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AREA NETS

GCARC RTTY NET:	Tuesday,	8:00 PM 147.78/18 Rptr
ARES NET:	Sunday,	8:00 PM 147.78/18 Rptr

Club Repeaters: 147.78/18, 223.06/224.66, 447.10/442.10

General Meeting: First Wednesday of each month at the V.F.W. Hall in Woodbury, NJ. Meetings begin at 8:00 pm sharp.

Contributions: CROSSTALK, Tony Starr,
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -- FEBRUARY 1987

First off, let me say that I was quite suprised to see the fine showing of club members at the January meeting. It was nice to see the regulars and not-so-regulars in attendance, and here's hoping it can grow better each month. Thank-you.

A lot has happened since the January meeting and there are a lot of important issues that have to be brought to the attention of our members. So let me say from the beginning that I'm not going to pull any punches in favor of one thing or another. The items that have to be addressed, will be!!! But only with the help of you -- the members. Let us not forget that this is an organization with many good and varied opinions, and I want to hear them. Whether it's on the floor or on the phone, or the suggestion box. I want to reach as many members this year as I possibly can. Enough said....

If you weren't at the first meeting of 1987, I can honestly say that I think you missed a good one. The topics of discussion were: The Budget (very enlightening) was voted on, and passed. Thank goodness. The next order of business was the club membership list and how to get it out and at what intervals. It was decided at the general membership meeting that the list should go out in January of each year, and that the booklet will come out once a year in July.

The next point that I want to bring out is the 1987 HAMFEST. This year new blood has been introduced to the position in the form of Mike Black, N2FIZ. He is a relative new comer to our club and is willing to do the best job he possibly can. Please give him your support and contact him now and let him know that you will lend a helping hand in the many different aspects of this -- our largest undertaking of the year.

Now for a little etiquette. It has been brought to my attention that some while back a few of our members were having a conversation on the two meter repeater. This conversation was rudely interrupted by the "UNKNOWN COMIC" who commenced to tell the two operators, who were having a legitimate conversation on the subject of DX, that he (the unknown comic) didn't want to hear DX discussed on the repeater. While violating his own license by not identifying himself he also ruffled the feathers of the two operators who have not, since then, returned to the repeater. Let's all remember something, the license that we hold so dearly to our convictions gives us the right to talk about anything we want to. It is not for another to interfere or rudely interrupt. If I could rightfully do so, I would apologize to these two Hams and ask that, for the good of the club, they return to the group. Here's hoping they read this and return.

Last but not least, a bit of good news. For years now I have listened not only to my OM but quite a few other members who would like

to see us acquire a place of our own. Well it looks like it just might come about this year. Those of you who were at the meeting have already heard all about it. For those of you who couldn't make it, this is what has come about. Last year after the Hamfest, Walt Ashton, WB2OYQ, came to me and said that he knew the gentleman who controlled the 4-H Fair Grounds and that, with a little push from us, we just might be able to acquire a parcel of land to call our very own. This step has been taken and we are on the brink of that reality. More info as I get it.

The next bright and shining member in the plot is Al Trueblood, N2FJQ, who has had the pleasure of acquiring for us a 65' by 12' wide mobile home. This trailer, if and when the deal goes through, along with the recommendations of legal council, will rest upon the land in question and we will see a contest station, and the birth of a new future for the organization. After many phone calls and a lot of discussion we will see this come about. It is just one goal of many that we can work toward this year. Best 73 & 88, and hope to see you at the February meeting.

Virginia Martin, N2FJM
President

P.S.-- Many of you may remember Bob Grimmer, chairman of our first Hamfest, who moved out west several years ago. Bob has been recovering from a serious accident and would like to hear from some of the old GCARC gang, so here is his address:

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Charles Graham, N3DBU - Technician, a ham for 5 years
Paul Fredricks, K2FI - Extra, a ham for 54 years

Tnx Ginny Martin, N2FJM

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW DADS

Mike Lizzio, WA2TOP, is the proud dad of a little girl.

Mike Black, N2FIZ, is also the proud dad of a little girl.

Tnx Ginny Martin, N2FJM

HAMFEST 1987

Even though the snow is on the Mullica Hill 4-H grounds, the plans are being made for this year's Hamfest set for August 30, 1987. This move will, hopefully, not place us against Hershey, even though no one has a date approved yet. As this year's Chairperson, I need HELP on all committees, either as chairpersons or members. If you have been a committee chairman in the past and would like it again or a different one, or a member who would like to take a stab at it, call me, talk to me or sign up at the meeting. Whether it be ticket prices, parking, what prizes to offer, or whatever, this is the Club's Hamfest. We need your help and input! Let's build upon last year's success and lend a hand, your opinion, and your support. Get involved and make this Gloucester County's best Hamfest ever.

