



Crosstalk

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President's Message

This is my first message as your new president and I am happy to be able to guide the club through what may be a challenging time.

First I want to thank the members of GCARC for letting me serve, and I will try my best. Bob and I will try to make the meetings more interesting through guest speakers or other programs.

As I sit here hunting and pecking, I don't want to forget to wish everyone and their families my very best wishes for the holidays and the best year ever in 2001.

One of the challenges is the 4H and their change of attitude toward our club. I doubt that they will be able to break our lease but if they don't use us for parking we will have to make up for the lost revenue somehow. We also need to get new members to build up the roster and get people with some new ideas.

We just updated our club insurance and expect to see the final check from the insurance company in the very near future.

My project on the generator is going well, and it is running good. The next thing to do is a full load check and to set the frequency accurately. Luckily I have Pat O'Neil of Onan Co. to assist me and provide the necessary equipment.

Pat has been super in procuring parts for the job, some at mechanics price, and some free. I hope to get him to one of our meetings so you can meet him and maybe get a few tips on the care and feeding of small electric plants.

Finally, and most importantly, if anyone has any idea's how to improve our club don't be reluctant to let me know.

Again, wishing everyone the best in the New Year.

Ray WB2NBJ

2001 DUES

GCARC dues for the year 2001 are now 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.

DX Dope

By Doug Gehring WA2NPD

I was asked a few weeks ago, by a comparatively new ham (at least to DXing), how come Kingman Reef is a country when nobody lives there and who goes there when others wish to talk to someone from there? This a very good question from a DX novice.

First of all, an island or a mass of land can be a DX country without the requirement that that someone must live there. It only has to be a certain minimum size, a certain distance from some other land mass, and be governed either independently or by a country that is not close. The first few pages in the ARRL DXCC annual list (as well as other League publications) give detailed instructions as to what constitutes a DX country. The States of Alaska and Hawaii, for example, although integral parts of the USA, qualify as and are separate DX countries.

Who goes there? Some say the frist requirement is you must be a bit wifty! Rather common these high sun spot days, is the DXpedition. A group of hams get toghther, pool there resources, get the necessary permissions, hire a boat, secure gear (radios, generatorss, gasoline, provisions, food, water, etc.) and spend maybe a week or ten days camping out at that particular location.

One such brave soul is now perched on Bouvet Island, a former whaling base, located deep down in the South Atlantic Ocean. He will be there until sometime in April, and has been given the call 3Y0C. Work him while you can, the last group was there in 1990. He's an American and the QSL route is via WA4FFW.

So here we are for this month:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Freq / Mode</u>	<u>Rarity</u>	<u>Country</u>
3Y0C	till April	160-6;SSB, CW	5+	Bouvet Island
D68BT/WL	1/13 - 1/28	80-10;SSB, RTTY, CW	4	Comoros
JQ1SUO/JD1	12/30 - ?	160-10;SSB, CW	4	Ogasawara
T20CK	12/28 - 1/8	40-10;SSB, CW	3	Tuvalu
V31GW	1/9 - 2/20	160-10;SSB, CW, RTTY	2	Belize
R1ANF	till 3/1	All; CW, SSB	3	South Shetland
P29BI	12/6 - 2/6	20; SSB Only	3	New Guinea
V47SS	12/22 - 1/6	160-10; SSB, CW, RTTY	2	Nevis Island
8Q7RR	1/12-1/27	80-10; SSB, PSK, RTTY	4	Maldives
XW3QBR	12/27-1/8	80-10; SSB, CW, RTTY	4	Laos

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TNX to 59(9) report, 425 DX News, K2JF, AA2WN, and WA2LET

FLASH!!! Late Word! The cancelled P5 operation, scheduled for last Fall, may be on for 1/7/2001. Stay Tuned!!!

BB62 Battleship New Jersey ARS Steering Committee

By Pete Greene N2LVI

The Victor Amateur Radio Association (VARA) and the South Jersey Radio Associations (SJRA) have joined forces in an effort to get an amateur radio station aboard the battleship USS New Jersey. Members of VARA met with the Home Port Alliance last week, and found them very receptive to the idea. SJRA has received similar responses.

The amount of work required helping restore the radio rooms on the New Jersey, plan for the construction of a radio station, and especially the Operation of a radio station on the New Jersey, is too much for any one Club to handle, and will require the skills, knowledge and time of many amateurs from throughout the Delaware Valley.

