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APRIL CLUB MEETING--APRIL 7 - 8:00 PM - CLUBROOM

PRESIDENT'S SIGNALS

Glad to see so many members at the meeting last month. Some 35 local members came to bid on the valuable merchandise that was for sale for the Club Treasury. All donations were greatly appreciated by the Club. Total to go to the Treasury was over \$35 Dollars.

I would like to know if the membership would like to start monitoring a frequency for mobiles and other club members. I know one club that has in it's By-Laws a clause that reads such:

If the new members are not on mobile operation 1 year after their signing up they will be dropped from the Club roster. I don't think that we should be quite this strong, but I would like to see more members on the Club Frequency (50.9 Mhz.) To help get more members on the frequency maybe we could start a pool going, to help with the expenses of getting more on 6 Meters--Like donating \$1 a month toward a 6 meter rig to be given to a Lucky member 2 times a year. (Contributing members only would be able to win). Just a thought! But with the added members on 6 we sure could have a very good private line to the other members. Also we could help the communities in which we live by aiding in reporting accidents or anything else that the police should know about. This would also get the Club in the NEWS more often--especially if we told the Newspapers about such activities. What do you say?, Members, should we try or let it die a honorable idea, without doing anything? An interesting thought before you "can-it." It seems that a certain CB Manufacturing Company is again trying to get more of the Amateur Bands for use in CB. This is the second petition made to the F.C.C. within the year for these frequencies. Stating that the Amateurs are not doing a very good job of helping in such emergencies compared to the CB operators. The first petition was "downed" by the F.C.C., maybe this one may make it into law. And all we could do then would be to cry about not having used the frequencies to the fullest!

As an assistant EC in Gloucester County I would be in favor of at least trying to see if we (the Club) could help our fellow citizens when local problems require communication assistance.

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Bill/WB2FJE

(Ed. Note) AMEN!!

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Club Certificate Awarded to WA2FGS

Our latest member presented a club certificate for working 15 Club members is Rose Ellen. Della presented the certificate last month at the club meeting. FB Rose Ellen.

APRIL MEETING--PROGRAM--FILM ON THE U.S.S. "HOPE"

The phone patches from the Hospital Ship HOPE have been handled so far without problems. It is called the HOPE NETWORK, consisting of the operator on the ship, this trip it is Rick, WA4YNN, and four stations throughout the states handling traffic - by meeting twice EACH WEEK-Day. Dave, W4ABY of Alexandria, Vir. takes care of the traffic to the Washington, D.C. office and families of the personnel aboard the ship from his area. Chet, K4CG fills in if Dave is not available. Homer, W9KZD out in Ill. handles all traffic to the W. Coast and Middle West. Harriet, WA3ATQ (also active with patches to Gitmo) takes care of traffic to the Philadelphia area and the New England states. Both Homer and Harriet have worked with the HOPE when it was stationed in Nicaragua and Cartagena Colombia South America a few years back. Rick is met on schedule to check on traffic to each area. If there is none the four stateside operators check out until the next schedule.. If there is traffic coming their way they standby until called. Rick usually has the personnel come to the radio shack on board so the phone lines will not be tied up in case of emergency. So far the patches have been very successful with excellent signals. Rick, Homer, Harriet, Dave and Chet all use Collins gear, quite a coincidence, and so far all is working out well. The people are to be commended in doing a public service to our servicemen and as most of you already know everyone of these are busy people but still find time twice daily to pass any traffic from the HOPE.

(Program Note by WA2FGS)

No one will want to miss this timely film showing the Ham at work providing valuable public service! Remember! 8 PM, APRIL 7th.

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"CLUB BANQUET"--MAY 29th, St. Michaels' Club, Gibbstown, N.J.

