

GCARC CROSSTALK

JANUARY 1999

President's Message

I hope everyone have had joyous holidays and a Happy and safe New Year as the YF and I have had. As your new President I am looking forward to a an exciting new year with the club and working with our group of elected officials in planning out some interesting activities for everyone. But first off, I'd like to tell you a bit about myself. My name is Art Strong, KA2DOT, and have been a ham for 20 years. and a club member for 14 years. In those 14 years I've been Membership chairman for 2 years, Fieldday Chairman for 7 Fielddays, and have been Database Manager, and Crosstalk Editor for the past year. I hold an Advanced class license and pursue RTTY and will be getting into SSTV as time permits.

I honestly never entertained the idea of being President of GCARC as I always thought of it being more responsibility than I ever wanted to have. But with the terrific group of Directors and Trustees we have for 1999, my term as your President will go rather smoothly.

The 1999 Officers and Directors for GCARC are as follows:

President - Art Strong - KA2DOT
Vice President - Gene Wallace - N2IMK
Treasurer - Lou Joseph - W2LYL
Recording Secretary - Open
Corresponding Secretary - John Fisher - K2JF
Three-Year Directors - Bob Krukowski - KR2U
Chuck Colabrese -
WA2TML
Two-Year Directors - Jim Mollica - K2OWE
Al Arrison - KB2AYU
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Mark Townsend - W8HCL
Trustees - Ray Martin - WB2LNR
Stu Cleveland - N2WUP
Tony Scandurra - KG2MY
Open

These are your elected officials who represent the

interests of the general membership of GCARC. The only way they can do their jobs properly and consistently is by receiving input from the members and bringing this input to the Board meetings. Maybe I spent too many years in the Navy but I liken the club as being a ship. The Board essentially steers the club but the members need to tell us what ports (activities) they want to go to. If we are not given ports to go to then we don't know where to chart our course. I have some ideas of what I would like to see the club do and hopefully we will be able to discuss them at future meetings.

As you can see we have several openings that really need to be filled. I have some ideas in mind in who I would like to fill them but because of the holidays I haven't approached anyone yet. I will have more information by the January meeting.

See you at the meeting ART KA2DOT

Dues are due for 1999

Please see our Treasurer, Lou, W2LYL, for payment at the meeting.

OOPS

Last month I stated that Chick's radio classes were starting on Tuesday January 6th, 1999. Well, it ain't so. They actually are starting on Tuesday January 5th, 1999.

TNX John - KB2VSE

PROGRAMS

The program for the January meeting will be on Awards given by John Fisher. If you have any ideas on what you would like to see for a program let me know at the meeting, e-mail me at n2imk@bellatlantic.com, or let Art know by phone.

TNX Gene - N2IMK

DX REPORT

8Q - Lee, G0ULN will be active (on 10, 15, 17, 20, 40 and 80 metres SSB) as 8Q7LE from the Maldives (AS-013) between

22 December and 12 January 1999. QSL via G0ULN either direct or through the bureau.

A3 - Lee, 3D2VA is active as A35VR from Paul's (A35RK) QTH on Lifuka Island until at least 1 February 1999. Lee plans to operate on all bands, WARC included and possibly 160 metres as well. QSL via WA2NHA.

C5 - Dave, G0OIL expects to be active on RTTY from The Gambia for one week from 28 January 1999. He will try to obtain C56DW or maybe even C56TTY, but this will depend on arrangements made upon arrival. Dave accepts skeds, please e-mail him at g0oil@amsat.org prior to departure. QSL via G0OIL (Dave A. White, Rainbow Cottage, Laneham St, Rampton, Notts DN22 0JX, England).

CE - Eighteen operators (G7VFD, HB9AOF, K2BS, LU2CSN, LW1ECO, LW4DYZ, LX2AJ, LX3DL, M0AEU, OH2BXXB, OZ1JRD, PA3BAR, PA3EFR, PA3GVR, PD1AIL, PY2RAR, PY5DZ and ZL2APE) will be active from special event station XR3J between 26 December and 6 January 1999 during the 19th World Scout Jamboree near Santiago. QSL via HB9AOF (P.O.Box 241, CH-1211 Geneva 4, Switzerland).

EA - Special call ED3HR will be aired by URC (Unio de Radioaficionats de Catalunya, <http://www.urc.es>) starting on 12 December to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights.

EA - Special event station EG3TVC will be activated by URC (Unio de Radioaficionats de Catalunya) on 19 and 20 December. The operation will take place from the studios of Catalan Television during the 7th TV Marathon for fund raising for research on diabetes. Further information is available at <http://www.urc.es>

EL - Mark, ON4WW/EL2WW [425DXN 396] plans to remain in Monrovia, Liberia for the next several months. He plans to be on 1827.5 daily at 22.00 and 06.30 UTC. QSL via ON5NT.

FT5Z - As at 6 December the two operators had logged more than 16,000 QSOs. Though still concentrating on the main bands and modes, activity on WARC bands and 160 metres has started as well (on 160 with no success so far). They will not operate on RTTY until at least 15 December. QSL via F6KDF (Radio Club de la Gendarmerie, 292 route de Genas, 69677 Bron Cedex, France).

H4 - Bernhard, DL2GAC will be active again as H44MS from the Solomons in February 1999. He plans to operate from Pigeon Island (OC-065), Temotu Province between 5 and 10 February 1999 and is currently looking for a CW operator.

