

# THE DRIVEN ELEMENT

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The Driven Element is the newsletter of the Guelph Amateur Radio Club.

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## Nets

FM Monday night net at 7:30 pm local time on VA3SLD 147.360 (+)(131.8)

## President's Message

GARC

It is great to welcome everyone back to a new and brighter year. Although 2020 was a disaster, and unlike any year of our lifetime, we now have a COVID-19 Vaccine, and hopefully by spring, there will be enough access for everyone. We can see the light now, far down the tunnel, and it is brilliant. We will weather the current lock down. We can expect life returning to it NEW normal. Our group stepped up to become part of the solution, through social distancing and responsible actions while following the direction of our country leaders. I believe by the start of the fall we as a group will once again, attend regular GARC in-person meeting. I also believe that our members that have been vaccinated will be able to attend Field Day! With some luck Hamfest could be on the table. Until that point, we will continue to meet on-line via GoToMeeting. Keep socially distance via RF, our radios are getting lots of use. This coming GARC January 18th, 2021 is our biannual elections. That will be the only item we will be covering after the General Business Portion of our meeting. We will be electing our Executive Team for the Guelph Amateur Radio Club, as well as the Board for The Incorporation. I ask everyone interested in directing our Club, to forward you name to Phill Va3QR, our Election Chairperson. ([va3kpj@gmail.com](mailto:va3kpj@gmail.com)).

After consideration, knowing that our leadership is going through a complete change, I have decided to run for another term as your Club President. I feel this will make the transition to our new team seamless, and I ask the members for their support. Looking forward to seeing you all, on-line in January. We are going to start out a great new year on the proper foot. Things can only get better from this point forward. Lastly, I wish to

inform the membership that we have a NEW DMR local area repeater. Repeater VE3DV is located at David home behind the General Hospital. The antenna is only 20 feet high and it has medium power. It should be usable in many areas of Guelph. Dave has asked me to invite everyone to use this new repeater, and now that I am hanging out on DMR, you may find me right here.

Barry D. Brousseau (Ve3SLD)  
President GARC

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VE3DV repeater information  
freq 447.075 input  
442.075 output  
cc:1  
timeslot 1 has 3023 as a static talkgroup and timeslot2 is wide open  
output power is just 25w

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## Upcoming events and meetings

MeetingToGo -Elections- January 18 @7 p.m. local time

## Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2020 - 2021 are due! The amounts are:

RAC Members: \$45.00  
Non-RAC Members: \$55.00  
Family; RAC Member: \$50.00; Non-RAC Member: \$60.00

Options for paying membership dues:

1. Mail a cheque to GARC's Treasurer, Wes Snarr at the address below. Make the Cheque payable to "Guelph Amateur Radio Club" (a receipt will be sent by e-mail).

Wes Snarr  
86 Revell Dr.  
Fergus, ON  
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2. Send an e-transfer to GARC's Treasurer, Wes Snarr at the e-mail address below (a receipt will be sent by e-mail). The bank account is set for autodeposit.

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A big thanks to the outgoing executive who have kept our Radio club going through these difficult times. Job well done. Our next meeting, January 18, is our elections and I urge you to not only attend and vote but consider taking a spot on the executive. All groups work better if everyone is contributing and has some "skin in the game". Amateur Radio is no exception and has a history of pulling together in the face of difficulty.

Also, thanks again, for the opportunity of doing the newsletter.

VE3WBE Ron