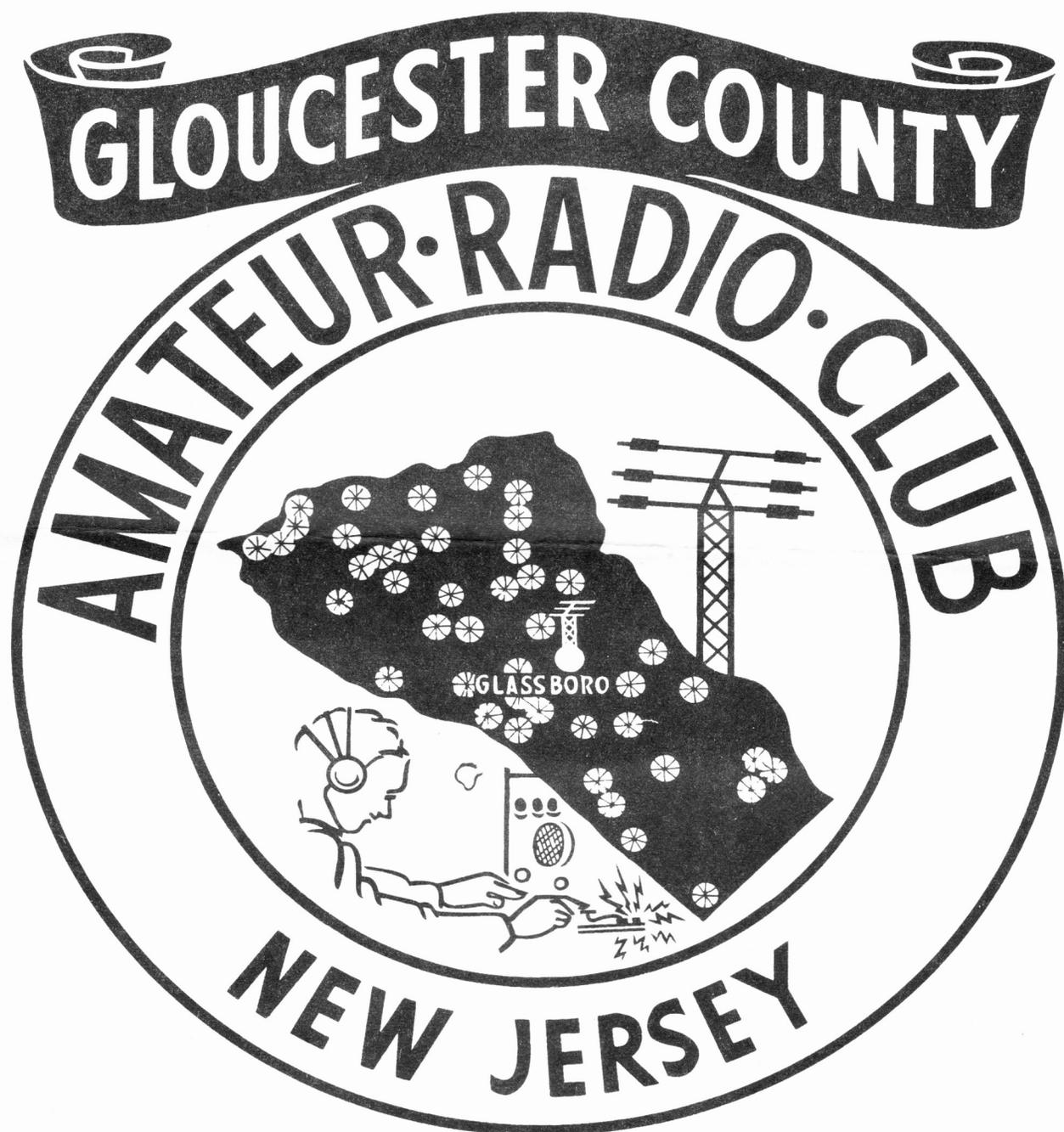


# CROSSTALK



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**Where: Owens-Illinois Onized Club House, Glassboro, N.J.**

**When: June 1, 1959 @ 2000 Hours Sharp**

**Who: All members and all interested parties**

**What: Regular meeting of the Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club**

Meeting of the board of directors @ 1915 Hours Sharp, preceding the meeting. (All Directors please note).

*de K2JKA*

Well we made it through another month with not much more than a few cuts and bruises. As you all know, our Constitution and By-Laws were voted on and passed at last month's meeting.

Looking into the future, I see that at our next meeting on June 1, 1959, immediately following the business meeting about 8:30 P.M., the entire club will be guests of the Owens-Illinois Glass Company for a tour of their plant. So we'll all be experts on glass making after next month's meeting.

Another point of interest is Field Day. By all means, see **George Stuart, K2SOL**, at the next meeting if you have failed to do so as of now, if you plan on going on Field Day.

Well, I've succeeded in convincing two of our club members that they should do some writing for our newspaper. HOW ABOUT YOU?

Last, but not least, as you see, we have come up with a name for our club paper. This name seems to fit the bill. I've seen no other paper with this name. Any comments?

## THIS MONTH'S STAFF

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## CQ CQ GQ CQ CQ

CALLING ALL NOVICES, TECHNICIANS, SWL'S and those interested in becoming proficient in the Morse Code - at 7:15 p.m., before the meeting, we will hold our regular code class. We are all set with the equipment this month. CU Thar?

