

CROSSTALK

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Presidents Message

As you might suspect this message is going to be Hamfest, Hamfest, Hamfest!!!!

At this writing we were just notified that the club would NOT be doing the parking for the 4-H Fair this year. Consequently the Hamfest will be our only moneymaker this year. If anyone can come up with a good suggestion to replace the 4-H parking it will be appreciated.

2001 DUES

GCARC dues for the year 2001 are due. The annual dues are \$15.00.

Please send your checks directly to the treasurer, Bob Krchnavek, (K2DAD) at 50 Eastwick Dr., Gibbstboro, NJ 08026.

The club will need a lot of help on both Saturday and Sunday to bring this event to a successful conclusion. Since we will not be doing the parking, I hope that will encourage more to come out and help. Remember it is only a two-day affair including setup and clean up.

Some of the help is needed on Saturday to set up tables, line out the parking lot, line out tailgate spaces and other chores. On Sunday we will need help for selling tickets, directing parking, manning the club booth, assigning and managing tailgate spaces as well as pavilion tables, manning the ARRL table and other jobs as necessary. All hands are asked to hang around to help in clean up.

This is not a complete list of jobs and in a short while you will be contacted and asked to volunteer to come out and help. Don't forget this is our only big event except field day and our only source of income this year.

On a more positive note the Scholarship Committee has awarded the winner of the scholarship competition, Mr. Geoffrey M. Hicks, \$500.00 to be used to further his studies at Lycoming College. We all wish Geoffrey the best with his studies.

Gene AA2YO will be the new editor of Crosstalk and he needs lots of help getting set up and running.

I hope to see you all at the Hamfest.

Best 73, Ray WB2NBJ

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By Doug Gehring, WA2NPD

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! Some late breaking news! GCARCS's own Harry, AA2WN, is leaving in early August on a business trip to of all places, China! Harry is scheduled to be in Leishan in Seichuan province located in south-central China. This is near the Provincial Capital city of Chengtu (for those of you who may have a map). His plans are to arrive August 5th and then leave on August 10th for home. He hopes to work from some yet to be determined local station in the area as AA2WN/BYcall, and presently Alan, BA1DU, is trying to locate a suitable nearby DX ham. This is a rather remote area of China, hence, to locate a station may not be that simple. Harry is not permitted by Chinese law to bring along any of his own equipment, rig, etc., hence, must rely on any locals or club stations. He hopes to be able to operate in-between his work skeds and will especially listen for the east coast. Note that Chengtu lies exactly on the division between Zones 23 and 24 - which could be good news for all of you WAZ aspirants. Thus, Harry will join-in with some other GCARC hams who have DX out-of-the-country credits, namely, N2SS (Europe), K2JF (Galapagos), and W2YC/WA2NPD (Canada), although, certainly, by-far, Harry's will be the most exotic. Obviously, we wish Harry bon voyage and good DXing.

<u>Station</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Freq./Mode</u>	<u>Rarity*</u>	<u>Country</u>
3A/IZ1DSH	8/4-8/10	40-10; SSB	3	Monaco
S21YV	7/15-8/5	20-15; SSB, CW	4	Bangladesh
SV9/WB2GAI	6/29-8/12	160-10; CW, SSB, FM	3	Crete
TY/F5CWU	8/11-8/29	160-6; CW, SSB, Digital	3	Benin
5B/IZ8CCW	8/23-8/30	40-10; SSB, CW	2	Cyprus
OZ/DJ7RJ	7/22-8/10	80-6;SSB, CW	2	Bornholm Is.
OY/DF2SS	7/20-8/8	160-6; SSB, CW, RTTY	2	Faroe Is.
OJ0/H/C	8/5-8/8	160-2; CW, SSB, RTTY	3	Market Reef
H4/H40/?	8/11-8/14; 8/15-8/28	80-10; SSB	3	Solomon Is.
ZK1AHB	8/7-8/17	40-6; All	2	So. Cooks
AA2WN/BY?	8/5-8/10	To be determined	4	China

* 5 is rarest

Thanks to Weekly DX, 425 DX News, WA2LET, AA2WN, K2JF

Repeater Interference

Users of our 2 meter repeater realize that we have been experiencing interference on that machine for an extended period. Efforts to track down the source of this interference have been unsuccessful. At the July board meeting it was suggested that we activate the PL on the input of this machine to minimize the effect of the interference. Chuck, WA2TML, will report on the repeater's PL capabilities at the August meeting and the membership will be asked to vote on activating the PL at that time. Come out to the meeting and give us your input.

Estate Station Available

The widow of one of our county hams asked me to see if anyone was interested in some of his ham equipment, still in place, after his passing 2 years ago. She needs the room. I have listed the equipment and asking price below. Proceeds go to the widow of course. Give me an offer on those items without a price. All items are for local pickup only.

If you are you interested in anything on the list contact me:

Ken Newman, N2CQ, N2CQ@ARRL.NET

HF SSB/CW Station:	Asking
Kenwood TS 820 XCVR. 1.8-30mhz (No WARC bands)	\$250
Heath SB200 Linear Amp	\$280
MFJ 981 Antenna Tuner Versa IV 3KW	\$125
MFJ 407B Deluxe Keyer	\$ 30
Accessories:	
Heath HD-15 Phone Patch	\$ 23
Heath SB-610 Station Oscilloscope/Monitor	\$ 50
Two Meter Station:	
Kenwood TR 7200A XCVR	\$ 95
Kenwood TS5 power supply for TR 7200A	\$ 20
Heath "TWOER" Benton Harbor Lunch Box	\$?
Second HF SSB/CW Station:	
Tempo One XCVR, Speaker and remote VFO (No WARC Bands)	\$150
Misc.:	
Heath VTVM	\$?
Homebrew 80/40 XMTR	\$?
Homebrew Keyer	\$?
Homebrew 2 Coax Switch Box	\$?
Antennas (still erected):	(Make an offer)
Small 3 el Tribander with big traps.	
Large CDR Rotor and control box. (Models unknown at this time)	
2 Meter vertical	
Small tower which can be raised/lowered with manual winch. Nestled at about 25'. Raised at 40' approx. Bolted to house.	

