



## *Presidents Message*

A quick reminder to all, our Hamfest has been moved to Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, this year. I hope all of you can make it for a fun day at the 4H fairgrounds. Also, the annual NJ QSO Party will be August 19-21, a couple of weeks after you read this. Activity has dwindled in recent years, but it's still a great way to have some fun and be the focus of a pileup or two. Maybe Steve, W2TDS, could get a roving mobile going with that nice camper of his that he had out at Field Day. He could use it to operate from different New Jersey counties for the QSO Party.

It seems W2MMD is being heard on VHF nationwide these days. An email report from WA7MLD, Marv, said that he heard W2MMD in Vancouver, WA with a 55 to 59 signal on a recent Friday evening on 6M.

### **Hamfest**

Well as you may know, our Hamfest is scheduled for Sunday, September 17th, rain or shine. This is our only fund raiser and without it the club as no income. No income means no Field Day food, no donuts, no coffee, no site maintenance etc.

We need your help! We can use help Saturday evening, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00PM. Bring gloves and a shovel if you have them. The gloves are to keep your hands looking young and beautiful while we man-handle tables in the pavilion area. The shovel is to help clean up the tail gate yard if there is a horse event during the day on Saturday.

On Sunday the gates will open at 6:00AM for vendors. This normally means a long line of cars waiting to come claim their space very early. Tail gate spaces are free this year so we expect a huge turnout. So if you can make it out that early, please do so. If not, arrive when you can and give relief to the guys that are early risers. All during the day we will need help at the gate with ticket sales, directing traffic and to roam the pavilion area to collect for those spaces. No heavy math skills are required, tickets are \$6 and pavilion tables are \$10. Bring your HT along so you can put to use those communications skills you've been honing for all these years. We will use 146.54 MHz for the simplex frequency. Things usually begin to thin out a bit after lunch but we always need help at the conclusion to put the tables back were they belong and to clean up the grounds.

Hope to see all of you out for a least a little while.

Best 73

Harry - AA2WN, Hamfest Chairman

# DX Dope

By Doug Gehring, WA2NPD

By the time you are perusing this article, the new Montenegro entity stations will have simmered down to a crawl. 4O3T and YU6AO have been going strong for about a week at this writing and have been on every ham band and mode possible.

As if a brand new country (number 336) was not hot news, we now have an even bigger fish to fry in that Swain's Island, located near American Samoa, has just been approved as new entity number 337! The separation distance criteria between political entities has recently been reduced to 350 km, and Swain's Island now qualifies. A group of about 6 multinational hams are headed there at this writing and will be the first to activate this island with the callsign KH8SI. Since American Samoa is also KH8, it would seem that, eventually, Swain's Island may become KH8S, or something similar, as was done with Kingman Reef. It seems highly likely that some other islands, too close to each other by the former distance requirement (I think it was 400 km.), will eventually be qualified as separate entities and will join the DXCC list.

The initial DXpedition to Swain's Island has announced they will be there for only 3 days, hence, they are interested in trying to give as many DXers a single contact rather than having a few guys work them on a plethora of bands. They will operate on frequencies that are open to various parts of the world rather than trying to smother all frequencies and modes simultaneously. Because of expected poor propagation (SFI in low seventies), the guess here is that most of the operation will be on CW. Since it's possible by the time you are reading this the operation will have come and gone, this information may be mostly historical. Nevertheless, the likelihood of a follow-up operation is very strong, hence, you should be on the lookout over the next couple of months. In addition, another red hot announcement from VU land! The Laccadives (Lackwadsheep) Islands will be activated next January, 2007, via an operation similar to that of the Andamans of last year. It will be a DXpedition whereby international hams will be invited to participate! It looks like the good works done by hams during the Tsunami of December 2005 have paid off!

So, what else is out there?

