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Club Meeting - Jan. 5th

Let's all charge down to the clubroom on Jan. 5th, 8:00 P.M., and start the New Year off by giving our bodily support to new Vice President and Program Chairman, John, WA2PVH. John has concocted a FB program and demonstration entitled, "How to Develop Color Prints," and will feature none other than our own expert photographer John, WA2PVH. This subject will be of singular, unique interest to all, especially camera "bugs". Incidentally, your Editor (and all club officers) request that each club member resolve the following New Year's resolution for 1972! Resolved: That I (GCARC Member) will attend one (1) more club meeting in 1972 than I attended in 1971!! Okay? Oh-Kay! (Thanks Dennis James, Hi!).

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WB2JZX in a Landslide!

GCARC congratulates John Stull, WB2JZX, on his unanimous election as club prexy for 1972. John brings a wealth of GCARC experience to the job, having served as club Treasurer for several years, as Vice President, FD Chairman, etc., etc. John's enthusiasm, drive, and wealth of ideas will only serve to compliment his piloting the GCARC ship through 1972. Let's all get behind John and give him our usual (and even better) FB support. In due course, John will announce his committee appointments for 1972 and, when completed, the list will be published in a future issue of X-TALK. The remaining club officers for 1972 appear on the Title page.

Retiring President Bill Frambes, WB2FJE, leaves with the indubitable distinction of having successfully guided GCARC through perhaps its finest year ever! The successes evidenced on all fronts were in no small way directly attributable to Bill's leadership and dedication throughout the year. All is not lost, for Bill was unanimously elected to continue his service to the club via the Board of Directors. GCARC takes pride in thanking WB2FJE for a truly outstanding effort in "71".

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Welcome Back Paul and Don!

We are especially glad to have Paul, WA2PGJ, and Don Thomson, WA2TSG, back in the GCARC fold. Paul is Gloucester County's new CD Radio Officer (Vice W2KE/W3JM), and we can now expect to hear monthly reports on RACES activities. There is little doubt that Paul will need and, in fact, should expect full club support behind the RACES program and net functions. For a starter, rumor has it that a new CD bus will soon need restocking with equipment. Paul will probably have more to say on this and other items at the January meeting. Let's not hesitate to volunteer our talents (or don't let Salem County get too far ahead).

Don, WA2TSG, after successfully overcoming a near fatal kidney ailment, is particularly welcomed back. His hard work and talents offered to GCARC in years past are remembered by many, and we also are glad to see Don looking so healthy (plump!). (Question: where's Corky, WA2TSD?).

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Editorial Item of Month -- Dues!

Yes, gang; it's that time of year again when ol GCARC will be eagerly expecting and anticipating your 1972 dues (or a portion thereof) within the next 2-3 months.

In the past, our club has been exceptionally lenient in allowing individual members almost unlimited time (even on into July) in which to pay up (or pay anything). In fact, where else, or who else do you know permits this kind of laxity regarding organizational dues? Especially, in light of our Club Constitution, such practice is illegal and, at best, abominable. Last year several members failed to come across until June, July and, only then when threatened with loss of club membership!

Now, we will spare you the sermon in re how the club can't operate without your dues, etc., etc. The fact is the club can operate without your promptly paid dues (although it is tougher) only because some other members did pay on time!

There is no GCARC member--absolutely NO one, who can't afford to fork over at least a portion of his or her dues prior to the April club meeting. Such excuses as--gee, I forgot, or, how much is it again?, or, I'll catch you next month Paul, for sure!--on ad nauseam--fail to generate much respect or sympathy. Unfortunately, this one facet of our club's existence seems to still remain as perhaps the dark blot on, an otherwise, bright-looking club. Let's resolve to do better this year and eliminate this blemish from our record. Remember the deadline for dues this year is April 5th, NOT ONE DAY LATER!

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December Program Notes

Just a word of thanks to Shorty, W2SUA, and Rose Ellen, WA2FGS, for their respective outstanding program and report given at last month's meeting. This is supposed to be an amateur organization, and we wonder how those two professionals got on the program. A great job by both!

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Code Class

Henry, WB2MSH, Howard, WA2OVQ, and Rick, WN2OLS, report that the alphabet is complete and the 13-15 students are working on 3-5 wpm. The class is progressing nicely and much enthusiasm is obvious in the ranks of the students. All club members are urged to drop in on Monday nites (Pitman HS) for a few minutes to see the class in action, Professor Feltman presiding!