In order to facilitate the Home Port Alliance's plans to open by 2 Sept 2001 (just 9 months away), we will be forming a steering committee composed of representatives from several area radio clubs that have expressed an interest in helping out on the New Jersey. Most of you I have spoken with directly about serving on this committee; other's names I received from Joe Cramer, N2XYZ (SJRA) and Jean Priestly, KA2YKN (ARRL Southern New Jersey Section). The club will eventually be opened to all interested hams and non-hams alike, once we get under way.

We plan to meet in the near future for our first meeting. The purpose of this e-mail is to introduce the team, determine your willingness to serve (or recommendation of an alternate), and to find the best time/location to meet. Potential meeting locations include the L-3 Communications Facilities in Camden (diagonally opposite the Aquarium), the Delaware River Port Authority building (directly opposite the Aquarium), or the Camden County Communications building in Lindenwold. Obviously, other locations will be considered.

Please e-mail me back and let me know if you are able to meet within the next couple of weeks, the best date and location to meet, and if you (or an alternate) are willing to contribute.

I'm looking forward hearing from you about this great opportunity to honor the USS New Jersey, the men and women who served on her, and our hobby in general.

Pete Greene

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NEW FCC SYSTEM MEANS QUICK LICENSE GRANTS

The FCC's new system to handle batch-filed amateur applications from Volunteer Examiner Coordinators has cut processing time from hours to minutes. The FCC inaugurated the more rapid amateur license application processing system December 28--slightly ahead of its original schedule.

"Way to go, FCC!" said an enthusiastic ARRL-VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, after his office fed its first batch of license applications into the system. Jahnke says five dozen ARRL-VEC applications resulted in license grants about 52 minutes later. The W4VEC in North Carolina and Central America VEC also took advantage of the new system for the first time.

Except for a two-hour window right after midnight each day, the speedy new system looks for VEC submissions each hour on the half hour. With FCC license grant processing now measured in terms of hours instead of days, the major factor now determining the time from exam to license grant is how quickly VE teams get their test results to their VECs.

The FCC has been estimating a processing window of up to 90 minutes, depending on volume and arrival time. License grant results should be available immediately on the Universal Licensing System Web site, <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls>, using the license search option.

Applications processed by the FCC one day will appear in the public update ("zip") files the following morning. Public call sign servers on the Internet should be able to update within 24 hours after FCC action--rather than the 48 hours that's been typical.

On-line filings from individuals, weekend filings and FCC-manually processed applications put into the hopper during weekdays at Gettysburg will continue to be handled as have been. These are batched for midnight processing, and weekend filings will not queue up until Monday midnight.

DELAWARE VALLEY 2 METER FM SIMPLEX CONTEST ANNOUNCED!

(Philadelphia, PA) The Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club of Philadelphia is pleased to announce the first Delaware Valley 2 Meter Simplex Contest to be held February 3, 2001.

The contest is open to all radio amateurs. Stations within a 60 mile radius of Philadelphia's City Hall will exchange their zip code and contact number. Stations outside of the 60 mile radius will exchange their state and contact number. Stations from New York to Maryland will be able to participate in this evening event.

According to HARC President Bob Josuweit, WA3PZO, the contest is designed for hams to have fun over a 4 hour period from 7-11 PM on a Saturday night. The contest allows hams to meet their neighbors on the air as well as give many the opportunity to experience something else besides repeater contacts. The 60 mile radius reaches just about all of the county boundaries surrounding Philadelphia. This also opens up an opportunity for approximately 60 clubs to participate in the event. When choosing City Hall as the center of the contest, Josuweit noted the statue of William Penn on top of City Hall. "What better center point for the contest and the sponsoring organization whose club call is WM3PEN."

The contest gives individuals as well as clubs to participate in the event. Bonus points are being allowed for contacting club stations/callsigns. "We realize that everyone will not be able to contact WM3PEN so we're giving clubs a chance to put their club callsign on the air." This could be from a club station or an individual's home. "We don't know what the weather will be in February, but this gives everyone the chance to operate from home." Clubs wishing to enter a club callsign as a bonus point contact station in the event are asked to send a note to WM3PEN@HARCNET.ORG. by December 16, 2000. A complete list of all bonus stations will be published by December 22, 2000.

