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6M AREC - 50.9 MC  
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 Novice - 21.225MC  
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 Friendship - 7.265MC

Sundays - 8:00 P.M. Local Time  
 Fridays - 9:30 P.M. Local Time  
 Saturdays - 8:30 P.M. Local Time  
 Mondays - 8:30 P.M. Local Time  
 3rd Sunday - 12:30 P.M. Local Time

CLUB MEETING, DECEMBER 8th, 8:00 P.M. AT THE MEETING ROOM

DFCEMBFR 6th MEETING

Well, we had about 35 members out to the November meeting, and with a little luck we can top that this go-around. John, WA2PVH, announces the program will be a talk by Doug, WA2NPD, on "Resonance", the phenomenon necessary for oscillations (rf, af) to become useful for radio purposes. This, coupled with our annual election of officers should provide a full evening's entertainment. WB2GKH will have the hot coffee ready, so "too cold that night for me," is no excuse. See you all there.

Nominating Committee Reports

The nominating committee, composed of all past presidents of the club, proudly presents the following slate of officers for 1973:

President:	Wayne Wood, W2SUA
Vice President:	Jim Mauro, WA2DNL
Recording Secretary:	Harry McCormick, WA2SFA
Corresponding Secretary:	Della Parker, W2AFZ
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3 Yr. Director:	John Stull, WB2JZX
4 Yr. Trustee:	Bill Bills, W2CDZ
3 Yr. Trustee:	John Kull, WB2GKH

All of these hams have agreed to serve and, of course, additional nominations will be solicited from the floor at the December 6th meeting.

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WA2OVQ - Howard

On November 19 of this year, Howard, WA2OVQ, joined the Silent Key Fraternity. The loss of Howard cannot be designated untimely, for there could hardly be a "timely" date for this kind of news. To reiterate the deeds which Howard performed for GCARC, or to evaluate his worth to our club would require a separate issue of this paper. From constructing 6 M FD antennas to co-chairmanship of our picnic--from building most of our float to running the code classes--from membership chairman to serving as a Director; no job was too difficult or unpleasant for Howard. He performed each with professional skill, with total dedication, and with model reliability. With Howard at the controls, all were assured the job would be completed correctly and on schedule.

His flamboyant personality and boyish grin made it totally impossible not to like him. Upon knowing him better one soon realized that here was a guy you could really depend upon--a truly valuable friend and a Ham exemplifying the best of all amateur traditions. Our club has lost an irreplaceable member in so many ways. Our warmest sympathies are extended to WA2OLS and family.

Technical Advisory Committee - was busy during past month. W2AFZ now on air with potent signal thanks to suggestions from WB2JZX on contact and cable connection checking; the WA2NPD HQ-170 now properly alined tnx to the aforementioned WB2JZX; the W2CKX tower boasting 4 new U bolts tnx to WA2NPD, WB2JZX (him again!!), and Tad's XYL Nancy who provided the "fule" to keep NPD and JZX going; and finally, the W2SUA beam is about ready for installation with help of WB2FJE and WA2OLS. Anyone else have problems? Give Bill, WB2FJE, a call and chairman Bill will steer you to the proper ham, etc. for solution to your problem.

### CLUB JACKETS

The latest order, barring some unforeseen catastrophe, will be available at the December 6th meeting. Some delay in getting the call signs made up was encountered, but Flynn assures us the jackets will be ready about November 29-30th. Cost will be \$16.00 per jacket (with trade-in of GCARC patch, price will be less). This is about the same price as last year. So those of you getting jackets be sure to bring in the balance of your deposit and/or the correct amount on Dec. 6th without fail!!

### CONTEST CORNER

For those who participated in the Sweepstakes, be sure to turn-in your logs to W2FBF at the club meeting (or to WA2NPD if Ken has to work). Also, prepare now for the VHF contest coming up next month. See W2FBF for log forms.

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WANT TO KEEP ABREAST OF CLUB FUNCTIONS, MEMBERS, GOINGS ON - ??

There is no better way than to:

- A. Attend the Monthly Meetings.
- B. Check in to the Club nets (see skeds at bottom of cover page).
- C. Let your XYL read X-TALK!
- D. You read X-TALK!

### Goodbye Sue - Hello Jim

With this issue our talented typist (bless her) takes a well deserved rest after 2 years of dedicated effort. We will sorely miss you Sue--but all is not lost as Jim, WA2DNL, has volunteered to carry on with X-TALK typing. Don't worry Jim, if you're half as good as Sue you will do FB. Again Sue, many thanks for an outstanding job.

