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CLUB NETS

|               |                                    |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 6 M AREC      | 50.0----Sunday, 8:00 PM Local Time |
| 10 M RAG CHEW | 28.8----Friday, 9:30 PM Local Time |
| Novice Net    | 21.115--Monday, 8:30 PM Local Time |

DECEMBER MEETING: WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3rd BEGINNING AT 8 PM. PROGRAM:  
SLIDE SHOW -- ELECTIONS.

\*\*DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE JANUARY ISSUE IS SUNDAY, DEC. 21, 1975  
PLEASE MAIL ANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO: MARK WILSON, WB2OSQ,

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PROGRAM:

The December meeting will not be one to miss! Besides the club elections, we will have a very Special program. Steve Asay, WA2AXJ, and Bill Conrad, WB2FIF, have agreed to give a return presentation of their slide show. The December show is even better than the first one! These members who have seen the program will want to see it again and those who have not seen it really should. No club members should miss this one!

1976 CANDIDATES:

The following people have been nominated by the committee to run for 1976 Officers:

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| President:                   | Rich Netherby, WB2OCR                       |
| Vice President:              | Herb Schuler, K2HPV                         |
| Rec. Secretary:              | Steve Blasko, W2TDS                         |
| Corres. Secretary:           | Della Parker, W2AFZ                         |
| Treasurer:                   | Rose Ellen Bills, WA2FGS                    |
| 3 Year Director<br>(2 terms) | Mark Wilson, WB2OSQ<br>Bill Bachman, WA2VEE |
| 4 Year Trustee               | John Kull, WB2GKH                           |
| 3 Year Trustee               | Jim Buzby, WB2GJM                           |

Nominations from the Floor;

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| 3 Year Director: | Jack Kessel, WA2VCZ<br>Bob Meis, K2JRU |
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NOTE OF INTEREST:

Doug, WA2NPD, has passed on his phone number. Please put it with the address printed last month.

SWAP SHOP:

FOR SALE: Ten Tec Model KR20 Solid State Keyer with manual.  
Make offer. Ken, W2FBB,

FOR SALE: LM-7 Freq. meter w/ps; Cornell Dublier capacitor bride;  
Crystal microphone on stand; Heath speaker; Vibrator P.S.:  
Field Strength meter. Make offer. Jim Peck, W2LVW.

SPECIAL OFFER !!!!

A limited number of printed circuit boards are still available for the 6 meter receiver recently constructed by several club members as a Club construction project. They are yours complete with a set of instructions for building the receiver, for a donation of only \$2 to the Club Treasury. See Ken, W2FBB.

1976 BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT  
GLOUCESTER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

As a result of its meeting on September 10, 1975, the Committee recommended the following budget for the coming year:

| EXPENSES         |                 | INCOME       |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Crosstalk        |                 | Dues         | \$500.00        |
| Postage          | \$140.00        | Drawings     | 50.00           |
| Typing           | 90.00           | Misc. Income | 20.00           |
| Paper            | 90.00           |              |                 |
| Repairs/Supplies | 60.00           |              |                 |
| Crosstalk Total  | \$380.00        |              |                 |
| Field Day        | 50.00           |              |                 |
| Prizes           | 25.00           |              |                 |
| Programs         | 50.00           |              |                 |
| AREC Subsidy     | 10.00           |              |                 |
| Misc. Expenses   | 25.00           |              |                 |
| Insurance        | 30.00           |              |                 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES   | <u>\$570.00</u> | TOTAL INCOME | <u>\$570.00</u> |

Misc. expenses include such items as Callbooks, license upgrades, prizes, etc.

1. Expenditures will increase with Crosstalk due to the forthcoming increase in postage as of January 1, 1976.
2. Our insurance policy is payable every three years at the rate of \$92.00 for that period of coverage.
3. Prizes will be included this year other than for contests and will be given as door prizes at 4 different Club Meetings.
4. At year end one-half of the balance in the check book will be deposited in the Savings Account.
5. Dues remain: Full Member - \$9.00 payable at the rate of \$.75 per month with the proviso that the payment of \$7.50 if paid during the months of January, February, or March will be considered as payment in full for the fiscal year. The initiation fee shall be \$3.00.

