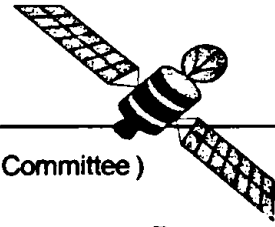
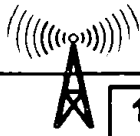


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Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

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GCARC Meetings

General Membership:

7 p.m., 1st Tuesday every month,
Gloucester County Library, 389 Wolfert Station
Rd., Mullica Hill, 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).

(* Standing Committee)

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4-H Parking		

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)

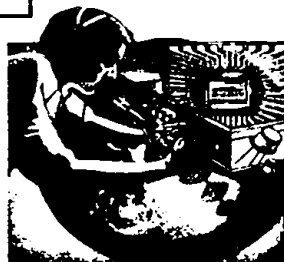
Club Repeaters and Webpage

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

FEBRUARY 1998

President's Message

The first month of the year has quickly slipped by and we are underway for 1998. We had a good turnout of about 40 people at our first meeting at the Gloucester County Library. The accommodations are nice and best of all it's free! This month we will be voting on the budget for 1998, and honorary club member Mark Wilson, K1RO, (Editor QST magazine) will be paying us a special visit. Make plans to attend, starting at 7 PM, on Tuesday, February 3, 1998, at the Gloucester County Library!

You are reading my message this month thanks to Art Strong, KA2DOT. Art has volunteered to be our new Crosstalk Editor. Please help Art make Crosstalk a worthwhile publication by sending him tidbits about your latest amateur radio exploits, upcoming events, technical articles, for sale/want ads etc. Art has also been busy updating the club database. He has added some new fields for: E-mail address, Crosstalk by E-mail, and ARRL member. Please send any additions/changes to your information to Art.

Over the next few months I want to work on getting the Clubhouse whipped into shape for a possible spring "open house". I will need volunteers to help with upgrading the alarm system, working on the bathroom, improving the operating positions, and other general maintenance work. There will also be a list of Clubhouse rules drafted. Let Clubhouse Chairman, Stu Cleveland, N2WUP, know if you can help out.

As I stated last month, let your officers and board members know about your ideas for the club. But don't expect the "other guy" to do all the work. Get involved! I am looking for suggestions for meeting program topics. Also, would anyone be interested in equipment demonstrations, how-to sessions, kit building, or technical discussions at the Clubhouse? How about more social events, special events, or foxhunts? Give it some thought and consider heading up one of the aforementioned endeavors!

73, Al KB2AYU

Dues are due!!!!

It's that time again. Time to renew your membership in the GCARC. Full membership for the year is still only \$15.00. Renew early by mail, or see the Club Treasurer, Jim, KC2AOF, at the meeting.

6 meter Activity Report

The month of February promises to hold excitement for all technicians and higher license hams. We have a DXpedition to Malaysia from 2/12 - 2/23 on 50.145 listening on 50.165 and over the last month stations from Florida to Canada were being logged. The band has been opening around the dinner hour and lasting till 9pm. Sometimes the opening occurs in Florida (EL) or Wisconsin(EN) and once in a while conditions travel from Florida all the way up to Canada. I recommend that you leave the radio tuned to 50.125 and listen to the magic band. The VHF contest was a success and the support from the club members added to the fun when the bands opened.

TNX - John N2AWD

DATABASE

As Al has already said, I have added several fields to the database for information I want to have. One field is "ARRL Member". All of those that are ARRL members I would like to hear from so I can note it on your record. This way we have a running tally of how many ARRL members we have. We have been getting quite a good response from those that have e-mail addresses. One thing I want to know is can we (when possible) send you Crosstalk via e-mail? There may be some that have a work e-mail address and would get in trouble if they received the newsletter at there. So let me know if you can receive Crosstalk at the e-mail address you gave me. I will note your reply in your record and from there we will be building our Crosstalk e-mail address book.