LES BELLES - by Rose Ellen, WA2FGS

With the holiday season upon us we have to have all our meals planned so that we will remember this year as the "best" one ever. One way to make this happen is to think about that extra addition to the meals we generally use during the season. Many of us may use something like a red or white wine the year around or even serve meals that are cooked in wine.

The temperature of any wine is most important and there should be no nocus-pocus involved in achieving these temperatures. Generally, white wines and rose wines should be chilled on the bottom or lower shelf of your refrigerator or in a wine bucket (if you happen to have one) with ice and kept chilled throughout the meal.

Dry red wines are usually served at a temperature slightly cooler than room temperature. Except in the South, or hot climates, they may be served at room temperature.

Champagnes should be served well chilled. Many people relate Champagnes only with a wedding celebration, but this can also be a holiday celebration. The best method of chilling champagne is in the refrigerator or in a bucket filled with ice. When champagne is to be served on sudden notice, like when someone is mobile and tells you they will arrive at your QTH within the hour, it may be chilled in a bucket of ice but with coarse salt added to further lower the temperature (take care that the salt does not enter the bottle after it is opened). Swizzle sticks should never be served with champagne except to an invalid whose stomach cannot support the sparkle. Swizzle sticks destroy in a second what required a miracle of years to produce.

Following are ideal temperatures for some wines to be served:

Dry White Wines:	47 to 54 degrees
Sweet White Wines:	44 to 47 degrees
Young Dry Red Wines:	54 to 60 degrees
Old Red Wines:	59 to 65 degrees
Champagnes:	42 to 45 degrees

BRANDIED PEACHES (About one quart)

1 quart cling peaches, 1 cup sugar, and 1 cup cognac

Rub fuzz from peaches, or peel if desired. Pack into a clean quart jar in layers with the sugar until the jar is about three-quarters full.

Add the cognac and seal. Turn the jar upside down every day for four or five days to distribute and dissolve the sugar. Let stand about three months before using.

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If all else fails, keep a six pack handy and some cheese and crackers for anyone dropping in to visit over the holidays.

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WA2FGS

Ed. Note: The old 807 was never like this

PSYCHIC RADIO, by Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, F.R.C.

(Reprinted from The Rosicrucian Digest, Dec. 1971)

The Radio Chief in the Department of Commerce at Washington reports a new phase of inquiry with which he is contending to the best of his ability but which astounds him and perplexes his scientific knowledge. Frankly, he looks upon most of the strange letters that come to him as being unworthy of his time and attention, but quite a few have warranted some investigation and have led to a call for opinions and assistance in solving the seeming mystery.

The letters report the development in certain persons of a faculty or functioning of the mind or consciousness, aptly termed psychic radio receptivity. While all this correspondence may be new to government officials, and although it has no place in any of the bureaus in Washington, the phenomena are not new.

Such experiences as have been related to the government and to the editors of many radio magazines came under the writer's attention fifteen or more years ago when he was experimenting with many of the advanced principles of "wireless" which have recently become popular. In my associations with many wireless enthusiasts in those days and in attending the early sessions of the Radio League of America long before the broadcasting of music and speech was considered possible as a popular attraction, the strange functionings of the psychic consciousness of man were discussed in terms less psychological than they are discussed today.

It was not uncommon for those who had been "pounding the brass" for hours, sending long messages by the still familiar Morse code, and listening for several hours in the stillness of a small room late into the hours of the morning for weak and distant answers, to finally throw themselves upon a couch for rest or retire for the night only to find the room, the atmosphere, filled with code messages although the wireless equipment was in a remote part of the home and completely shut down in its operation.

Nor, was it uncommon for many to report that they could hear such code messages at different hours of the day or night while walking or talking on the street, in the parks, in theatres or other places far from any sort of wireless or electrical equipment of any kind.

Many special cases were reported, investigated, and tabulated as being impossible of solution at the time, of messages received very definitely and, seemingly, by the sense of hearing while persons were at rest or in a relaxed condition and away from any radio equipment. I may also refer to the many experiences recorded by operators of wireless equipment at sea who have made affidavits that they have been called from their sleep by hearing the famous SOS call independent of the wireless devices.

