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CLUB NETS

2 M FM AREC	78-18---Sunday, 8:00 PM Local Time
6 M AN AREC	50.9----Sunday, 8:30 PM Local Time
10 M RAG CHEW	28.8----Friday, 9:30 PM Local Time
NOVICE NET	21.115--Monday, 8:30 PM Local Time

APRIL MEETING: WEDNESDAY APRIL 7TH BEGINNING AT 8 PM. PROGRAM: SEE PAGE 1.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE MAY ISSUE IS SUNDAY, APR. 18, 1976
PLEASE MAIL ANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO: MARK WILSON, WB2OSQ

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Spring is now coming upon us and it is the time of year to think of outside work. The antenna system may need some work or perhaps a new design you want to try. Don't forget that there is a committee within the club to help with this type of work. Contact Bill Frambes, WB2FJE or myself since we are both on the Tech Advisory committee. I've already put up an 80 meter inverted Vee for the MARS frequency and almost lost it in the wind storm on March 21. So keep us in mind.

We have a Field Day Chairman for this year. Steve Asay WA2AXJ. has volunteered (?) to head up the preparations

There should be an announcement by Steve in this issue about it. It's not too soon to start thinking about it, let's have a good showing this year and maybe a better score.

Also we are considering running a code class before this fall if there is enough interest to warrant it. If you know of anyone who is interested in getting their Novice ticket contact me or Bill Bachman, WA2VEE. I would also be interested in hearing from anyone who is interested in taking a course for a General license also. We will try to set up one in the fall if we get enough interest.

We have a very interesting program for this next meeting. Come out and find out a little about one of our members who has an interesting occupation.

That's all for now. 73's

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APRIL PROGRAM:

The April meeting will feature Fred Neumann, W2EUX. Fred will present a show on underwater exploration and it should prove very, very interesting.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

We recently received word that Larry Potts, formerly WN2TVG, has upgraded his license and is now WB2ECC. Congratulations Larry!

We have a new member. Doug Lundstedt, W2HPP, was announced at the March meeting. Doug's address is: Ryans Run Apts #1206, Route 38 and 41, Maple Shade, N.J., 08052. Welcome aboard, Doug!

Received word from Buzz, WN2WFZ, that Chuck, WN2AHQ has transferred to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, he has been assigned the call KG4CE. Chuck will be on 40 meters every Sunday morning at 7 am local our time. Look for him at about 7.110 Mhz plus or minus and give him a call!

CONTEST CORNER:

The 1976 ARRL DX Competition is now history. Please submit any score, however small, to Ken, W2FBF, at the April meeting. Ken will compile and report the Club score to ARRL. Logs must be postmarked by April 19!! Remember, the W2SUA Cup will go to the highest scorer on CW or phone. The Single score counts, not the combined.

VHF SWEEPSTAKES:

AA2VOY turned in the top Club score in this midwinter race. Wayne, along with Steve, WA2AXJ, had 80 2-ways from atop scenic (and cold) Apple Pie Hill in the Pine Barrens. A good time was had by all, in spite of the cold, and Wayne reports a big upsurge in activity on 2 meter AM.

SWEEPSTAKES (Cont'd.)

SCORES:

AA2VOY	80 QSO	3 Sec. --	2090 Points
WB2FJE	70 QSO	3 Sec. --	1820
AC2FBF	63 QSO	3 Sec. --	1638
WA2VKG	3 QSO	1 Sec. --	66

ARRL MEMBERSHIPS:

On July 15, 1975, a special multiple-year membership dues schedule became effective. Under this arrangement a new membership or renewal may be entered in the U.S. at \$9.00 for the first year, \$8.00 for the second year, and \$7.00 each for up to three additional years; a two-year membership would thus cost \$17.00, three years \$24.00, four years \$31.00 and five years \$38.00. Rates for Canada covering similar periods will be \$19.00, \$27.00, \$35.00 and \$43.00. When a multiple-year membership is sent through an affiliated club, the amount retained by the club for handling is \$1.00 per membership regardless of the number of years being entered.

F.A.R. SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc., a non-profit organization with its headquarters in Washington, DC, announces its intent to award three scholarships for the academic year 1976-77. All amateurs, wherever resident in the U.S. and holding an FCC license of at least General Class, can compete for one or more of the awards if they plan a full-time course of studies beyond high school.

The John W. Gore Scholarship pays \$750. Applicants must intend to pursue a career in electronics or a related science and have completed at least one year in an accredited college or university toward a baccalaureate or higher degree. Preference will be given to residents of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Northern Virginia.

