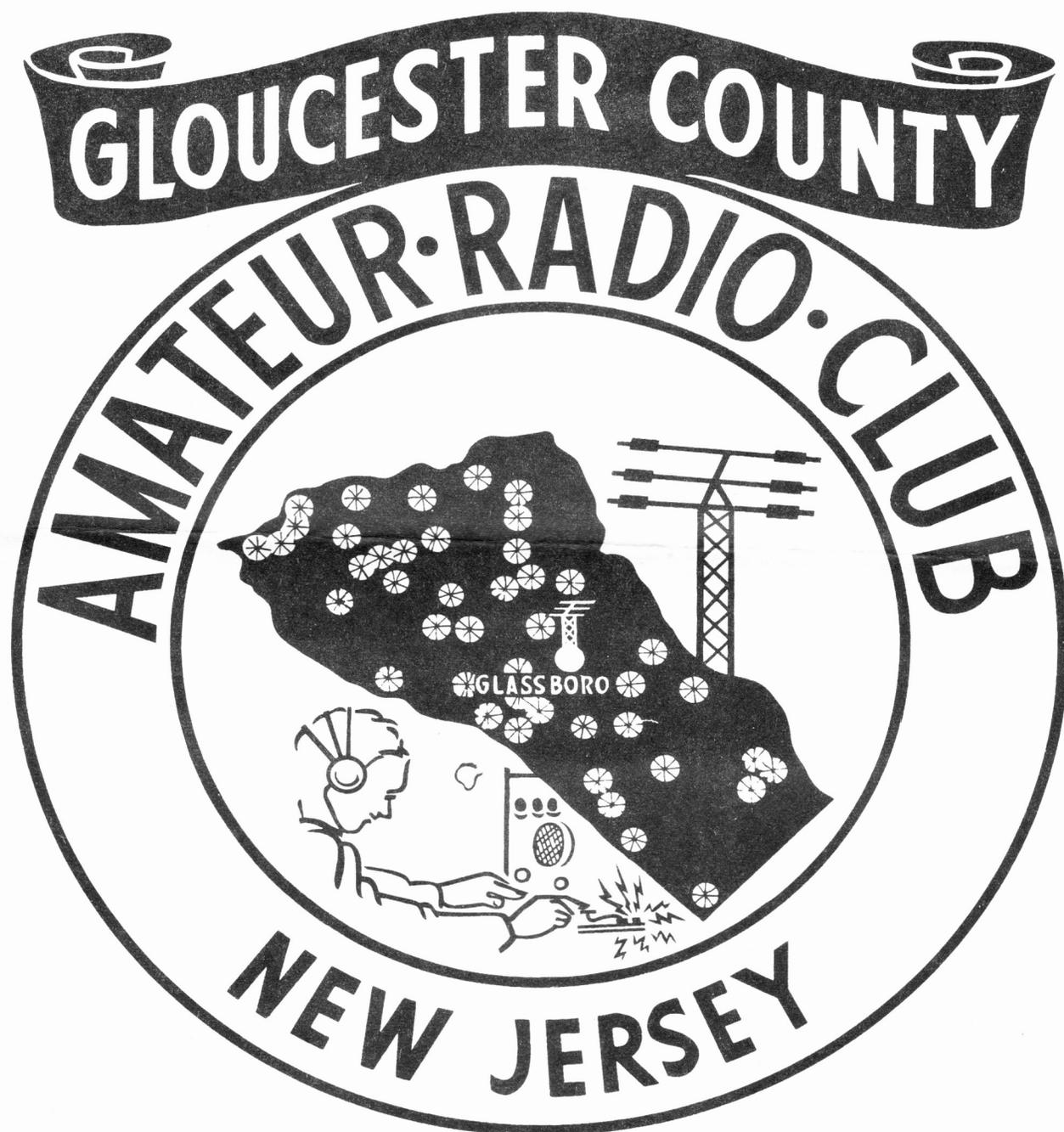


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THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

GREETINGS

Well, here we are again! After an extended lay-off of over 1 year, we are back in business. Some said it couldn't be done. Perhaps after perusing this journal, you will agree. But, here is a sincere effort (by rank amateurs) to get Crosstalk rolling again and it is the earnest desire of the temporary editors to soon have a professional (or semi-professional) editor at your service. So please continue reading and bear-in-mind, that this is a paper, written and edited by amateurs – but luckily, for amateurs (Hi Hi).

