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\*\*\*\*\*CLUB NOTES\*\*\*\*\*

6M AREC-----	30.9-----	Sunday, 8 PM Local Time
DOM Rag Chew-----	28.8-----	Fridays 9:30 PM
Novice AREC-----	21.115-----	Mondays 8:30 PM
Friendship Net-----	7.265-----	3rd Sunday, 1:00 PM

CLUB MEETING, AUG. 1, AT THE CLUBROOM

\*\*\*\*\*AUGUST MEETING\*\*\*\*\*

VEEP John, WA2MEM, announces the August 1st meeting will feature the outstanding feature film "Our Sun" produced by the Bell Telephone Company. As every ham is aware, our sun is responsible for among other things, radio wave propagation--indeed--the entire phenomenon of wave propagation. Those of you who have seen or heard of this film will, obviously, be excellent advertise and testimonial-givers as to the films outstanding message. House chairman John, WB2GKH, promises a cool summer evening with "conditioned" air in the lofty heights far above the street. So come partake of the evenings festivities; enjoy the show in regal splendor while sipping a cool sarsaparilla within the GCARC confines. See you all on the FIRST!

\*\*\*\*\*FD-1973 SCORE\*\*\*\*\*

Well, here it is gang--fresh from the pen of contest chairman Ken, W2FBF. Read 'em and weep!

80	433	1972's QSO's
40	316	
20	105	
6	77	
2	26	
Novice	65	
Total	1077	1084

This computes out to a final score of 2254 pts. We did slightly better last year, but last year, you will recall, we had 8 transmitters (15 & 10M). Compared to 6 this year. In addition, the 20M band was apparently in much better shape last year. This is still a very good score--but we feel we can do better yet in 1974.

\*\*\*\*\*CLUB PICNIC SUCCESSFUL\*\*\*\*\*

About 15 GCARC hams and their families spent a perfect day (WX-wise) at Lake Garrison on the 14th of July. Thanks to WB2GKH and WA2MEM, all necessary arrangements were smoothly provided. Highlighting the events were Tad, W2CKX, who won the sunbathing contest, Shorty, W2SUA, who consumed the most birch beer, and a draw in the cannonball splash between Vic, WN2INZ, and Rich, WB2OCR. As usual, John, WB2JZX, took it on the chin from various opponents at the chess board and the bathing beauty contest was declared a tie between W2AFZ and WA2FGS.

Our only regrets were that more of you loyal (?) club-members didn't put in an appearance. You missed a real swell time

and a very nice day out for a picnic. See you next year.  
(P.S.--read Les Belles for more detailed coverage).

\*\*\*\*\*NEW X-TALK SKED\*\*\*\*\*

Due to difficulties in meeting the printing deadline, the Board of Directors has initiated a new policy (X-TALK staff concurs) regarding the timing of your paper. Starting with this issue, the entire publication sked has been advanced 1 week. All items for future papers must be in the editors hands 2 1/2 weeks before the club meeting of that month. In this way, it is hoped we can eliminate the paper arriving late at your QTH.

\*\*\*\*\*CONTEST CORNER\*\*\*\*\*

New Jersey QSO Party  
August 18-19, 1973

Times--(Two Periods) 1900 GMT Sat. to 0600 &  
1200 GMT Sun. to 2300 Sun.

Sponsor-- Englewood ARA  
303 Tenafly Rd.  
Englewood, NJ 07631

Rules-- The same station may be worked  
once on each band and mode.  
(i.e., 40 phone, 40 cw, 20  
phone, etc.)

Exchange-- Send QSO #, RST, and county.  
Receive QSO #, RST, and ARRL  
Section.

Scoring-- W/VE/VO QSO's are 1 point each.  
DX 3 pts. Multiply QSO points  
by the number of ARRL sections  
worked.

Frequencies-- 1810, 3535, 3735, 3905, 7035,  
7135, 7265, 14035, 14280, 21100  
21355, 28100, 28600, 50 to 50.5,  
and 144 to 146.

Awards-- Englewood ARA will issue a  
certificate to the top scorer  
in each county. GCARC will issue  
a certificate to any member making  
150 or more contacts, and a  
prize to the top scorer.