STATION	DATES	FREQ/MODE	RARITY*	COUNTRY
FP/K9OT	7/28 – 8/6	40-17; CW, SSB	2	Miquelon Is.
HI3/KB2MS	7/28 – 8/23	80- 6 ; CW, SSB, RTTY	2	Domin. Rep.
4W6AAB	7/14 – 8/15	40- 10; CW, SSB	4	East Timor
9J2VB	Now - ?	80 – 10; CW SSB	3	Zambia
FM/F4CKP	Now – 8/31	80 – 10; SSB, RTTY	2	Martinique
TX1A	Now – 7/31	160 – 10; CW, SSB	3	New Caledonia
GJ5XW/p	8/26 - 9/1	160 – 10; SSB	3	Jersey Is.
XX9TJS	8/11 – 8/16	NA ; NA	3	Macao
4O3NT	7/20 – 8/13 (1)	All; All	5	Montenegro (2)
KH8SI	after 7/23, 3 days (1)	All; CW, SSB	5	Swain's Is.(2)
MD4K	8/19 – 8/26 (3)	NA; All	3	Isle of Man
9G5SE	8/5 - 8/12	40 – 6 ; SSB, CW	3	Ghana

\* Nr. 5 is rarest (1) Major DXpedition (2) Brand new Country! (3) Isle of Man Activity Week.  
TNX to: The Daily DX, 425 DX Report, AA2WN, W2YC, K2JF, and WA2LET.

## Field Day 2006

The raw score for Field Day was about 8,300. Thanks to all who helped make Field Day great and special thanks to Bill, WA2ADB, Frank, W2FJM, Ken, N2CQ, and Ken's XYL, Martha, for the food preparation and supplies, to Brian, KC2BUN, and Al, KB2AYU for providing the grills and last but certainly not least, thanks to Wayne, WA2LET, and Wayne's XYL, Pinky, for helping prepare and serve the great food.

A round of applause goes out to Mike, N2SRO, for all the work he did and for pulling it all together.

## Antiquated Packet?

New member Curt, WA2JSG passes on the following invitation to all Club members: If anyone is still on VHF packet (besides APRS), we still have 2 PBBS boards on-line 24/7 down here in the south-land of Salem County, WA2JSG-5 and K2FI-5. Frequency is 145.05 (where all the Delaware guys used to hang out). We use the same BBS packet protocol as everyone did in the past, so why not drop in and say hi? If you have a problem connecting to WA2JSG-5, then use K2FI-1 as a digipeater.

You can contact Curt at [wa2jsg@comcast.net](mailto:wa2jsg@comcast.net).

## August General Membership Meeting

At the August General Membership Meeting, Wayne Wilson has invited Mike Mazza, a Certified Financial Planner, to come and talk to our group. Mike will also provide a buffet for the group to enjoy while we listen to his presentation. It would be nice if we could have a big turnout for Mike's presentation since he is putting forth this effort to provide the buffet for us. We hope to see many of you there at the meeting on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Field Day 2006

Luxury Operation

Non-Luxury Operation



**AUGUST**                      **CONDUCTED BY N2SS**                      **2006**

**WARC BANDS**

<u>30 Meters</u>	<u>17 Meters</u>	<u>12 Meters</u>
<b>W2YC. 303</b>	<b>N2SS ...321</b>	<b>WØMHK309</b>
N2SS.....291	WØMHK.. 313	N2SS..... 302
WØMHK ..268	W2YC ..... 306	W2YC..... 275
WA2NPD ..197	WA2NPD . 190	K2JF ..... 135
AA2WN....171	K2JF..... 168	N2CQ..... 99
AB2E .....132	AA2WN ... 116	AB2E ..... 92
K2JF.....112	N2CQ ..... 115	WA2NPD... 85
N2CQ.....111	AB2E..... 108	AA2WN..... 20

When the same call heads all 3 WARC bands we will have that elusive, undisputed **KING OF WARC**

**160 Meters**

<b>W2YC..... 186</b>	N2SS ..... 79
WØMHK .... 125	AA2WN ..... 36
AB2E ..... 94	K2JF ..... 34
WA2NPD..... 88	N2CQ ..... 9

W2YC continues as our undisputed Top of Top Band.