As voted by the Club membership last month, the dinner will be a "Full-Blown" Smorgasbord Buffet-with infinite trips back to the spread invited, ur, all you can eat! The order of events will be as follows:

1. 6 PM--Happy Hour
2. 7 PM--Dinner
3. 8 PM (or as soon as dinner is over)--Speeches, Awards, Introductions, Door Prizes, etc.
4. 9:30 PM on--Dancing to Jack's Music Makers (5-piece band of renown). Open Bar until--

Your committee is hard at work making detailed plans to insure the Banquet will be a huge success. We expect EVERY Clubmember, XYL, Friends, etc, to attend! Now for the COSTS! Total cost per ticket (which includes the meal, live band, tip, taxes, gifts, overhead, etc.) is a ridiculously low \$6.50/person. We will collect a \$5.00 deposit from everyone starting at this month's club meeting (i.e. \$5.00/couple deposit). Of course, anytime anyone wants to pay-in-full you are indeed urged to do so. The balance to be paid during the May meeting or up to the banquet night for those of you who missed the bill collector earlier. Bill, WA2VEE, will handle the finances, so see him first before he looks

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you up! Incidentally, there will be NO BYO's, the bar is well stocked and prices are below the usual commercial rates.

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CLUB JACKETS

They're IN--but awaiting the Club emblems. (Tnx to K3WIL for arranging to get the emblems made up!) There is a good possibility the jackets may be ready for the April Club meeting. So c'mon out and get yours! For those members wanting jackets in the future, due to the costs involved in getting GCARC letters across the back, we will order 6 jackets (minimum) at a time. So, give your name to John, WB2JZX, but hang/on to your \$ until 6 names are on the list. At that time, John will collect your \$ and place the order.

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W2SUA Appointed Ass't to Connie Mack, Atlantic Division Director

As announced by retiring W2KE, Shorty is now the subject dignitary. Congratulations Wayne--(be prepared to receive all complaints and comments for "Funneling" to W3EPC (Hi)). As his "maiden plunge", Shorty announced to the Club the new proposed frequency changes as follows:

ARRL DIRECTOR'S LETTER NO. 1382

Late this afternoon the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, adopted yesterday, which disposes of 15 petitions that have been pending (none submitted by ARRL). The complete text, some 10 pages, is not yet in our hands but will be forwarded as soon as available, and hopefully will be in time for the April QST.

In brief, here are the Commission's proposals:

- a) All 25-khz Extra Class cw segments would be reduced to 10 khz.
- b) Other suballocations on the various bands, all for voice emission (except of course the Nove segments) would be rearranged as follows:

80 meters:	3750-3775 3775-3875 3875-4000	Extra Class Advanced and Extra General/Conditional and higher
40 meters:	7075-7100 7100-7150 7150-7175 7175-7225 7225-7300	Advanced and Extra, interregional contacts only Novice Extra Advanced and Extra Conditional/General and higher
20 meters:	14150-14175 14175-14250 14250-14350	Extra Advanced and Extra Conditional/General and higher

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15 meters:	21100-21200	Novice
	21200-21225	Extra
	21225-21325	Advanced and Extra
	21325-21450	Conditional/General and higher
10 meters:	28150-28250	Novice
	28350-28375	Extra
	28375-28500	Advanced and Extra
	28500-29700	Conditional/General and higher

Comment date is June 1, 1971, so there will be time for a filing based on such decisions as may be made at your annual meeting. Comment via W2SUA or directly to W3EPC.

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Official Bulletin #314 From W1AW

Field Day 1971, 1800 GMT June 26 to 2100 GMT June 27, will incorporate a number of new features. Study by the contest advisory and headquarters awards committees has resulted in a number of changes designed to simplify the FD. any class a group manning three or more transmitters simultaneously may set up a Novice only station, similar to last year. Emergency powered transmitters and receivers are now a basic requirement for Class A and B. Home competition will be divided into stations with and without emergency powered stations. A signal report has been added to the FD exchange. The power multiplier will now be based on the maximum power used at any time during the FD period. Unless requested, logs will not be required of participants. Entries will consist of a summary sheet, bonus proofs and check sheets for each band. After April 5, the FD package will be available on receipt of an Addressed Stamped envelope with the notation FD.

