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"FEB. CLUB MEETING - FEB. 3 - 8:00 PM AT CLUBROOM"

Club Program - Feb. 3

Chairman John, WB2JZX, announces the program for February 3rd will be a real live demonstration and display of models showing-off our New Club Jackets!! The models will display several forms from which we can select the design of choice (the jackets--not the models). Down payments on jackets (or full payment, if desired) will be collected that night! So bring along \$5-\$10 or so to make sure your official GCARC jacket is ordered early! (There will eventually be enough for all, but why wait?)

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New Membership Chairman Appointed

President WB2FJE announces the appointment of Phil, WA2WOD, as the 1971 Membership Chairman. Phil replaces John, WB2GKH, who did his usual fine job and is to be thanked for handling this important post during 1970. Any new or recent club member who has not received his membership kit (name tag button, copy of Constitution, car sticker, playboy calendar, etc.) check with Phil at the Feb. 3 meeting. We are glad to have Phil (a capable guy) taking over this critical job.

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4 SALE

DX 40, complete with 3 Xtals. In perfect working condition. Just right for the new novice station. See W2AFZ, Only \$30.

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Advance Notice - CLUB BANQUET

All ready gang? Here it is- the notice we have all been waiting for- the eagerly anticipated GCARC Banquet-Birthday Party Combination!! Mark down May 29th (twenty-ninth) on your calendars now! The big "blast" will be held at the St. Michael's Club in Gibbstown. The program will include dinner, speeches, special features, and conclude with dancing to a real live-wire 5-piece band. The bar will be open throughout (in the adjacent room). The banquet will be prepared and served by the famous St. Michael's women. We have reserved room for 75-80 persons. This means everyone in the club (including XYL's, YL's, relatives, friends, etc.) are invited. The cost and other particulars will be announced next month. However, we anticipate the cost to be somewhere around \$5-6.00/head! A real bargain! Start saving your \$ now--then it won't hurt so bad in May. All XYL's will be there (Hams included also).

AREC NEWS - SET DRILL

By the time you read this, the annual SET drill will be history. Judging from the thoroughness of the pre-planning, I suspect the drill was a complete success--thanks to WA2SEA, WA2WOD, WB2FJE, and W2LVW. More on this next month.

EC. Harry, WA2SEA, announces the regular Friday nite 6M drill has been rescheduled to Sunday evenings, 8 PM, EST on 50.9 MHz. It was felt this time change would be more convenient for a majority of the 6 meter net members. This new sked is already in effect!

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New Club QSL Cards Now Ready

The new batch of Club QSL's have been received and will be on sale beginning Feb. 3rd. Price is ONLY \$1.50/100 beautiful cards!! (This is, of course, minus the printing). You can purchase as many as your pocketbook will provide. See Treasurer Paul, WB2WAK, for yours. (Paul promises a better deal than at the White Elephant sales).

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NEW MEMBER

The Club welcomes Tom Louis, WN2MFS, into the fold. Tom hails from Westville Grove but still should be far enough removed from W2AFZ and WA2DNL so as not to cause any QRM (Ha). Hope to CU around GCARC for about 75 more years, Tom.

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NEW DX COLUMN TO BEGIN

Starting next issue of X-Talk, we will initiate a new feature page--a DX Column suggested by and headed-up by one of our newer Club members, John, WN2MEN. Judging from the impressive list of John's contacts (as a novice, no less) including 9J2TB, CT1QN, KG4NEX, DZ7A, and EA1CV, John is well qualified to head-up this page. The idea will be for each club member to periodically submit a form with his DX worked, DX information, and/or other bits and pieces appropriate to DX. John will explain in detail at the Feb. 3rd Club Meeting.

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FOR SALE: 1--41 foot tower (Vesto) self supporting in very good shape. Call W2SUA, Wayne

CODE CLASS

WB2MSH and WN2OVQ report that 4 students have passed their 5 wpm code and are ready for their written exams. The other 9 or 10 students shouldn't be too far behind. P.S. Don't forget to slip in GCARC membership applications for these guys to fill out along with their license applications. Explain to them, Henry, that the GCARC form is also an FCC requirement too (HA).

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DX ITEM (From WA2FGS)

To work Tom Christian, VR6TC, in Pitcairn Is., contact Ralph, W7COK, or Lois (his XYL), W7COJ, of Cheyenne, Why. Ralph and Lois can very often be found on 10 or 15 M. They are the sked arrangers for VR6TC.