Michael Black, W2FIZ
Hamfest Chairman

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club sponsors a Club award through its Award Committee. The award is entitled, "WORKED ALL GCARC MEMBERS AWARD." The award is a certificate with appropriate endorsements which is available to members of GCARC who have submitted proof of working on the air at least 15 members of the Club. It is also available to non-members of the Club who submit proof of working at least 10 members. There is no charge for this award.

Proof of having had on-the-air contact with Club members shall be a list showing the following details of each contact:

Date and time
Call of station worked
First and last name of operator at station worked
Frequency and mode
Power used

The Committee will accept hand written lists, typed lists or photocopies of actual logs. The list must clearly show the name, address and call of the person applying for the award. The certificate for 30, 50, and for each 10 members worked beginning with 60. The Committee retains the lists submitted, so as additional members are worked it is only necessary to submit additional lists of proof.

We encourage members and non-members alike to apply for the award. Lists of proof of contact should be sent or delivered to the Chairman

John A. Zaruba, K2ZA - Awards Chairman

A SHORT NOTE FROM KA2DOT

With the Roster updated every 6 months now, I would like to inform all members that I've moved and insure that everyone has my new address and phone number. As your Membership Chairman, I want to be within easy access to present and prospective members.

Hopefully, in several months I'll be back on the "green keys" and giving my fair share to HF RF air pollution. At least now Cherry Hill will not be a "DX" contact for a well known Club member.

73's
Art Strong, KA2DOT
Membership Chairman

CONTEST CORNER

The Novice Roundup finishes early in February. If anyone took part I'd like to know, with the score they posted. Nothing official, just a call to let me know. Anyone who took part in the VHF Sweepstakes, please get your summary sheet copy to me as soon as you can, since if we have enough for a club entry a letter has to be sent listing those qualifying us for a club entry.

NOTE: That the W2SUA Award for 1986/1987 contest season will be based on both scores reported for the ARRL DX CONTESTS, CW (February 21-22, 1987) and PHONE (March 7-8, 1987).

The CQ WPX CONTEST is coming soon, this is also a club competition, following soon after the ARRL DX CONTESTS, also a club competition. Please get returns to me as soon as you can to insure our entry in the club competition category. Please make sure to include the GCARC name in the proper spot, if not there on the summary sheet.

If you enter a contest that counts for Megapoint awards, please give me a copy of your cover sheet indicating that you took part for the club. Even if we can't enter as a club you will be credited for your score. Megapoint awards are given those club members accumulating one million points, with additional stickers for those adding more millions.

The following contests are considered for the Megapoint Award:

CONTEST:

SCORE MULTIPLIER:

ARRL Sweepstakes, CW & Phone	X 5
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW & Phone	X 2
ARRL VHF Sweepstakes	X 50
ARRL Internat'l DX Contest, CW & Ph.	X 3
CQ WPX Contest, CW & Phone	X 1
Two-Land QSO Party	X 3

Your Megapoint totals are the sum of scores times multipliers for all of these above contests. For more information, see the May 1986 issue of Crosstalk.

As announced at the last meeting, anyone who has megapoints accumulated since about 1980, please check with me. We appear to be missing data from about that time until last January. Please, if you have records eg., copy of summary sheet SUBMITTED or numbers from QST or CQ, we'll work out the cases on a individual basis. I know we should have a number who qualify.

In case you miss any of the meetings, please feel free to contact the writer for any contest sheets you need. I have them for most of the contests through the year.

The contest list is updated below:

MONTH	DATES	CONTEST
FEBRUARY	14-16	YRYL YL-OM Phone Contest
	20-22	CQ WW 160 Meter Phone Contest
	21-22	ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST, CW
	21-22	YL ISSB Phone Contest
	28-(2)	YRYL YL-OM CW Contest
MARCH	7-8	ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST, PHONE
	28-29	CQ WW WPX SSB CONTEST
APRIL	13	ARRL Spring 144 MC Sprint
	22	ARRL Spring 220 MC Sprint
	29	ARRL Spring 432 MC Sprint
MAY	8	ARRL Spring 902 MC Sprint
	14	ARRL Spring 1296 MC Sprint
	23-24	ARRL Spring 50 MC Sprint
JUNE	14-15	ARRL VHF QSO Party
	27-28	ARRL FIELD DAY

(Tnx ARRL, CQ, QST, 73, WORLD RADIO)

de KB2GW

SWAP & SHOP

WANTED:

P/S SR 2000 AC for Halicrafters "Hurricane" XCUR (RC 2000)

Contact Don Smith, WB2ZJF, if anyone has
this equipment for sale.