Logs--

Forms will be available at the August meeting. Mail your log to the sponsor to be received by Sept. 15th. Check sheets are required with all entries. Notify W2FBF of your score for prizes, certificates, and crosstalk listing. As with any contest, interest is measured by the number of logs received, so be sure to send it in, however small.

The N.J. QSO party is the most successful state QSO party going because of the large number of J.J. stations who participate. Let's put our counties in from South Jersey, and make it even a bigger success.

73's -- Ken, W2FEB

\*\*\*\*\*IF THE SHOE FITS\*\*\*\*\*

A couple of visitors at the local radio club were overheard discussing the preceding meeting over doughnuts and coffee. Al was telling Joe that he was really impressed with the meeting and that he enjoyed the program. One thing bothered Joe, and that was that only a few members seemed willing to commit themselves for any jobs-like being a band chairman or volunteering to do some operating during the event. Joe said that if he were a member he would think about doing some stuff like band chairman or operator or anything else that would come up. "Well, it looks to me only about eight or ten people here are willing to do anything," replied Al. "It's probably a click," said Joe, while refilling his cup and getting another doughnut. "Wonder what this can is for, Al?" "Oh, it's probably for the club members to donate to the coffee mess--doesn't seem to be much in it" replied Joe. Al said that he would have put something in it, but he didn't have change for a quarter. Joe wanted to know where the guys got those jackets and pondered what the initial "GCARC" stood for. "You know," said Al, "It looks as if 50 % of the club will be out of town during field day, maybe they ought to change the date!" "Yeah, most of the older guys don't want to be bothered and the younger guys seem leary about committing themselves," said Joe, while refilling his cup. "Don't you think we should put something in the can," Al--"No, we're visitors, and besides, nobody else is putting anything in it." "Must be on the house tonight," said Joe. "Wonder where the President dug-up that haircut?" "Yeah, he must think he is Caesar the way he runs the meeting, rapping that gavel and stuff."

"Say Joe, I was just checking and we should get voted into the club at the next meeting." "Gee, that soon!" "I didn't realize that we'd get in so fast!" "Look Joe, if we're voted in at the next meeting you'll be able to do some operating on field day!" "Well, I don't know about that, I think that I'm going swimming on that day!"

de WB2JZX

(Ed note: sound like anybody we know?)

\*\*\*\*\*INTERVIEW WITH A HAM\*\*\*\*\*

Wow, I've been looking through some of my records and find that this column has appeared only once so far this year in the pages of Crosstalk. I promised our Editor at least six interviews a year, so I'd better get down to business, or I'll be getting thrown off of the staff of "Ye Olde Crosstalk." For the benefit of some of our newer club members this article has appeared in Crosstalk off and on since 1964, this being the twenty sixth of this series.

The subject of our interview this month is Steve Pakyz, W2PZX,

Steve was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on January 25, 1918. He attended public schools in Phila. and is a graduate of North East High School. After graduating from high school, Steve attended the University of Pennsylvania where he studied Electrical Engineering for two and a half years. Steve was first licensed as W3FLU in December of 1933 and became W2PZX upon moving to New Jersey in 1942. Steve started working for R.C.A. in 1940 and at the time of his retirement in 1967 was a senior electrical designer. The Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club was organized in 1959 and Steve has been a member since 1960. He was a member of the South Jersey Radio Association for over twenty five years, prior to 1965. At present Steve is an active member of our AREC nets. He was active in RACES from the early 1950's to 1960. In 1954 Steve received the Edison Award for his services during Hurricane Hazel. (The Edison Award is issued each year by General Electric to Hams that have performed outstanding services).

Steve lost his eyesight in 1967, but is still an active Ham, operating an SB-100 on 40 Meter SSB and an HA-460 on 6 Meter AM. In the past Steve was active in politics in Deptford Township. He is an exempt fireman from the Almonesson Lake Fire Company.

Harry McCormick, WA2SEA.

\*\*\*\*\*LES BELLES\*\*\*\*\*

by Rose Ellen, WA2FGS

Where can I find Shorty? Lets get a table for our chess game. Which tables are reserved for the Club?