NEXT CLUB MEETING IS APRIL 5, 1967 at 8 PM. See you there, OK? OK!

President's Message

It's great to finally pen a message via X-Talk, the first time your prexy has had this privilege. Here's hoping many more issues of X-Talk will be forthcoming. Without attempting to sound like a count-ry preacher, but knowing some words concerning the State-of-the -Club are necessary, I will attempt to enlighten you on this subject. First, the Good:

Our meeting attendance is up as compared to last year. We had 33, 29, 29, and 27 reading from last month back to December 1966. All usual committees have been filled and appear to be operating satisfactorily- indeed, some with excellence. We will participate in Field Day, Amateur Radio Week, have a club picnic (baby Hamfest) in July, will conduct Code Classes next Fall, and a Club banquet is planned for next winter. The club treasury (over \$500) is sound and abund-ant. Our meeting programs have been interesting, the door prizes plentiful, a grand door prize drawing will be held at the June meeting, and the refreshments (ugh!) good. It is thought our participation and score (yet to be officially announced) in the VHF contest were the best ever.

Now, some sore spots:

Bill Shaw, WA2PVI, again found his antenna on the ground.

Our club membership appears headed towards the same number as last year, about 50 members in good standing. This is poor considering there are over 250 hams in Gloucester County alone. Crosstalk is still seeking an experienced editor, such that the magazine will come out every month.

Bill Shaw's antenna tower again on the ground.

Some items of Club property, keyer, 24 Hr. Clock, code oscillator, straight keys, etc. are still missing. The lack of many old famil-iar faces (calls) at the meeting room is disheartening, regardless of why we haven't seen you. It would be swell if you just paid us a visit on occasion. You don't have to be a card-carrying member to attend an evening of Ham Radio Activities on the first Wednesday of each month.

Finally, we are sorry to learn that WA2PVI's antenna blew down.

Well, here in a nutshell is "How we is", I'm sure you may have other items, both pro and con to add to the above. The important objective now is to strengthen the Good and eliminate the Sour. To do this we require the help and bodies of all club members. The best way you can help GCARC as far as I'm concerned is to attend the Club meetings regularly. You should start by coming out this Wednesday, April 5, 1966.

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See you there.

73's de WA2NPD

Program for April's Meeting:

Edward G. Bosiak, Public Relations Supervisor for the Bell Telephone Company will give a lecture on space communications and communication satellites. The lecture, illustrated with slides, recording, and satellite models, will explain how communication satellites are placed in orbit and what types of equipment they carry to relay radio signals. It will include a demonstration of how the Bell System's Telstar satellite receives, amplifies and re-transmits microwave signals back to earth.

For our May program, we have two 30 minute ARRL films scheduled, so start planning now to reserve the first Wednesday night in May.

Missing Calls:

We would like to see the following hams at April's meeting, since you guys have not shown your mugs for quite a spell. WA2WGA, WA2TZJ, WA2IVZ, K2JLY, WA2KGD, and WA2IAZ (whom we hope is feeling better these days). Good to see W2PLD out to last month's meeting. Hope it will be a regular event.

Dues for 1967:

At last word, some 14 members are delinquent on their 1967 dues. Perhaps a good excuse may still yet sway treasurer W2LVW into letting you off with 4 bucks-even at this late date. The longer you wait, the \$4.80 looms larger!

Field Day:

Chairman WB2FJE will need lots of support if this year's Field Day is to be successful. So, reserve the last weekend in June for this big annual event. Don't worry if your CW is rusty, there will be plenty of AM and SSB operations. A field kitchen will be set-up this year, so no excuses about going home for chow. More later.

Club Picnic (Baby Hamfest)

This big event will be held in July, in lieu of the regular club meeting, at Lake Garrison (along the waterfront estate grounds of W2LVW). Tickets will be sold at a very nominal fee starting about May. The usual games, prizes, fun, fellowship, 807's, etc. are planned. WB2GKH will head-up this gala event.

