



## *Presidents Message*

I hope that all of you had a great Thanksgiving. Several of our members also had a great time in the CQWW CW contest which was over Thanksgiving weekend as well. Special mention should go to Dave, W2YC, Harry, AA2WN, and Bill, W0HMK, who piloted W2YC's excellent station. Ken, N2CQ, also did very well in the contest. Congratulations to all for doing a great job.

During the December general meeting we will elect new GCARC officers for 2007. The slate so far is: Darrell, AB2E, for President, Vice President is open, Ken, N2CQ, for Treasurer, Dave, WB3JOY, for Recording Secretary, Al, KB2AYU, for Corresponding Secretary, and Doug, WA2NPD, and Gene, AA2YO for Directors. If anyone would be interested in running for any of these offices, be sure to show up for the December meeting. Retiring Treasurer, Steve, W2TDS, has agreed to serve as Board of Trustee member. Please come out to the December meeting to vote and support your officers.

### **.New Member**

This month the Club welcomes new member David Regn, N2SRS. David holds a Technician license and is from Marlton, NJ. Welcome to the Club David. We hope to see you out at Club meetings and activities soon.

### **New Committee Chair**

John Fisher, K2JF, has agreed to take on the position of Publicity Chair for the Club and the Club President, Darrell, has appointed John to the position. Unfortunately as most of you probably know, John has been in the hospital and now is in rehab for a broken bone in his leg. We all wish John a speedy recovery and we hope to see the results of John's publicity efforts soon.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New  
Year to all from your officers and  
directors**

# DX Dope

By Doug Gehring, WA2NPD

Well, the big CQ WW CW weekend is now history, and the W2YC, AA2WN, W0HMK triumvirate garnered an excellent 2.6 million weekend score. The W2YC antenna farm appears to have complimented these fine operators drawing in the weakest signals on the band. And N2CQ, working in the single operator-single transmitter category, turned in a commendable 380 thousand score. W2YC reports that, considering the low point in the cycle, band conditions during the entire weekend were very good, especially for 160, 80, and 40 meters. A and k values also cooperated and were mostly 7 and 0, respectively.

On another subject, and following a discussion with sage W2YC, I spoke with the Wenonah, NJ postmaster and learned that, when QSLing to the four corners of the world, the most notorious part of the world for "lost mail" is South and Central America. "Lost mail" translated means "rifled mail" as postal workers open mail suspected of containing IRCs and Green Stamps. We hams often tend to blame the foreign ham for not responding to our direct QSL when, in fact, it could very well be that the foreign ham never received the card in the first place. We do our best to disguise the outside of the letter, etc., however, inevitably, the local foreign postal service seems to find out who the hams are within their service jurisdiction. One hint W2YC passed along, is to always have the local USA post office place a price strip on the letter as opposed to an US Air Mail stamp. New issue Air Mail stamps are a particular problem. Not using a stamp will at least discourage the "stamp collector" from rifling the letter. Also, if you must use a stamp, carefully cut-off a small piece of the corner of the stamp as this renders the stamp useless to a potential collector. Another part of the world with a poor reception record is Russia and some of the adjacent Balkan countries. Surprisingly, a very reliable part of the world is Japan and the Muslim countries. I guess if one gets caught in the Muslim countries, one loses the use of his hand, etc. During the authors final 12 years (or so) with the DuPont Company, yours truly developed a near-ironclad method of QSLing with South American countries. I would send my cards via Company pouch mail to my DuPont engineer friend in Goiabal, Brazil. He, in turn, would mail the QSL to its destination with his Brazilian return address and Brazilian postage. The inside return envelope, of course, had my USA address and the return address of the recipient. In this way, the involved Postal service personnel never opened the Brazilian letter to look for USA currency and/or IRCs, etc. Unfortunately, this pipeline "broke" when I retired.

Well, let's see what's out there for this month.