PFB No. 34 From W1AW

The latest forecast predicts fair to good conditions through March 18 with solar activity at the lowest level in more than a year and with maximum usable frequencies below seasonal normals.

Appologies to WA2SEA. He copied these bulletins as well as last month's, but credit was erroneously given elsewhere. Harry also submitted our Club Annual Report to ARRL (not Della) and we failed to get our facts straight on that one too. (Ed. batting average = .001)

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FOR SALE:

2--FM Transceivers complete one for Base and one 12 Volt DC Mobile.
\$50. for both. If interested call Tad

1--(Unknown item, it could have been yours for Sale) by the way the paper goes a long way. So advertise.

CLUB STANDING COMMITTEES

Tabulated below is the list of committees and chairmen for 1971 (as appointed by Pres. WB2FJE). Any club member desiring to help-out on a Committee which interests you, please contact the appropriate chairman.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
Membership	Phil Mattison
Publicity	John Paulson
Technical Advisory (including TVI)	Paul Callaghan
Awards	Della Parker
Contest	John Stull--Ken Newman
Field Day	Ken Newman
House	John Kull
X-Talk	Doug Gehring, Ed.
Picnic	John Kull--Howard Carter
CD	Van Turner, GCCO
AREC	Harry McCormick, EC
Historian	Rick Carter
Directory	? ? ?
DX	Jack White
VHF	Jim Peck
Program	John Stull
GCARC Day	Jeff Ehrenkrantz
QSL	Ken Newman
Code Class	Henry Feltman, Howard & Rick Carter

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W2AFZ RECEIVES QCWA AWARD

We are proud to report that another honor was bestowed upon Della, W2AFZ, at the annual banquet of the QCWA held on March 27, in Feasterville, Pa. Della was presented her 50 Year Award (licensed for 50 years) and is only the second YL in the Delaware Valley Section to have received this coveted award. Our heartiest congratulations to Della and we wish the next 50 years will be just as rewarding.

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CODE CLASS

The class was wrapped-up on March 26th. Eight (8) students passed their code and have taken their written exams for Novice. Several students already have joined our club. A big HOW! goes to Henry, Howard, and Rick for doing such a great job--especially considering it was their first try at it! They deserve much credit from the Club and have reflected much credit on the Club. Well done Fellows!

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BOARD APPROVES PURCHASE OF QSL MANAGER DIRECTORY

Your Directors have approved purchase (\$5.00/Yr.) of a QSL Manager Director. This Director comes out once a year and, in addition, there are quarterly supplements. Over 3000 stateside and Foreign managers are included. Trx to WA2PVH for this idea. The Director (available to all club members) should serve to compliment our already purchase Callbooks.

THE CALLBOOK'S HAVE ARRIVED! Sez W2FBB!

They will be available for look-ups at the April Club Meeting. These books (and subsequently the QST. Mgr. Director) will be supervised by the Club Trustees, kept in the Club locker, and will be made available to all members for use at each Club meeting. So bring along your rare DX list and look up those addresses.

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RADIO CLUB STATISTICS (From W2AFZ)

In order to see how our club stacks-up with the rest, on the basis of 576 Club Reports received in 1970, ARRL reports the following:

- Average Club has 34 members
- Average attendance at meetings 17
- Average dues (annual) \$7.45
- Average License break-down: E--3, A--8, G--13, T--4, N--3, No license --3.
- Average 4 members upgrade their tickets per year.
- Operating interest: SSB--44%, AM--21%, FM--14%, CW--33%, RTTY--6%, VHF--26.5%. This adds up to more than 100% because of multiple made operation most members.

So, How does GCARC compare? (Pretty FB to me--Ed. Op'n).

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CONGRATULATIONS

To Tom Lewis, WN2MFS, who recently passed his General. Welcome to the world of SSB, etc. Tom, expect to hear u on 28.6 pretty soon.