73's es CU at the meeting ART - KA2DOT

QST DE W1AW
ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT
January 14, 1998

In connection with the ice storm relief effort in northern New York, the FCC has requested all amateurs "to cooperate by recognizing the existence of a voluntary communications emergency and therefore relinquishing the use of frequencies between 145.100 MHz to 145.120 MHz, 147.140 MHz to 147.160 MHz and 147.275 MHz to 147.295 MHz (for) handling of emergency traffic only." The FCC District Director for New York declared the voluntary communications emergency in a January 14 letter to ARRL Northern New York Section Emergency Coordinator Darry Roberts, WN2F.

On a 11-4 vote, the Board voted to not draft a petition to the FCC to simplify the Amateur Radio license structure and to increase HF privileges for Novice and Technician Plus licensees. In general, the plan would have asked the FCC to halt issuance of new Novice licenses while continuing to renew existing licenses, to rearrange current HF CW allocations for Novice and Tech Plus licensees to provide expanded HF phone frequencies, and to add 75- and 15-meter phone privileges for Tech Plus holders. No changes in Morse code testing were proposed. Rejection of the plan completes the Board's consideration of a committee proposal that it first received at its January 1997 meeting, and that had been the subject of membership study and comment during the year.

The Board defeated a motion on a 10-5 vote to refer to the Executive Committee for study a proposal to ask the FCC to reduce the number of license classes to three.

The Board agreed to have the League petition the FCC to permit additional call sign formats in its special event call sign rules. These new formats would include 1x1 callsigns with the letter as a suffix; 1xx1 and 1xx3 call signs (eg, W25Z or K75AAA), and call signs starting with the letter N and having two digits and two suffix letters (eg, N25MM).

Deadline for Crosstalk

Cutoff date is Feb. 20, 1998. Articles can be sent by e-mail to ka2dot@ix.netcom.com. or sent to my home QTH. If any additional info is needed I can be reached

DX REPORT

3DA - Jon, 3DA0CA is active on 160 meters reports he can be found on 1.827 MHz (QSX up 5) between 21 UTC and 22 UTC (Oceania and Japan) and around 02.45 UTC (Europe and North America). QSL via W4DR.

3W - 3W6JQ will be active until 20 January. QSL via JA1IED.

4X - Amateur stations from Israel are allowed to use the special 4X50 prefix to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the nation of Israel until 1 May. These stations will also use /SK at the end of their call.

5B - Igor, UA2FZ reports he, UA2FB and UA2FF will be active from Cyprus between 23 and 25 January. They will participate in the CQWW 160 Meter CW Contest (Multi-Single) as C42A. QSL via DK4VW (this is a maildrop only, cards will be forwarded to Kalinigrad).

8Q - Dick Wolf, N6FF will be the pilot for the upcoming Central Arizona DX Association 8Q7AA operation from the Maldives (19-28 January). You are welcome to contact him via e-mail (n6ff@snowcrest.net) with any observations you feel may be useful (eg. best time to work into specific areas on different bands, low band reports from all zones, overall comments on operator effectiveness, obvious problems of which the team may not be aware). QSL via N7TX.

9N - 9N6FP is active (mostly on CW) from Nepal as 9N1FP for the next four months. His licence allows him to operate on 20 and 40 meters only. QSL via RU6FP (Vladimir Zakharov, Kulakova 27/2 - 116, Stavropol 355044, Russia).

CN - The Daily DX reports that Gerhard, OE3GEA expects to be active operate from Morocco as CN2GE between 16 and 22 January. QSL via OE3GEA.

CO - Winston, CO2WF is very active on 14.151 or 21.215 MHz between 19.00 and 21.00 UTC, and on 7.050-7.060 MHz between 02:00 and 03:00 UTC. He also operates on 12 and 17 metres CW. QSL via

DX Report cont.

VE2EH.

D2 - The Daily DX reports that Fernando, EA4BB/D2BB was expected to return to Angola on 14 January. He plans to put up new antennas including one for 160 metres. He should be in Angola for one more year at least. QSL via W3HNK.

FT5X - Herik, FR5DX reports that Rene, FT5X/FR5HR will be active from Kerguelen until the end of February. He should be active daily at 2 UTC on 14.240 MHz, at 13 UTC on 24.950 MHz and at 14 UTC on 18.130 MHz. QSL via FR5HR.