AWARD HUNTING *(Sent to us by WA4BMC es thx Bertha)*

Basically, there are only two kinds of amateur radio awards. One is earned by the use of skill, determination, and much effort. The other is a publicity document. Its chief purpose is to publicize a state, city, event, or club. The Nebraska Centennial and Michigan Week are examples of the latter. DXCC, WAX, WAZ, and WAVE are examples of awards which require some effort. This statement was true a few short years ago, now we have the third category, it's the \$ certificate. Shortly the Independent County Hunters will communicate with every U.S. award custodian asking them to place their awards in either of the first

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two categories. The wish is not to stop award hunting, but to reinstate its value as an amateur activity, and to remove from this phase of amateur fun the ones who seek only profit. Also, we are requesting that the 3 major ham publications assist us with our endeavor, hopefully, they will list all awards that reduce or eliminate their charges. Will you write them? Express your concern and ask them to assist us. The Independent County Hunters will try to issue a list of all awards whose charges are near the actual cost. Send me information on any reduction in your award fees. Hopefully, the true achievement and publicity award will put an end to the profit making-no achievement certificate. Greater harm is being done than just the profit making aspects of the dollar charge, No longer is it a hobby to some, but a commercial enterprise and a means of making a living. They use the trusting members of our fine hobby to assist them. The sad part: those helping run the profit-making "certificate Mill" seem to believe they are serving amateur radio. Thanks. "OTTS" K8CIR

Do You Have TVI Problems?

You might try this scheme: WB2WKV recently worked a ham in 4-land who was farsighted enough to prevent any TVI complaints from coming back to him. None of his neighbors knew he was in Ham Radio, he kept his shack hidden away and locked up in his basement. His antenna was an inverted "V" attached to his TV antenna atop his roof. He informed the neighbors and friends the legs of the Vee were the guy wires for the TV antenna. We thought it best not to print his call at this writing.

Biographical Sketch Department

This month's spotlight swings upon one of our most famous Hams: **Bertha Farr Eggert, WA4BMC**, farthest member (we think) living at 1510 17th Avenue North, Lake Worth, FL, 33460.

Bertha was born, raised, and lived in Wenonah, NJ until 1953 when she moved to her present address in FL. Her OM is Slim, WA4AZZ, a Tech. holder, who is manager of Lafayette Electronics, in West Palm Beach. They have 3 married children and 7 grandchildren, at this time. (more to come? de ed). She got into Ham Radio in May 1961, with a Novice Ticket, got a Tech ticket in December 1961, and the General Ticket in December 1962 (real FB, ed). She never heard of Amateur Radio until September of 1960, when Hurricane Donna went through the FL Keys. "Listened to emergencies on nets from Miami to Marathon in the Keys, on a portable overseas radio and decided I wanted to be a Ham." Her nickname is "Big Mike" and "some of the county hunters have nicknamed me Mabel for fun." She likes traffic & emergency work best. To date, there are 69 BPLs to her credit. She likes CW also, but has trouble when it comes to CW traffic. (who doesn't. ed) She joins in the North American SSB traffic net on 14.285MHz, Monday through Saturday, and the Hooligan (Coast Guard) net on 14.337MHz plus some 10 other nets as time permits.

Next to traffic and emergency work, Bertha likes to hunt counties, and has confirmed 2050 (wow!) counties out of the 3079 counties in the USA. In addition, she belongs to the FL Sideband Association, the FL RTTY Association, the FL DX club, West Gulf DX club, the Knights of Kilocycle (the oldest social phone net in Amateur Radio); is assistant EC of Palm Beach County, ORS (RTTY & CW), OPS, OBS, official VHF station, VHF-PAM east FL, the FLORIDORAS, the ARRL-YLRL (their sunshine ch 'M), ARNS-the metropolitan rag chewer club of Michigan (dedicated to the handicapped, that they might live again through Amateur Radio), ISSB #31 -IOAR, write a column in FL. Skip each month on VHF, ARC of West Palm Beach, and, is a full member of GCARC and SJRA. Bertha has worked 110 DX and has 103 confirmed. She has WAC and WAS all on 20M SSB, and has WAZ 30/28. Bertha also has some 10 other awards and credits to her most impressive list. She also collects Birthday and Wedding anniversary dates with Zip codes and Phone numbers.