Associate Member - \$6.00, payable at the rate of \$.50 per month. Payment of \$5.00 if made during January, February, or March. The initiation fee shall be \$1.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Netherby - Chairman  
Ken Newman  
Rose Ellen Bills - Treasurer

TEN YEARS AGO IN CROSSTALK ( Nov. & Dec., 1965 )

In doing some research through my old issues of Crosstalk, (I have every issue back to 1962.) I find that the December 65 issue was the last issue until August 1967. That year, 1967, there were only two issues for the entire year, the August and a Fall issue.

Starting in 1968 and continuing until present there has been only a couple of months that Crosstalk has not been issued.

If I'm going to continue this column, I'll probably have to go back a couple of years, and make it "Thirteen Years Ago In Crosstalk," (Who ever heard of a column heading like that?)

The November and December 1965 club meetings were held in the Atlantic City Electric Co. office in Pitman. In December a committee comprised of Directors and Officers of the club visited the third floor of Pitman Borough Hall to ascertain the desirability of using it for a club meeting room. It was decided to accept Pitman Boroughs offer, and starting in January of 1966 the club moved into their present facilities.

The Simulated Emergency Test (S.E.T.) for 1965 was held over the weekend of October 8-9-10. Jim Peck the E.C./S.E.C. led the Gloucester County A.R.E.C.'s participation in a most successful S.E.T.

At the White Elephant Sale held in October the club realized a profit of \$52.00.

Bob Spain received his new license and the call WB2RVE.

Code classes were held at Pitman High School, now the Middle School, starting October 28th. Jack Bowen was the instructor.

Jim Peck, W2LVW, had a two part technical article about antenna in the Nov. & Dec. issues. Other technical articles were on Ranger IX, diodes and electric shock.

The reason there was no Crosstalk in 1966 and only two issues in 1967 was due to the lack of initiative on the part of club members to contribute material for the paper.

I think we could benefit from past experiences and all of us should realize that it takes more than just an Editor to get a paper like this out each month.

During the years that we had no Crosstalk, we nearly lost the club. Crosstalk is probably the single most important thing that keeps our Club going.

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Harry, WA2SEA

HAM INTERVIEW:

Ken Newman, W2FBF, former GCARC President, Vice President, Treasurer, and current Director, first saw the light of day in Osceolo, Nebraska on June 8, 1937. He attended school there and in Stromburg, Neb., before serving in the Navy as a Fire Control Technician for four years. After the service there were a couple of minor jobs until he joined the Burroughs Business Machine Corp. in 1961 as a Field Engineer installing and repairing computers. He has spent the last six years as a supervisor.

Ken was first licensed in 1953 as WØRNH, and has held at Extra class ticket for approximately a year. He is a life member of ARRL. He holds DXCC, 5 Band WAS, WAZ, and numerous other awards. Ken has served as our contest committee chairman, in AREC for four years, and more recently has been active in AMSAT.

Contest operating is Ken's main interest, along with home brewing equipment. He headed up the club 6 meter receiver project, built an electronic keyer with memory, and is now in the process of putting together the Accu-keyer memory described in recent issues of QST, a formidable project indeed!

In the shack the lower frequencies are covered with a Galaxy V Transceiver, Tri-bander beam, and a Zepp with match-box for 40 and 80. For 6 and 2 the shack sports a GTX-2 FM transceiver, an Ameco TX-62, and the club project 6 meter receiver.

When W2FBF can find time away from such a busy ham schedule, earning a living, and family activities, he enjoys golf and spectator sports.

