



Presidents Message

I hope that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and by now the leftover pumpkin pie and other goodies are history. The 2005 CQWW CW DX contest will be history as well by the time you read this. Several club members were planning to be active (you don't need to really compete; you can just operate, have some fun, and chase DX in the process). Some of you were also active in the ARRL Sweepstakes, which is a real operating challenge because of the long exchange, and lots of activity. These are great contests if you're looking to complete Worked All States or chasing counties.

I want to remind all of you about the ARES/RACES net on Sunday evening. Please support this excellent activity by checking into the net, which starts at 2000 every Sunday evening on the 2M club frequency. Several GCARC members are very active, including net control, Chic, WA2USI, Wayne, WA2VOY, and Mike, N2SRO, among others. You do not need traffic in order to check in, and you never know when someone will have traffic with which you may be able to assist.

Nomination and Election of Officers

At the December General Membership Meeting nominations for 2006 Club officers will be open again. We have candidates for all of the offices except Vice President, Corresponding Secretary and Trustee. If you are interested in any Club position come to the meeting and run for that office. Just let any member know what position you are interested in running for and they can nominate you. All of these jobs are extremely important to the Club so we need volunteers to step up for these positions. Come out to the December meeting and get involved in running your Club.

The following individuals have been nominated for positions as 2006 Club Officers:

President	Darrell AB2E
Vice President	None
Treasurer	John N2JWF
Recording Sec	Harry AA2WN
Corresponding Sec	None
Director	Chuck WA2TML
Director	Alan KB2AYU
Trustee (need one)	None

DX Dope

By Doug Gehring, WA2NPD

Good news on the Navassa/Desecheo Islands front; the House Committee on Resources recently unanimously approved H.R. 1183, which if passed by the full Congress and signed by the President, would reopen these two DX entities to limited public access and presumably renewed amateur radio operations. The tougher part is yet ahead, namely approval by the entire House and then the Senate. Final approval by the President should be a slam-dunk (my opinion). What is needed now are either short letters, e-mails, or telephone calls from all DXers and interested hams to your Congressman (either Frank LoBiondo or Rob Andrews, or both) urging their support of H.R. 1183. Why should you take the time to do this? The DX program is looked upon by the world as one of the best sources of international good will and international ambassadorship available. Thousands of radio amateurs and friends worldwide get to know each other and each other's countries via DXing and QSLing. The USA participates fully by permitting its islands and possessions to be recognized as DX entities as do virtually all other countries in the world. Thus, it has been somewhat of a worldwide embarrassment to have the US Fish and Wildlife Service, or rather a few clunkhead bureaucrats therein, slap an embargo on US hams as persona non grata to these two Islands. Unfortunately, we are not a dictatorship, and it thereby requires another law to undo a previous law that somehow permitted this travesty to slip by. Your immediate support for this bill would be greatly appreciated.

On another note, DXer Dave, W2YC, has just passed the 2600 mark in the DX Challenge Award chase for worldwide band countries. This ranks him in the top 80 hams in the world on the Challenge ladder. Also, Bill, W0MHK, is rapidly closing in on the 2500 mark, not that far behind Dave. Unquestionably, these two guys will be hard to catch.

So, now that the CQ WW CW contest smoke has cleared, what is left out there for the coming month?

STATION	DATES	FREQ/MODE	RARITY*	COUNTRY
FS/K9EL	11/30-12/7	80 -10; SSB, CW	2	St. Martin
CE0/LA6IKA	12/6 -12/13	40 – 6; CW, Digital	3	Easter Is.
6Y5/OH3RB	11/23-12/5	160 – 10; CW, SSB	2	Jamaica
HI7/DL1JFI	11/30-12/7	80 – 10; CW	2	Dominican Rep.
PJ2T	12/6-1/14	160 – 10; CW, SSB	2	Neth. Antilles
TR8CR	12/12-1/12	40 – 10; CW, SSB	3	Gabon
AA1AC/VP9	12/12-12/15	NA; NA	2	Bermuda
ZA/SP5EAQ	11/28-12/16	NA; SSB	3	Albania
P40TA	12/1-12/21	160 – 10; CW, SSB, RTTY	2	Aruba
3A/N0FW/P	12/1-12/13	160, 10, 6; SSB, CW	3	Monaco

*Nr. 5 is rarest

Thanks to Weekly DX, 425 DX News, W2YC, AA2WN, WA2LET, and K2JF

Silent Key

It is with deep regret that I inform you of the passing of Al Trueblood, N2FJQ, on Friday, November 11, 2005. His wife, Dolores, said that he had a heart attack at home. Al was 67 years old and veteran of The United States Marine Corps.

Thanks to Jim Mollica, K2OWE, and Ray Martin, W2RM for the above information.

