



2006 DUES  
GCARC dues for  
the year 2006  
are due. The  
annual dues are  
\$20.00. Please  
send your checks  
directly to the  
treasurer, John  
Pardini  
(N2JWF), 801 W.  
Park Ave. Apt  
17-C, Linden-  
wood, NJ 08021.

## *Presidents Message*

Hopefully Santa has delivered all of you tons of goodies under the tree. Judging from the crowded lots everywhere I went to shop, I'm guessing that most of you made out at least as well as last year. A brief trip to a ham radio store in Delaware on a recent Saturday seemed to confirm that things were as good for hams this year as the general population as well, with lines at the counter for each of the busy salespeople. Driving at nighttime was a real pleasure, seeing so many houses and yards decorated with light displays, some of them quite spectacular. I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday, and I want to wish all of you a prosperous and Happy New Year!

## Election Results

At the December General Membership Meeting the following members were elected as officers for 2006:

President-Darrell, AB2E  
Treasurer-John, N2JWF  
Three Year Director-Chuck, WA2TML  
Trustee-Mike, N2SRO

Vice President-Bob, KR2U  
Recording Secretary-AI, KB2AYU  
Three Year Director-James, N2NRD

I am sure you all join me in thanking the new officers for volunteering their time to help the Club and in wishing them great success in fulfilling their dues in the coming year.

## Get Well Wishes

Gene Wallace, N2IMK, has been seriously ill for the last month. I understand that his condition has improved and he is home from the hospital but he still has a long way to go to get back to being fully recovered. I know the whole club will join me in sending our best wishes to Gene and hoping that he recovers quickly.

# Happy New Year

# DX Dope

By Doug Gehring, WA2NPD

Most DXers eventually are bitten, more or less, by the awards bug. Hence the pursuit of the DXCC ladder, the Challenge ladder, WAZ, 5BWAZ, 5BDXCC, etc., etc. Invariably, the awards encompass 80 and 160 meters (160 meters mostly has its own sets of awards) with these two bands by far the most difficult to work—especially over the very long distances. Problems with insufficient room for ideal antennas and height limitations are obvious. Some other factors may not be quite so well known especially to the newcomer DXer. For one thing, we are now approaching the best time of year for these two bands and we should have about 3 months of best time conditions. Local QRN (static levels) are by far less during the winter months (December through February) such that the generally weaker signals can actually be heard. Also, the position of the sun (now farthest south) creates extended night time in our hemisphere with more extensive grayline conditions in both the morning and evening. Additionally, the low sunspot cycle years we are now experiencing, generally yield better DX conditions for these two bands (also for 40 meters). The sunspot SFI has little effect on these bands except that the magnetic disturbance A and k values also tend to be minimal at low SFI times. And low A and k indices are ideal for these bands. In fact, for the next 3 months, except for local rain and snow storms, we can virtually rely on just the daily k values for predicting ideal DX conditions. K values of 0 and 1 are, of course, the best. Hence, the moral of the story, and I quote the famous words from an old GCARC DXer of note, W2SUA, is to “shoot the bear when he’s there.” So, don’t wait until next April, for example, to concentrate on the low bands; the static level and other factors will most likely be too competitive by that time.

So what is in store for us this month? Remember, next month (early February) the mighty Peter I island DXpedition takes place. Also, by then, we should probably know the entire story in re the recent Desecheo Is. operation.

