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CLUB NETS

2 M FM AREC	78-18---Sunday, 8:pp PM Local Time
6 M AM AREC	50.9---Sunday, 8:30 PM Local Time
10 M RAG CHEW	28.8---Friday, 9:30 PM Local Time
NOVICE NET	WHEN IS GOING TO START, AGAIN? ? ?

JANUARY MEETING: WEDNESDAY JANUARY 5th, BEGINNING AT 8 PM. PROGRAM:  
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\*\*DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 16,  
1977. PLEASE MAIL ANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO: MARK WILSON, WB2OSQ,

My best wishes to all for a healthy and prosperous New Year. Those wishes especially go to GCARC as a Club. I want to see us continue to be healthy and to prosper. But, wishing doesn't make it to. We each have to want to see us continue to grow and meet the needs of each member.

1976 was a good year for GCARC. We grew in membership. We have a first-class Novice Training Course. We have up-dated our Constitution to better serve our club. My congratulations and thanks to Rich Netherby for successfully guiding the Club to reach these accomplishments. The same, also, to those active members who gave of their time and efforts to make it possible.

At the time of this writing there are some things I would like to see us accomplish during 1977:

1. A real fine job is being done by our Training Chairman, Bill Bachman. I want to see our training effort expanded and I know Bill has plans to accomplish this. But it will take the time and efforts of more interested Club members. Presently there are about 40 persons being trained in our one class. That's too many in one class and with a little effort we could have found at least another 40 to train. There are people anxious to learn ham radio and get a ticket and if we can find Club members to train them we can give everyone who wants to learn, an opportunity to do just that. Which of you are going to step forward and give some time so others may enjoy our hobby?
2. Increased training means more new members for the Club, and that's good. More members means more gets done and more incoming revenue to do it with. But we don't have a large enough meeting room for the present membership, let alone the anticipated growth. A stagnant Club would limit membership when faced with this dilemma. But GCARC is alive and moving forward. We have to find a new meeting place-- one that will adequately handle at least 100 people. We need a Committee of 5 members to find a new site and find it fast. Which of you are going to step forward and give some time so others may enjoy our hobby?
3. Is 1977 the year for another banquet like we had two years ago? That one was certainly a success and we have many new members who we want to get to know and a banquet is one good way to do this. And the new members' wives, husbands, boy friends or girl friends get to know us and learn more about our Club. We need a Committee of 3 or 4 members to bring this about. Which of you are going to step forward and give some time so others may enjoy our hobby?

I believe each of us wants GCARC to move forward and continue to develop into an even better first-class Club than we are. Think of the benefits each of us can receive from an operation of this type. What do you want for GCARC? Anybody want to pitch/in and help?

ELECTION RESULTS:

The following people have been elected officers for the GCARC for 1977:

President:	Herb Schuler, K2HPV
Vice President:	Bob Meis, K2JRU
Corresponding Secretary:	Della Parker, W2AFZ
Recording Secretary:	Steve Blasko, W2TDS
Treasurer:	Rose Ellen Bills, WA2FGS
Director:	Jack Kessel, WA2VCZ
	Rich Netherby, WB2OCR
Trustee:	Wayne Wood, W2SUA

CODE CLASS:

After completing our 6th week of Code Class the dropout rate seems to be quite small compared to last year's class. I believe the main reasons for a good class is ARRL prepared theory and code format, and the enthusiasm of the students who wants to learn. Though I find a few not studying the way they should I do believe they will catch up. We had to slack off at 22 characters in order for them to regroup. All indications so far show that our graduation class will be two to three times larger.

CUL WA2VEE

MEMBERSHIP:

It seems that membership has gotten a Big Boost from Code Class and the recent count is 85 members. Going into next year I hope that we can get a few more new members and reach the century mark and higher.

CUL -- WA2VEE

CONTEST CORNER:

VHF SWEEPSTAKES

Reserve the weekend of January 8/9, 1977 for the chance to work as many stations in as many ARRL Sections as possible, on the bands above 50 Mhz. Complete rules and log forms will be available at the January meeting. Help the club standing in QST by joining the contest and returning your log to W2FBF at the Feb. meeting, (or mail direct to ARRL if you will miss the meeting). Last year's winner was AA2VOY/s out in the Pine Barrens, a multi-operator group who love the winter weather. The club record score is owned by Ray, WB2BZY, with 6660 points in 1975. Ray had 150 contacts in 4 sections. Can you do better?