I - IZ6ABB, IK6ZDF, IZ6AAV and I6FDJ will be active from Grottammare as IR6B on 17-19

January to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the local Scout Group. QSL via IZ6ABB either direct (P.O. Box 33, 63039 San Benedetto del Tronto - AP, Italy) or through the bureau.

OA - Cesar, OA4QV is currently active as OA463QV. The special prefix is to celebrate the 463rd anniversary of Lima. QSL via home call.

PY_ssh - Paulo Hernandez, PT2NP reports he and Lunkes, PT2HF [425DXN 349] are now expected to operate from King George Island, South Shetlands (AN-010) between 22 January and 8 February. They will be active as ZX0DX on SSB (3.755, 7.055, 14.260, 18.128, 21.260, 24.950 and 28420 MHz) and ZX0CW on CW (3.530, 7.025, 10.140, 14.040, 18.098, 21.040, 24.920 and 28.040 MHz) and possibly on RTTY. This operation is being organized by ABRA (the Brazilian Association of Radio-expeditioners). QSL via PT2GTI, either direct or through the bureau.

TT - The Daily DX reports that Eric, F5JKK hopes to start being active next week. He has not been issued either TT6M or TT8AQ [425DXN 345], but TT8JE. He plans to operate mostly CW on 6-160 meters until March. QSL via F6FNU.

TZ - The Daily DX reports that Holger, TZ6TT, is constructing an antenna for 160 meters. Holger hopes to be active on topband in two or three weeks. QSL to P.O. Box 100, Bamako, Mali.

ZD8 - Paul, ZD8V/KF4OOX reports that ZD8T and

ZD8V are temporarily QRT because the USAF base hamshack on Ascension Island is being moved. "When we will be back is unknown right now", Paul says, "but the Station Manager hopes it to be just a few days".

ZS - It has been reported that ZS2LL and ZS1FJ are expected to be active as ZS26BI from Bird Island for five days in late January or in February. The Daily DX reports that "this will be a joint venture as they will go at the same time as a lighthouse maintenance crew. When the crew decides on an exact date they will give the operators one weeks notice". QSL via ZS1FJ.

We are beginning to see some real life in this new Sun-Spot cycle. So get ready for the Spring antenna building and get those towers fixed and beams going. Don't let the big boys scare you, you would be amazed what you can do with a R-7 and 100 watts.

Tnx 425DX and K2JF

EDITORIAL

As you can see, the format for Crosstalk has changed dramatically. The reason for that is because you have a new Editor who has never done this sort of thing before and I am using parts of WordPerfect 7 that I didn't know existed. We have some things in the works to try and improve what we have for this publication, but it will take time to see what all happens. In the meantime, be patient as I will get better as time goes on. Despite my total lack of experience doing this, I didn't want to sit by and see the paper die off so I jumped in and asked Al about my doing it. He had to field many offers besides mine and it took him all of several microseconds to make his choice but I won. Remember, this is your club's newsletter and I need your contributions to have anything to print. A cover sheet and calendar is not a newsletter so tell me what you are doing, building, redoing, rebuilding, and I'll let everyone know.

73's es CU at the meeting ART - KA2DOT

February 1998

GCARC Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 20:00 ARES/RACES 20:30 10 mtr Net 28.350 Mhz	2	3 GCARC General Membership Meeting 1900	4	5	6	7 GCARC 10 Mtr Net 0800 28.350 Mhz
8 20:00 ARES/RACES 20:30 10 mtr Net 28.350 Mhz	9	10	11	12	13	14 GCARC 10 Mtr Net 0800 28.350 Mhz
15 20:00 ARES/RACES 20:30 10 mtr Net 28.350 Mhz	16	17	18 GCARC Board of Directors Meeting 2000	19	20 Deadline for Crosstalk	21 GCARC 10 Mtr Net 0800 28.350 Mhz
22 20:00 ARES/RACES 20:30 10 mtr Net 28.350 Mhz	23	24	25	26	27	28 GCARC 10 Mtr Net 0800 28.350 Mhz