



Presidents Message

As I am sitting in London writing this, I must first thank God that neither I nor my wife was anywhere near the cowardly acts of terrorism perpetrated upon this great city two weeks ago on July 7. Today, July 21st, there has been a second attempt by a new group, although first indications are that the detonators went off prematurely, and the primary bombs failed to go off. Aside from the obvious relief at not being near the epicenter of the events, I began wondering if there was an amateur radio counterpart in the UK similar to our own RACES and ARES. Currently the primary amateur radio organization in the UK responsible for mobilizing in times of national emergency or disaster is known as RAYNET, and their website may be found at <http://www.raynet-uk.net/>.

2005 DUES
GCARC dues for
the year 2005
are due. The
annual dues are
\$20.00. Please
send your
checks directly
to the treasurer,
Bob Krchnavek,
(K2DAD) at 50
Eastwick Dr.,
Gibbsboro, NJ
08026.

During the recent tragic events on July 7, RAYNET groups in the greater London region were mobilized to standby in case they were needed by emergency crews. I'm not sure if the following was mentioned in the US media coverage of the bombing, but for several hours immediately following the blasts, all cell-phone communications networks were disabled intentionally by the UK police and national security services. This is an important item to note, since both in the Madrid bombings and the London bombings, the detonators were all set off from a cell-phone interface, which sets off the detonator merely with an incoming call. Amateur radio has a chance to play a very valuable role in this instance, even if the primary emergency services still have their own 2-way radio systems, which are independent of the cellular system. While not directly active as the events unfolded, RAYNET operators activated monitoring of designated emergency repeater frequencies during the cell-phone blackout. Amateur radio once again proves its worth in a time of emergency or crisis, this time by our fellow friends and ham radio colleagues in the UK.

Help Needed at GCARC Hamfest

As you probably know, the GCARC Hamfest is scheduled for August 14, 2005 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We will need lots of help in order to run the Hamfest successfully. Below is a list of the tasks with which we will need help. Please let me know via e-mail at aa2wn@arrl.net when you will be able to help.

Late Saturday afternoon, August 13th, we need help arranging the tables in the pavilion area and setting up tables and chairs in the VEC testing area. On Sunday, August 14th, we will need help all day at the gate selling tickets and directing traffic in the parking area, directing the vendors and assisting with rental fee collection and manning the club booth, PA system, and ticket cage. Later in the afternoon we will need help with breakdown and cleanup after the Hamfest including moving the tables and hauling the trash back to the trailer.

Harry - AA2WN, GCARC Hamfest Chairman

DX Dope

By Doug Gehring, WA2NPD

Not sure if further Field Day reporting in this issue is forthcoming, however, if not, just a brief word here to thank our 40 m CW crew again for a really FB effort this year. We accumulated some 620 QSOs, again leading the GCARC band race, and we had a lot of fun. AA2WN again did a splendid job supplying the rig, software, tent, and other incidentals, and our Delta Loop antenna worked quite well. Our ops were seasoned and aggressive and included N2CQ, AA2WN, AA2YO, W0MHK, and WA2NPD. Special thanks to Frank, KC2JIW, who helped immensely with erection of our antenna. The food was great this year, courtesy of WA2LET, Pinky, his XYL, and Bill, WA2ADB. Once again the generator operated near-flawlessly—thanks to Ray, WB2NBJ. We are looking forward to another effort next year.

Another GCARC first was recently reported. Bill, W0MHK, has just obtained his 10 Band DXCC! We are virtually certain Bill is the first member of GCARC to have ever achieved this distinction. Bill has over 100 hundred countries confirmed on the five major HF bands, the three WARC bands, 160 meters, and now 6 meters! The driving force is certainly the DXCC Challenge Award, where Bill is now closing in on the 2500 endorsement. Many congratulations to W0MHK for this really terrific achievement.

The recent FCC decision to drop all CW requirements for obtaining any Amateur License was met here with an enormous boo! It is a further and crucial example of the continuing “dumbing- down” of the Amateur Radio service. The next step, of course, will be the dissolving of the need for any license at all followed by the removal of all amateur allocated bands and frequencies, as the FCC will eventually realize that anybody can be an amateur radio operator! Oh well, it perhaps only seems that way, as there are probably more hams and potential hams that are glad that the nasty code requirement has finally been eliminated! Yet, the avid DXer knows the CW signal is still the most reliable means of communicating by today’s standards, and that CW will continue to be used for many years to come. Well, off the soap box and back to reality; here are the entries for this month:

