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CLUB NETS

6M	50.9	Sundays - 8:00 P.M. Local Time
10M	28.8	Fridays - 9:30 P.M. Local Time
Novice (Freq. Pending)		Saturdays-8:30 P.M. Local Time
Novice AREC (Freq. Pending)		Mondays - 8:30 P.M. Local Time
Friendship 7.265		3rd Sunday 1:00 P.M. Local Time

\*\*\*\*\* CLUB MEETING, FEB. 7th, 8:00 P.M. AT THE MEETING ROOM. DON'T MISS THIS ONE !

QRZ-de W2SUA

My first meeting as your president proved to be quite enlightening to say the least. To be sure it was a very pleasant experience. It was great to hear the many and voiced comments concerning our club business.

It shouldn't have taken a casual observer very long to realize GCARC members have a deep concern for their club. Don't assume this attitude only just recently began, it has prevailed since the club's inception some 13 or 14 years ago. Concern has given us many new friends simply by having a place to meet, concern has brought to us many new "ham" friends via our code and theory classes. Concern has given us technical aid and concern gives us a fine newspaper, "Crosstalk", which we all eagerly await and are disappointed when it arrives late.

By now I have selected our committee chairmen and I am sure I have a fine group of dedicated people and, as always, very much concerned with their work. These people and your officers are just like yourselves, with all the problems of everyday life. Help them to help you by showing them your concern-give them encouragement and help when called upon.

"Shorty"

FEB. CLUB MEETING

Program Chairman Jim, WA2DNL, reports that the Feb. meeting will feature the 16MM sound film "This is Amateur Radio" which is the sequel to "Hams Wide World". This film also will be shown to the Ranch Hope Boys the following night (see next "blurb") and we strongly suggest you don't miss it !! Also, as an extra added bonus, WB2JZX will auction off the club's 1972 Callbooks. (the 1973 editions are here). The usual FB repast (TNX to WB2GKH) will round out the evenings festivities. It would appear foolish to miss this meeting!

GCARC TO VISIT RANCH HOPE

On Thursday, Feb. 8th, a delegation of GCARC hams will journey to near Alloway to present the film "This is Amateur Radio", together with a live 6M demonstration and question and answer period for the boys of Ranch Hope. Final plans will be announced at the Feb. 7th clubmeeting.. All those members wishing to participate check with Bill, WB2FJE and/or Harry, WA2SEA, who are heading-up the event. This is a most worthwhile undertaking and should bring much credit to GCARC.

W2SUA APPOINTMENT

We have learned that our own "Shorty", W2SUA has again been appointed as assistant to Mid-Atlantic ARRL Director Connie Mack, W3EPC, for 1973. Congratulations to Shorty and also thanks to Connie Mack for arranging the procurement of the "This is Amateur Radio" film.

WB2FIF BECOMES ADVANCED CLASS

Many congratulations to Bill Conrad, WB2FIF, who recently passed his Advanced ticket exam. Bill may have established a new record of some kind for he obtained his Novice, General, and now Advanced tickets all within the space of less than 1 year. Sure gives the rest of us something to shoot at. Nice going, Bill.

PAST PRESIDENTS CERTIFICATE

At the January club meeting, the membership voted to award all past club presidents a certificate of appreciation rather than the previously suggested gavel. The club thanks Wally, W2PLD, for having originated the idea of presenting our past presidents with some token of appreciation.

WA2OLS, 1973 FD CHAIRMAN

Our new FD chairman for 1973 is Rick Carter, WA2OLS, and we are glad to see this important post fulfilled by a dedicated guy like Rick. Rick is "taking orders" for band chairmen and those of you desirous of the band-of-your-choice had better place your order NOW! Contact Rick at the Feb. 7th meeting if not before.

SET DRILL

The 1973 SET is history as you read this and a complete report will no doubt be given at the Feb. meeting. The drill, headed-up by WA2OLS (seems like I've heard that call before) featured 8 mobiles on 6M and numerous others as fixed station relays. Also, we understand a 2M repeater station got in on the act this year (?)

CLUB JACKETS

At this writing, we believe all those members who ordered new jackets some 2-3 months ago (there were 14 of you) have all received your jacket with all in order. To the best of our knowledge, some 32 club members now have jackets. For those newest members (and other also-rans) we will place another order just as soon as 12 more orders are received. Give your name to the club secretary and start a new list now!!

CLUB PATCHES, QSL CARDS, DECALS, etc.