Have some totals to add or updates? You can reach me as follows:  
 home: 856-227-4896  
 cell: 609-221-4899  
 email: [n2ss@n2ss.com](mailto:n2ss@n2ss.com)

**Digital**

<b>W2YC .....260</b>	K2JF..... 113
AA2WN.....187	N2SS ..... 53
N2CQ..... 151	

**MOBILE DX**

<b>W2YC .....276</b>	WØMHK .... 141
N2SS.....234	AA2WN ..... 131
K2JF ..... 150	

Looks like Dave and I have spent entirely too much time behind the wheel!

**1.5K Club**

<b>W2YC .....1567</b>	AA2WN..... 1369
<b>N2SS.....1524</b>	K2JF..... 1350
WA2NPD ...1429	N2CQ..... 1135
WØMHK ....1415	AB2E ..... 1164

**Islands On The Air**

<b>N2SS.....832</b>	AB2E ..... 205
W2YC.....639	N2CQ..... 159
WØMHK.....302	

**6 METER DXCC**

<b>WØMHK..... 100</b>	W2YC.....29
K2JF ..... 94	AA2WN.....15
N2SS ..... 55	

Congrats to Bill for hitting the Century mark on 6 Meters!!

**GRID SQUARES**

<b>WØMHK.....480</b>	K2JF .....285
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**Rules for GCARC Honor Roll Listings**  
 Provide me with your total IOTAs worked, or countries (including deleted) worked for: WARC Bands, 160 Meters, Digital modes, Mobile, 6 Meters or your total for 80,40,20, 15 and 10 for 1.5K Club. Final category is Grid Squares – just send me your total worked. Lastly, you do not have to participate in every category to be listed; just send me your totals for any of the categories listed.

**CURRENT OFFICIAL ARRL DXCC STATISTICS**

Active Count.....	337
Deleted Count.....	58
Last Addition.....	KH8/S
Last Deletion.....	STØ

## August Birthdays

Congratulations to these members celebrating birthdays in August:

William Blakeley, WA2ADB

John Koch, K2CR

James Mollica, Sr., K2OWE

James Mollica, Jr., N2NRD

Curtis Myers, WA2JSG

Harry Strahlendorf, KC2OJN



## Crosstalk Submissions

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

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Submission deadline: 7/28/2006

President-Darrell Neron AB2E  
Vice President-Ray Schnapp, WB2NBJ  
Treasurer-Steven Blasko, W2TDS

Doug Gehring, WA2NPD  
Bill Blakeley WA2ADB  
Chuck Colabrese WA2TML

Advertising-Open  
ARES/RACES-Open  
Awards-Jack K2ZA  
Banquet-Open  
Budget-Steve W2TDS  
Clubhouse Site-Al KB2AYU  
Constitution-Open  
Crosstalk-Gene AA2YO  
Database-Ray W2RM  
DX-Doug WA2NPD  
Field Day-Mike, N2SRO  
Hamfest-Harry AA2WN  
Club License Trustee-Darrell AB2E

## GCARC Officers

Recording Secretary-Harry Bryant AA2WN  
Corresponding Secretary-Al Arrison KB2AYU

## Board of Directors

Gene Schoeberlein AA2YO  
Wayne Wilson, WA2LET  
James Mollica Jr. N2NRD

## Committees

Hospitality-Ken N2CQ  
Membership-Ray W2RM  
Nominations-Darrell AB2E  
Publicity-Open  
Repeaters-Mike N2SRO  
Scholarships-Greg WN2T  
Special Services-Gene N2IMK  
Sunshine-Open  
Technical-Open  
TVI-Open  
VEC Testing-Wayne WA2LET  
Programs-Gene WB2UVB

**The W2MMD Repeaters**

147.78/18 Mhz- Pitman  
(CTCSS 131.8Hz)

223.06/224.66 Mhz-Sewell

447.1/442.1 Mhz - Pitman  
(CTCSS 167.9Hz)

**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**

Mike Mazza-Certified Financial Planner  
Presentation and Buffet

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

