



## *Presidents Message*

Darrell did not pass along a message before this issue went to press but I am sure if he had he would have mentioned that at the October General Membership meeting each year the current Club officers put forth a proposed slate of officers for the following year. Doug Gehring, WA2NPD, is currently putting together the slate to be presented at that meeting. If you are interested in helping your Club by filling an officer position give Doug a call. You can also come out to the meeting and have your name put on the ballot by nomination from the floor. Nominations will also be open again at the November General Membership Meeting. So here is your chance to take a leadership role in your Club. Come out and volunteer your time and expertise.

Thanks also to Harry, AA2WN, for Chairing the Hamfest for the last five years. Great job, Harry.

### **October Meeting Program**

Thanks to the leadership of our Hamfest Chairman, Harry Bryant, AA2WN, and the help from a dedicated group of Club Members the Hamfest this year was a great success. At the next October General Membership Meeting we hope to have a critique of this year's event. Bring all your ideas on how to improve the event and any complaints you heard from attendees so that we can continue to improve the event in future years.

### **GCARC 30th Annual Hamfest a BIG Success**

On Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Club held their 30th annual Hamfest at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Mullica Hill.

By all accounts, it was a resounding success. Just over 400 general admission tickets were sold this year which is about 50 more than last year. A total of 29 pavilion spaces were rented, which is also up from last year.

We had the honor welcoming Bill, N3LLR, (ARRL Atlantic Division Director) to the event his year along with his lovely wife. Bill is the first ARRL Director to attend our Hamfest in many many years.

In spite of the last minute scheduling SNAFU, the great weather brought out buyers, vendors and tail-gaters in droves. There were so many tail-gaters this year taking advantage of the free spaces that they overflowed from the center field into the area beside and beyond the second pavilion. This is the first time the crowd has been so large in a number of years.

Please see "Hamfest" on page 3.

# DX Dope

By Doug Gehring, WA2NPD

Boy, hard to get back to normal business after lollygagging for several hours at the Hamfest last Sunday. What a simply outstanding day especially weather-wise! Cool breeze, sunshine, great sausage sandwiches, the company of fellow Hams and a nice cigar (thanks to W2YC). Hope everyone found the stuff they were looking for. I found about half of what I wanted.

Would like to describe an incident which has some lessons for the new ham/DXer. Adjacent to my driveway along the street is an Atlantic Electric Co. pole which supports only a street light (underground wiring throughout the area) and the bulb is one of the newer sodium lamps. This bulb chugs along fine for about 2 years, then it starts to fluctuate between dim and normal at approximately 3 minute intervals. When it is dim, the accompanying rapid cackle noise on the lower ham bands (160 through 30) is horrendous. On 80 meters it wipes out all but the strongest signals. Fortunately, a call to the Electric Company Customer Service number brings very fast relief. In fact, the repairman arrived in his bucket truck two days later and replaced the bulb which immediately brought peace and quiet back to 80 meters. Oh, by the way, it helps to give them the pole number which is stamped into a metal strip and attached to the pole about eye level. The pole number is normally about five or six digits in length. For some 20 years, I have had good success with the Electric Company promptly changing the bulb. You simply tell them that the old bulb is causing RFI to your radios, appliances, TV, etc. and to please change it. However, a new wrinkle developed during the most recent campaign. I was cutting my grass (rotary mower) and, when cutting around the subject pole, I cannot help bumping the pole slightly with the mower. Seconds after the first bump, I heard a loud crash above the noise of the mower! Investigation revealed that the slight bump had caused the globe and aluminum globe support (the globe surrounds the bulb) to fall with the glass globe smashing into a hundred pieces! Fortunately, the missiles missed my pate by about 2 feet. A second call to said Electric Company brought the technician in record time and the necessary repairs this time proved successful as subsequent bumps with the mower have failed to dislodge said support.

So, what have we in store for the avid DXer this month?

STATION	DATES	FREQ/MODE	RARITY*	ENTITY
VK9WWI	9/23 – 10/4	80 – 10; RTTY, SSB	3	Malawi
8P6DR	9/27 – 10/14	80 – 10 ; CW, RTTY	2	Barbados
A52UR	9/28 – 10/2	NA ; CW, SSB	4	Bhutan
3C7Y	0/5 – 10/14	160 – 6; CW, SSB, RTTY	4	Equat. Guinea
P29NI (1)	10/2 – 10/8	All; All	3	Papua New Guinea
P29VLR (1)	10/8 – 10/11	All; All	3	Papua New Guinea
C91R	Now – 7/08	20 – 10; All	4	Mozambique
YA/KI4WDW	Now – 3/08	80 – 17; SSB	3	Afghanistan
T30XX	9/26 – 10/3	160 – 6 ; All	3	W. Kiribati
T31XX	10/10 – 10/20	160 – 6; All	3	C. Kiribati
5R8RJ	9/26 – 10/26	160 – 10; CW, SSB	3	Madagascar
8R1XR	9/30 – 10/13	0 – 10; CW, SSB, RTTY	2	Guyana

(1) DXpedition. \* Nr. 5 is rarest.

