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DEC. CLUB MEETING--DEC. 1st - 8:00 P.M. - AT THE CLUBROOM

December Club Meeting, Dec. 1st

This is Xmas month, and you might expect Santa at the club meeting. But--no, we will be honored with perhaps the next best thing. Our own Shorty, W2SUA, will present the program entitled, "The construction and assembly of big beam antennas," complete with pictures, drawings, etc. Shorty's proficiency in this area is surpassed by none, and the subject is certainly of universal interest. Let's all turn out to get some good know-how from an acknowledged expert. Also, Rose Ellen, WA2FGS, will present a report on her recent trip to the National CD Convention in Las Vegas where she and OM Bill really had a FB time. So get two for the price of one!! See you on the FIRST!!

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Election Night, Dec. 1st

Don't forget that this meeting is the night to elect your officers for 1972! If you don't like the slate (printed in last month's X-TALK) c'mon out and nominate your guy! Remember, you can't vote from in front of your TV set!

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QSO Party Certificates

Scuttlebutt has it that, over the violent, irrational objections of one of our Contest Committee co-chairmen (not Ken), the Board has over-ridden this macarbe fellow and decided to award the Club Certificates for 1st place in Gloucester and Salem counties to the respective winners. Seems, though, one of our co-chairmen (not Ken) forgot that he, several months ago, instituted this contest as a club event! (The long-suffering Paul will find restitution at last!)

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Congratulations

To new father Paul, WB2WAK, and XYL Rose. They are proud parents of a new baby harmonic boy. Everybody is doing nicely except Paul who claims the kid can't seem to get 5 wpm solid yet! (Wait till he's one, Paul).

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4-SALE

- (1) Heath phone patch. Works FB. Contact Jeff, WA2LWC,
- (2) TR-44, Mint Condition, used only 2 weeks, \$50.00. See John, WB2JZX,
- (3) TA-33 Jr. Good Condition, worked the world. \$25.00. Contact Bill, WA2VEE,
- (4) Galaxy 3, \$125.00)
Galaxy 5, \$250.00) less power supply. Contact Doc Green, Clayton.

Good News Department

One invalid, Harry, WA2SEA, is now back to work and looking FB. The other, Howard, WA2OVQ, is coming along FB, is home, and sounds great on 6 M. We are sincerely thankful you guys are doing OK.

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Change to Constitution Passed

At the November club meeting, the club voted to adopt the proposed change to the Constitution (printed in Nov. X-TALK). This change permits the Budget Committee to set the yearly dues, subject to the approval of the Board and general membership. Basically, this will eliminate the necessity of preparing and printing a set of new constitutions each time the dues are changed--thus saving effort and \$.

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Technical Advisory Committee Busy

The QTH of Shorty, W2SUA, was a busy place on Sunday, Nov. 14, as Shorty's TA-36 came down (quickly gobbled-up by WA2VEE) and a new 4-element monobander went up (on 20 M). We didn't catch the names of the participants; however, a good crew was on hand to taste Betty's cooking (Hi).

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"LES BELLES" - by Rose Ellen Bills, WA2FGS

With the holiday season in full swing, we all want to save as much time as humanly possible, especially when it comes to preparing a well-balanced meal for our families. Most of you will be having turkey, and I wish to relay to you an overnite method of how to roast one.

Close cavity openings of a stuffed turkey with skewers and lace tightly with a strong cord or sew with a strong string or thread. Fasten neck to back with skewers or toothpicks. Tie legs together and fasten string to tail, drawing the legs close to the body. Tie and cut string. Take tip end of wings and bend them back so they are held against the back of bird. (A string tied loosely around the middle of the bird holds the wings in place.)

Rub outside of skin with softened butter or margarine, using about two tablespoons, and sprinkle with salt. Place turkey on a rack or trivet, breast side up, in a roasting pan or in a large baking pan about 3 inches deep. Cover fowl with heavy duty foil. Tuck it down around the sides of turkey but not over edges of pan. At bedtime, place turkey in a very slow oven (275°F), no higher, being sure that your oven control is accurate. Cook turkey, weighing up to 13 pounds, 30 minutes per pound or about 6 hours. Cook bird weighing more than this 7 to 8 hours. Set the alarm clock and go to bed.