ARRL DX COMPETITION:

This is another event where your participation will help the club standing in QST. There are four weekends to operate so you should be able to get on sometime during one or more of them. Phone is Feb. 5/6, and March 5/6, and CW is Feb. 19/20, and March 19/20. The very handsome W2SUA Cup will be awarded to the club station scoring the highest on a single mode. This trophy will be on display at the club meetings in the

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Logs will be available at the January, February and March meetings.

NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES RESULTS:

A new club record was set this year as Darrell, WB2BVV, logged a super combined Phone/cw score of 101,192 points. This beats the former record held by Mark, WB2OSQ by more than 4,000. Nice work, Darrell!

Several other fine scores were reported, including Mark who was the high scorer this year on CW, and Gary, WA2OMY the second place Phone scorer. ARRL will award certificates to the above op's, as well as K2HPV Herb, and W2FBF, Ken, for scoring more than 200 contacts.

The participation was better this year than in the past few years. Thanks to all operated and helped the club score. Your reports are appreciated.

SCORES:

	PHONE				CW				Combined Score
	Score	QSO	SEC	Hrs	Score	QSO	SEC	Hrs	
WB2BVV	69,632	544	64	22	31,560	263	60	26	101,192
WB2OSQ	42,120	324	65	10	43,940	338	65	13	86,060
WA2OMY	62,496	496	63	20	-	-	-	-	62,496
W2FBF	-	-	-	-	25,500	250	51	7	25,500
K2HPV	1,548	43	10	4	19,890	221	45	18	21,438
AA2VKG	-	-	-	-	9,324	126	37	12	9,324
WB2LNR	1,248	39	16	3	-	-	-	-	1,248
									Club Total
									10 Entries
									307,258

73, W2FBF

FOR SALE OR WANTED:

WANTED: AC Power Supply for TR4. For Sale DC PS for TR4 & NC300

FOR SALE: 8-Element 2 meter Beam. Call WA2USI

WANTED: Drake T4XB exciter. Call Tom Finnerty K2MEV

FOR SALE OR WANTED (Cont'd.)

FOR SALE: Kenwood TS-520, Drake TR4 & PS, Ht-37 Trans. & HT-41 Linear Clegg Thor Six & AC & DC PS. Prices are 535; 400; 300 and 150.

WANTED: Communication receiver or ham band transceiver. Must be in good operating condition. Contact Ken Newman, W2FBB

FOR SALE: SB101 Updated to SB102 & PS & Speaker, TR-44 Rotor & Mark 3 Hygain Tribander. Call Ron Blakeslee

LES BELLES:

Let's begin the new year by making a few savings right in our own kitchen.

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

Baked bean products with added ingredients or flavorings such as "barbeque beans" or "beans with franks" usually cost more? Why not buy the plain baked beans and add additional ingredients yourself?

You can save on crumb coating for chicken and fish and still enjoy the convenience? Make your own mix from flour and fine bread crumbs and store in a cool dry place in a tightly covered container.

A pressure cooker saves money in two ways? It makes less expensive cuts of meat tender without loss of flavor or nutrients, softening tough connective tissue much more swiftly than another cooking method. It uses less fuel because food is cooked in one-fourth to one-third the time required of most other methods using the lowest burner setting after pressure is attained.

Mellow apples keep better uncovered in the refrigerator? Unripe or hard apples are best held at cool room temperature.

Now here's a nice thing to try if you are interested in getting good value as well as vitamins while all the swine flu and cold breezes are with us:

APRICOT WHIP:

1 Cup dried apricots	3 Tbsp. honey
4 eggs whites, stiffly beaten	1 tsp. vanilla extract
1/8 tsp. salt	

Soak apricots in water to cover for 2 hours; drain. Puree in your electric blender. Fold apricot puree into egg whites; add salt, honey and vanilla extract; mix lightly. Pour into 1 quart casserole. Bake 375°F. for 20 minutes. Serves 6. Optional: Top with whipped cream.

A good thought to remember: NOT HE WHO HAS MUCH IS RICH: BUT HE WHO GIVES MUCH.