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CONTEST NEWS

Don't forget to turn-in your VHF contest logs to Ken, W2FBF, or John, WB2JZX, at the Club Meeting. All logs are needed--no matter how few the number of contacts. Don't Forget the DX Contest:

Phone Feb. 6-7
CW Feb. 20-21

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FROM NY TIMES, DEC. 17, 1970

First Birth in Year Raises
Pitcairn Population to 93

Los Angeles, Jan 16 (AP) - A descendent of mutineer Fletcher Christian of H. M. S. Bounty fame has been born on lonely Pitcairn Island--the first birth on the Pacific atoll in more than a year, a church radio service said this week.

The birth of 7 pound Jacqueline Beth Christian on Jan. 8 was reported by the Voice of Prophecy, broadcasting arm of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, which maintains short-wave radio contact with Pitcairn, 5,000 miles east of Australia.

The group said the father is Tom Christian, the island's radio operator. He said his daughter's arrival brings the island's population to 93.

LES BELLES
By - Rose Ellen WA2FGS

AMATEUR RADIO, MEDICINE, AND YL'S - this was a topic chosen by one of our more prominent New Jersey XYL's for her address given at the ARRL HUDSON DIVISION CONVENTION in Tarrytown, New York.

Christine E. Haycock, M.D. (WB2YBA, and VK2AJ2) is a physician (a surgeon to be exact), belongs to MARCO (the Medical Amateur Radio Council), and feels that her activity with radio has been most rewarding. She has been able to help many people with medical problems while on the air (see recent article in QST) and, for her service, has received the well earned award of "Woman of the Year" by the New Jersey Medical Women's Association.

When she was only 11, Chris put a spark transmitter on the air to chat with a boy who lived nearby. That was in 1935. The FCC promptly halted her electronic endeavor by ordering her off the air. Without delay, Chris and the lad strung wires between their homes and continued their QSO with buzzer and key.

From that moment, Chris: Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, has been determined and achieving. In June, 1966, she received her Novice, her Technician the following November, and her General six months later.

Prior to obtaining her MD degree, Chris was in training at the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing. She received her R.N. in 1945, then continued her nursing while attending Medical School. Shortly after acquiring her M.D. in 1952, she joined the staff of Walter Reed Army Hospital where she was the FIRST WOMAN INTERN. A year later she served with the Army Medical Corps in Japan. Chris holds the rank of Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army Reserve. Presently, she is director of emergency services at Martland Hospital, Newark, N. J. and assistant professor of surgery at the New Jersey College of Medicine.

A baseball enthusiast during her early 'teen years', Chris, for many years, won fame as one of the country's outstanding semi-pro softball pitchers. For two years she held the title of N. J. State Open Fencing Champion. She's a member of several camera clubs, and the Photographic Society of America. A member of the YLRL, the New York City YL, the YL International Single Sidebanders, Inc., and many other organizations too numerous to mention. At present she is editor of the second district news for the YL Harmonics, the newsletter of the YLRL. She also collects elephants (her cute QSL has one on it) and spends lots of time taking her dog to shows where many ribbons have been awarded.

As your YL Editor, I hope you will enjoy reading about one of my good XYL friends that I have not only met in person but held QSO several times. If you wish to make contacts - join the YLISSB System (more about this group later) where you will hear Chris chatting with her many friends from "down under".

DON'T FORGET - YL-OM PHONE: Starts Saturday, Feb. 27, 1971 - 1800 GMT
Ends Sunday, Feb. 28, 1971 - 1800 GMT

RAMBLINGS BY A GHOST WRITER

No doubt many of you have had DX QSO's on phone with a foreign ham who has a very strong accent. He may understand English, but his ability to make himself understood leaves a lot to be desired. What does one do in a case like this? You don't want to say anything to offend him, neither do you want him to know the extent of the difficulty you are having. After all, he is also a ham like you and I and gets the same kicks as we do. These fellows have two strikes against them because they not only must know electronics but also the English language. So you see, it is much harder for them to get their kicks than it is for us. Most of them have another obstruction--money! Of course, there are some who are wealthier than the majority, but these fellows are few and far between. I still ask the question, "What do you do under these circumstances?" I find some countries more troublesome than others--France, South America, and the Italians seem to be the hardest to understand. When they use phonetics, this helps a lot, but one can't make a whole transmission using this technique!

Have you ever struck up a friendship with someone in a foreign country? You would be surprised the pleasure you can obtain by exchanging articles such as stamps, literature, flower bulbs, trinkets, and travel brochures. Frequently, these articles contain pictures and information concerning the locale you are talking to and are most interesting.