All of these items are for sale at rock bottom prices!!!  
 Club patches-\$3.00; QSL cards-\$1.50/200; decals-.50¢ ea.; etc.  
 (check with WB2OER on his special monthly rate for etc. pins.).  
 See treasurer Jim, WB2OER, for any or all of the above.

CONTEST CORNER

We would like to remind everyone who worked the VHF Sweepstakes contest to mail your logs in to the ARRL before Feb 2nd which is the postmark deadline. Three logs must be submitted for the club participation to be recognized. Let W2FBF know what your score was so he can write in to ARRL and give the club score for QST and award prizes and certificates to the winners. WB2BZY and WA2MEM are the only entrants so far, and we would hate to see their fine efforts go unrecognized for lack of another log from you.

ARRL DX COMPETITION. Mark the dates for the best in DX operation of the year. Phone-Feb. 3-4, March 3-4. CW-Feb. 17-18, March 17-18. All times are 0001 to 2359 GMT. The very handsome W2SUA Cup is awarded to the top combined Phone and CW scorer, and certificates to all who manage 150 QSO'S. Logs will be available at the Feb. and March meetings, and the completed logs will be collected at the April meeting. The highest club total on record was in 1971 of 1,241,325. If we get some participation this year, we should beat that. See you on 14.201 at 0001Z !!!!!

de W2FBF

\*\*\*\*\*WANTED\*\*\*\*\*

Clean NCL-2000 linear amp. Call W2SUA

NEW MEMBER JOINS GCARC

The club welcomes Bill Zane (NC yet) into the fold. Bill, who is rapidly converting over from his early CB era, hails from Pennsville (W2CDZ land) and we understand will soon have his ticket. Hope your stay at GCARC will be a long one Bill.

NET NEWS

The Westside Radio Club/GCARC Friendship Net on Sunday, January 14, was again a most pleasant meeting with our Canadian friends. GCARC was well represented by 8 members and, of course, our old faithful non-member Jim, W2GZE.

We're hoping that Jim j GCARC soon! Our check-ins were W2PZX, WA2AXJ, W2AFZ, W1UBZY, W2F3F, WA2OLS, WB2FIF, and WA2MEK. On the Canadian side we had, VE3AR, VE3LHZ, VE3BVD and newly liscensed, VE3GGS, Ron aged 17 who was on CW. Conditions were good with some difficulty due to weaker signals of VE3GGS, and WB2FIF. Hopefully their antennas can be improved so that better signals will be heard. The next FRIENDSHIP NET is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 13, at 1 P.M. local time on or about 7.265 khz.

Club members are also urged to check into Tony Slapkowski's SPACE NET which meets each friday night at 8 P.M. local time on 50.2 mhz. Tony's call is WB2MTU and the net was annaugurated on Jan. 6 with 169 check-ins from as far as upstate penna. and N.J. This net is supported 100% by NASA and frequent "go lies" will come your way if you check-in! Tony puts out a whopping signal from a beam up 90'-(thats ninety)-! fed by a TR06 pushing 200 watts. Its a most intresting net and you will get the real low-down on NASA programs, far more than you get to read in the newspapers. Hope to hear your call!

Don't forget the gcarc friday night ragchew net! that's at 9:30 P.M. local time, On 23.0 mhz. The group is slowly growing again and it's a good opportunity to chew the old rag with your fellow club members between regular meetings.

### LES BELLES

February is a month of contests. During this time there is little meal preparation allowed as you have to stay pretty close to the rig as much as you can. Here are a couple of preparations that may go over well at your QTH at the height of the contest and they can be eaten while the calls are being made too.

### FOOLPROOF FUDGE CALLED 'FOUS'

FACULOUS fudge is a foolproof kind.  
2 1/2 cups sugar.  
3/4 cup evaporated milk.  
10 large marshmallows or 1 cup marshmallow cream.  
1/4 cup butter or margarine.  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
6 ounce package (1/2 lb) semi-sweet choclote bits  
1 teaspoon vanilla.  
1 cup cut-up nuts.

Mix in a heavy 2-quart saucepan the sugar, milk, marshmallows, butter, and salt. Cook and stir to a boil. Boil and stir 5 minutes more. Take off heat and stir in chocolate. Stir until melted. Add vanilla and nuts, turn into buttered pan, cool, and cut into pieces. About 30 pieces in 8-inch square pan.

### PIEROGI

Cook potatoes with jackets on--fry onions in butter to crisp stage while potatoes are cooking. Peel and mash potatoes--mix onions in with potatoes. Let cool.

