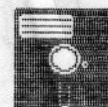


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VICTORIA'S FIRST PACKET CLUB!!!

Welcome to the Premier
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Association Newsletter.

This newly formed association is an informal group of people who have a common interest: Packet Radio. Together, the members pool their knowledge to help others and to experiment with various aspects associated with VHF & HF PACKET RADIO. Also, some typical topics discussed include the operations of Bulletin Boards, NETROMs, Gateways, TNC's, Data Transfer over Radio, and various new software.

You may ask how the association was formed. Well....., a long time ago, Glenn, VE7GCT operated the VHF BBS - VE7GCT on 145.01 MHZ which eventually moved to 144.97 MHZ. He was the sysop of the NETROM node SPR on Saltspring Island. There was not too much packet activity in Victoria. Glenn dedicated his own computer and radios to serve the Lower Vancouver Island area. As business picked up, and more Amateurs discovered packet radio, VE7GCT BBS became more

active. Realizing this meaning more wear and tear on his own equipment (Nothing lasts forever), Glenn with the help of Ed VE7FEB started looking around for some bits and pieces to make a station to replace the BBS. They came up with a power supply, motherboard, extra memory, keyboard (VE7DFW's), screen and Hard-drive. Even so, most of the equipment was Glenn's, but at least the BBS could stand alone now and Glenn could use his own 386 computer while the XT took over as VE7VBB (VICTORIA BULLETIN BOARD).

The new Callsign is the Club Call. At the moment, the location of VE7VBB is still at the same location as VE7GCT but could change at a later date.

The club membership is open to all interested Radio Amateurs. Presently, the membership includes:

VE7GCT VE7FEB
VE7DIE VE7GAU
VE7XZ

Any amateur interested in supporting and joining the group can contact any of the above members as the club is seeking more participants. -73-
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