Contacts can be made on any 2 meter FM voice frequency provided there is no interference to repeater, digital, satellite, or other activities taking place in the two meter band. Contacts on 146.52 will not be permitted.

HARC members are excited about the event. Here's a contest where they can spend a few hours on the radio, participate in a contest, and not be tied up for an entire day or weekend.

The idea of a 2 meter simplex contest originated in Western Pennsylvania with the Wireless Society of South Hills. They will be holding a 2 meter simplex contest in January.

Awards will be issued to individual top scores in a high and low power category. Club station awards will also be issued in the high and low power category. There is also an opportunity for Clubs to sponsor awards for their members in a high and low power categories. An award will also be issued for the highest mobile score.

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For further information contact WM3PEN@harcnet.org or
WA3PZO@harcnet.org.

SAMPLE CONTACT EXCHANGE

1. If you live in the 60 mile radius of William Penn (Philadelphia City Hall) KB3AKK de WA3PZO Pse copy Nr.1 zip 19136
2. If you live outside of the 60 mile radius
WA3PZO de N3EFN Pse copy Nr. 1 PA.
3. If you work HARC's club call WM3PEN exchange your information and make a note that it is the sponsoring club call and worth 3 points. Other club calls will be worth 2 points. All other contacts count as 1 point. Final score will be the number of contacts X the number of zip codes/states in high (10W or more) and low power (less than 10W) categories. Individual, club station, and mobile awards will be issued. Clubs can issue their own membership awards.

A list of zip codes up to 60 miles from Philadelphia's City Hall is available.

GCARC Officers

President - *Ray Schnapp WB2NBJ*
Vice President - *Bob Budd KB2EAH*
Treasurer - *Bob Krchnavek K2DAD*
Recording Secretary - *Harry Bryant AA2WN*
Corresponding Secretary - *Chris West WA2MVU*

Board of Directors

Chuck Colabrese WA2TML
Lou Joseph W2LYL
Wayne Wilson WA2LET

Gene Schoeberlein AA2YO
Bob Krukowski KR2U
Bill Blakeley WA2ADB

Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the following club members:

Al Arrison KB2AYU	1/15
Joe DiNovi WA2GFK	1/13
John Fahey WB2ONY	1/19
Lou Joseph W2LYL	1/22
George Munns KB2GW	1/17
Gene Wallace N2IMK	1/21



Crosstalk Submissions

All submissions, queries, comments, editorials, or requests for interviews may be directed to:

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Submission deadline: 1/26/2001

Committees

Advertising - Open

ARES/RACES -Chick WA2USI

Awards - Jack K2ZA

Banquet - Bob KR2U

Budget - Bob K2DAD

Clubhouse Site - Al KB2AYU

Constitution - Open

Crosstalk - John AA2BN

Database - John AA2BN

DX - Doug WA2NPD

Field Day - Tony KG2MY

Hamfest - Bob KB2EAH

Hospitality - Open

Membership - John AA2BN

Nominations - Bob KR2U

Publicity - John N2AWD

Repeaters - Chuck WA2TML

Scholarships - Greg WN2T

Special Services - Open

Sunshine - Open

Technical - Open

TVI - John AA2BN

VEC Testing - Chick WA2USI

4-H Parking - Bob KR2U

The W2MMD Repeaters

147.78/18 Mhz - Pitman

223.06/224.66 Mhz - Sewell

447.1/442.1 Mhz - Pitman
(CTCSS 131.8 Hz)

GCARC Meetings

General Membership

8p.m. 1st Wednesday every month, Pfeiffer Community Center, Williamstown, NJ

Board of Directors

8 p.m. 3rd Wednesday every month, GCARC Club site, Harrison Twp. 4-H Grounds
~1 mile south of Mullica Hill on RT77

Nets

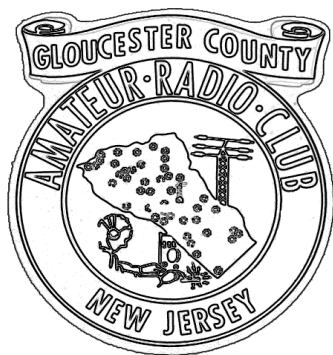
**ARES/RACES -
Sundays 20:00 Hrs
(147.78/18 and
223.06/224.66
repeaters)**

**10 Meter - Sundays
following the
ARES/Races Net
(28.350 Mhz)**

January Meeting Program

Socializing

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