When the alarm goes off, get up and turn off the oven heat, leaving the door closed. An hour before serving, remove turkey from oven and preheat the oven to slow (325°F). Brush outside skin with pan drippings, using pastry brush. Return uncovered turkey to oven and cook one hour, brushing with pan drippings at 15 minute intervals. The bird will be beautifully browned in an hour.

"LES BELLES" (Cont.)

Met an active xyl - WAØMNL - Rosemarie Lewis of Colorado Springs, Colorado. She goes by "Rosie" and comes from an active ham family. Daughter Linda is WAØMNM, son Larry is WAØDGL, and OM Eldon is WAØERA.

Rosie writes that her first contact with ham radio was at a picnic when she was 17 and observed a mobile rig in operation. When her son was learning code for 1st Class Scout rank, she also became interested and began studying the license manual. This was a send off to another very active xyl who has mastered cw to the higher speeds, active in ARRL, the Colorado YL Club (now organizing one for southern part of the state), has been net control on WAØESM the YL Club station, won the PICON Award in 1969, served many offices in Pikes Peak Radio Club, including two years as secretary, and was the first xyl to become President! She taught code to blind children while employed by School District No. 1, too.

For those who do not know - the PICON plaque is a public service award given to an outstanding amateur in each state at the Division Convention (in other words, hard to achieve).

When daughter Linda joined her on a girl scout camping trip, they worked out skeds with the OM at home base - even when they hiked a two days' trek up Pikes Peak.

See recent QST for the family photo on the yl pages. Celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary last September 11th was just one more milestone where Rosie states that without all the interest and helpfulness of the OM she could not do all she does.

73,

WA2FGS

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AREC News

The 6 M net had a record 12 (twelve) check-ins on Sunday, Nov. 14th. (The grin on EC WA2SEA's face was hard to conceal). How much better can things get?

CD (RACES) News

The city of Woodbury has purchased a new school bus (12 v supply) to be used for fire, police, and CD. Radio Officer Paul, W2PGJ, will probably need some assistance converting over from the old bus in due time. Looks like things are starting to move again. After perusing through copies of Salem county's plan (passed along from WA2FGS, Co-ordinator for Salem County), I would suggest Gloucester County take a cue from Salem. A more complete plan could hardly exist! Also, congratulations to WA2FGS, as Salem received a 100% Drill Participation Certificate from the State (only 4 counties received this award).

Congratulations to W2KE

On receiving life membership card in the Delaware Valley Chapter of QCWA. (And this going to a new home owner!).

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Reminder

Is your QSL card tacked-up on the Clubroom Board? If not, GET-IT-UP-- avoid the embarrassment of having your name printed on the delinquent list soon to appear in X-TALK.

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QST DE W1AW HR OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 345:

Attention DXERS. As noted in November QST, the ARRL DX advisory committee is now preparing recommendations to the headquarters awards committee on a number of subjects: The advice of all DXERS is requested to assist them in arriving at decisions. Under consideration in modification of the current DXCC criteria under which countries have been defined, resulting in either deletion or annulment of non-administered islands, rocks, and reefs from the countries list, and prohibition of further additions of this type. Also being studied is consolidation of the DXCC program along the lines of the 5 BDXCC awards, with no distinction being made as to mode of emission. Comments should be directed to the headquarters DXCC staff liaison who will forward them to each of the committee members listed on page 87 of the september issue (end)

QST DE W1AW HR OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 346:

The ARRL intruder watch has completed almost seven years of operation. This volunteer service has materially aided in having intruders removed from the amateur bands. Continuing vigilance and additional work are necessary. The intruder watch welcomes additional volunteers with several years amateur experience and good receiving equipment who can spend at least two hours a week logging the calls of non-amateur stations in the amateur bands. A particular need exists for RTTY operators with access to sophisticated gear. Volunteers please write Intruder Watch, ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111 (end)

QST DE W1AW HR SPECIAL W1AW BULLETIN NR 889:

Stations have been heard operating phone with U.S. amateur calls on frequencies between 14150 and 14200. The operators claim that they have special temporary authorization from FCC for this operation. The claim is false, the stations are operating illegally. Amateurs hearing them are asked immediately to call the FCC monitoring watch officer, Washington, D.C., while transmissions are in progress. Hq would appreciate a post-card report of intercepts (end)

Note:

Check the November issue of QST. The mystery is that no one seems to recognize the guy standing next to Van!