This is what could have been heard if you were down at Lake Garrison during the annual Club picnic Saturday, July 14th. First arrivals were Tad and Nancy as usual. Their coffee was ready as well as extra hamburgers and treats for those who ran short or forgot to bring along something. Joan and John wasted no time in getting the food cooking for their gang who got hungry before they hit the park. Looking around we saw Doug without Susan and learned she is 10,000 miles away visiting her family. How lucky can anyone be to get a trip like that---Susan how about coming to a meeting and telling about your trip? Martha and Ken were making everyone's mouth water with that good looking roast corn. Ann Peck had a chance to greet everyone as they arrived and it was great to have the group near their QTH as usual. For a while it seemed to be a Chess Club picnic rather than Radio Club picnic. For proof of this, Della was going around with lens and shutter to collect all this evidence at hand. Did someone say a five year old was demonstrating the correct playing methods? Vic and his YF had some real nice looking chicken on their fire which must have been mighty delicious. Rita and Harry played it smart and ate at home before coming so the children had more time for their swim. Virginia and Jack brought their sister along which made a nice family group. All you gals who were not present missed the treat of seeing that beautiful quilt Virginia is making (described in March '73 Lady's Circle magazine). Can we ask you Virginia to come out to meetings and bring along samples of your handy work? Steve and xyl were able to make it and sure nice to have them. At first it seemed Rich and xyl started to put down their picnic with another group when Chairman John called attention to where our group was located. Before they got organized the first item missing was "salt and pepper". Luckily Joan just had the same experience and purchased hers at the club house. Joan learned the item most forgotten is salt and pepper and a good supply of shakers are kept for sale at the park. Yours truly and Bill tried out a new propane gas "kitchen" and thanks to Tad we were able to get the right part hooked up and John Stull gave a hand to get the coffee heated on his grille. We still remember the very first Club Hamfest held at Malaga where we met. In general a good time was had by all and the turnout of approximately 42 people kept the activities going from about 11:00 a.m. until after 6:00 p.m. Sorry if you were unable to make it and we look forward to seeing you at the next Club event.

\*\*\*\*\*WHO CAN TOP THIS??\*\*\*\*\*

Our 3rd XYL Bertha, WA4BMC, whom we see only over the air (she's too far away to attend club meetings) has compiled quite an operating record. Thought maybe some of you OM's might like to see what an evergetic XYL can do:

QSL CREDITS OF WA4BMC  
 \*\*\*\*PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, USA\*\*\*\*

Have worked all 3079 counties--all 20 meters--all SSB and I am #19 for the USA-CA County Award after 1/21/70. This is good for the "K9EAB" Memorial Award. (MARAC Custodian)

Am working all the counties over again, with different calls-- I have 2781 confirmed--all 20 meter SSB.

Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club (MARAC) Charter member #11 MARAC information center--SASE to WA4BMC--use legal size envelope with three 3 cent stamps.

The independent county hunters net meets on 14.337 daily, 1400 GMT until the band closes and 3.943 starting at 0100 GMT. See any issue of CQ magazine--USA-CA column by W2GT.

National awards hunters club, charter member #25---200 seals--Pa., Mass., Fla., Calif., Tex., N.Y., N.J., Chapters.

Amateur Radio Achievement Club--Charter member #3, ultimate achievement award. AMSAT #775.

ISSB #31-(KNA plus 15 seals)--(North Star).

Mbr of ECARS--Al-OP Club--RCC--BPL 75 plus--ARRL OBS OVS--mbr Florida Sidebanders Assoc. and Emergency Net--Fla. RTTY Society--Knights of Kilocycle #317--Floridora--Sailfish Net--Southern Section Country Cousins.

Grandmothers Club--Florida Cowbelle--OGS #166--Moonwatcher #67 Slave #97--ROHO #704--Screwball #113--Smart #119--Junkhunter #68--mbr MET ARC Mich.--Yogi BEAR #66--Confederate Rebel #616--AREA #204--Weeki Wachee Fla. VHF Award--charter mbr #27--1Fla. mbr Fla. VHF Medicare Net--Professional Loafers Club #282.

South Jersey Radio Assoc.--GCARC.

