



## Presidents Message

The first order of business for this message is to wish all our members and their families best wishes for happy and blessed holidays. By the time you get this message Thanksgiving will be history, so I hope all had a great day and if you traveled all went well.

2002 DUES  
GCARC dues for the year 2002 are due. The annual dues are \$15.00. Please send your checks directly to the treasurer, Bob Krchnavek, (K2DAD) at 50 Eastwick Dr., Gibbsboro, NJ 08026.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that G.C.A.R.C. came in first in class 9a for Field Day this year. Our score was 9,294 points and was more than double that of our nearest competitor. Thanks are in order to all that helped to make this Field Day a success even though the bands were not the best. I hope all had fun. I know I did. Only glitch was when I fell asleep in my truck about 3AM and the generator ran out of gas--sorry gang!

If you haven't already heard, I am sorry to announce that Tony N2SS lost his bid for Division Director. I know we all were hoping he would make it. He would have made a great director.

Remember that at the next meeting elections of officers for 2003 will be held. Even though there is no opposition for any of the jobs, I hope we will have a good turnout for moral support.

We are trying to get January's meeting to be changed to the second Wednesday as New Years Day is on the first Wednesday. Check January's Crosstalk to find out if we were able to make the switch.

Best 73  
Ray, WB2NBJ

# Happy Holidays

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## DX Dope

By Doug Gehring, WA2NPD

Normally this blurb concentrates entirely on DX, however, two weekends ago at the Pinelands retreat of WA2LET your scribe found himself working the SSB Sweepstakes contest with W2YC, AA2WN, N2CQ and host WA2LET using very up-to-date equipment provided by W2YC. Frankly, your scribe (and I think many of this column's readers) are still living in the Dark Ages with regard to what the past few years have wrought in respect to equipment and the marriage of that equipment with computers. This is no more evidenced than in the sport of contesting. Imagine, a computer page continuously showing all of the station spots who are participating in the contest. Using the mouse, you click on one of the spotted stations (you, of course, must have an antenna out there which matches the frequency/band spotted for the desired station) and immediately your transceiver and linear amplifier are automatically tuned to the desired station. This, if necessary, includes the automatic switching of antennas! If the station is a dupe, this is displayed first. The hard part is you now have to speak into the microphone, work him and type the exchange into the computer. Then you are ready to click on the next spotted station. One can imagine the worked station rate with this set-up, especially using a linear! And all antennas used here were dipoles and long wires. There are other features, computer gimmicks, etc. which should be described, however due to the constraints of space for this column and this scribe's naivete, this will have to await another day. Suffice to say, W2YC's ACOM linear (ACOM International, Inc., Bulgaria) performed like a real champion, which it is.

Well, with the CQWWCW Contest now history, lets see who is up and who decided to stick around a bit longer at their respective DX locations.

Station	Dates	Freq./Mode	Rarity*	Country
5T5—	11/29-12/7	160-10; SSB, CW, RTTY	3	Mauritania
9N7YJ	Now	40, 30; SSB, CW	4	Nepal
LX0LT	11/30-12/8	160-10; All	2	Luxembourg
P4OTA	12/3-12/17	WARC-6; SSB, CW	2	Aruba
ST1MN	Until July	NA	5	Sudan
TZ6JA	Until 12/10	40-10; SSB	3	Mali
TR8CA	Until ?	30, 12; RTTY	3	Gabon
P5/4L4FN	Now QRT (Political Decision)			No. Korea
3C2MV	Until 12/12	NA	3	Equatorial Guinea
TO2FG	12/15-1/15/03	All; SSB, CW, RTTY	2	Guadeloupe
K6ACZ/DU	December	80-10; SSB, CW	3	Philippines

\* No. 5 is rarest

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

## Election of GCARC Officers for 2003

By Ray Schnapp, WB2NBJ

At the December meeting elections will be held for 2003 officers of the Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club.

The following nominations have been made for 2003 officers:

President-Ray Schnapp, WB2NBJ

Vice President-Wayne Wilson, WA2LET

Treasurer-Robert Krchnavek, K2DAD

Recording Secretary-Harry Bryant, AA2WN

Corresponding Secretary-John Fisher, K2JF

Board of directors-Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML and Al Arrison, KB2AYU (Both members terms are expiring and they have agreed to run again.)

Trustee--Ray Martin, WB2LNR

## Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the following Club members:

Arthur Goldman, K3WIN 12/19  
Thomas Gorman, KE2ES 12/5  
James McDonald, WB2AOL 12/29



## Crosstalk Submissions

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

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Submission deadline: 12/20/2002

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Chuck Colabrese WA2TML  
Lou Joseph W2LYL  
Al Arrison KB2AYU

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-Chris WK2W

## GCARC Officers

Recording Secretary-Harry Bryant AA2WN  
Corresponding Secretary-Chris West WA2MVU

## Board of Directors

Gene Schoeberlein AA2YO  
Bob Krukowski KR2U  
Bill Blakeley WA2ADB

## Committees

Hospitality-Chris WK2W  
Membership- John AA2BN  
Nominations-Art Strong KA2DOT  
Publicity-Open  
Repeaters-Chuck WA2TML  
Scholarships-Greg WN2T  
Special Services-Gene N2IMK  
Sunshine-Open  
Technical-Bob KR2U  
TVI-John AA2BN  
VEC Testing-Chick WA2USI  
4-H Parking-Bob KR2U

**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)

**December Meeting Program**

Election of Officers

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