FOR SALE:

- 1. Lafayette Rcvr HA-350, AM, CW, SSB, 80 to 10 meters--\$65.00
- 2. Knight T-150A Xmtr, 150 Watts, AM-CW, 80 to 6 Meters, xtal & VFO.90.00

See Tom Louis, WN2MFS, (just the station for new code class graduates to get underway with).

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ITALIAN YLS FORM NATIONAL CLUB

CROSSTALK extends its congratulations to the 11 YLS who have formed the First 'YL RADIO CLUB ITALIANO'--We wish success to the new Executive: President--IlZMT, Valentina; Secretary & P.R.--IlPLH, Hildegard; & Awards manager--IlXYL, Anna. Their brand new certificate, "WAIYL" (worked all Italian YLS) is available for contacts after January 1, 1970--all bands/modes. Charter members are worth 2 points, all other Il YKs--1 point. Italian stations need 10 points, other European stations need 8 points, and those outside Europe must acquire 6 points. Log extract signed by 2 OMs is required along with 10 IRC's (Italy), 15 IRC's (Europe) or 20 IRC's (outside Europe). Free to blind and paralyzed. Charter members Il's YG, MOG, YL, ATB, BJ, CWK, LIA, CLL, GLK, ZRE, ZNA, ZMT, LBP, RGI, XYL, SGZ, YD, LIL, and PLH.

de WA2FGS

DX DIARY

Propagation

During April, 15 meters is expected to be the optimum DX band from shortly after sunrise through the late afternoon and early evening hours. Exceptionally good openings, with strong signal levels, are forecast to most areas of the world during this time span. On some paths, mainly to southern and tropical areas, the band should also remain open well into the hours of darkness. 20 meter band conditions are similarly expected to be optimum during the hours of darkness and the sunrise period. DX conditions should peak during the sunrise period, and again during the late afternoon hours, when excellent openings are forecast to most areas of the world. Exceptionally high signal levels are expected on many openings during the hours of darkness. A noticeable decline is forecast in the number of 10 meter openings that can be expected during April on DX paths, but this normal for this time of the year. A few good openings are still likely to occur, however, during the daylight hours, especially on paths to southern or tropical areas. With shorter hours of darkness, there will be a decline in DX openings on the 40, 80 and 160 meter bands during April. Good DX propagation conditions, however, are expected on 40 meters to many parts of the world, during the hours of darkness and the sunrise and sunset periods. Some fairly good 80 meter DX openings should also be possible during the hours of darkness and the sunrise period, and there is also a chance for an occasional DX opening on 160 meters during the same period. A seasonal increase in thunderstorm activity in the northern hemisphere will mean higher static levels on these bands.

March DX Report

W2SUA "Shorty" Wood thru March 15 - FB8XX 14206 Kerguelen Island, YB0AAN 14215 Java, VK9NP 14195 Norfolk Island, ZK1BM 14205 Rarotonga Isl in the Cook Islands, ZK1AJ 14210, JD1ABX 14205 Ogasawara Island. Shorty says listen for CZIAA, Nauru Island on 14218 and also that the VK9NP Dx-Pedition still in operation - works 14195 & listens in fone band, works 28595 transceive. All of Shorty's were on 2XSSB. Say, Shorty - would you mind if I operate portable from your shack? Hi!

WA2NPD "Doug" - 10 meter cw: 9J2XZ, Y02BV, U05AW, VK5FM and on fone; VP8KD, CR7IK and WA1ARF/KS4. 15 meter fone: HP1JC and HR2HHP. On 20 meter fone, VP1CP, ZL2BK and on cw 7Q7AA.

WN2MEM "John" - DL6PE cw/ssb, DK2UQ cw/ssb, SL7AZ cw, VP7BJ cw/ssb, OE1PEW cw/ssb and DJ3DKP cw/ssb all on 15 meters.