Mbr of four 2 Meter FM repeater Assoc's. WB4FPB--Lake Worth, Fla., 23/88 SERA--(south east repeater assoc.)--WB4KFY--Boca Raton, Fla., 22/82--WB4HAA, Miami, Fla. 34-16/76

## \*\*\*\*\*CROSSTALK, WHO READS IT?\*\*\*\*\*

Supposedly every club member receives a copy of Crosstalk each month. Admittedly we have issues that are outstanding compared to our usually good issues of Crosstalk. Speaking not only for myself, a member of YOUR Crosstalk Staff, but for each and everyone concerned with this publication, there is something that YOU as a reader should consider. Have you ever taken a moment or two to say to the Editor or a member of the staff, "I liked that article about, such and such, or I don't think you should run anything like that again." Having conferred with various persons that contribute their time in making this publication available to you, I find that we, your staff, have little to guide us. Several members of the staff have said, "I don't know if anyone ever reads my articles, no one ever says they enjoyed it, it was lousy, or even that they have read it."

So why not take a moment now and then to comment on YOUR views of the articles that appear in Crosstalk.

Harry McCormick, WA2SEA

## \*\*\*\*\*RAMBLINGS OF A GHOST WRITER\*\*\*\*\*

A weaver of rugs sits behind his loom. But every once in a while he walks around in front to make sure that the threads he has been pulling are producing the intended pattern. Your approach to ham radio may be like a weaver's pulling of threads from the under side of a rug.

Your engrossment in your own rig or station may be such that you are unaware of what is on the other side of ham radio. You have lost contact with fellow hams. You are unaware of the goings on in your area. You soon assume the moniker of a "loner". If this is your idea of ham radio, you are badly mistaken, for if every ham was to take this attitude soon there would be no other hams to talk to on the bands. Come from behind your rig, and see what kind of a pattern you are producing.

A LUMP OF CLAY.....a legend tells of man who went into a gift shop, and there found a lump of clay that smelled sweet. When he asked the lump of clay what made it so fragrant, it said that a long time before it had been close to a rose. "Lord, help me to live close to Thee so that, however lowly my station is, others will sense Thy presence in my life and be drawn to seek fellowship with Thee".

Let us see if we can't apply this lesson to our neighbors, fellow hams, and members of our club. Too many of us forget to realize that a coin has two sides, and nine times out of ten the caller will call for a head to appear thinking that the coin only has a head side. Life was not meant to be one sided, and this often may be the cause of trouble in any gathering.



Have you noticed how hard it is getting to find an outlet that will supply radio and electronic parts for the ham who likes to do experimenting and build his own equipment? There once was a time when the ham had his choice of stores where he could purchase his wants, but no more. This condition has done more to discourage true ham radio than anything else.

When one sits down and tries to knock-out an article suitable for a ham radio paper, he is restricted to four groups: namely, 1. club affiliation, 2. personal attitude, 3. construction, and 4. area activities. In order for articles not to be boring or repetitious and still hold the interest of the reader presents a challenge not easily met, especially when being limited to the four above categories. If there are any other topics that I haven't thought of, I would appreciate if word were passed on to the Editor and I will try to comply with your wishes. If I thought that I had more freedom of subject material, and could still keep you reading, this maybe would be the answer. Not being a professional writer, each month I struggle to come up with something timely and interesting to help fill out the pages of Crosstalk, for I feel this paper is the backbone in helping the GCARC maintain its status. When this paper is delayed for various reasons and does not reach the members on time, a cry goes up, "WHERE'S THE PAPER?" This is good and shows me that the paper is doing its job and repays me for some of the effort put into this organ. In order to clarify the word "organ", the dictionary definition...."A means of communicating ideas or opinions, as a periodical".

For some of the new members....did you know that radio waves are received around the outside perimeter of the conductor and that the thickness of the conductor has no bearing upon the signal?

Well, as this article is called, "Ramblings of a Ghost Writer" you can certainly see where the word ramblings comes in, as this is the only way I know how to write (if it is writing).

The gold dust twins, --QRM es QRN are certainly playing havoc with my ghost reporters so badly that they are unable to tell me anymore.