FOR SALE:

HEATHKIT HW-100 w/ps

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Both in excellent condition. Price negotiable or will trade for a HT.
Contact Mike, N2EMM

FOR SALE:

ROBESON Portable Kerosene Heater; 22,500 BTU. Brand New (used 2
hours). Price negotiable. Contact Milt, K3WIL,

WRITTEN EXAMINATION CREDIT DELAYED

The FCC has notified VEC's to postpone allowing examination credit for all amateur operator written examination elements until approximately January 15, however, the ARRL has petitioned the FCC with a "Request for Stay Pending Review". Which is a legal maneuver whereby a person who thinks that the FCC will eventually see it their way asks the Commission not to let a particular decision go into effect until the Commission has had a chance to review the argument that they are making. Tnx W5YI/K2JF

GOOD AMATEUR PRACTICES GROUP

Don't be surprised if an Amateur Ethics Committee is created with the FCC supporting their recommendations to the point of issuing sanctions against those who violate Part 97.78 decreeing that "good amateur practice" should be observed by all licensees. At least one Commissioner is unhappy with the current direction and level of cooperation among amateur radio operators. Tnx W5YI/K2JF

AMATEUR RADIO CALL SIGNS

Radio District	Extra	Advanced	Tech/Gen	Novice
1	NI1J	KC1BF	NIEMS	KA1PEV
2	NU2X	KD2WX	N2GUY	KB2BYC
3	NE3M	KC3ZY	N3FFW	KA3QHL
4	AA4XT	KK4DN	N4PDR	KB4VOH

NOVEMBER AMATEUR LICENSING STATS 1986

NOVICE	79,019
TECHNICIAN	85,431
GENERAL	115,998
ADVANCED	97,821
EXTRA	40,989

TOTAL	419,258

Tnx W5YI/K2JF

OSCAR 12 INFORMATION

BEACON FREQUENCY	435.7970 MHz	TRANSLATE FREQUENCY	581.80 MHz
UPLINK	145.900 TO 146.000 MHz	DOWNLINK	435.800 TO 435.900 MHz

If you need orbital information for Oscar 12, RS-5 or RS-7, contact K2JF. Tnx K2JF

NOVICE ENHANCEMENT

The staff has completed action on the document for the Commission's decision. The document now takes its place in line for consideration by the Commissioners. It is considered by the people at the Commission what action will be taken next month (February). Tnx K2JF

RFI/TVI

Over 40 million VCR's have been sold since 1979...13.8 million in the last 12 months alone! Next year VCR's will outsell color TV's and there will be more VCR's than cabled homes. (Oh boy, all we need is for them to be Sharps). Tnx W5YI/K2JF

PUBLIC NOTICE ISSUED ON VEC PROGRAM

The Personal Radio Branch of the FCC recently sent out a Public Notice commenting that "VEC's have coordinated 6,784 sessions where 86,533 persons were administered examinations for amateur radio operator licenses. These examinations were administered between December 1, 1983, the start of the VEC system, and October 31, 1986. Tnx W5YI/K2JF

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Bellmawr Group, our Testing Committee, has given 185 exams, 88 upgrades, 20 Code Credit, 19 Novice, 288 exam elements; Giving us 183 elements passed, 105 failed, or Technician 25, General 27, Advance 23, Extra 13. Good work fellows! Tnx WA2VQG/K2JF

WHAT COMPETITION COSTS

Giant AT&T isn't saying, but it appears that U.S. Sprint and MCI can offer quality long distance telephone service at a lower cost than they can. They plan to close some plants, eliminate 27,000 jobs and take a \$3.2 billion (yes that is Billion) write-off, which will just about wipe out 1986 after tax earnings. Chairman James Olson was quoted as saying "This is no longer the old, stable monopoly business." AT&T has eliminated 75,000 jobs since the Bell System break up. AT&T Information (computer) Services lost nearly \$1 billion this past year. IBM seems to be having somewhat of a problem competing in the market place also. They pared 10,000 jobs in 1986. Tnx W5YI/K2JF

AMATEUR SPECTRUM VULNERABLE

Between January 27th and March 13th, the International Telecommunication Union is holding a WARC in Geneva on High Frequency Broadcasting. This is the second planning session of the conference. Most ham bands could come under attack since they have international broadcast allocation close to them. The problem is that there is no amateur representation on the delegation. It is a precarious situation. They could wipe out what was given in the last WARC in 1979, which means we could lose our new frequencies and have others taken away from us. Tnx W5YI/K2JF