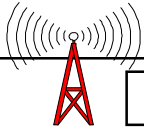


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1999 Officers

President	Art Strong	KA2DOT
Vice President	Gene Wallace	N2IMK
Treasurer	Lou Joseph	W2LYL
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Corres. Sec.	John Fisher	K2JF

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Jim Mollica	K2OWE
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Mark Townsend	W8HCL
Gene Schoeberlein	AA2YO

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Stu Cleveland	N2WUP
Tony Scandurra	KG2MY
Ray Martin	WB2LNR
Wayne Wilson	WA2LET

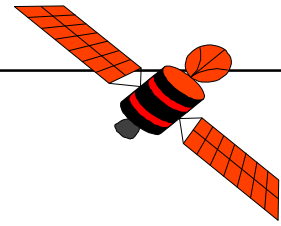
GCARC Meetings

General Membership:

8p.m. 1st Wednesday every month
Pfiefer Community Center, Williamstown, NJ

Board of Directors:

8 p.m., 3rd Wednesday every month,
GCARC site, Harrison Twp. 4-H Grounds
(approximately one mile south of Mullica Hill
on Rt. 77).



Advertising	John	N2AWD
ARES/RACES	Chic	WA2USI
Awards	Jack	K2ZA
Banquet	Bob	KR2U
Budget *	Lou	W2LYL
Callbook Info.	John	K2JF
Clubhouse Site *	Al	KB2AYU
Constitution *		
Crosstalk	Art	KA2DOT
Data Processing	John	AA2BN
DX	John	K2JF
Field Day *	Tony	KG2MY
Hamfest *	Jim	KC2AOF
Hospitality *	Ray	WB2NBJ
Membership *	John	AA2BN
Nominations	Bob	KR2U
Publicity *	John	N2AWD
Repeaters *	Chuck	WA2TML
Scholarships	Greg	WN2T
Special Services	Open	
Sunshine	Miriam	KB2EUA
Technical	Jack	K7LIF
Training & Testing	Chic	WA2USI
TVI	John	K2JF
4-H Parking	Bob	KR2U

(* Standing Committee)

NETS

ARES/RACES - Sundays, 2200 Hrs
(147.780/180 & 223.06/224.66 Repeaters)

10 Meter - Sundays following the
ARES/RACES net (28.350 Mhz)

Club Repeaters and Webpage

147.780/180 Mhz 223.06/224.66 Mhz
447.100/442.100 Mhz (CTCSS 131.8)
Web: <http://users.snip.net/~gradywhite>
E-Mail: gradywhite@snip.net



GCARC CROSSTALK

DECEMBER 1999

President's Message

Happy holidays to all of you and I hope you all enjoy your festivities. Maybe if you're good you'll get that special ham radio do-dad that you've been hinting about for the last few months. You know, the gizmo that your better half has no idea of what it is you are talking about? Keep trying, there is hope yet.

As most of you know, about a month and a half ago I had a serious argument with a curb, in which I lost, resulting in a broken wrist. Last month's message was no easy task typing with one hand as the other was in a cast. This month I only have a brace and the typing still isn't any easier but I keep trying.

We are again in that most difficult time of the year, seeking new elected officers to steer the club in new and exciting directions, and not having enough volunteers to accept nominations. With over 100 members one would think that having too many volunteers would be the problem but, unfortunately, that is not the case.

Besides our yearly election this month we are also going to be taking a vote as to where we are going to be holding our meetings. There are numerous pros and cons in the regards to the Gloucester County Library and the Pfiefer Community Center and it is up to the general membership to decide where we will be meeting at.

I want to congratulate Lou - W2LYL, Al - KB2AYU, and anyone else involved with the November Sweepstakes for the fine work they did. Lou operated at the site and garnered 683 contacts, and 76 sections for a total of 103, 816 points. Naturally this can't be done without good antennas in which Al played the primary role in stringing up. All four of them! This is the kind of enthusiasm and activities we really want to see out at the site.

Come out and cast your ballot at the December meeting. See you there

ART - KA2DOT

ELECTION NOMINATIONS FOR 2000

President - Art Strong - KA2DOT

Vice President - Gene Wallace - N2IMK

Rec. Secretary - OPEN

Cor. Secretary - Christine West - N7NUA

Directors: Wayne Wilson - WA2LET

Bill Blakely - WA2ADB

Chuck Colabrese - WA2TML

Trustee: Harry Bryant - AA2WN

Lou Joseph - W2LYL

According to our Constitution as of November 30th all nominations are closed.

NEW MEMBERS

As of our last Board meeting we now have three new members: Paul Carr - KB2TKV from Franklinville, Jack Koch - K2CR from Williams-town, and Don Tanguay - KG2ER from Franklinville. Welcome to the GCARC, gentlemen, and we hope to see you at many meetings.