Have you ever been in QSO with a ham and, while talking to him, tried to picture what he looks like? If it is possible to get a picture of him or even meet him in person, your visions usually go up in smoke because he probably isn't the same person you had previously visualized. I wonder why this is? I know that I have never been able to visualize a ham exactly. Often a person's personality can be detected by the way he talks and the words he uses. But even here you are usually unable to get a true picture of the person.

One thing we often overlook in ham radio is the fact that there are no color barriers, no separation of rich and poor, no age limits, no boundaries, and no political aspirations. Thus, one might say Hamming is the most democratic way of life, for here we have a group of individuals working for the same ideals and progress. Other organizations who are running into problems they are unable to solve could certainly use the ideals of ham radio as a guideline. Although we are not perfect by far, you have never heard of a riot started by hams; you have never heard of hams refusing to help those in need; yes, I could go on and on touting the virtues of the good guys--the hams.

I don't think that a true ham wants to be entertained all of the time. I think that sooner or later he wants to participate and do his part. By belonging to a radio club, his interest must be there; all you have to do is to ask him if he will take a part. Some members are slow responding, but---I say BUT---you must come forward, keep the spark alive, and soon you will have the fire of desire!!

SCUTTLEBUTT

1. Sorry to hear of Charlie Hatch, WN2FCY, and his bout with a chunk of iron. Charlie was conked in the head (accident at work) and was laid-up for quite some time. Fortunately, he is OK now and apparently the clunk on the head didn't cause him to forget his CW (almost 15 wpm now). Will expect to see that WA2 pretty soon, Charlie.
2. Many congratulations to W2KE for having jumped into the new world of retirement leisure. Guess Van is now finding out what its like to be bitten by the honeydew bug; You know--honeydew this--honeydew that--!! We wish Van and Lil at least 45 more years of retirement ease.
3. We understand certain DX bugs have already begun the sabotage of the W2SUA station (as indicated in last months X-Talk, certain surprises would be in store for Shorty). Watch the problems disappear after the DX contest.
4. Understand the WN2OER/WN2OEQ station is about on-the-air. Will be awaiting the first CQ from over Sherwood way soon, Jim and Karl.
5. Many of you, I'm sure, do not know we have a virtual store amid out midst. Steve, W2PZX, has enough parts, tubes, gear, etc., at his QTH to almost go into business. Would strongly suggest before buying that new or replacement part to check with Steve first.
6. While we're at it, one of our newest club members, John, WN2MEN, is President of PAW ELECTRONICS, 1276 Puritan Avenue, Woodbury, 845-3650. John wants to inform all club members that we qualify for discounts on his electronic gear. See John for more details and for information on his inventory line.
7. WB2WAK relays an interesting story. He was cruising down 195, flipped on his 6'er, and, as it warmed up, lo and behold--there was someone calling WB2WAK!!! Paul was dumbfounded! He had made no sked on 6?? Who was the sneaky bast...using his call? Alas, all ended well--it was another ham in a car right behind Paul - the guy having read Paul's call sign from his window sticker. (Incidentally, all agreed Paul's program in January was excellent.)
8. Good to see Milt, K2WIL, out to the Jan. club meeting. It's good news to learn that, as of about March 27, Milt's QTH will be the Kyoto Bldg., 5-S Towers of Windsor Park, Cherry Hill (667-1141). Welcome back to Jersey, Milt!
9. Wish to thank Maxine, WA4UWK, of Falls Church, Va., for her nice card and words for X-Talk. Will see that you get on our mailing list Maxine.
10. Our gal Rose Ellen, WA2FGS, has accepted the nomination of Secretary to ARNS for 1971 and of Receiving Treasurer for 1972. She has also received her Dec. 1970, BPL certificate, also certificates for Buckeye Belle, ARNS, WAYLARC, and her YLCC (100 yls worked). Congratulations Rose Ellen--looks like you are giving Bertha, WA4BMC, real competition.
11. WB2FJE sporting new SB-200 linear--put it together in about 4 days.
12. WA2DNL, with help of WB2FJE, has his tower up and ready on 10, 15, and 20. Understand Jim had engineering assistance from WB2WAK (who sez he knows everything not to do---now).

Here are my 1971 yearly dues Paul, all _____ of it!

Glad to get the \$ in on time thus saving a buck and making your job as Treasurer easier.

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To:

Paul Callaghan, WB2WAK
Treasurer GCARC

Signed: _____

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