



Presidents Message

The January meeting was a great success. The speaker was Ron Block, KB2UYT, and his presentation was fantastic. I am sure all who attended went away with many new concepts of what lightening is all about and how to protect our gear and homes from it. The presentation was enhanced by his beautiful graphics. Many thanks to Bob, K2DAD, for getting the projection unit on loan from Rowan for the presentation.

2003 DUES

GCARC dues for the year 2003 are due. The annual dues are \$15.00. Please send your checks directly to the treasurer, Bob Krchnavek, (K2DAD) at 50 Eastwick Dr., Gibbsboro, NJ 08026.

It was really great to see some of the members we haven't seen for a while at the meeting. I hope that we will be able to get speakers of Ron's caliber for future meetings. Many thanks to Wayne, WA2LET, for arranging such an interesting talk. I know Wayne has a few more programs in mind for the future.

Just to avoid confusion our next membership meeting will be on February 5th at the usual place and time. On the agenda is the budget for 2003 and a proposed change to the constitution concerning dues.

The repeater (2m) seems to be working much better now except for some adjacent channel interference. Thanks to Chuck and Mike for their work on this important part of our club's facilities.

The club still needs new members. If you know of someone who is interested in joining or becoming a Ham, drag him out to a meeting and maybe we can get a new member. Note: the initiation fee will be dropped with the constitutional change to encourage new members.

Many thanks to Chris, WK2W, for his donation and delivery of a sofa, coffee table and two chairs to the trailer. I have heard that the sofa is already reserved for the next 10 field days. A bit of rearranging had to be done to fit it all in, I believe a lamp or two were involved also.

If anyone has suggestions for future meeting programs, please let Wayne or I know about it and we will try to make it happen.

I was thrilled to finally be able to get back to the Battleship after a long absence. Also it is good to see so many of our members helping out. It is a worthy cause and the radio group has done wonders in making the tour more interesting for the public.

Best 73 & 88
Ray, WB2NBJ

DX Dope

By Doug Gehring, WA2NPD

At various times during the year, the League, together with several other DX organizations/publications, publish their DX countries most-wanted list. Most groups normally do this annually. This is a list of DX Radio Countries which have not been worked or confirmed by DX operators worldwide and are listed in descending order with the rarest entity listed as number one. The sponsors of these polls will be the first to admit that their lists are probably biased, more or less, because of the methodology used in collecting the data. Thus, the Leagues' poll is based upon the number of QSL cards submitted for credit and this can add years to the date of the actual operation.

Rather than simply polling the world, it would seem that some kind of poll based upon geographical location would be more realistic. A recent example was an ST station in Sudan who worked many African and European hams on 6 meters only. I wonder how many Southern New Jersey stations worked this ST station on 6 meters? Obviously, a poll based upon location would heavily weigh in such factors as propagation, the time of day, and the season of the year. Certainly, a lot of interest would abound if, for example, a most needed list were prepared (somehow) for hams living in the Eastern USA. Such a poll would combine all of the East Coast propagation factors together with the rarity of the DX stations. Just for the fun-of-it, your scribe has put together a list of DX countries which would seem to be the rarest to those living in Southern New Jersey. Not in any particular order, and picking 20 entities, see if you might agree with this list: Scarborough Reef, North Korea, Peter Island, Juan de Nova, Prince Edward/Marion, Crozet, Kerguelen, Lakshadweep, Andaman and Nicobar, Yemen, Bhutan, Sudan, Somalia, South Sandwich, Amsterdam Island, Brunei, East Timor, Macquarie Island, Wake Island, and Myanmar. Please let me know which of you favorites I left off the list (Hi).