DX DIARY

Propagation

Renewal of CG magazine, from which we gleaned their fb propagation forecasts for GCARC members, has been sent off. Last issue I mistakenly believed CQ had gone astray in the mail, but my xyl found the renewal notice buried among an accumulation of older mail - unopened! So, hope to have this service to our DX hounds start again with the next issue of Crosstalk!

Unfortunately, only a few of our members are taking the trouble to send me their DX tidbits. It's rather difficult to believe that only 3 or 4 members (and that includes myself) aren't working even a little DX! With all the bands improving with each day's advance into winter, anyone who isn't taking advantage, at least once in a while, of the sharply reduced travel rates, hi - is surely missing one of the real joys of amateur radio. So, maybe your DX is only the garden variety type, notable for its lack of Tibet, Inner Gowandaland or Donovan's Reef - at least keep me company with VE's, DL's, etc., etc., hi! Who knows - one of these winter days one of us will get a new country or rare call that even Shorty will drool over! Just think of the fun you can have rubbing it in. That could be even more exciting than logging it! Just kidding Shorty - you give us all something to shoot for! Like anything truly worthwhile, we know it doesn't come easy and acquiring that rare station or elusive country is more satisfying for it!

Okay, so here's Shorty's beauties shortly after returning from his stay in the hospital:

FB8ZZ - Amsterdam Island, JT1AG - Mongolia, VS6DO - Hong Kong,
XW8BS - Laos and HS3AFB - Thailand. (All on 20 ssb)

Shorty says look for XU1AA - one and only Cambodia station just given o.k. by FCC for USA hams to work legally!

It's pretty obvious, too, that ole Doug's been prying out some real pearls, to wit:

FP8AP - St. Pierre Isl., PAØHBO - Holland, AF1WF - Cayman Island
VK7GK - Tasmania, 8P6AH - Barbados, VE8YC - N.W. Territory
FMØIX - Martinique and TI2J. (all on 20 ssb)

LA1OE, PAØHTR and DKØWA (all on 15 ssb)

Tom, WA2MFS, despite having his xyl breathing down his neck to finish the new rec room, was a busy little bee too!

11KD, XE111J, HI3EAM, VE7ACD, VE7HO, VE2HO, VE2PA, KL5FL, SM7JM,
VE1YT, VE1HE, VP9GE, VE7BDJ - (all on 20 cw/ssb)
VE6AXH, VE6LPJ (20 cw)
Lastly, your DX Editor's "gems":

VE3JJ (I get this one every week! Sundays at 11:00 am local time on 7190 - well, wadda ya want, it's DX isn't it? Hi!)
ON4ET - Belgium, ON5IG - ditto, VE5RI, LA3SG - Bergen, Norway,
VE3CJK (guess who?), XE1FFC - Mexico City, G3LIS - Birmingham, England, PAØVO - Netherlands (all on 15 cw or 15 cw/ssb crossmode).

Ex WN2MEM, now W?2MEM....hi!

OLD COLUMN RESUMES

Over the past few years, yours truly, from time to time, has written a column for Crosstalk entitled at first, "Profiles of a Ham," then later changed to, "An Interview With _____."

Starting in 1963, we had 10 profiles in Crosstalk. In 1964, we ran through 9 Interviews, in 1965, 6 more articles appeared from the typewriter of WA2SEA. In 1968, only 2 Interviews appeared in Crosstalk.

The other day I was talking to Doug, our Editor in Chief, and we discussed the possibility of starting up the Interview column once again. It seems that there must have been someone that read the column at one time or another. So, starting this month and appearing frequently will be, "An Interview With _____."

I have not promised an article each month, but I will do my best to get at least 6 Interviews in over the next year. If you like the Interview, let Doug or I know; if you don't like it, let me know also.