Hams Helping Kids at Christmas

This holiday season hams across the country are helping kids affected by last summer's hurricane. The ARRL has partnered with the Salvation Army to help youngsters in the coastal areas of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana by conducting a nationwide toy drive. Thousands of families are without a place to live for the coming holiday season, but hams from all across the country are coming to their rescue again through this program. The toys need to be unwrapped and for ages 1 to 14 years of age. Ship them to Toy Drive/The Salvation Army, 1775 Moriah Woods Blvd, Suite 12, Memphis, TN 38117-7125. Over the holidays the Salvation Army volunteers will distribute the toys throughout areas of the US Gulf Coast wherever the need is greatest

Thanks to ARRL South Jersey Section Manager Jean Priestly for the above.

Welcome New Members

This month we welcome three new members into the Club, Dave Boswell of Glassboro, Jim Clark, KA2OSV, of Collingswood and Gary Reed, N2QEE, of Sewell. We hope to see you regularly at Club meetings and functions.

If any of you new members sends me a brief biography and information about your interest in amateur radio, I will run an article in a future Crosstalk introducing you to the Club. My e-mail address is aa2yo@arrl.net.

Also, my apology goes out to Harry Strahlendorf, KC2OJN, a new member last month, for misspelling his name in Crosstalk.

ARRL Files Regulation-By-Bandwidth Petition with FCC

The ARRL has formally asked the FCC to adopt the League's plan to segment the Amateur Radio bands solely by emission bandwidth rather than by mode. The Petition for Rule Making, filed November 14, recommends what the ARRL called "a shift in regulatory philosophy" that would encourage and facilitate the development and refinement of digital techniques and advanced technologies. At the same time, the League said, accommodating new technologies would not come at the expense of current operating modes, including double-sideband AM phone.

"This petition seeks for the Amateur Radio Service the flexibility to experiment with new digital transmission methods and types to be developed in the future," the League's petition said, "while permitting present operating modes to continue to be used for as long as there are radio amateurs who wish to use them." The ARRL said the changes it suggests will also update the FCC's rules and eliminate the need for "cumbersome procedures" to determine whether a new digital mode is legal under Part 97.

The League conceded that its regulation-by-bandwidth regime would place increased responsibility on the amateur community to establish workable, accepted band plans, but it expressed confidence that such an effort would be successful.

The ARRL wants the FCC to replace the table at §97.305(c) with a new one that segment bands by bandwidths ranging from 200 Hz to 100 kHz. Unaffected by the ARRL's recommendations, if they're adopted, would be 160 and 60 meters. Sub bands in other bands below 29 MHz would accommodate maximum emission bandwidths of 200, 500 or 3.5 kHz, with an exception of 9 kHz for AM phone.

The text of the ARRL's Petition for Rule Making is on the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/bandwidth/Bandwidth-Minute-64-Petition-FINAL.pdf>>.

Thanks to the American Radio Relay League and the ARRL Newsletter for the above.

December Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following members whose birthdays are in December:

Kelly Glans-N2SBQ
Arthur Goldman-K3WIN
Tom Gorman-KE2ES
William Grim-W0MHK
Harry Jackson-WB2GSF
Charles Naylor-WA2USI
Norm Rebel-W2FHO



Crosstalk Submissions

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

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Submission deadline: 12/27/2005

President-Darrell Neron AB2E
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Awards-Jack K2ZA
Banquet-Bob KR2U
Budget-Bob K2DAD
Clubhouse Site-Al KB2AYU
Constitution-Open
Crosstalk-Gene AA2YO
Database-Ray W2RM
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Hamfest-Harry AA2WN

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TVI-Open
VEC Testing-Chick WA2USI



DECEMBER **CONDUCTED BY N2SS** **2005**



Happy Holidays
(Took this pix in my backyard. N2SS)

<u>160 Meters</u>	
W2YC171	AA2WN 36
WØMHK 124	K2JF 34
AB2E 90	WA2NPD 31
N2SS 79	N2CQ 9

W2YC continues as our undisputed
Top of Top Band.

R T T Y Digital	
W2YC242	K2JF 113
AA2WN 187	N2SS 53
N2CQ 151	

Islands On The Air	
N2SS823	AB2E 205
W2YC 604	N2CQ 159
WØMHK 287	

6 METER DXCC	
WØMHK99	W2YC 19
K2JF 94	AA2WN 15
N2SS 55	

WARC BANDS		
30 Meters	17 Meters	12 Meters
W2YC. 296	N2SS ...320	WØMHK309
N2SS 290	WØMHK.. 313	N2SS 302
WØMHK .. 268	W2YC 300	W2YC 273
WA2NPD .. 179	K2JF 168	K2JF 135
AA2WN 171	WA2NPD . 163	N2CQ 99
AB2E 128	AA2WN ... 116	AB2E 92
K2JF 112	N2CQ 115	WA2NPD... 78
N2CQ 111	AB2E 108	AA2WN 20

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

MOBILE DX	
W2YC276	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	
W2YC1542	AA2WN 1369
N2SS1521	K2JF 1350
WØMHK ... 1415	N2CQ 1135
WA2NPD ... 1405	AB2E 1164

GRID SQUARES	
WØMHK474	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.

Have some totals to add or updates? You can reach me as follows:

email: n2ss@n2ss.com

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

Final Nominations and Election of 2006 Officers

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club
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Happy Holidays