Station	Dates	Frequency/Mode	Rarity*	Country
7Q7HB	Now to 3/16	40-10; SSB, CW	4	Malawi
7Q7LA	Now to April	40-10; SSB, CW	4	Malawi
VK0 MQI	Now to 3/15	15-10; SSB (Sundays)	4	MacQuarie Island
3B8/DK7AO	2/9-2/15	160-10; SSB, CW, RTTY	3	Mauritius Island
VP2K/H/C	2/12-2/19	80-10; CW, RTTY, PSK31	2	St. Kitts & Nevis
HR5/F2JD	Now to 3/5	160-10; CW, SSB	2	Honduras
JW5E	2/23-3/1	160-10; CW, SSB, RTTY	3	Svalbard Island
PJ7/ND5S	2/9-2/22	160-10; CW, SSB, RTTY	2	St. Maarten
C6/KM1E	1/4-3/4	160-6; SSB, CW	2	Bahamas
A51B	February	80-10; SSB, CW	5	Bhutan
9H3CT	1/4-2/4	80-10; CW, SSB	2	Malta

* 5 is the rarest

Thanks to [Weekly DX](#); [425 DX News](#), W2YC, K2JF, WA2LET, and AA2WN.

Membership Database

Bob Krchnavek, K2DAD, our Treasurer, is in the process of updating the club database and needs your help. He needs updated information for each member including name, home address, e-mail address, phone number, birth date, license class and call if applicable and if you are a current ARRL member.

Dues for 2003 are due so if you are mailing Bob a check for your dues please include the above information with the check or you can e-mail Bob with the information. Bob's e-mail address is krchnavek@rowan.edu and his mailing address is 50 Eastwick Drive, Gibbsboro, NJ 08026.

Constitutional Change Proposal 2003-1

The Board of Directors has proposed a Constitutional change that would eliminate initiation fees and allow the club to change annual dues without having to go through the procedure of amending the Club's Constitution. The Board proposal removes the dues amounts from the Constitution and moves them to the By-Laws. This allows the club to make changes in the dues amounts by amending the By-Laws instead of going through the lengthy process of amending the Constitution. It is also proposed to eliminate the initiation fees at the same time as they raise very little revenue for the Club and only serve to increase the complexity of the dues collecting process.

The proposed changes include changing the first sentence of Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution from "The annual dues for Full Members shall be fifteen (15) dollars and shall be paid on or before March 31st of each year." to "The annual dues for Full Members shall be set by the By-Laws and shall be paid on or before March 31st of each year." They also propose changing the first sentence of Article VII, Section 4 of the Constitution from "The annual dues for Associate Members shall be ten (10) dollars and shall be paid on or before March 31st of each year." to "The annual dues for Associate Members shall be set by the By-Laws and shall be paid on or before March 31st of each year." Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution which specifies Initiation Fees is proposed to be eliminated entirely along with other references to Initiation Fees in Article VII.

At the January 13th General Membership Meeting, the 15 signatures specified by the Constitution to proceed with a Constitutional change were obtained. The Constitution now requires that after distribution to the membership by being published in Crosstalk, the proposal be read at two successive General Membership Meetings before the proposal can be voted on. To satisfy the distribution requirement for proposed changes, the proposal is printed below.

It is hereby proposed that ARTICLE VII –DUES of the Constitution of the Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club, Inc. be amended to read:

ARTICLE VII. - DUES

Section 1. The annual dues for Full Members shall be set by the By-Laws and shall be paid on or before March 31st of each year. Additional family members of a Full Member, who are themselves Full Members, will be assessed dues at one-half (1/2) the Full Member rate. However, these additional family members will not receive their own individual copies of "Crosstalk", the official periodical of the CLUB.

Section 2. Life, Life Associate and Honorary Members shall be exempt from paying annual dues.

Section 3. Junior Member dues shall be assessed at one-half (1/2) the amount of a Full Member and shall be paid on or before March 31st of each year.

Section 4. The annual dues for Associate Members shall be set by the By-Laws and shall be paid on or before March 31st of each year. At any time during the period of Associate Membership, the Associate Member, upon presentation of the prescribed application and accompanied by payment of the difference (if any) between the Associate and Full Membership dues, may transfer to Full Membership. The amount due shall be determined from the date of transfer.