Harry McCormick, WA2SEA

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AN INTERVIEW WITH HOWARD CARTER, WA2OVQ

by Harry McCormick, WA2SEA

This interview was carried on over the club 6 meter intercom with Howard Carter, WA2OVQ,

Howard is a life long resident of Pitman, having been born there on December 27, 1922. He attended schools locally and graduated from Pitman High School.

In his early manhood, Howard joined the Highland Chemical Fire Co. and is still an active volunteer fireman.

Howard is married and the father of a girl and two boys, one of whom is Rick, WN2OLS, also a member of our club.

Howard was first licensed as a Novice early in 1970, and at present is a Technician studying for his General Ticket. At present he is running a Utica 650 into a 3 element beam. He can usually be found on or around 50.9 MHz nearly any evening about 8:00 P.M. Howard also has some 6 meter mobile gear but has recently suffered the loss of the wheels.

In the club, Howard has been Trustee for one year and is now running for a position on the Board of Directors.

Howard is a member of the A.R.R.L. and is active in the Cloucester County 6 meter Amateur Radio Emergency Corps.

Howard has worked for Columbia Records since they opened the new plant in Pitman. At present he is on sick leave, having recently suffered a broken hip.

ED NOTE: FB Harry, and congratulations to WA2OVQ on being first in this new series.

WHAT BENEFITS DOES A HAM GET FROM A RADIO CLUB?

By Harry McCormick, WA2SEA

When I first started to write this article, I had something a little different in mind. In fact, I already had written an article explaining to the newer club members the functions of our standing committees. After a chat with our Editor, we decided to change the contents around a bit so that the article would be directed more toward the general membership.

First, in any club a great deal of time is spent in administration. To elaborate a bit on the administration of your club: Your club is Incorporated in the State of New Jersey. I myself am not an attorney, so I am not up on Corporation Law; but when the club was organized one of the members had a very good friend who was an attorney, and he drew up the papers of Incorporation and did a fine job.

Our club consists of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, 4 Trustees, and 6 Directors. The terms of office for Club Officials are: Officers 1 year, Directors 3 years, and Trustees 4 years. It is somewhat unusual for most radio clubs to have a long life. In that respect, our club has indeed been very fortunate to have a vast resource of capable men from which to choose its officials, and year after year we have had high caliber officials elected to office.

Some of the obvious benefits of belonging to a radio club are, for one thing, a fine quality club paper like "Crosstalk." In Crosstalk, our Editor does a very outstanding job of providing something of interest to all club members. I know, speaking for myself, I never put Crosstalk down without reading it from cover to cover. (Keep up the good work, Doug, I'm sure all club members appreciate your efforts.)

Another thing is our annual Field Day operation. Nearly all amateurs have a big interest in Field Day, and when you participate with our club, everything is arranged so that you can get the most out of Field Day. We made a fine showing this year. Ken Newman, W2FBF, was Chairman of the Field Day Committee. We had 5 stations on the air--80, 40, 20, 15, and 6 meters, which put us in Class 5A. Since we operated from strictly emergency power sources, this set-up allowed us a Novice Station for extra bonus. How did we make out? Wonderful--came in No. 10 out of 55 entries in Class 5A. Anyone that didn't enjoy himself didn't participate.

What about the other operating events throughout the year? Did you know that we have a "Friendship Net" with the West Side Radio Club of Toronto that meets once a month on 40 M ssb? Join this net for a pleasant QSO with our neighbors to the north. How about the handsome trophy that Wayne Wood, W2SUA, donated to the club to be awarded to the annual winner of the DX contest. Ask Kew Newman, W2FBF, if you can get a look at his trophy--maybe it could be in your shack next year.

Have you ever participated in the A.R.R.L. Sweepstakes? If you belong to a club, you can win a prize for top score in this contest; if your not lucky enough to get 1st prize, 100 contacts will get you a handsome certificate.

For the V.H.F. operator, there is the V.H.F. Sweepstakes. This year Jim Peck, W2LVW, got a certificate from A.R.R.L. and from the club for winning this contest. Two more club certificates were awarded for high scores.

