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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

Silent Key

Minutes of the May Meeting

Warton Repeater

Morse Code Changes

**Our NEXT MEETING GBARC Christmas Dinner and Amateur of the Year Award**

**Dec. 8, 2005**

**Happy hour 6 pm - 7 pm, Dinner at 7**

**Golden Sand Restaurant  
251 10th St East, OwenSound  
on 10th street behind CIBC  
formerly Ritz**

**President**

Gene VE3IJD



**Vice-President**

Barry  
VA3WBG



**Secretary**

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VE3LKD



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## Silent Key



Silent Key...Stan VA3ZON

This is a really hard one to take ,we've lost Stan Guzonas, VA3ZON from Flesherton. Stan's been a long time ham radio buddy and has been a member of GBARC long before he even had his license. It was just by fluke that I turned on the radio this morning and broke in on Bob , VE3LKD and Bert, VA3AEG and ended up going to visit Stan with Bert. We had a good visit although he couldn't get up enough strength to get out of bed. We exchanged good laughs and I am sure glad he had a good relaxed smile on his face when we left, almost like he knew what was going to happen. It was one of those handshakes you never forget. I will miss you Stan.



Silent Key...walter VE3FFN

I guess it comes with the territory of being President of a large group but it pains me to have to announce another death in our ham radio community. July 21 we lost Walter Stoyko , VE3FFN from the Dundalk/Proton Station area. As many know, Walt and Stan were both very good friends and one wonders why they both passed away so close in time to each other. Walter owns the 146.640 repeater at Proton Station. He and Stan also set a record for setting up a station at the Split Rail Festival in Flesherton, 30 + years....

Gene McDonald, VE3IJD  
President Georgian Bay ARC

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# Minutes of the 24th May 2005

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Minutes of GBARC meeting 24th May 2005

President Gene IJD brought the meeting to order at 7:09 PM with 11 members in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Tom TSA.

Motion to accept as read by Tom TSA and seconded by Jim CJM Carried.

The treasurers report was read by Bernie BQM as Bob LKD was absent.

Motion to accept as read by Bernie BQM and seconded by Gary FV Carried.

## Old Business

President Gene thanked Susan TLK for her continued efforts with the Zehr's tapes.

## New Business

President Gene brought forth a motion to rent a port-a-potty for field day this year, Seconded by Henry UWD, Carried

A discussion was held on scanners, Jon CIC commented on repeater traffic or the Toronto airport arrival frequency and an explanation of poor rejection in the scanner was offered by Percy BBD.

The elections this year were finalized as follows:

President Gene IJD

Vice President Barry WBG Secretary Tom TSA

Treasurer Bob LKD

Bulletin Editor Bernie BQM

A discussion followed on upcoming meetings and suggestions for improving them. For example it was brought up that most business could be handled by email with more time devoted to guest speakers and other club activities.

The 50/50 draw was won by Gary FV.

Congratulations to Henry UWD and his wife on their 62nd anniversary.

President Gene saw Stan ZON on Sunday and commented that he could see more visitors.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 by Dan DNY

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# Repeater in Wiarton

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Good News

Hi Doug,,any news on the tower yet....Gene

Hello Gene....Yes finally got signed papers for ownership of the tower. You can go ahead with your plans for the tower, and we will stay in touch. Doug



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# Basic - Morse Code Changes

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There seems to be a little confusion over the decision by Industry Canada to allow Basic operators who didn't have the morse code to now operate on the HF bands like 20 metres etc. Out of the link Tom, VE3TSA sent out this is the main part for you. You will fall into one of 3 categories..A , B or C...please read on and if you still have questions, please email me....thanks and see you at the Sept. 27 meeting at Grey Roots,,more info to follow..... Effective immediately, HF operation on the bands below 30 MHz has been authorized by Industry Canada for:

- a) amateurs who were certified with only the **BASIC Qualification prior to 2 April 2002** ;
- b) amateurs who have been certified with **both BASIC and ADVANCED Qualifications** ;
- c) amateurs with only the **BASIC Qualification who were certified after 1 April 2002, and who achieved a pass mark of 80% or greater** ;

Those amateurs with only the BASIC Qualification who were **certified after 1 April 2002** , but who achieved less than an 80% pass mark, will either have to **qualify in Morse , write the Advanced or re-write the Basic examination** to obtain HF privileges. This latter requirement is related to a decision to increase the BASIC examination pass mark to ensure that candidates have been tested in all areas of the syllabus. Amateurs who need to confirm their examination marks should contact their Accredited Examiner. Accredited Examiners are required to retain marks for at least three years.

Also effective immediately, **the pass mark for the BASIC Qualification has been raised from 60% to 70%.**

Amateurs wishing to have their certificates annotated with a Morse Qualification may still do so by passing the Morse examination at 5 Words Per Minute.

Holders of only the BASIC Qualification may now construct, install and operate transmitters from kits that have been commercially designed and packaged. BASIC-only holders still are not authorized to modify or install and operate modified commercially manufactured equipment.

The above changes and others have been incorporated in revised RICs 2 and 3. All amateurs should review and keep on hand these revised documents.