Some very notable experiences are still referred to whenever the "old timers" get together and compare notes. Not one of them would challenge the statements made by "Hal" Smith of Brooklyn, New York, who had one of the finest private wireless transmitting stations in that part of the country. He had worked long and well to improve the quality of his old spark transmitter until with a revolving spark-gap and efficient condensers he had raised the pitch or tone of his spark to a beautiful musical note high in the scale.

PSYCHIC RADIO, by Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, F.R.C. (Cont.)

We always knew when "Hal's" station was on the air by that note. It was like the highest note of a flute. It could be picked out of a hundred other high and low pitch sounds constantly in the air. It was common practice to speak of "Hal" or rather refer to him by whistling a high note--which by the way could never approach in pureness and pitch the note of his spark. I am explaining this note at length because, from a scientific point of view, it would be material indeed in considering his case.

Man's Inner Hearing

"Hal" lived with his old mother, who was his companion in many ways and was considered by the "wireless gang" of boys and young men as the sweetest little old lady that ever lived. Her home was always open to them, and that means really open, day and night!

But one day "Hal" was over in New York. He was visiting Battery Park at the lower end of Manhattan, for it was Sunday afternoon and he liked to look over some of the vessels, as they passed, with their improved wireless equipment. While sitting on a bench in the park, apparently watching hundreds go by and hundreds sitting or standing around, "Hal" suddenly heard the high note of his wireless station at home. Like many of the boys, he had locked that little wireless room and was sure of it, and no one but his mother could unlock it when he was not there.

He listened again. It was surely his "note." He had gone to a fan's home and listened to that pitch during the months he was perfecting it, and on such occasions he had asked his mother to press the key at a certain minute of the hour with four short dots and one dash, followed by a pause and then the four dots again and a dash, over and over for two or three minutes. That was all of the code he had ever taught her. It was enough for him to judge his pitch.

And then on this Sunday afternoon, he distinctly heard that same, unmistakable pitch, and the same four dots and dash, pause, four dots and dash.

He looked at the old clock on the tower. It was 4:46. His mother must be showing the "set" to someone. A strange thing for her to do in his absence, thought "Hal." And then came the sudden realization that he was not even near a wireless set and was not listening in to any radio waves in the ordinary sense. His first impression was one of awe, then that of doubt. He tried to smile off the incident, but nevertheless listened--listened with that inner consciousness that we know so well. Again and again came the same four dots and dash, but a little less even or regular and with longer pauses. Suddenly there were three dots--and nothing more. At the same instant a terrifying fear or impression swept over "Hal," and he rushed from his seat madly for a car and made his way over the Brooklyn Bridge and up Fulton Street to his home.

He claims that it took him just forty-eight minutes to get home. At any rate, when he rushed into that little wireless room just off the kitchen in the rear of the apartment he was stunned with the sight of his mother's limp form lying across his operating table with her one hand near the telegraph key. She was lifeless and had sent out the call for help--the only call she knew, and her boy had "heard" and responded when it was too late.

For verification of his story, there is the testimony of four others who, listening in at their sets that afternoon also heard, in a truly physical sense, that high-pitched note of "Hal's" as though tuning his spark again.

PSYCHIC RADIO, by Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, F.R.C. (Cont.)

One of them called "Hal's" "call letters" a number of times but received no answer. And, all of them say it was about a quarter to five when they heard the pure notes of that station. (Continued next month)

(Ed. Note: Many thanks to Tad, W2CKX, for bringing this article to our attention).

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RAMBLINGS OF A GHOST WRITER

This is the day!, how many times have you heard that phrase? In order to complete the meaning, we must add something more explanatory. Well, when I say, "This is the day," I am referring to the first Wednesday of each month. Now all good members of the Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club know this is our meeting night and that we are in for an interesting evening plus rag chewing with some of the hams we don't see every day. We must be doing something right as there certainly is a lot of business transacted and the same members come out month after month. As the last meeting night, everyone seemed to be out but you--YOU! Plans are formulated by the club officers, but all of the best formulated plans don't mean a thing unless the club members are there to carry them out.

An interesting phenomenon, e.g., strike up a conversation with a fellow ham during a QSO and if you happen to mention a bit of hard luck either with sickness or an accident, some other station always seems to break-in uninvited and top your story. Not only will they top you, but usually their story will be so tragic the end result will be as far as one can go. I don't know how one goes about explaining the reason behind this act.

I once attended a radio club shindig where the top of the day was the designing and operation of antennas for mobile use in a hidden transmitter hunt. The different gadgets and antennas used was most interesting, not only in the design, but also the operation and results obtained. The club had 35 members of which 30 participated. There were prizes given for locating the hidden transmitter, and also prizes for the different designs and construction of the antennas. A most interesting and enjoyable afternoon, after which everyone enjoyed some fine "eats."