How about the Novice Contest? We have never been active in this through the club--maybe now is the time for the club to get involved in this activity. If you are a Novice and interested, bring it up at the next club meeting.

Possibly the second biggest operating event of the year is the annual Simulated Emergency Test (or S.E.T.). Our club is lucky to have among its members, members of the Gloucester County Amateur Radio Emergency Corps. The club Recording Secretary is also the County Emergency Coordinator; and one of the club members, Jim Peck, W2LVW, is the Section Emergency Coordinator. The club President is Assistant Emergency Coordinator for 10 meters; and Phil, WA2WOD, is Assistant Emergency Coordinator for 6 meters. Where else could you find a set-up like this?--surely not outside of a club. And on the big day of the year (the SET) time is wasted, mistakes are made, people get angry; but it indicates what might happen in a real emergency. After the SET is over we get together, discuss our mistakes, and rearrange our thinking to be more efficient in the future.

Where else could you get the ready-made liason with RACES, the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service. The County Radio Officer is soon to become a club member. The past County Radio Officer, Van Turner, W2KE, was founder and first President of Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club. I know for a fact that several club members have 2 meter F.M. gear that belongs to the County in their possession, some mobiles, and some base stations.

The club now offers to pay one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the cost of an F.C.C. application filing fee to any member who successfully upgrades his license. Can you find a deal like this anywhere else?

Another thing, suppose you have an important sked. Minutes or hours before the schedule something goes bad in your equipment. What can you do if you don't know any of the local amateurs? If you are a club member you do know them and maybe they have the component you need; if not, they probably will run-your-schedule for you. It's nice to know your fellow ham on a first-name basis.

Just a couple of weeks ago I was in the hospital for eight days. Several of the fellows from the club stopped to visit me. It sure was nice to see them, and I don't know how many get well cards I received from the fellows and girls.

Have you seen the snappy looking club jackets the club arranged to get with your own call and the club emblem on them? You couldn't own one if you didn't belong to the club. We still have some patches for sale for anyone who would like to sew one on another jacket (or his own).

When you join the club, each new member gets a club emblem decal for his car. If you need additional emblems, they can be obtained from the club.

We offer members the attractive club QSL card. Of course, you have to have your own call and other information printed on.

The club offers its members the use of the latest DX information available through the QSL Managers Directory and will even have your DX cards sent for you. Also, a copy of the latest Foreign Call Book is available to all members. For stateside QSLing, we have a copy of this year's "Callbook" that is available to any club member at the meetings.

Our club this year expects to run theory classes for those members that wish to upgrade their license, and naturally it will be free of cost. This is in addition to the annual code classes that are free to any aspiring Novice.

Every year the club awards a certificate of achievement to the member who sponsors the most new club members during the year.

Our club offers a nice engraved certificate for working other members on the air. If you are not a club member, work 10 of our members and get the certificate. If you are a club member, get the certificate by working 15 members, then a ribbon for 30 and another ribbon for 50 members.

Another of the many things our club has to offer its members is the expert technical knowledge of our T.V.I. and Technical Advisory Committees. If a T.V.I. complaint is made against your station, who does the F.C.C. notify? Why our club T.V.I. committee. It's a nice feeling to have friends on the committee that knocks on your door. If you have an antenna that needs installation and it's too big a job for one man, call the Technical Advisory Committee. They will give a hand with the installation.

Twice each year the club runs a "White Elephant Sale". Maybe you can get lucky and pick up just the gadget your looking for (for next to nothing).

In the pages of Crosstalk, you will find some good used equipment for sale. If you buy through the club, you know who you are getting it from; and he is going to be around if you need advice or have unusual problems.

Each year the club has a picnic for club members and their families at Lake Garrison, a nice time to get together and discuss ham activities. This year we had a banquet honoring retiring Van Turner, W2KE, and celebrating our club birthday; good food, drinks (for those who wanted them), and dancing to a live band--a real first class night out.

There are probably more benefits a ham gets from a Radio Club, but off hand I can't think what they may be. So, in summation, it's up to YOU to get your moneys-worth out of a club membership, the benefits are there for the taking.

ED. NOTE: A stupendous job Harry. Complete and worthwhile.