I know that Tom, WN2MFS (oops, I mean WA2MFS!) has been getting lots of good DX since getting his General and a new HW-100! Do I have to come over and make a copy of ur log? Hi!

It's hard to believe that I'm the only novice that works some dx. It's lonely in here with my lil ole 75 watts cw vs the "heavies". Come on fellas - Heeeeeeeelp!

John, WN2MEM

LES BELLES - By Rose Ellen - WA2FGS

The YL INTERNATIONAL SSB'ERS, INC. was started by V. Mayree Tallman - K41CA/K5LXA (her idea was conceived in her hamshack). With the encouragement and financial assistance of her husband, Dr. Tallman, (now deceased) she was able to offer to the amateur radio world her developed idea, the results which are now well known. The present SSB'ER members received kindly to the offer to join resulting in an organization of friendship world-wide, affectionately referred to as "SSB'ERS WORLD-WIDE FAMILY."

Your YL editor is so happy to be a member of this group, and I am better known as SSB'ER #7843 and the OM is #7844 (OM are welcome also).

OPENING THE SYSTEMS: All system controls will uniformly open the systems. Each system control will be guided by the following:

It's now 1600 GMT & time to begin the YL Int'l SSB'ERS Communication System. We meet on this frequency 7 days a week for the primary purpose of handling emergency traffic. When there are no emergencies for the system, members make contact with each other for a very beautiful awards program. We are NOT a routine traffic system. Everyone is welcome to participate with us whether member or not. Any everyone please EXACTLY zero beat the frequency. NOTE: The request that members give their SSB'ER numbers when they check in is optional with system controls. Each member should definitely give his/her state. This form of opening the systems does not apply to systems operated by DX members over the world during evening hours. It ALWAYS applies to W/K.

DAILY ROTATION OF SYSTEMS

Absolute impartiality is the object of this rotation plan. In order that those on frequency be apprised beforehand of the imminence of their area being called, system controls announce first the complete rotation for the day. As the system progresses, SC announces the next 3 areas to be called. This is for the edification of those who check in late and/or for non-members who do not know the rotation plan.

Monday: Begin and continue through each area thusly - Open in 2-land, 5, 8, 1, 4, 7, ∅, 3, 6, 9.

Tuesday: Call in this order - 3-land, 6, 9, 2, 5, 8, 1, 4, 7, ∅.

Wednesday: Open in 4-land, 7, ∅, 3, 6, 9, 2, 5, 8, 1.

Thursday: Open in 5-land, 8, 1, 4, 7, ∅, 3, 6, 9, 2.

Friday: Open in 6-land, 9, 2, 5, 8, 1, 4, 7, ∅, 3.

Saturday: Open in 7-land, ∅, 3, 6, 9, 2, 5, 8, 1, 4.

Sunday: Open in 1-land, 4, 7, ∅, 3, 6, 9, 2, 5, 8.

The VE's, KL7's, Asia and Pacific areas may be called as your beam rotates. It is to be remembered that any country outside the continental United States is a DX station and must be called with the DX. Always be alert for long path openings. Systems control coordinator is Mr. Lyle F. Shaw, W9USW.

GOOD ANTENNA OR HIGH POWER, WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT?

How often have we suffered through the sermon preached by "Old-Pro" Ham on the virtues of a good antenna system at the expense of high power? The refrain sounds like this, "Look, you don't need high power if you just put up a good antenna! Put it up high, have lots of gain, low SWR, and you can work-the-world with no trouble!" (great, great, great, etc. etc.). Ultimately, our suspicions become aroused when we learn "Old-Pro" has willy-nilly retired to his shack, fired-up his linear, and proceeded to meet his sked on 20 M! We are further amazed to learn that nearly all of the optimum antenna protagonists, in fact have their 1 Kw blockbuster (just in case, they tell us!). Gadzooks!, isn't this a bit hypocritical? Or are these Pro's themselves inherent victims of an old obsolete "bromide"? Why, not at all! For, if I could convince every ham in the USA to put up a GOOD antenna and forget the power increase--think of the terrific deal I'd have with my GOOD antenna AND Kw linear!! Guess who will break through those DX pile-ups, or who will get that phone patch through to LA? (we shall leave that answer as an exercise for the gentle reader). Afterall, the bands are congested enough today and a few less linears can only help ease the clutter.