Theory Class to Commence

Yes, we will hold a theory only class starting on January 13th (Thursday) at 7:00 P.M., Room (to be announced), in the Pitman High School. Classes will be held each Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. until about May 1st. About 13 people (Hams) have signed-up thus far--all from GCARC. Spread the word around to your prospective ham pals (even CB'ers are welcome). We originally planned to begin at the General level; but, due to the preponderance of Novices signed-on, we will begin working on the General Theory and carry on into the Advanced and Extra Class. Instructors will be WA2NPD, WB2JZX, and W2FBB. See you on the 13th.

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New W3JM (ex W2KE) QTH

If Van wanted an unlisted, secret address, he just lost his wish (hi). The new (and we mean new) QTH is:

Van sez all GCARC members are welcome to pop-in and see his new shack (no CB'ers or Italians allowed).

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SET DRILL - JAN. 29th & 30th

About all we have at this time is the date. Presume EC, WA2SEA, will have more details at January club meeting.

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WA2OVQ New Assistant EC

EC, Harry, WA2SEA, announces the appointment of Howard, WA2OVQ, as Assistant EC for 6 meters; Howard having found some spare time away from his rocket and radio controlled airplane building to take on this additional chore. Also, Howard is about to toss away his crutches (now back to work) having just about mended his hip completely. Howard replaces Phil, WA2WOD, who served with distinction for several years and was greatly responsible for building-up the 6 M AREC net to the large group which now holds forth on Sunday evenings, 8:30 P.M., 50.9 Mc. Good job Phil.

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W2CKX On Mend

Recently heard that Tad, W2CKX, spent some time in the hospital. Apparently not too serious for latest word has it that Tad is now home and doint OK. Don't scare us like that again Tad--okay?

FEATURE ITEM OF MONTH!!!

JACK WHITE CAPTURES INITIAL GCARC INCENTIVE AWARD!

Our heartiest congratulations to Jack White, WN2MEM, now WA2MEM, on passing his General Exam! Thus, Jack becomes the first club member to receive the recently created dollar (\$4.50) incentive offered by the club to any member upgrading (successfully) his license category. Welcome to the world of broader spectrum (and 10 M) Jack! The QRM won't be half as bad now! (Who will be No. 2?).

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A Pirate on the Loose

Don't QSL VE8YC; NWT Station. VE8YC left Cape Dorset nearly 2 years ago, but somebody (somewhere near there) is using Larry's call (illegally, natch).

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INTERVIEW WITH A HAM

by Harry McCormick, WA2SEA

This month's interview with Phil Mattison, WA2WOD, (Mr. 6 meters) was another interview carried on via our six meter club inter-com.

Phil was born in Westmont, New Jersey, June 20, 1911.

Phil grew up in the Haddonfield vicinity and is a graduate of Haddonfield High School.

He got his Novice ticket May 1, 1967, and at present is a Technician.

Phil is very active on 6 meters and especially likes to operate mobile. He can be found on 50.9 MHz., our club frequency, almost any time of the day or evening when he is not tied up at the salt mine. On his lunch hour he operates 6 meters from the mobile, parked at the salt mine.

In our club, Phil is chairman of the membership committee and has served three years on the Board of Directors. On the first of the year, Phil begins a four year term as a Trustee of the club.

Phil is a member of the A.R.R.L. and the Mainline Radio Club of Philadelphia. For several years Phil has been active in our A.R.E.C. group and has served as Assistant Emergency Coordinator for 6 meters.

His equipment consists of a TR-6, Ha-460, Utica 650, Gonset A-20, and a Motorola 43, the Gonset and Motorola being 2 meter gear.

In 1971 Phil was one of the top scorers from our club in the V.H.F. sweepstakes.

INTERVIEW WITH A HAM (Cont.)

I personally wish to thank Phil for his service as Assistant E.C., in which capacity he has done a first-rate job. At his request, I have decided to give him a break from his chores and let him sit back and relax and enjoy his 6 meter hamming. On January 1st Phil will be replaced as Assistant E.C. by Howard Carter, WA2OVQ, but he will be retained as an advisor to the A.R.E.C. group.

Many thanks for a fine job well done, Phil.