(2) Thanks to Weekly DX, 425 DX News, W2YC, AA2WN, WA2LET, K2JF





**OCTOBER**                      **CONDUCTED BY N2SS**                      **2007**

**WARC BANDS**

<u>30 Meters</u>	<u>17 Meters</u>	<u>12 Meters</u>
<b>W2YC. 308</b>	<b>N2SS ...324</b>	<b>WØMHK310</b>
N2SS.....295	WØMHK.. 321	N2SS.....303
WØMHK ..278	W2YC ..... 312	W2YC.....278
WA2NPD ..216	WA2NPD . 221	K2JF ..... 135
AA2WN....171	K2JF ..... 168	N2CQ.....99
AB2E .....146	AA2WN ... 122	WA2NPD...96
K2JF.....112	AB2E..... 121	AB2E .....92
N2CQ.....111	N2CQ ..... 115	AA2WN.....20

When the same call heads all 3 WARC bands we will have that elusive, undisputed **KING OF WARC**

160 Meters

<b>W2YC..... 201</b>	N2SS ..... 79
WØMHK .... 148	AA2WN ..... 36
AB2E ..... 100	K2JF ..... 34
WA2NPD..... 96	N2CQ ..... 9

W2YC continues as our undisputed Top of Top Band.

**R T T Y** **DIGITAL**

<b>W2YC..... 276</b>	K2JF ..... 113
AA2WN..... 187	N2SS ..... 53
N2CQ..... 151	WA2JSG ..... 10

**MOBILE DX**

<b>W2YC .....276</b>	WØMHK .... 141
N2SS.....234	AA2WN ..... 131
K2JF ..... 150	

Looks like Dave and I have spent entirely too much time behind the wheel!

**1.5K Club**

<b>W2YC .....1584</b>	AA2WN .... 1369
<b>N2SS.....1537</b>	K2JF..... 1350
WØMHK .... 1479	AB2E ..... 1185
WA2NPD ... 1453	N2CQ..... 1135

**Islands On The Air**

<b>N2SS.....842</b>	AB2E ..... 205
W2YC.....656	N2CQ..... 159
WØMHK .....349	

**6 METER DXCC**

<b>WØMHK..... 105</b>	W2YC.....29
K2JF ..... 94	AA2WN.....15
N2SS ..... 55	

Congrats to Bill for hitting the Century mark on 6 Meters!!

**GRID SQUARES**

<b>WØMHK.....522</b>	K2JF .....285
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**Rules for GCARC Honor Roll Listings**  
Provide me with your total IOTAs worked, or countries (including deleted) worked for: WARC Bands, 160 Meters, Digital modes, Mobile, 6 Meters or your total for 80,40,20, 15 and 10 for 1.5K Club. Final category is Grid Squares – just send me your total worked. Lastly, you do not have to participate in every category to be listed; just send me your totals for any of the categories listed.

**CURRENT OFFICIAL ARRL DXCC STATISTICS**

Active Count .....	337
Deleted Count.....	58
Last Addition.....	KH8/S
Last Deletion.....	STØ

## October Birthdays

Congratulations to these members celebrating birthdays in October:

Harry Bryant, AA2WN  
David Boswell, KC2PHJ  
James Clark, KA2OSV  
Chris Heller, WK2W  
Carmen Inverso, WA2TRS  
Louis Joseph, W2LYL  
William Kardas, N2BK  
Dennis Sandole, K2SE  
John Zaruba, Sr., K2ZA



## Crosstalk Submissions

This is your Club newsletter. Make use of it. Feel free to contribute general interest articles and ideas for articles.

All submissions, queries, comments and editorials should be addressed to Gene Schoeberlein at aa2yo@arrl.net.

Submission deadline for October issue:  
10/29/2007

## Club Web-Site

<http://users.tellurian.com/freddie/w2mmd/>

### GCARC Officers

President-Darrell Neron, AB2E  
Vice President-Wayne Wilson, WA2LET  
Treasurer-Ken Newman, N2CQ

Recording Secretary-Dave MacDonald, WB3JOY  
Corresponding Secretary-Al Arrison, KB2AYU

### Board of Directors

Bill Blakeley, WA2ADB  
Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML  
Doug Gehring, WA2NPD

William Grimm, W0MHK  
Harry Bryant, AA2WN  
Gene Schoeberlein, AA2YO

### Committees

Advertising-Open  
ARES/RACES-Dave, WA3JOY  
Awards-Jack, K2ZA  
Banquet-Open  
Budget-Steve, W2TDS  
Clubhouse Site-Al, KB2AYU  
Constitution-Open  
Crosstalk-Gene, AA2YO  
Database-Ray, W2RM  
DX-Doug, WA2NPD  
Field Day-Mike, N2SRO  
Hamfest-Harry, AA2WN  
Club License Trustee-Darrell, AB2E

Hospitality-Ken, N2CQ  
Membership-Ray, W2RM  
Nominations-Darrell, AB2E  
Publicity-John, K2JF  
Repeaters-Mike, N2SRO  
Scholarships-Greg, WN2T  
Special Services-Gene, N2IMK  
Sunshine-Open  
Technical-Open  
TVI-Cory, WA3UVV  
VEC Testing-Wayne, WA2LET  
Programs-Gene, WB2UVB

**The W2MMD Repeaters**

147.78/18 Mhz-Pitman  
(CTCSS 131.8Hz)

223.06/224.66 Mhz-Sewell

447.1/442.1 Mhz-Pitman  
(CTCSS 167.9Hz)

1284.4/1272.4 MHz-Pitman

**GCARC Meetings**

**General Membership**

8 pm 1st Wednesday every month  
Pfeiffer Community Center  
Williamstown, NJ

**Board of Directors**

8 pm 3rd Wednesday every month  
GCARC Club site  
Harrison Twp. 4H Grounds  
1 mile south of Mullica Hill on RT77

**Nets**

**ARES/RACES**  
Sunday 20:00 Hrs  
(147.78/18 and  
223.06/224.66  
repeaters)

10 Meter- Sunday  
following the  
ARES/RACES Net  
(28.350 Mhz)

**October Meeting**

Thanks to all who served.  
Critique of 2007 Hamfest  
Harry Bryant, AA2WN

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