I suspect there was a time (years ago) when the bands were wider, the hams were fewer, and, perhaps, less wealthy. Consider the case of W2ZZZZzzzzz, the laziest ham in the county, who poured 1 Kw into his copper rain gutter and gog 5x5 reports on G2 land. Up the block is W2SHAEP, who designed a new-fangled stacked beam system (Yagi, he dubs it) and gets a G2 land 5x9 report with a mere 40 watts input! Naturally, SHARP's exuberance runneth over, and he hastens straightaway to inform ZZZZZzzzz of his discovery. SHARP proclaims--"it ain't the power, Buck-- it's the antenna, etc., etc.-- (ad nauseam); hence, a new epithet is born. In a few months (after John L. Lewis muscles through a new contract) W2ZZZZzzzzz stealthily invests in a new GOOD stacked Yagi and Presto!, his signal is far bigger than SHARPS! Now SHARP can't take this lying down and willy-nilly, the power race is on! (The FCC has benevolently slammed-the-door at 1 Kw; otherwise, we would all disintegrate into a swarm of electrons).

Of course, we aren't disputing the irrefutable fact that a good antenna system is most important and indeed necessary for optimum signal enhancement. But, let's face it!, today there are just too many hams with towers, beams, and quads. So how do we compete? The linear amplifier, naturally. The old adage is still true, you don't need the power to get there, a good antenna is sufficient. But what about your neighbor who has a good antenna system and a kilowatt amplifier? After-all, you both work all week long and get on-the-air at nights and on weekends like everybody else. The obvious corollary follows: YOU need the Power to Drown-out your neighbor--not to get you there! Otherwise, the old patience factor goes up dramatically and we soon wish we had Thursday mornings off from work in order to work that rare DX. Those of us running 180 watts soon discover the DX op has the obnoxious habit of always responding to the biggest signal. Also, that W1 station in Vermont (last State for WAS), with his 1 Kw cranked-up, refuses to turn his RF knob up a few degrees in order to give our 180 watt station a much desired contact.

Thus, to achieve optimum signal QSO enjoyment, sadistic satisfaction, and eliminate your high patience threshold, go get that linear AND tie it into your GOOD antenna system (you may miss a months rent and quadruple your TVI--but that's another story).

de WA2NPD

RAMBLINGS BY A GHOST WRITER

EMERGENCY MINDED is something that I would like to see more of in our club. Now that we have a number of new members, I am sure there are some who would take an active part if more emphasis were placed on this very important facet, as there are many ways we can help besides just hurricanes or tornados. Accidents, lost persons, local trouble, highway accidents, are just a few examples where ham services can be used. We all assume the idea that it can't happen here, BUT IT CAN HAPPEN HERE!

COMMUNITY SERVICE is another facet of the club that is in progress, and the evidence of this is the excellent work being done by the members who are conducting the code class. This is community service being done as it should be, instructing members of the community. I am quite sure that some of our members can come up with new ideas that can be added to this Service.

Say, how would you fellows like to have some means of identification as belonging to GCARC? I was thinking perhaps we could have something like lapel pins made and have each member purchase one. What a nice feeling to sport this means of identification while traveling or visiting.

Are you DX minded???? be on the lookout for some of these contacts and watch your fellow club members weep--AP2HB, OY7ML, 9HIAS, 8QALK, UH8BO, UR2KAA, THESE ARE BUT A FEW BUT THERE ARE MANY MORE GOOD JUICY CONTACTS AWAITING THE ONE WHO HAS THE PATIENCE AND WANTS TO WORK GOOD DX....