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Her shack consists of : 32S-3, 75S-3, Henry 2K, 312B-4, monitor scope, electronic keyer and key. And, a KWM-2 ---30L-1: KWM-2 -- 62S-1: KWM-2 -- FSC-25 - models 14/15 TR/TD: Clegg Zeus, Clegg Intercept. Matchbox: 75S-3--Globe King 500C: Sixer/Twoer: KWM-2 Hustler Mobile: Antennas are: TA-33 SR-- 2 Elem 40M, 10 Elem on 6M: 32 Elem collinear for 2 M; Dipole for 40M, and inverted Vee for 75/80 Meters. Also AM, SSB, CW, and RTTY 80M through 10M.

She has made 6473 initial contacts since first getting into Ham Radio. Has made 465 initial contacts on 2 meters alone. Presently, she has joined-up with many other hams in a concerted effort to reduce the price of many awards being sold at a substantial profit. Your scribe feels that WA4BMC has made an impressive start in the Amateur Radio field (Hi Hi). (I could be in Radio for 50 years and not come close to accomplishments like these - right Van?). Congratulations to Bertha, obviously doing a real FB service to - Amateur Radio. Only wish she wasn't so far away and could get to our GCARC meetings on occasion.

BT's

W2SUA putting up a real tremendous metal tower, will be about 100 ft. when completed. Completion date ??? Our guess, 1987 or later.

W2CKX finally going modern. SSB here we come.

WA2NPD worked 2 guys, living 2 doors apart, 2 hours apart, on the same day, in Jal (where dat?), New Mexico, on 10M AM.

WA2TSD's Mynah Bird presided at the last Board of Directors meeting. Preston says his QSO partners claim the bird modulates better than he does.

WB2WKV worked West Palm Beach, FL, then 2 minutes later, after signing, worked Redondo Beach , CA, (from beach to beach).

WA2PVI is off for Chile, via a boat trip. He will be gone about 6 weeks, but is taking his rig. So let's beam south the next few weeks and see if we can find him on 15M. If he mounts his beam atop of the Andes Mountains, then he won't need a tower.

Welcome to Jerry Blakeslee, WB2VUC our newest club member. His new tri-bander is now up and in operation. FB OM.

Bill Culpepper's straight pipe tower looks 40 miles high, a tremendous engineering job.

Ed Stetser promised he would be at this month's meeting. Sure hope these are not famous last words Ed.

W2AFZ SEEN DRIVING HER CAR! Excellent progress from a Ham we have really missed these past few months.

Note

If any items appearing in this journal appear controversial, why not write a letter to the editor and tell him about it?

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4 Sale, Swap. etc.

Tad Deuber, W2CKX: 10 ft. tower, 4 legged-\$10.00, Prop(?) pitch motor with re-versing control-\$15.00, RTTY machine-Model 19 with converter and oscillator-printed circuit W2JAV.

Doug Gehring, WA2NPD: DX-60 transmitter with Knight kit VFO, all for \$50.00 bucks. Will gladly demonstrate to prove it works.

Complete Collins S line with linear amp, all for \$400.00 dollars. A real steal. Seller will see prospective buyers at this GCARC club meeting.

News Time

During last month's club meeting, it was moved and approved by the membership to try and obtain Mal Mason's old call, W2MND to replace the present club call WA2NGI. The wheels are rolling to accomplish this, a fitting tribute (hopefully) to a really fine gentleman and an excellent past-president of GCARC.

Finally, quoting from our former editor (rest his ulcer):
If you saw it, say you saw it in Crosstalk (even if you didn't) Hi Hi.

73's
WA2NPD, WB2WKV, temporary editors.
W2LVW, everything else.

PS

Assemblyman A. S. Smith's again sponsoring Amateur License Plate Bill No A-323. Past experience has clearly revealed that if this bill is to pass by the discerning eye of Governor Hughes, letters of support and encouragement will be necessary from all Hams. New Jersey is the last of two states still holding out on this.