Field Day Results

Field Day results are in and although we had a good showing we failed to top our 2000 results. The score for 2001 was 9,132 compared to 10,350 for 2000 and 10,860 for 1999. Filed Day chairman, Lou W2LYL, says wait until next year. The score is secondary to all the fun the participants had during the event. We enjoyed good camaraderie, good food and the thrill of the competition. Lou W2LYL sends his thanks to all who helped with and participated in the event.

The results by band a presented below.

Field Day Results-cont'd

BAND	CW	SSB
80	384	87
40	857	534
20	498	194
15	69	-
10	42	36
2	-	15
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Totals	1850	866

W1AW SEEKS 80-METER SIGNAL REPORTS

Maxim Memorial Station W1AW has changed its 80-meter bulletin antenna system and requests signal reports from those monitoring the 80-meter transmissions. An 80-meter "cage" dipole joined the W1AW antenna farm in May. W1AW Station Manager Joe Garcia, NJ1Q, says the new dipole is oriented to radiate east-west. The "cage" complements a coaxial dipole that's been in use for several years.

Reports on W1AW's 80-meter signal should note your location, time of reception, mode, signal strength and quality. Use of the standard R-S-T system is acceptable. Mail reports on a postcard to W1AW 80-meter reports, 225 Main St, Newington, CT, 06111. E-mail reports may be sent to w1aw@arrl.org. The complete W1AW Operating Schedule appears in QST each month and on the Web at <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html>.

Thanks to the ARRL Newsletter

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Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the following club members:

Sam Greenfield N2URO	8/30
Harry Jackson WB2GSF	8/26
Jack Koch K2CR	8/13
John Lachenmayer KB2RGX	8/15
Jim Mollica K2OWE	8/23
Charles Rambo KC2AOG	8/16
Willie Ustazeski WA2DUV	8/2



Crosstalk Submissions

All submissions, queries, comments, editorials, etc. Should be directed to:.

Gene Schoeberlein AA2YO
401 Westwood Drive
Woodbury, New Jersey 08096-3131

aa2yo@arrl.net

Submission deadline: 8/22/2001

Committees

Advertising-Open
ARES/RACES-Chick WA2USI
Awards-Jack K2ZA
Banquet-Bob KR2U
Budget-Bob K2DAD
Clubhouse Site-Al KB2AYU
Constitution-Open
Crosstalk-Gene AA2YO
Database-John AA2BN
DX-Doug WA2NPD
Field Day-Lou W2LYL
Hamfest-Open

Hospitality-Open
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Scholarships-Greg WN2T
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Sunshine-Open
Technical-Open
TVI-John AA2BN
VEC Testing-Chick WA2USI
4-H Parking-Bob KR2U

The W2MMD Repeaters

147.78/18 Mhz- Pitman

223.06/224.66 Mhz-Sewell

447.1/442.1 Mhz - Pitman
(CTCSS 131.8Hz)

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

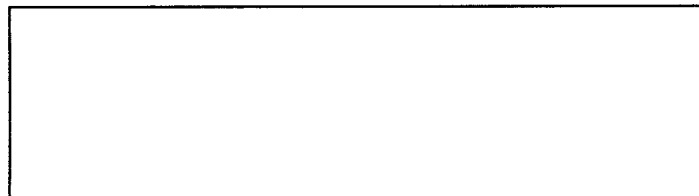
ARES/RACES
Sunday 20:00 Hrs
(147.78/18 and
223.06/224.66
repeaters)

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

August Meeting Program

Socializing

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club
P. O. Box 370
Pitman, NJ 08071





Grand Prize is a \$400.00 Gift
Certificate
to HRO or ShopRite

DXCC Checking

24th Annual
Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

HAMFEST

Sunday August 19, 2001

Open to the public 8:00am to 2:00pm

Rain or Shine

(gates open at 6:00am for vendors & tail-gaters)

Admission is \$4.00 in advance, \$5.00 day of the fair.

Non-Ham spouses and kids free.

(Advanced ticket requests must be received by August 12, 2001)

- ◆ Fair is being held in the Pavilion area of the Gloucester County 4-H Fairgrounds located on NJ route 77 in Mullica Hill, NJ
- ◆ Featuring tail-gaters and vendors of New, Used and Antique radio, computer and electronic equipment. Entry tickets are good for Door prize drawings throughout the day and the Grand Prize drawing to be held September 5, 2001 (winner will be notified by mail).

Tail Gate spaces \$5.00

Pavilion spaces \$10.00

sorry - space price does not include cost of admission

VE testing session at 10:00am

Talk-in 147.780/.180 repeater

Ticket request to:

Phone: 1-856-478-4738

GCARC

Leave message

PO Box 370

Pitman, NJ 08071

e-mail: aa2wn@arri.net

Plenty of free parking available

On-site food Services

Handicapped Parking and large item pickup available