A little note to those of you who find it impossible to get to the Club meetings. We would like to hear from you too. If you would like to continue having CROSSTALK sent to you, please let me know.

*K2JKA*

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**HEAR YE! HERE YE!** Be it known to the OM's and XYL's and other interested parties of hamdom that on the 27th and 28th days of June in the year of 1959, an invitation to do battle at a tourney is publicly announced by the G.C.A.R.C. The tourney to otherwise be known as Field Day.

- Furthermore, let it be a matter of public knowledge that said competitive event will be relegated to those members who are qualified to participate.
- Furthermore, an announcement as to the exact location of said tourney and other pertinent details will be forthcoming in the very near future.
- Furthermore, you are cordially invited to attend this event.

*Done in the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, these United States of America this 25th day of May in the year 1959 AD.*

### **LOBBY FOR YOUR HOBBY**

A bill has been introduced into the N.J. legislature to give N.J. Hams call letter license plates. The bill is known as number S-213. In order to show your support for the bill a QSL card should be sent to Governor Robert Meyner, one to the director of motor vehicles, Ned Parsekian, and one to your Assemblyman, whose name and address is Honorable Thomas F. Connery, 343 Delaware St., Woodbury, N.J., stating your support of bill number S-213. Let's go gang with West Virginia getting call letter plates it makes 46 out of 50.

### **FLASH**

At press time the Bill has passed the Senate, and is in the house. Here's hoping they get to it before they adjourn.

### **DON'T FORGET TO SEE GEORGE STUART, K2SOL, IF YOU INTEND TO GO ON FIELD DAY**

A card giving map and step by step instructions on how to get there will be sent to all Club members well in advance.

How about each one of us calling on a couple of other Hams in our neighborhood and get them out to the Club meeting this month?

### **FIELD DAY EARLY STYLE**

"Hello, Jim?"

"Huh-lo-o-o?"

"Having an early Field Day up in Tad's back yard. Wanna come?"

"Maybe. Depends on what my pappy sez. Why?"

"Need some equipment, thas why. Can you bring any gear?"

"Yeh. AT-1, modulator, power supply, and an SW-54."

"What about that HQ-100?"

"Nope."

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This was the beginning of Field Day Early Style. What a field day, too!

It should be said here that I hope **George Stuart, K2SOL**, has better luck than we did. Our lucky number of contacts, with two operating positions, were two. They were both with **Don Curtis, K2UWC**, who was about 150 yards away from our station. Kind friend, **Tad Deuber, W2CKX**, loaned us his back yard and brother's umbrella tent for the two-day expedition. (By all means, a real DX-pedition).

At the positions were an HT-17, S-40B, and modulator. The other one was an AT-1, S-38B, and another modulator. The gay operators were **Al Helfrich, K2BLA**, and **Jim Livezy, K2SJL**. Alts on hand were **Tad Deuber, W2CKX, Don Curtis, K2UWC**, and "**Generator**", **Bruce Genter** (Unlicensed). Emergency power: An extension cord from Tad's garage.

The ordeal lasted from Friday, May 22, until the next day. Three hours of sleep were accomplished in a small pup tent. There would have been more sleep for the two operators, but for some strange reason the neighbors were raising heck and always causing a disturbance. Also, we saw a lot of southern Indians running TV antennas!

Strangely enough, there were only 72 times when someone got a bite. **George Stuart, K2SOL**, will find even this hard to believe, after seeing the ground system we had. (None). It was said that **Don Curtis, K2UWC**, was going to sleep in his shack, but when the neighbors chased us around that way a quick investigation found this to be wrong.

Anybody who has been in a tent knows it gets hot????? We found out it gets hotter with all the filaments burning and mosquitoes biting. **Tad Deuber, W2CKX**, has some very good bug killer though. A good meal was received after three hours of suffering from claustrophobia. **Nancy Deuber** is a very good cook, and always has plenty of refreshing soda on hand.

Fortunately, I had the S-38. Al's S-40 had a lousy send-receive switch, and half his time was spent "fixing" it. Funny, the way the receivers had to be dismantled whenever that Apache in the house was on the air. Even the oscillator of the Mohawk blew the receiving equipment off the desk. Another strange thing was the wave meter. This was used to help tune up the HT-17. It seems there was more current coming out of the receiving antenna than there was from the one used for transmitting. When the AT-1 was lugged home many strange things happened. For one thing, the meter didn't work in the plate position. During an attempt to investigate the cause, the shunt resistor blew up. (Anyone have a 51 ohm precision resistor????)

After our highly successful (?) experience, it is quite likely that two people will not sign up for field day. Our mission was accomplished, though because **Tad's wife, Nancy**, gave us plenty of good food and encouragement.

**de: South Jersey's Lunatic**

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The **SWAP & SHOP CORNER** has just opened up. Now is the time to get some of that gear that can't be used and turn it into cash or swap it for something you need. If any of you Gents have anything to sell or trade, give me a call. **Ray Gianchetti, WA2CUB.**

**The first items this month:**

B-19 Mark II 12-24 volt mobile rig surplus. VFO 25 watts on 40 - 80 meters. 8 tube receiver needs conversion. See Al Helfrich, K2BLA.

**Make Trade or Offer:**

Gotham V40 vertical antenna. Like new. Call Ed.

**WANTED:**

A low power transmitter in the DX-20 or AT-1 class for a novice. See Frank Van Turner, W2KE.

Look for some real hot items next month when we have a real buy for some of the high frequency boys.