STATION	DATES	FREQ/MODE	RARITY*	COUNTRY
600N	1/20 – 2/3 (1)	160 – 6; CW SSB RTTY	3	Somalia
MJ/PA3GIO/p	1/10 – 1/15	160 – 10; SSB	3	Jersey Is.
PJ2T	Now to 1/14	160 – 10; CW, SSB	2	Curacao Is.
XU7ACY	1/7 – 1/21	160, 80, 40; CW, SSB	3	Cambodia
CE0Z	1/20 – 1/28 (2)	All; All	3	Juan Fernan.
MU0EXV	1/20 – 1/30	160 – 10; SSB CW Digit.	3	Guernsey Is.
UP1SAT	12/26 – 1/15 (3)	All; All	3	Kazakastan
5H1C	1/29 – 2/2	160, 80 ; CW, SSB	3	Tanzania
KG4SB	1/21 – 1/31	160 – 6; All	2	Gitmo
S07/H/C	1/7 – 1/13	80 – 10; SSB	3	West Sahara
JD1YBA	12/20 – 1/15	160 – 40; CW, SSB	3	Minami Tor.

\* Nr. 5 is rarest. (1) is major DXpedition, (2) is the Peter Is. crew warm up operation. (3) is a Special Event operation.

TNX to The Weekly DX, 425 DX Report, QRZ.DX Bulletin, K2JF, W2YC, AA2WN, WA2LET.

## Club Member Profiles

This month Crosstalk profiles Club member Harry Strahlendorf, KC2OJN, who joined the Club in November:

When Harry was a child he had a surrogate uncle, W3DNQ, now a silent key. W3DNQ was an avid DXer. Harry used to sit in his shack as he called "CQ DX - CQ DX - CQ DX" back in the days of AM. Since those early experiences, he has always wanted to be a ham. Just this past June he was able to finally realize this lifelong dream and now he can't wait to upgrade to General and start working the HF bands!

He says he is also an "antenna nut." Ever since he had his first shortwave receiver, he has been experimenting with all sorts of wire arrangements to see if he could hear the world. Sometimes it worked and sometimes it didn't.

Harry lives in Logan Township with his "beloved" wife, Ann. They have eight grown children and nine grandchildren so far. For the past 22 years he has worked for SimplexGrinnell in their fire alarm group as a customer service salesman. SimplexGrinnell was originally Grinnell Fire Protection under the Tyco banner until it bought Simplex a few years ago. Harry hopes to retire within a year or so and get down to some serious "playing radio" time.

## Welcome New Member

This month we welcome Reverend Brian Burgess, KD4UTL, as a new member of the Club. Reverend Burgess is with the Christ Episcopal Church in Woodbury and hopes to settle here in Gloucester County. In the near future he may be in need of some help in setting up antennas on the church property that do not upset his parishioners and the Woodbury historical preservation group and allow him to work some DX all at the same time.

In the radio room of the Battleship New Jersey with AA2WN, WB2NBJ and the scouts during JOTA.





**JANUARY**                      **CONDUCTED BY N2SS**                      **2006**

**WARC BANDS**

<u>30 Meters</u>	<u>17 Meters</u>	<u>12 Meters</u>
<b>W2YC. 298</b>	<b>N2SS ...320</b>	<b>WØMHK309</b>
N2SS.....290	WØMHK.. 313	N2SS..... 302
WØMHK ..268	W2YC ..... 302	W2YC..... 273
WA2NPD..179	K2JF..... 168	K2JF ..... 135
AA2WN....171	WA2NPD . 163	N2CQ..... 99
AB2E .....128	AA2WN ... 116	AB2E ..... 92
K2JF.....112	N2CQ ..... 115	WA2NPD... 78
N2CQ.....111	AB2E..... 108	AA2WN..... 20

When the same call heads all 3 WARC bands we will have that elusive, undisputed **KING OF WARC**

**Digital**

<b>W2YC .....253</b>	K2JF..... 113
AA2WN.....187	N2SS ..... 53
N2CQ.....151	

**6 METER DXCC**

<b>WØMHK.....99</b>	W2YC.....21
K2JF.....94	AA2WN.....15
N2SS .....55	

**MOBILE DX**

<b>W2YC .....276</b>	WØMHK .... 141
N2SS.....234	AA2WN..... 131
K2JF .....150	

Looks like Dave and I have spent entirely too much time behind the wheel!