STATION	DATES	FREQ/MODE	RARITY*	COUNTRY
P4OK	12/1 - 12/21	All : All	2	Aruba
P40TA	(same as P4OK above)			
VU7LD (1)	12/1 - 12/30	All ; All	5+	Lakshadweep
VU7RG (1)	1/15 - 1/30	All; All	5+	Lakshadweep
PJ2T	12/1 - 12/3	160 m contest	2	Curacao
CN2WW	11/22 - 12/11	20 m; CW	3	Morocco
D20VB	11/20 - ?	All; CW, SSB	3	Angola
LZ0A	12/1 - 3/1/07	NA; CW, SSB		So. Shetlands
E21EIC/P	12/6 - 12/12	160 - 10; CW, SSB, Dig.	4	Thailand
KH8Q	12/1 - 12/14	160 - 10; CW, SSB	3	Am. Samoa
HI8/ON4AA	12/2 - 12/14	40 - 20; SSB, RTTY, PSK	2	Dom. Rep.

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

TNX to Weekly DX, ARRL DX Bulletin, AA2WN, W2YC, WA2LET, K2JF

## JOTA 2006

What a great weekend! Fifteen club members from NJ2BB (Battleship NJ ARS) participated in JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) 2006 by inviting local South Jersey Cub Scouts to participate. Over a two day period we hosted a total of 35 Webelos Cubs who were accompanied by 29 den leaders and parents. We were also visited by 4 Sea Scouts and 3 of their leaders as part of their annual Philadelphia "Sea Scout extravaganza".

We had stations active on 20 and 17meter SSB, 20meter PSK, 2meter FM and 70centimeter ATV. Each group included from 5 to 9 Scouts and we scheduled about 1.5 hours for each group. This gave us sufficient time to get each of the Scouts on the air in each mode. We found that the younger Scouts were very interested in the ATV operation. We have the ability to both send and receive TV. This year we had 2 of our club members at their home stations manning their ATV and 2meter equipment.

Using a handheld rig while standing on the fantail (aft deck of the ship) we also managed one satellite QSO using AO-51. This was a first for us from the ship.

With the exception of the AO-51 contact, all QSO's were made from the radio room using modern ham transceivers and Navy shipboard antennas.

Looking forward to JOTA 2007!

Harry - AA2WN  
President BNJARS

## Contest Results

In addition to the contest results Doug, WA2NPD, talks about in his column this month, the December issue of QST has the official 2006 Field Day and 2006 June VHF QSO Party results. The Club station had very impressive results in both events. For Field Day W2MMD took first place in the 10A category with a total of 2290 contacts and 9524 points. For the VHF QSO Party W2MMD placed in the top ten in the Limited Multioperator category. Congratulations to all who operated and supported these events.



Warmer Days  
Hamfest 2006



**DECEMBER** conducted by **N2SS** **2006**



**Season's Greetings**

**DIGITAL**

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

**6 METER DXCC**

<b>WØMHK</b> ..... 102	W2YC.....29
K2JF .....94	AA2WN.....15
N2SS .....55	

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

**MOBILE DX**

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

**GRID SQUARES**

<b>WØMHK</b> .....505	K2JF .....285
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Looks like Dave and I have spent entirely too much time behind the wheel!

**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.. 315	N2SS..... 302
WØMHK ..272	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</b> ..... 186	N2SS ..... 79
WØMHK ..... 133	AA2WN ..... 36
AB2E ..... 94	K2JF.....34
WA2NPD..... 88	N2CQ .....9

W2YC continues as our undisputed Top of Top Band.

**1.5K Club**

<b>W2YC</b> .....1567	AA2WN..... 1369
<b>N2SS</b> .....1527	K2JF..... 1350
WØMHK ....1441	N2CQ..... 1135
WA2NPD ...1429	AB2E ..... 1164

**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.

**Islands On The Air**

<b>N2SS</b> .....838	AB2E ..... 205
W2YC.....639	N2CQ..... 159
WØMHK.....302	

**CURRENT OFFICIAL ARRL DXCC STATISTICS**

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

## December Birthdays

Congratulations to these members celebrating birthdays in December:

Kelly Glans, N2SBQ  
Arthur Goldman, K3WIN  
Tom Gorman, KE2ES  
William Grim, W0MHK  
Harry Jackson, WB2GSF  
Jim McDonald, WB2AOL



## Crosstalk Submissions

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

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Submission deadline: 12/22/2006

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

Doug Gehring, WA2NPD  
Bill Blakeley WA2ADB  
Chuck Colabrese WA2TML

## 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

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

Hospitality-Ken N2CQ  
Membership-Ray W2RM  
Nominations-Darrell AB2E  
Publicity-John, K2JF  
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)

**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)

**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

**December Meeting Program**

Election of Officers and Directors

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club  
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