

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club  
Meeting of the General Membership  
September 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President, Jim Wright, N2GXJ, at 7:30 pm. 41 members and visitors were in attendance.

The minutes of the August 5, 2015 meeting were read and approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report - Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reported the YTD inflow of \$2,708 against \$3,053 in regular budgeted expenditures resulting in a negative inflow of (\$343). Total cash in all accounts is \$14,726. The report was approved by the members present.

Jim Wright, N2GXJ, recognized the following visitors:

Scott Champion, Mantua, NJ  
David Garmin  
Joe Di Bartolo, KC2SFB

#### COMMITTEES

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Programs/Publicity – Joe Di Bartolo, KC2SFB, representing MS150 volunteers, thanked GCARC for having the largest number of volunteers from a single organization (25 of 99 so far). He encouraged any other members interested to sign up for the event. Kathy Stafford, AB2LF, also representing the MS150 volunteers, echoed Joe's remarks and thanked GCARC for their support.

Repeater – Jim Wright, N2GXJ, reported that Gary Bendy, KC2YWJ had volunteered to perform a technical appraisal of the 2 mtr repeater system at the water tower in Pitman with Mike Mollet, N2SRO, assisting. Jim noted the club had authorized \$1,500 to make necessary repairs or improvements to the repeater antenna and related site equipment.

Clubhouse – Al Arrison, KB2AYU, said that plans were being formulated to finalize changes to operating positions to make them more user friendly.

Tech Saturday - John Zaruba, K2ZA, indicated that training for the Papal visit would be featured with focus on the POD runner and solar panels.

Hamfest – Sheldon Parker, K2MEN reported that final preparations were being completed. Sign-up sheets were available in the back. Jim Wright, N2 GXJ, reminded members of the importance of the hamfest to the club as a revenue generator and social event.

Nominations – Jim Wright, N2 GXJ, announced that nominations for officers and several board positions would be introduced at the October meeting. He noted the open positions and encouraged member participation.

## OLD BUSINESS

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Ray Martin, W2RM, indicated a meeting for the Milt Goldman award would be scheduled soon and members notified.

Jim Wright, N2GXJ, reported our club license, W2MMD, will expire in October and that Darrell Neron, AB2E, had made arrangements for renewal with the FCC.

## NEW BUSINESS

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Jim Wright, N2GXJ, announced the NJQSO party would be held September 19-20<sup>th</sup> and encouraged GCARC members who wished to participate to register in the name of the club.

Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML, announced an upcoming special event station would celebrate the World Meeting of Families in late September. It was being run by several local clubs including the Franklin Radio Club. Any GCARC members interested should go online to register for operating times. Chuck said he would post further details on the reflector.

Al Arrison, KB2AYU, said that tropospheric ducting had been good recently on VHF, alerting interested members to operate.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The program for the evening was meet and greet members

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN, Recording Secretary