Does anyone have new ideas on antennas? Certainly some of you fellows who like to play around getting better results from your rigs must have some new "Rube Goldberg" type of antenna that is producing results. Let's have some of the ideas up at the clubroom; after all, isn't this one of the uses for our clubroom?

Want to have some fun...get hold of a good fluorescent light tube and tie it close to your antenna wire near the far end, but do not connect it electrically. Make sure the bulb is flush with the wire horizontally and every time you press your key down or modulate your rig the bulb will light and keep your neighbors wondering what those people on Mars are saying. Of course, the only time that you will be able to see this bulb light will be when it is dark and don't expect to make it light with only 2 watts of power.

Slo-scan television is rapidly taking its place within the Amateur ranks today. Kits may be purchased at a reasonable price, and a number of hams who are availing themselves of these kits and are doing a bang-up job with them. At the present time, most of this activity is centered around the mid-west and west coast. I was talking to a couple of hams around Wash. using Slo-Scan TV, and their reports were very encouraging stating that their pictures were clear and distinct and were being received over a distance of a couple hundred miles. Of course, the more hams there are that take an active part in this media, the faster that progress will be made. This offers a very good opportunity for some of the young hams coming along to gain valuable experience leading to a good paying job later on. Don't be afraid to tackle these kits, as I am quite sure that you would get plenty of help from the various members of the Club.

SCUTTLEBUTT

1. Congrats to Rose Ellen, WA2FGS, who qualified for her BPL for Jan. and Feb. Rose also is the new Secretary for ARNS and is helping to make preparations for the Mid-West YL Convention. (Any spare time in ur sked, Rose?).
2. Rumor has it that our W4 land gal Bertha is looking at SNJ with relocation ideas in mind! Would be good news, if true.
3. Looks like unofficial winner of the DX trophy is W2FBF, with W2SUA a close second. Full report on the DX Contest results will appear next month.
4. TNX to WN2MFS, VE3ASZ, and WA3ATQ for their nice letters and kind words respectively. Will see that you gals (not Tom) get on the X-Talk mailing list.
5. Sri to hear that Len, WB2OIB, has been having such serious problems with the health of his son. Certainly hope things will improve soon Len.
6. Also, sri to hear W2LVW still not up to par. We understand ur VFH award pin has arrived, Jim, and certainly hope you can make it to a club meeting soon to receive it.
7. WA2NPD learned a good lesson this month regarding the amount of parasitic current that can be generated by installing inductive resistors in the coupling circuits of a linear amplifier. Believe me, it can really build-up! (WB2FJE told me so, but I had to "feel-the-nail-prints"). WA2NPD overloaded the linear, it went-up in a puff of smoke and cloud of sparks. General Radio had only inductive resistors of the needed values; hence, the origin of the problem. (Needless to say, the DX score went down accordingly).
8. WA2NPD, after praising VP9GE for his good Catholic mission, his priest's role in life, his selfless service to humanity, etc. was rudely informed by VP9GE (on 20 M ssb) that Pembroke Parrish (Bermuda) was the name of a county!! (Tis a true story gang-- believe it or not!).
9. Great news to hear that WB2WAK will not be moving from the area afterall! Hence, our White Elephant hawker (who did another great job last month) will be with us indefinitely (this should please WA2WWF et. al., Ha!).
10. Ron, WA2EOB, is slowly climbing back-up the ladder. See where he has two elements now back-up on the ol tower.
11. Jack, WN2MEN, wants more of you guys to send in your monthly DX logs. So, lets oblige -- ck!! It's tough to generate a good DX column if you guys won't feed-in the data!
12. Safe Bet Dept. I'll bet some of you still haven't paid your 1971 dues. Right? Right!
13. Many thanks to WB2PVI for donating the club's new picture board. (Installed by WN2OSS and WB2PVI and WB2FJE)
14. Also see where Bill, WB2PVI, finally straightened up that sagging element which again gives his impressive antenna its former degree of symmetry.