Section 5. Persons elected to membership at any time during the year shall pay dues only for the remaining months of that year commencing with the month in which the application is approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Any member whose dues are delinquent on the first day of April shall be promptly removed from the CLUB's membership roll. To be reinstated to membership the former member must reapply for membership, and pay the appropriate dues. The Board of Directors may, for sufficient cause, excuse any member from payment of annual dues, or extend the time for payment.

Section 7. Every person admitted to the CLUB shall be considered as belonging thereto and liable for the payment of all dues until resignation or unless relieved therefrom by the Board of Directors.

New Jersey Legislature Honors Amateur Radio's 9/11 Role

The New Jersey Legislature has honored the role of Amateur Radio operators in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. . On hand in Trenton to witness a joint proclamation December 12, 2002, was a contingent of Northern New Jersey hams.

"I would like to take this opportunity to commend you for your hard work and efforts," said Assembly Speaker Albio Sires. "During times of disaster, your group has displayed superior service and dedication to the safety of our citizens. I applaud the efforts of the independent radio operators and thank you for your selfless actions on September 11, 2001. Allow me to express my sincere gratitude for your participation with the New Jersey General Assembly on this day, December 12, 2002."

On behalf of the New Jersey amateurs, ARRL Northern New Jersey Section Manager, Bill Hudzik, thanked the 80 members of the Assembly. Among the co-sponsors of the resolution was Assemblyman Matthew Ahearn, KB2PNN, a Democrat from Fair Lawn and sponsor of an Amateur Radio antenna bill, Assembly Bill 3065, in the Garden State.

While in the state capital, the ham radio delegation took the opportunity to promote A3065, "The Amateur Radio Antenna Bill." The measure would codify the limited preemption known as PRB-1 into New Jersey's statutes. In addition, it would preclude local ordinances or regulations that effectively prohibit an antenna support structure of 70 feet or less above ground level exclusive of any antenna upon the structure. The measure has been assigned to the Housing and Local Government Committee chaired by Assemblyman Jerry Green (D-Plainfield). The text of the proposed legislation is available on the New Jersey Legislature Web site, <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/>. Search on "A3065" in the "Bill Search" engine.

Ahearn will be seeking co-sponsors in the New Jersey General Assembly and Senate. Interested New Jersey amateurs may contact him via e-mail at <asmahearn@njleg.org>. Amateurs should contact their state lawmakers to express their opinions on the bill or to urge their co-sponsorship.

Thanks to the American Radio Relay League and the [ARRL Letter](#).

Second Ducie DXpedition set for March 2003

The second DXpedition to the newest DXCC entity, Ducie Island, is expected to take place in March. Plans are to begin operations March 8 from VP6DI2 (note the 2 at the end of the call) and continue for about a week. Activity is being planned for 6 through 160 meters on CW, SSB, RTTY and AO-40. QSL via JR2KDN.

The first DXpedition to Ducie Island in March, 2002 racked up over 50,000 contacts.

Thanks to the American Radio Relay League and the [ARRL Letter](#).

Area VEC Testing

VEC testing is available locally each month. Details for the testing site are included below. Remember applicants must have two forms of identification and for upgrades they must have the original and a copy of their current license and CSCE's that they wish to use for credit.

- Location: Lewis and Browning Roads, Bellmawr, NJ
- Time: Third Thursday of each month at 18:30
- Contact: Diane Nafis

Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the following Club members:

Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML 2/27
Herb Schuller, K2HPV 2/10
Chris West, WA2MVU 2/19



Crosstalk Submissions

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

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Submission deadline: 2/22/2003

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The W2MMD Repeaters

147.78/18 Mhz- Pitman
(CTCSS 131.8Hz)

223.06/224.66 Mhz-Sewell

447.1/442.1 Mhz - Pitman
(CTCSS 131.8Hz)

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

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)

February Meeting Program

2003 Budget
Constitutional Change Proposal

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club
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