STATION	DATES	FREQ/MODE	RARITY*	COUNTRY
3D2YH/R	7/27 – 8/3	20 – 10; Digit, SSTV	4	Rotuma Is.
V25LR	8/15 – 8/24	20 – 10; PSK31, RTTY	2	Antigua
C9IUY, etc. (1)	7/28 – 8/1	160 – 10; All	3	Mozambique
3DA0UY, etc. (1)	8/4 – 8/7	60 – 10; All	3	Swaziland
FW5ZL	/16 – 8/15	40 – 15; CW, SSB	3	Wallas & Fut.
EA6/DK1RF	8/1 – 8/13	NA; PSK31, RTTY	3	Balearic Is.
PY0F/CT1BWW	8/1 – 8/13	160 – 6; All	3	Fernan. de No.
5X1W	8/3 – 8/12	160 – 10; CW, SSB, RTTY	3	Uganda
S79JAG	7/22 – 8/7	20 – 10; All	3	Seychelles
XU7TZG	Now – 8/10	20, 17, 15; SSB	4	Cambodia
CY0AA (1)	7/27 – 8/3	160 – 6: All	2	Sable Is.
ZK1ARN	7/27 – 8 3	160 – 6: All	3	So. Cook

* Nr. 5 is rarest; (1) is major DXpedition

Thanks to [The Weekly DX](#), [425 DX News](#), AA2WN, K2JF, W2YC, and WA2LET

W0MHK Hits Superb Milestone

In my 25 years or so in the GCARC I have never before submitted something for publication in [Crosstalk](#). But I was on board a few days ago when Bill, W0MHK, nailed the last of his 100 DXCC countries on 6 meters. This gives Bill DXCC on ten bands. This is one huge accomplishment! I believe he is the first person in our Club to achieve this goal. Take a moment to give it some thought...so many hours, so many years, so much patience. Congratulations Bill, I am in awe of you.

Dave Strout, W2YC

Proposed Change to GCARC Constitution

To allow the Club Treasurer more flexibility and the ability to get the highest interest rate on the Club's money it is proposed that the first paragraph of Article II Section 5 of the GCARC Constitution be changed from the following:

Section 5. Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to be the recipient of and handle all monies of the CLUB. The Treasurer shall deposit same in the name of the CLUB in a bank located in the State of New Jersey. The Treasurer shall make all such payments for the CLUB as are provided by the Constitution, or such as shall be ordered by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be a co-signer of all checks drawn upon the CLUB's accounts. The Treasurer shall issue a membership card to each member upon payment of his / her dues.

To the following:

Section 5. Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to be the recipient of and handle all monies of the CLUB. The Treasurer shall deposit same in the name of the CLUB in any FDIC insured account. The Treasurer shall make all such payments for the CLUB as are provided by the Constitution, or such as shall be ordered by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be a co-signer of all checks drawn upon the CLUB's accounts. The Treasurer shall issue a membership card to each member upon payment of his / her dues.

The above proposal will be read and discussed at the next two General Meetings. Please attend and express your views on this proposal.

Field Day Preliminary Totals

Harry, AA2WN, has provided the following preliminary numbers for Field Day:

Band	QSO total	Points	Band	QSO total	Points
80 SSB	68	68	80 CW	541	1082
40 SSB	120	120	40 CW	624	1248
20 SSB	57	57	20 CW	453	906
20 PSK	35	70	20 RTTY	29	58
15 SSB	57	57	6 SSB	92	92
6 CW	13	26	2 SSB	41	41
1.2SSB	3	3			

Total points from preliminary numbers are 3828, a very successful Field Day.

If you didn't participate in Field Day this year, we all hope you will make it out to join the fun for next year's Field Day.

Other Area Hamfests

The Jersey Shore Amateur Radio Society is holding a Hamfest on Sunday, August 14, at the Bayville Fire House on Route 9 in Bayville, Ocean County, New Jersey. For more information contact Ed, WA2NDA, or WA2NDA@aol.com.



28TH ANNUAL
GLOUCESTER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

HAMFEST

Largest in South Jersey

SUNDAY AUGUST 14, 2005

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

Rain or Shine

(Gates open at 6:00am for tailgaters and vendors)

Admission is \$6.00 - *Non-Ham spouses and kids free*

- ◆ Fair is being held in the Pavilion area of the Gloucester County 4-H Fairgrounds located on NJ route 77 in Mullica Hill, NJ (map on back)
- ◆ Featuring tailgaters and vendors of New, Used and Antique Radio, Computer and electronic equipment. Entry ticket is good for Door prize drawings throughout the day. (You must be present to win.)
- ◆ Tail Gate spaces \$5.00 Pavilion spaces \$10.00 (some with electric)
Sorry - space price does not include cost of admission

License testing at 9:30am

Talk-in 146.865/.265 rpt PR PL131.8

DXCC-VUCC-WAS Card checking available at 11:30am

GCARC

PO Box 370

Pitman, NJ 08071

Plenty of free parking available

Harry Bryant

e-mail: AA2WN@arrl.net

On-site food Services

Handicapped Parking and large item pickup available

August Birthdays

Congratulations to the following members whose birthdays are in August:

William Blakeley, WA2ADB
Emil Busko, WB2EOR
John Koch, K2CR
James Mollica Sr., K2OWE
James Mollica Jr., N2NRD



Crosstalk Submissions

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

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Submission deadline: 8/29/2005

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The W2MMD Repeaters

147.78/18 Mhz- Pitman
(CTCSS 131.8Hz)

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)

September Meeting Program

Socializing

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