Ken, XYL Martha, and daughter Michelle live in Greenfields Village, Woodbury,

De Coop, W2PAX

CONTEST CORNER:

November Sweepstakes

Please turn in your logs for this event to W2FBF at the December meeting, for mailing to ARRL, and consideration for prizes and awards from the club. If you cannot make the meeting, the logs can be mailed directly to ARRL, and the score reported to W2FBF by phone. Please report your score, whatever size, to help the club score in QST.

VHF SWEEPSTAKES  
January 3-4, 1976

Logs will be available at the December meeting, and will be collected at the January meeting. You can also mail logs to ARRL and report your score to W2FBF for club standings. ARRL awards a certificate to the high scorer in the club.

Ray, WB2BZY, has won this event for the past 3 years running, last year with an all-time club record score of 6660 points. How about some serious competition this year for the "King".

Dates to Note:

CONTEST CORNER (Cont'd.)

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January 24-25: SET  
Feb. 7-8, Mar. 6-7: DX Competition, Phone  
Feb. 21-22, Mar. 20-21: DX Competition, CW.

YES FELLOWS,  
THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

Twas the night before Christmas as I look back,  
And there I sat with a light in the shack.

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
Across the band I looked for some DX to snare.

The children were nestled all snug in their bed,  
While visions of rare ones danced through my head.

Up and down the band I tuned once more,  
I was so tired it was becoming a chore.

When I heard it, I could hardly believe my ears,  
a CQ being tapped out by eight tiny raindeers.

I turned on the rig and grabbed for the key,  
And in two seconds he was answering me.

"Hello, young fellow. The handle's Saint Nick."  
When I heard this, I though I'd been hit by a brick.

"I'm on a journey to near and far,  
The rig is mounted in this thing I use for a car."

"It's powered by cheer and good wishes for all.  
And, by the way, thanks for giving us a call."

"Back to you," he said with a click;  
But I still couldn't believe it was really Saint Nick.

The years have gone by and I've grown old.  
Time after time this story I've told.

To believe it I know is really hard,  
Until I show you his QSL card.

Each non-believer examines it well,  
and leaves the shack really feeling swell.

For there on the wall for all to see,  
Is proof of Santa's que-so with me.

And on the back of his card he wrote with red and green pens,  
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL MY FELLOW HAND FRIENDS.

LES BELLES: by Rose Ellen

With Christmas Season upon us and the time in our life when most cooks are looking for a new venture we lean toward the idea of a cure for the dessert problem. Desserts have to look and taste good or they are skipped altogether by our current day calorie conscious guests and family.

**BLACKBERRY LADY-FINGER CAKE** with its nostalgic appearance and delightful combination of flavors looks like a culinary masterpiece from a pastry shop, but it is quite easy to prepare in your own kitchen.

A bread loaf pan is a good shape to use as the ladyfingers fit vertically along the sides as well as horizontally across the bottom. The filling, which is made of Blackberry Gelatin crushed pineapple, ice cream and chopped pecans, is a pleasing complement to the ladyfingers.

Your finished dessert doesn't need garnish but a few strips of whipped cream will add a touch of elegance. Ice tea with lemons and plain mints are also very appropriate accompaniments.

Idea to make refrigerator desserts such as this to serve. This gives them a chance to get firmly set which facilitates slicing and serving. Lining the pan with waxed paper makes the cake easy to unmold.

BLACKBERRY LADY FINGER CAKE

- Makes 8 - 10 Servings.
- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) Blackberry Gelatin
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple
- 1 pint vanilla ice cream, softened
- 1/2 cut chopped pecans
- 19 lady fingers - split

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Add cold water and crushed pineapple. Chill until partially thickened. Blend ice cream. Stir in pecans.

Line a 9x5x3 inch loaf with wax paper. Line sides and bottom with lady fingers. Spoon half of gelatin mixture onto lady fingers and spread filling spreading evenly. Layer top with remaining lady fingers. Refrigerate overnight in mold on serving plate removing waxed paper. Garnish with whipped cream.

73's  
Rose Ellen

WA2FGS