage St. Croix, Stillwater, MN; Camp Courage, Maple Lake, MN; Courage North, Lake George, MN; and at Courage Center in Golden Valley, MN. Radio Camp sessions and other HANDI-HAM services serve members from everywhere in the United States and around the world. Members learn radio, electronic theory, and computing, but they also learn that they can accomplish what they set out to do!

Ned Carman is a silent key, but the Courage HANDI-HAM System's headquarters station bears his callsign, W0ZSW, and an organization of volunteers and paid staff carries on his good work of sharing Amateur Radio with people who have physical disabilities.

Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club Flower Pot Island Expedition 2002

We had 9 club members attend this years expedition to Flower Pot Island on the August 3/4/5 long weekend. Attending were VE3BQM-BERNIE, VE3LKD-BOB, VE3TLK-SUSAN, VA3CJM-JIM, VA3WBG-BARRY, and VE3SEG-STEVEN. VE3TUQ-AUBREY, VA3DRB-DR.BOB and VA3MUM-CHRIS couldn't make it the whole weekend but did join in for a day and helped in the setting up of equipment and the making and eating of meals. Having the power back on at the island made it easier for everyone this year ---we could keep our bottled water refrigerated. Stevens mom Annette and brother Matthew also attended and helped in making meals and being pack mules to carry food and equipment across the island. The weather again this year was good –a bit of rain on Sunday but we still managed to make a total of 180 contacts including 7 provinces, 15 states and 24 countries. Having an island number and lighthouse number to pass on also helped in making some contacts ---people were actually trying to contact us instead of us having to get them. A great time was had by all and we'd like to thank our hosts Heather, Gary, and Jake for having us back this year.

Things to Look For in The Next Newsletter

In the October GBARC news letter we will start putting in a few different questions from the amateur radio question bank that we think that general members may find at interest.

From The Mailbox

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When in Barrie stop in at the **Barrie Amateur Radio Club Meeting**

Georgian college, Rowntree Theatre
Date: TBA Time: 7:30 PM
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