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"LES BELLES" By Rose Ellen - WA2FGS

Most of the general public have in mind that ALL long-time amateur radio operators are limited to the OM--but this is not a very true fact, indeed. Many many YL operators were there all along--but given little recognition. It was only in very recent years that some of the old time radio clubs opened membership to a YL or even allowed her to have voting privileges or hold an office. One of these very outstanding gals of whom I have reference is my good 20 meter cw friend that I would like to tell you about:

DOROTHY CHAPMAN SAUNDERS-"DOT"-W4UF (see photo in June '71 QST) was first licensed in April, 1927, while a sophomore in high school-Ridgewood, N. J. Her call NU2BY was changed within a year or so to W2BY. (All North American ham stations were for a very few years given calls starting with N, and in the USA it was followed by a U, and in Canada it was NC, etc.) Dot explained her first transmitter as being homemade, bread-board construction using a single 199 receiving tube with an input of about 5 watts! Later she went to "high power" with one 210 tube in a TPTG ckt and about 10 watts input. All hamming was 40 M-CW and ant. was end-fed Hertz. With this set-up she worked Europe, California, and the US Marines in Nicaragua.

The same call was held thru WW-II, but when hams were again licensed she was stationed in Latin America as research biologist for the US Dept. of Ag and had to take the license test once again when returning to the States to live. Since May, 1951, the call has been W2UF/Englewood, Fla. Gear is now Collins KWM-2 - 30L-1 on 80 thru 10 M - cw and ssb for a fixed station and an NCX-5 rcvr with Hustler ant. on 80 thru 10 for mobile. Beam is Mosley Classic 33 - up 50 ft. QTH is on an island in the Gulf of Mexico - a marvelous transmitting location!

Dot has her B.S. from Syracuse U., her M.S. and also Ph.D. (both in Biology) from the U. of Michigan. She is Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi. She has held an airplane pilot's license from 1935 until the mid-50's. Lived in Peru 3 years and was research biologist for the USDA after that in Peru, Ecuador, Cuba, El Salvador and Guatemala for several yrs. In 1947 she married Dr. George B. Saunders, a research biologist with the US Fish & Wildlife Service (not a ham). She taught Biology at U. of Florida 1953-54; was Fulbright Postdoctoral Research Scholar to Egypt 1955-56 working on blood parasites of fishes of Red Sea; then was National Science Foundation grantee two years, part of one of which was spent in Puerto Rico on research and she took her KWM-2 down there and had lots of fun.

"LES BELLES" (Cont.)

Dot belongs to: OOTC #827; QCWQ #3501; FOC #1107; Floridora YL's (past Pres.); CHC #39 (earned 225 awards and stopped at that point); FHC (flying ham club) #75; charter life member of ARRL. One radio accomplishment she is most proud of is earning the 5-band WAS award March 30, 1971 - the FIRST YL to do so. She has DXCC with 279 countries worked and 275 confirmed. Code proficiency certificate with ARRL is 25 wpm. She taught theory and code 1967/68 in the North Carolina mountains. FOC is First Class CW Operators' Club restricted to 500 members all over the world. She was QRS for ARRL 1928/29 and OO for four years 1964/68.

How many of you OMs can top that record! Other hobbies include playing the piano and violin. Dot also has a keen interest in photography having her own laboratory-darkroom. She speaks Spanish, French and Arabic. Holds Amateur Extra Class Ticket.

It is without any doubt to all that among the 10,000 licensed YL operators the aforementioned gal ranks in the upper bracket of the all long time licensed amateur radio operators.

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Ed. Note: No argument with conclusions drawn here. A first-rate ham indeed.

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CONTEST CORNER

November Sweepstakes

Doug, WA2NPD, has scored his second straight win in the SS, establishing a new club record score to shoot for. He improved his last year's effort by many times in a real FB job. He will receive a nice prize from the club, a certificate from ARRL, and the club certificate for 100 or more QSO's. W2FBF will also receive the 100 QSO certificate. (Done with 2 watts input, incidentally.)

CW Logs

WA2NPD	25,311 Points - 215 QSO - 59 Sections - 11½ hours
W2FBF	5,000 Points - 100 QSO - 25 Sections - 8 hours
WN2OLS	1,920 Points - 80 QSO - 24 Sections - 12½ hours

Phone Logs

WA2NPD	43,724 Points - 322 QSO - 68 Sections - 15½ hours
Club Total	75,955 (1971) (46,538 in 1970)
WA2NPD Total	69,035 - A new club record previously held by WA2NPD.

Announcing the ARRL VHF Sweepstakes Jan. 8-9, 1972. See QST for details. A nice prize to the high scorer from the club, and certificates to those who score 20 or more contacts. How about it, VHF types? Jim, W2LVW, and Phil, WA2WOD, carried the ball last year. Let's give them some competition this time. Club record score: 6,468 by W2LVW (1970)

CLUB CERTIFICATE ANYONE?

by Harry McCormick, WA2SEA

What has happened to the club certificate? In the year 1971, according to Della, W2AFZ, our Corresponding Secretary, who's job it is to issue the club certificate, we have had only 4 hams apply for our certificate.

