

GEORGIAN BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER

Editor- Jack VE3DTS

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Local TimeEXECUTIVE:

President ----- Ian Trenholm - VE3HIP
Vice- Pres. ----- Ian Sutherland - VE3HXX
Sec./Treas. ----- Cy Weaver -- VE3DQA

NEXT MEETING : Jan. 19th -Thursday at Bayview Manor, Owen Sound

at 8:00 P.M. Sharp.

This location on west shore road, just past Owen Sound
Golf Course. Directions will be given on VE3OSR.

CLUB EVENTS COMING UP:

Snowmobile rally with GBARC club looking after communications,
on Jan. 28th, out of Southampton. Contact Dick VE3BIS.

Kiwanis Sno-Rally 100 out of Owen Sound on Feb. 4th, 1978.
As in other years, communications hqs. will be Sydenham
township sheds. Contact Ian VE3HIP.

Maps, instructions, etc. at club meeting and on 2 M.

Heritage Week-end - Fort Elgin in Feb. Contact Dick VE3BIS

MISC:

As you can see by the copies of photos taken at the annual
Christmas wine & cheese party, a fine time was had by all.
We had a better turn-out than last year, and the wx did
co-operate for a change. Thanks to all who helped with the
set-up, supplies, music, food, etc, etc.....

We all wish Jack VE3DTS a speedy recovery after his operation,
and hope he will be feeling up to par soon. We miss you on the
ham bands, Jack.

The up-coming events would be an excellent time for some of
the students studying for their ham tickets to get involved
and gain on-the-air experience. Teachers, take note and advise
your students please.

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Ian VE3HIP

I'd like to make a few comments relating to the President's message in the Dec. issue of Feedback, as they may have given a false impression of the way the newsletter has been handled in the past.

Firstly, there should be no impeachment of the editor for doing his job of editing the material submitted for publication. In the three years that I did the job, I edited the material on a number of occasions, but I never felt the need to advertise the fact. The editor should not need to consult the other members of the executive before editing the material, he should have the strength of his own convictions and be prepared to carry them out.

The procedure that the club executive plans to follow is in fact no different than the one that was followed for the past few years.

The editor in doing his editing, however, must be prepared to do it properly, which means erasing and filling in the erasures or retyping the whole thing either to clarify the article or remove grammatical and spelling errors. The newsletter will not be enhanced if the editing is done by scoring out parts with a felt pen and writing in editors comments with a ballpoint pen.

The editor must also know what he is talking about before he starts to edit anything, otherwise he will end up falling in to the same trap that he is trying to help others to avoid.

For instance in the Dec. issue I mentioned that the FCC had dropped a proposal to allow Criminal Band operation in the 220mhz amateur band. As you may have seen, Criminal Band was erased and GRS written above with a ballpoint pen. Now for the education of the multitude, the FCC have no jurisdiction over GRS ops. The GRS operation is controlled ??? by the DOC. The FCC of course have control of Citizen Band operation. There never was any suggestion that the GRS be given any part of the 220mhz band, therefor the editor's comment becomes farcial as it is suggesting that Canadian GRS licences are being controlled from Washington.

My final comment concerns the Criminal Band connotation that was deleted in the Dec. issue. The item was taken word for word from an American club newsletter and the only reason it may have been scored out in Feedback is that it may offend some of the more sensitive souls who are sympathetic to GRS operation. That ought to clarify the situation as far as the editor's job is concerned and it should be remembered that there are two kinds of feedback, positive and negative. Positive causes oscillation and is productive, while negative has a damping effect, raises no squeals and can be considered a pacifier. Think about it for a while.

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