Dough: 4 cups flour; 3 eggs.  
water--enough to be able to roll--divide in 4 parts--roll out about 1/4"--not too thin--roll and cut into about 1"X1" squares--put stuffing in and pinch all ends around--cook in boiling water 15 to 20 minutes.  
Fry onions in butter and pour over top.

73's Rose Ellen WA2FGS

\*\*\*\*\*BULLETINS\*\*\*\*\*

### OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 407

FCC has proposed to raise its revenues by thirty percent through raises in fees collected from virtually all licensees. Amateur fees would go from nine dollars to ten for new, renewed, or modified and renewed licenses, from four to five dollars for straight modifications. Special call sign fees would stay at twenty five dollars and duplicate licenses at six. Novice, military recreation, races and reciprocal authorizations would all remain free of charge. Deadline for comment on the proposals, called docket 19658, is February 13 and for reply comments February 28, 1973. ARRL members may wish to convey their reactions immediately to the appropriate league director as shown on page 8 of QST. The topic will undoubtedly be discussed at the board meeting January 18. Further information on the docket will be in the February issue of QST. AR

### SPECIAL W1AW BULLETIN NR 933

Canadian Director VE3CJ announces that a ten meter beacon station VE3TEN is now active from Ottawa on 28,175 Khz. The beacon is operating twenty four hours a day, signing in fsk with 850 hertz shift. This is in compliance with the region 1 IARU Program of ten meter beacons for propagation study. AR

### OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 406

FCC has now denied a number of petitions for reconsideration of the decisions in repeater docket 18803. Stating

that the petitions added nothing to the information considered in adopting the report and order, FCC explained that operation of an amateur repeater could present unique problems not comparable to other radio services. Additionally, FCC stated that ham ingenuity could eventually develop the technical and operational techniques that would permit the adoption of rules for automatically controlled repeaters, thus provisions for automatic control were not warranted at this time. Further information will appear in February QST AR

### RAMBLINGS OF A GHOST WRITER

Here's something hot for you DX hounds or award hunters, and I will give it to you just as I received it;

\*\*\*\*THE ISLANDS-ON-THE-AIR-AWARD (IOTA)\*\*\*\*

Issued by Geoff Watts, DX NEWS-SHEET, England, and printed in red, blue, and silver on cream parchment, IOTA Awards are available to licensed amateurs (and to short wave listeners) for confirmation of QSO's with amateur stations located on islands throughout the world.

The following awards are available, and all count separate for CHC purposes:

IOTA AFRICA AWARD	IOTA-AF	(the 18 page directory-of-islands lists all islands which count for IOTA, and gives full information on the awards, and the IOTA silver cup. Price 4 IRC's -6 by air. Available from: Geoff Watts, 62 Belmore Road, Norwich, NOR. 72-T England.)
IOTA ANTARCTICA AWARD	IOTA-AN	
IOTA ASIA AWARD	IOTA-AS	
IOTA EUROPE AWARD	IOTA-EU	
IOTA NORTH AMERICA AWARD	IOTA-NA	
IOTA OCEANIA AWARD	IOTA-OC	
IOTA SOUTH AMERICA AWARD	IOTA-SA	
IOTA ARCTIC ISLANDS AWARD	IOTA-AI	
IOTA BRITISH ISLES AWARD	IOTA-BI	
IOTA WEST INDIES AWARD	IOTA-WI	
IOTA WORLD DIPLOMA	IOTA-WW	
IOTA CENTURY CLUB AWARD	IOTA-CC-100	
	IOTA-CC-200	

You hams that are DX minded, here indeed is something really worth working for and it isn't as simple as it implies. It would look quite nice to have one of these parchments or the silver cup in the shack. Any member interested?

Philatelic Service News: European Communities stamp issue 3, January 1973. The 3p-stamp will be used on all overseas subscribers envelopes, the 2x5p- stamps on envelopes of EUROPEAN & OCEANIA air-mail subscribers only. For mint-set--send 4 IRC's. The 2X5p-stamps, affixed to DXNS envelopes, send 2 IRC'S. Orders for BPO-First Day Cover (6 IRC's) will be passed to BPO HQ if rec'd by Dec. 9th. (Those members interested in stamps will know what to do).