What about YOU, our club members? Do you have a certificate from our club hanging on the wall of your shack? You should, you know.

Since the club started to issue the certificate in 1961, we have issued 45 to non club members and 30 to club members.

If you are a club member, work fifteen fellow club members and send the record from your log to Della Parker, W2AFZ, 305 E. Olive St., Westville, N. J. 08093.

If you already have the certificate, do you have the endorsement ribbons for working 30 and 50 club members? For working 30 members, the club will issue a Blue ribbon to attach to your certificate, and for working 50 members a Gold ribbon.

How about talking-up this certificate in your on-the-air QSO's? It is good publicity for the club, and you would be surprised how many hams are certificate hunters.

For the non-club members, the requirements are only that they work 10 club members and send the info to Della.

Let's make 1972 a big year and see if we can get rid of all those certificates and ribbons that are taking up space at Della's QTH.

With a little effort on every club member's part, we could easily issue more certificates and ribbons in 1972 than have been issued altogether since 1961.

(My thanks to Della for supplying the information for this article.)

To Club-Member Certificate Owners:

How about up-grading your present certificate to show that you have contacted 15 additional members? Just submit your log showing call letters, names, date and time of contact, band, and phone or c.w. If approved, you will then receive a blue seal and ribbon for attachment to your present certificate.

Contact of 20 additional members, or a total of 50, will bring you a gold seal and ribbon.

Only 6 of our members have ever received the blue seal, and an elite "TWO" members have received the gold seal.

NOTE: Due to ulterior circumstances (Editor in Nevada, etc.) "Scuttlebutt" will not appear in X-TALK this month. No doubt, next month will see its resurgence.

RAMBLINGS OF A GHOST WRITER

The whistles have stopped blowing!, the horns have stopped tooting! The din of the multitude of persons milling about in the various city squares, however, still continues, for the witching hour has passed and a new year has been born--1972. Happy New Year! Yes, Happy New Year to everyone belonging to the Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club! What will this new year hold in store for us? Only time will tell.

But one thing is certain, we can profit by any mistakes we made during the last year. Each year we will try to make our club better than the preceding one. You have had a full year to come up with some new ideas that might be put into practice. Our officers deserve your full cooperation in order that they can make the club stronger and better. You are the ones who make your club work; the officers are the means of achieving it.

Let's put on a drive to get some new members this year. You know it wasn't too many issues back that I inserted a little notation inquiring whether or not we were approaching any YLs or XYLs for our code classes. There must certainly be some around these parts; and then, also, it would make company for our present XYL members.

If you come up with some ideas for the club, and you think they have died a natural death because you haven't heard any comments--Have courage!, for sooner or later the ones who have the power to put the ideas into practice will see the light and realize their potentialities. They must sooner or later acknowledge them if they want to continue getting the cooperation from the members. It is so easy to pigeon-hole ideas or suggestions. (See Ed. note).

Have you ever built a piece of gear and it refused to work? If so, what did you do? Did you keep trying until you found out what was wrong with it, or did you give up in disgust? You haven't really learned anything until you locate the trouble and make it work. Up to that point you are just copying and duplicating what ever you are building from. Don't become disgusted, because very often you can't always make it work the first time, and if it does work, you may be just plain LUCKY. I would prefer to see a ham put in hours until he is stymied and then ask for help, rather than build in a hurry and, if it doesn't work, discard it and go onto something else.

A novel idea for a meeting sometime would be to ask each member to tell what he has gotten out of Ham Radio. Naturally everyone wouldn't experience the same thing; and, who knows, maybe the story from one member might help out his fellow club member. I think this would break the ice for some of the members to rag chew--especially the newer ones because they would be talking about something they like, and that does make the difference.

You couldn't know a better bunch of fellows than those who belong to the G.C.A.R.C. and if I can borrow an idea that I saw on T.V. by saying--we are having a party; you come too. Spread the word around and let's get more interested.

Ramblings of a Ghost Writer (Cont.)

I see a bunch of Indians who are having trouble with their transmitter because they are sending up CQ with smoke signals. Guess I'll have to sign off and see if I can help them out, so till the next issue

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Ghost Writer

Ed. Note: Come-come Ghost Writer; really good ideas rarely get pigeonholed--especially in GCARC! Refer to WA2SEA's article last month for a run down on several new ideas adopted just this past year. More likely a good idea is lost because the sales pitch is weak, impersonal (no verbal follow-up), discontinuous, and/or inopportune.

Enclosed are my 1972 dues, all \$_____ of it Paul! Glad to send it in early.

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TO: Paul, WB2WAK

(Call)