DX DOPE

The bad news is that the Malpelo operation scheduled for November was postponed for lack of financial support (of course; I need a CW QSO from there). Oh well, there will be a next time (if I'm still alive, etc.). Presumably, by now you all have a 10 meter antenna aloft following the advice from last month's column. And you are ready to work some DX. There are about a zillion DX awards out there to be earned, however, let's just consider one of them. You guessed it, the DXCC award given by the League to any ham who submits proof of having "worked" at least 100 different foreign countries. Proof, of course, is a QSL card (authentic) from the country worked. The received card must contain your call (correct), date and time worked, mode, signal report, and frequency (or band). Any mistakes or omissions in any of the above will void the card. The cards - together with the completed application, may be mailed to the League, or may be checked over (verified) by GCARC's own DX'ers K2JF and/or K2OWE, which is an easier

and less expensive way. The DXCC Award (QSL cards) can be all phone, all cw, or a mixture of both (Mixed); whatever you like. With 10 meters quite hot, this award can be achieved in perhaps a few months - depending upon how much time is spent in the shack. The DXCC Award hanging in the shack sort of tells your visitors and ham friends that you have "arrived", or come-of-age, as it were; and you can now, without fear of trepidation, announce to one and all that you are an authentic DXer!! Well, enough euphoria for the moment; let's see what's "hot" for December:

Station/Dates	Modes	Rarity(1)	Country
S92CW 11/22-12/4	SSB, CW (6M)	3	Sao Tome
3W6KM 12/4-1/4	ALL	3	Vietnam
9M8CT till 12/8	SSB only	3	East Malaysia
C91MSF Now	SSB, CW	3	Mozambique
EL2RF Now	CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31	3	Liberia
V85TG 11/22-12/6	CW, SSB, SSTV	3	Brunei
HS0ZCY 11/20-12/7	CW, RTTY	3	Thailand
VK0LD Dec/Jan	SSB, CW	5	MacQuarie Is.
VP6BR 1/99	All (Dxpedition)	4	Pitcairn Is.
CE0Z 1/6-1/16	All (Dxpedition)	4	Juan Fernandez Is.

(1) #5 is the rarest

TNX to 59(9) DX Report, et al.;
73 de WA2NPD

POINTS TO PONDER

The North Alabama DX Club, once a large and vibrant club, is on the verge of extinction due to lack of interest. Most of the formerly active members are on the Honor Roll and share the opinion that there is nothing left to accomplish, hence few of them are actively pursuing DX other than the major DXpedition which may provide a "new one".

As an active ALL BAND DX'er, I have never had that problem. While most of my interim goals have been achieved, the goal of "working them all on all bands" yet remains and keeps me plying the bands in hopes of new band countries. QRP DX'ing and the WARC bands have kept my high band interests alive. Low band DXing has been my passion for decades.

There is yet another aspect of this magical hobby that few take advantage of. I don't think of DXing as a chance to "put another new one in the log". Sure, that is fun, but we radio amateurs

have for decades had the rare chance to TALK to people in far away places with different lives and cultures.

Has the "zip" gone out of DXing? Try ragchewing some time! Many of those hams in "garden-variety" countries and some in the rarer ones love to talk about their lives and customs. What's it like to live on Pitcairn Island? Or in Lusaka or Tel Aviv? How is it different than living in the Midwest USA?

Think about this - what would we be doing if there never was a DXCC or any awards program for amateur radio? What would YOU be doing? Would you have given up on the hobby a long time ago?

I feel there would be a lot more real communicating taking place on the airwaves, and I for one would be right in there doing it! I surely wouldn't have given up because there are no more band/mode countries left to work.

Have some fun and learn while doing it!

73, Zack W9SZ - From: Zack Widup
<w9sz@prairienet.org>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER
FROM ALL THE MEMBERS OF G.C.A.R.C.

CALL	FIRST	LAST	DAY
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KE2ES	Tom	Gorman	5
KB2JCG	Walter	Seitz Jr	9
K3WIN	Arthur	Goldman	19
N2AWD	John	Schumacher	22
WB2AOL	Jim	McDonald Jr	29

Amateur restructuring details possible
by year's end

Knowledgeable sources in Washington say the amateur license restructuring issue has moved to the front burner at the FCC, and a Report and Order could be released before the end of 1999.

The Amateur Radio community has been awaiting license restructuring—known officially as the 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review of Part 97 (WT Docket 98-143)—for nearly one year now. While no one has mentioned a hard-and-fast date to wrap up the long-awaited proceeding, reports from several sources suggest that the RO draft is in its final stages and could be complete within a month or so.

During a recent a visit to top FCC officials in Washington, League officials pressed again for early action on the license restructuring rulemaking. They were assured that the issue was not stalled and that the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau was “working very actively” to move restructuring along.

There is no information on what the anticipated Report Order will contain.

The restructuring debate generated more than 2200 comments to the FCC, many of them from individual amateurs. Once the FCC approves the Report Order, a Public Notice will be issued, and the actual R&O will be released probably within a few days.

FROM THE EDITOR

The time has come to pack up the editor software and turn the job of Crosstalk Editor over to someone new. Time is a little too tight now in order to do a proper job of editing Crosstalk so it is time to give it up. John Zaruba - AA2BN is taking over the job and I'm sure he will do well. At the last meeting he was already talking about making changes to the newsletter and that's good as we can use a change from time to time. So send him your articles and give him the support you gave me as I know he will appreciate it.

73's Art - KA2DOT

DEADLINE FOR CROSSTALK

Deadline for January 2000 Crosstalk is December 23rd. Get your articles into John by then and maybe you'll get something for Christmas, though surely not from John. He can be reached at John Zaruba AA2BN, 491 Pennsylvania Avenue, Franklinville, NJ 08322-2358; or jzaruba@snip.net; or aa2bn@amsat.org; or

If none of those work, you're not trying.

DECEMBER 1999

GLOUCESTER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 General Membership Meeting 2000	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Board Meeting 2000	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Deadline For Crosstalk	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	Y2K