What would be your guess as to how many of the hams

(percentage-wise) are chasing DX? What is it for the ones not chasing DX? How many just rag chew? How many don't touch their rigs from one month to the other? The answers probably are controversable within the ham ranks and it would be interesting to hear the different approaches to the different questions. Each one would have his "valid" reason for his opinion and a hot debate might be forth coming. I don't believe any group would be the winner, because ham radio is still ham radio and the frequencies are to be used with reason for the qualified operators solely for the advancement of the art whether it's done by DX or other means.

How many ham call letters on auto license plates have you noticed? Have you seen many from other states? The furthestest distances that I observed were a W6 and a K7 from Wash. You know if you go looking for these licenses you will be surprised how many you can find. Makes a good pastime to help while-away the long hours in traveling. Some of the teenagers are on the lookout for Volkswagons (call them bugs) and crossing their fingers keeping score to see how many can get the most cars. Just another form.

My ghost correspondents have just landed on the moon with the Apollo 17 and they should have some fine reports for me next time.

73's es CUL.....Ghost Writer

Ed. note--following last month's blast against those "robbers" who gobble-up our IRC's, could this be our ghost writer now suggesting we send IRC's for IOTA awards and 3p stamps???? Singularly odd!!!!

\*\*\*\*\*SCUTTLEBUTT\*\*\*\*\*

1. Sorry to hear that Harry, WA2SEA, was recently under-the-weather. Hope that by this writing our efficient club secretary is feeling better and continues to improve.
2. Understand from WA2MEM and W2AFZ that 5 members of the Canadian West Side Club (the other half of our Friendship Net) have qualified for GCARC certificates. FB fellas--hope eventually all of you will qualify.
3. I'm sure by now you have all seen the FB picture of "Snoopy" in the Jan. issue of QST together with the brief description of the event. Congratulations to WA2PVH whose FB photography has again zapped-through the tough QST editorial staff. GCARC scores again !!
4. MIRACLE DEPT. Jim, WB2OER, was able to get a GCARC meeting notice published in the Woodbury-Daily Times!! WA2NPD et al bow to Jim's superior skill and expertise. (understand Jim, as treasurer, was successful really because of the \$10.00 bill he attached to the request).
5. W2CKX and XYL vacationing in Florida. Can't understand why Tad and Nancy would want to miss all the Jan. & Feb. So. Jersey WX????



- 6. WA2NPD still flag-waving up and down the LOM band on SSB. Rumor has it he is planning to convert the Apache VFO to solid state. We'll believe it when we hear it!!
- 7. Understand there is a red El Camino zooming back and forth through Pitman looking for counties via the P.O. net directory (??)
- 8. Movement afoot to revitalize the GCARC Banquet. Shooting for late Sept. or Oct. Informed poll to be taken at Feb club meeting. We need your opinion.
- 9. W2CDZ and WA2FGS booming in on the LOM net last Fri. all the way from Pennsville on ground wave. Will look for Bill and Rose Ellen every Fri. with S-9 plus sigs like that.
- 10. Don't forget to pay your dues gang! Get that \$5.00 in before the April club meeting and save on the \$6.00 fee thereafter (for those of you who have already paid please ignore item 10 here).
- 11. How-not-to-get-rich-quick!! Have GCARC collect the amount of dues owed by WB2JZX over the next two years-(Hi). Oh well, some guys win-it-all!!
- 12. Look for the first installment of "The Poor Man's Antenna Coupler" in next months X-TALK: Many trx to Jim, W2GZE, for this FB article.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, 1973

Here are the club "workers" for 1973. These are the guys to contact when you need some information, want something accomplished, need to borrow 10 bucks, etc. Anybody want to head-up VHF this year? Contact President W2SUA.

- Program--Jim Mauro, WA2DNL
- Publicity--John Poulson, WA2PVH
- Membership--Rick Carter, WA2OLS
- Crosstalk--Doug Gehring, WA2NPD
- AREC--Harry McCormick, WA2SEA
- TVI&Tech. Advisory--Bill Frambes, WB2FJE
- Contests--Ken Newman, W2FBF
- Awards--Della Parker, W2AFZ
- House--John Kull, WB2GKH
- Field Day--Rick Carter, WA2OLS
- RACES--Paul Thomson, WA2PGJ
- Picnic--John Kull, WB2GKH and co-chairman.
- Code Class--Doug Gehring, WA2NPD
- VHF--?????
- Budget--Appointed in June for Oct. action.

-----CUT ALONG THIS LINE-----

It's that time of year again. Here is my dues for 1973 Jim. I'm sending this to you NOW (before Mar. 31) in order to save the extra buck.

Send to: Jim Klupar, WB2OER