If you happen to be one of those hams with a lot of old parts lying around the shack, don't throw them out! Many of the High Schools have radio clubs and the personnel can surely use these parts to gain the know-how. Some of the parts you think are worthless might go a long ways in helping these young ones get started in ham radio. Remember, they're not too young to learn.

Some time ago I mentioned about slow scan television being used by ham operators. Since then I haven't heard it mentioned either in the clubhouse or outside. Evidently we haven't enough fellows interested to pursue the idea. And while I am on the subject, many ideas have been expressed in this column of projects suitable for enhancing the interest of club members. Ideas that are currently being used in other clubs with a great deal of success. But for some reason they fall on deaf ears. Why? The purpose of this is not to criticize anyone in particular, but to find out why the merits of these ideas can't be realized and put to use. To illustrate a point, about a year ago we started a program of teletype which was enjoyed by everyone. A request was made to have a repeat on it and when the time

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was set up to have it, an illness cancelled the program and it was never heard of again. From my observation, this is the type of programming necessary to keep interest going. We must have something new coming in at all times, and if we do not have the personnel within our club to present it, efforts should be made to secure the speakers even if a small nominal fee is used for this expense. I feel that this is a vital part necessary for the advancement of our club. These ideas are my own and no doubt some of you do not agree with them. But after all, I'm just a lonely ghost writer trying to stimulate interest via this column and can express my ideas because, being unknown to you, I do not have to face the embarrassment of having you say "NOTHING DOING."

Well, the Halloween season is here and my ghosts are going to be traveling the circuit and will report back to me in time for the next edition of CROSSTALK, so till then

ys's es CUL.....Ghost Writer.....

Ed. Note: Let's hope that disagreement never serves as a source of embarrassment. If an idea has merit and follow-up--it will go!

SCUTTLEBUTT

1. Good news to learn the Bill, WB2PVI, is back at the mike after a 2 week stay in the hospital. Take it easy for a few more weeks Bill and you will soon be back behind the wheel of the good ship Pequod hot on the trail of Moby Dick!
2. Latest word is that Milt, K2WIL, continues to improve and we are thankful for that. Getting that W2 call soon Milt?
3. Jim, WB2OER, still having tower problems with his neighbors and is now resorting to his dipoles. Solution? Easy Jim; first burn-down all of neighbors' houses, then put the towers back up again! Easy huh?
4. Congratulations to WA2FGS and W2CDZ who are now proud grandparents of a bouncing 7 lb. 10 oz. baby boy. Bill and Rose Ellen regularly have patches (via W5BVN) into Ft. Hood, Texas where baby and parents are doing FB.
5. Also congratulations to Henry, WB2MSH, who was recently appointed manager of a new Radio Shack store in Feasterville, Pa. Trust you won't have to work Wednesday nights anymore, Henry.
6. Apologies, apologies, apologies--!! Once again your humble editor must knuckle under (and rightly so) to the wrath of Ray, WB2BZY. We erroneously printed his corrected call last month as WB2DZY. Well, the call is BZY, so again, faithful, please correct your list. (Hope we got it right this time Ray).
7. John, WA2PVH, laying groundwork for tower with monoband beams on 10, 15, and 20. Seems like a hefty undertaking John. Check with the Technical Committee at tower raising time.
8. Noted that the WA2VEE telephone pole still adjacent to new neighbor's house. Better move it soon Bill before the ground becomes frozen.
9. Since it's QST--ARRL membership renewal time for many members, REMEMBER-- send your \$7.50 to treasurer Paul, WB2WAK and not to the ARRL! Paul will handle your renewal and the club profits 50¢/head. With enough "heads", we can make a few bucks.



SCUTTLEBUTT (Cont.)

10. Especially for you newer club members; each member is expected to tack-his QSL card on the club board as soon as possible (helps brighten-up the clubroom). If yours isn't there yet, but sure to correct the situation ASAP!
11. See where X-TALK's "CB'er who thought that----" was reprinted in the November issue of AARC. Apparently there are other sadists amid our ranks, Hi.
12. Be sure to bring K3JM a nice box of carmel candies on your next visit to his Delaware QTH. Van now sporting a brand new set of "choppers" to hack away at chewie things (sure hope Van forgives us for this one).