The Richard G. Chichester Scholarship also pays \$750. Applicants must be members of the ARRL and be sponsored by an ARRL-affiliated club. There is no restriction on the course of study, but applicants must be enrolled in or have been accepted by an accredited university or college and intend to seek a baccalaureate degree. Preference will be given to residents of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, the District of Columbia, Md., and N. Virginia.

The Edwin S. Van Deusen Scholarship pays \$250. Applicants must have been accepted or enrolled in an accredited 2-year technical school and intend to seek an Associate degree in a science-related area. Area preference is the same as the Gore Scholarship.

Application forms can be requested from the Chairman, Scholarship Committee, 8101 Hampden Lane, Bethesda, Md 20014. Requests must be post-marked prior to June 1, 1976.

The Foundation is devoted exclusively to promoting the interest of amateur radio and to scientific, literary and educational pursuits that advance the purposes of amateur radio.

SWAP SHOP:

FOR SALE: Heathkit HW16 Xcvr, good condition, \$70.00 Contact Steve, WA2AXJ,

FOR SALE: Gladding 25 2 M FM Transceiver, \$225.00; 22 Element Cuchcraft beam \$35.00 call after 6:30PM. Bill Frambes,

LES BELLES:

By Rose Ellen, WA2FGS

As most of you know, I became a single person after the death of the OM-W2CDZ just two years ago. I was without a partner from that time on. Like all widows and widowers, I needed a place where I belonged--not as an extra person in some gathering, but in a gathering that would welcome me as an integral part accepting me as I am, a person alone. Most widows and widowers had lived as couples for years and years. Now we have to go it alone and find a way to live with the grief and hurt that goes to the very core of our being.

Along the line someplace, I heard about a group called POST CANA. I knew I should go, or better, I knew I had to go--even through the very name revolted me. The fact that I was in the "AFTER MARRIAGE" group was a very difficult and terrifying thing to admit. As a widow I had to face the fact that there was no longer one person in this world who would faithfully be there when I needed him. There was no longer anyone with whom I did not need to feel nervous lest I took up too much of their time.

Everyone's involvement with me was limited by their own involvement with life. There was no one with whom I could relax completely; no one to tell exactly what I thought or with whom I could share silence comfortably. There was no one whom I could delight by an unexpected gesture of affection; no one whose worries it was expected I would share.

I realized that I was no longer the most important person in any other person's life. Perhaps I speak out of turn but to the rest of the world I was just an average housewife, maybe doing a little hamming once in a while, but to my husband, I was a remarkable woman. After his death it was like being a part of a wheel, a big piece was missing and I had to go clunking along.

Sometimes I felt panic, especially with the problems of getting my antennas replaced after storms, and also wondering where to find that piece of equipment needed to repair the rig. Through the efforts of GCARC and the technical assistance I have been able to keep everything working but sometimes really hold my breath when it is storming as the antenna may come down again.

Since I lived along 14 years prior to marriage I had experience of "going it alone" more so than other widows. I do not fear many things others do but just hang in there as much as possible.

One day I found that I was actually laughing again and even wanting to enter the ham shack that had not been entered for such a long time. After going across that "bar" I am in there most of the time I am home now and in the meantime I went to POST CANA and found people there to be outstanding nice people. Most are just average citizens like myself - yet unique in the fact that we had all suffered the loss of our OM. Our common experience in this group seems to develop an easy and quick closeness among us. But, not one person there seems to know much of anything about radio.

I took the liberty of having several members come to my home to play cards and then already had the rig tuned up so they listened and wondered what was happening in my QTH and thus had the opportunity of giving a demonstration of what DX was and letting some of them say hello. This way it started the ball rolling of each person having a group to their home and showing what her hobby is and do you know what? It has given us all something to do to be

LES BELLES (Cont'd):

around people and not face an evening alone anymore.

Percentages alone will tell you that all widows and widowers coming to a group such as I belong did not have good marriages. But, we all have the need for such an organization--those who grieve over the loss of a good marriage and those who grieve because theirs was not a good one.

One of my greatest pleasures is continuing my membership here with GCARC as I have made many real good friends from this organization. I met my OM at the very first picnic the club had; I met Della before the club was organized, just to name an example of how much I have received from the club in the way of really knowing someone. It appears that I have not actually met anyone in our club that I do not consider a good friend of mine.

In conclusion, let me say that the hobby of radio is really great as I can have someone to talk to any hour of the day or night when I feel the need, and it helps me keep in touch with many friends I have made through the hobby.

Let me take this opportunity of thanking each and everyone of you for helping me over some of my rough times I had experienced since "going it alone here.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.