**GRID SQUARES**

<b>WØMHK.....474</b>	K2JF .....285
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**160 Meters**

<b>W2YC..... 182</b>	AA2WN ..... 36
WØMHK .... 124	K2JF..... 34
AB2E ..... 90	WA2NPD..... 31
N2SS ..... 79	N2CQ ..... 9

W2YC adds a few more and continues as our undisputed **Top of Top Band**.

**1.5K Club**

<b>W2YC .....1549</b>	AA2WN..... 1369
<b>N2SS.....1521</b>	K2JF..... 1350
WØMHK .... 1415	N2CQ..... 1135
WA2NPD ... 1405	AB2E ..... 1164

**Rules for GCARC Honor Roll Listings**  
Provide me with your total IOTAs worked, or countries (including deleted) worked for: WARC Bands, 160 Meters, Digital modes, Mobile, 6 Meters or your total for 80,40,20, 15 and 10 for 1.5K Club. Final category is Grid Squares – just send me your total worked. Lastly, you do not have to participate in every category to be listed; just send me your totals for any of the categories listed.

Have some totals to add or updates? You can reach me as follows:

email: [n2ss@n2ss.com](mailto:n2ss@n2ss.com)

**Islands On The Air**

<b>N2SS.....823</b>	AB2E ..... 205
W2YC.....624	N2CQ..... 159
WØMHK.....287	

## January Birthdays

Congratulations to the following members whose birthdays are in January:

Al Arrison, KB2AYU  
Neil Griffith, W2GTV  
Robert Layton, KB2COB  
Anthony Pitale, N2PKN  
Gary Reed, N2QEE  
Paul Trainer, N2BYC  
Gene Wallace, N2IMK



## Crosstalk Submissions

All submissions, queries, comments, editorials, etc. should be directed to:

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Submission deadline: 1/23/2006

President-Darrell Neron AB2E  
Vice President-Bob Krukowski KR2U  
Treasurer-John Pardini N2JWF

Bob Krukowski KR2U  
Bill Blakeley WA2ADB  
Chuck Colabrese WA2TML

Advertising-Open  
ARES/RACES-Chick WA2USI  
Awards-Jack K2ZA  
Banquet-Bob KR2U  
Budget-Bob K2DAD  
Clubhouse Site-Al KB2AYU  
Constitution-Open  
Crosstalk-Gene AA2YO  
Database-Ray W2RM  
DX-Doug WA2NPD  
Field Day-Bob KC2NLM  
Hamfest-Harry AA2WN

## GCARC Officers

Recording Secretary-Harry Bryant AA2WN  
Corresponding Secretary-Al Arrison KB2AYU

## Board of Directors

Gene Schoeberlein AA2YO  
Steve Blasko, W2TDS  
James Mollica, Jr. N2NRD

## Committees

Hospitality-Ken N2CQ  
Membership-Ray W2RM  
Nominations-Art Strong KA2DOT  
Publicity-Open  
Repeaters-Chuck WA2TML  
Scholarships-Greg WN2T  
Special Services-Gene N2IMK  
Sunshine-Open  
Technical-Bob KR2U  
TVI-Open  
VEC Testing-Chick WA2USI

**The W2MMD Repeaters**

147.78/18 Mhz- Pitman  
(CTCSS 131.8Hz)

223.06/224.66 Mhz-Sewell

447.1/442.1 Mhz - Pitman  
(CTCSS 131.8Hz)

**GCARC Meetings**

**General Membership**

8 pm 1st Wednesday every month  
Pfeiffer Community Center  
Williamstown, NJ

**Board of Directors**

8 pm 3rd Wednesday every month  
GCARC Club site  
Harrison Twp. 4H Grounds  
1 mile south of Mullica Hill on RT77

**Nets**

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

10 Meter- Sunday  
following the  
ARES/RACES Net  
(28.350 Mhz)

**January Meeting Program**

Socializing

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club  
P. O. Box 370  
Pitman, NJ 08071