HS - Martin, G4UQF (HS licence to be issued) and Chuck, W3IAO/HS0ZCX, who were active in the CQ WW SSB DX Contest as HS0ZCX/8 from Koh Samui Martin will be going to Phuket Island (AS-053) for a few months in 1999.

HZ - Karl, K4YT/4X reports that although Johnny, KA5BQM has lost interest in amateur radio, the club station located in the basement of the US embassy in Riyadh (7Z1AB) has not been shut down. Karl was able to operate in September and plans to active again early next year. OPDX Bulletin

JT - Look for JT40 to be active to celebrate of the 40th Anniversary of amateur radio in Mongolia. QSL via JT1CD.

KH4 - Ted, NH6YK will be active (on 6 metres, HF SSB and possibly RTTY) again as NH4/NH6YK from Midway (OC-030)

between 20 December and 2 January. QSL via NH6YK. Some Midway images and information can be found at <http://165.248.121.95/KH4/KH4.html>

LZ ssh - Operator Dan, LZ2UU is active in his free time (on 10-40 metres, mostly CW) as LZ0A from the Bulgarian Antarctic base on Livingston Island, South Shetlands (AN-010) until the end of February 1999. He plans to operate during the ARRL 10 Meter Contest. QSL via LZ1KDP.

P4 - Martin, VE3MR, will be active again as P49M from Aruba until 20 April 1999. He plans to concentrate on 12 and 17 metres SSB. QSL via VE3MR or direct to M. Rosenthal, P.O. Box 4069, Noord, Aruba.

VP8 - Jan, K4QD confirms he will be active as VP8CRB (VP8TTY on RTTY) from Port Stanley, Falkland Islands (SA-002) between 26 December and 16 January. He will concentrate on 10, 40, 80 and 160 metres and WARC bands, and special efforts will be made to contact geographical areas where the Falklands are needed. Significant RTTY operation is planned including the ARRL RTTY Roundup. Logs will be available online during the Dxpedition courtesy of Dave, NO4J and the North Florida DX Association. QSL via K4QD either direct or through the bureau. Please note that as from 22 December Jan's new permanent address will be Jan Heise, 8595 Sheridan Rd, W. Melbourne, FL 32904, USA.

ZL9 - DXpedition to Campbell Island would be active as ZL1CN. That was clearly a typo, as the 12-member team will operate as ZL9CI. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our readers.

LOGS: Logs for the recent BQ9P DXpedition to Pratas Island are now available on line at <http://www.qsl.net/bq9p>

TNX K2JF

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING
FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY
FROM ALL THE MEMBERS OF G.C.A.R.C.

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| WA2USI | CHARLES | NAYLOR | 9 |
| N2WSI | JOHN | MULLENS JR | 9 |
| KB2COB | ROBERT | LAYTON | 11 |
| WA2GFK | JOE | DiNOVI | 13 |
| KB2AYU | ALAN | ARRISON | 15 |
| KB2GW | GEORGE | MUNNS | 17 |
| WB2ONY | JOHN | FAHEY | 19 |
| KB2EUA | MIRIAM | KRAVITZ | 19 |
| N2IMK | GENE | WALLACE JR | 21 |
| W2LYL | LOUIS | JOSEPH | 22 |
| KB2YJB | WILLIAM | HUNSINGER | 28 |
| KC2ARS | DEBORAH | TREDINNICK | 31 |

1999 Looks Like a Bonanza Year
Cycle 23 is now in its third year, and it is expected to

rise rapidly during 1999, entering its intense Phase. According to scientists at the National Geophysical Data Center (NOAA) in Boulder, Colorado, the new year is expected to begin at a smoothed sunspot level of approximately 112, and the cycle is expected to rise to approximately 153 by the year's end.

The Cycle is predicted to be among the most intense recorded, and it is expected to reach its peak sometime between early and mid-2000 with a value ranging between 155 and 170. If Cycle 23 exceeds a level of 165, it will be at least the second most intense cycle recorded. The most intense was a Cycle 19, which reached a record peak of 201 in March 1958.

This means that HF propagation conditions during 1999 may be better than they have been for the past 40 years. The new year is certainly one for radio amateurs and other users of the HF spectrum to look forward to for unusually good propagation conditions from 160 through 6 meters. What a great way to end the century !

VHF Ionospheric Openings.

Solar activity is expected to be high enough during January to permit some good DX openings on 6 meters to many areas of the world. Look for peak conditions towards Europe and Africa an hour or two before noon and towards the Caribbean area and Central and South America from an hour or two before, to about an hour or two after, noon. Look for possible 6 meter openings toward the Pacific, Australasia, and possibly the Far East during the later afternoon hours.

Trans-continental openings should be possible beginning at about noon. Chances are best for 6 meters opening on those days expected to be high or above normal.

Thanks to CQ magazine and George Jacobs W3ASK
Tnx K2JF

From the Editor

This is the end of my first year as your Crosstalk Editor and I still can't believe some people actually read what I print. I know it happens because I hear comments on some of the articles. I feel my only real

contribution has been bringing the concept of e-mailing of club matters to fruition. It works even though we had some startup problems and had to learn how different service providers handle their mail. Still, I'm getting positive feedback on e-mailing so it must be popular.

I tip my hat in respect to my predecessor, Greg Potter, in what he had been able to accomplish by publishing Crosstalk through the use of Pagemaker 6.0 software. There is no question that he put in a lot of work to produce our Crosstalks for us. I've been struggling with 6.5 for better than a month and haven't accomplished much, but I won't quit. For that matter, this month's calendar was a generic that came from my package as I haven't developed a really nice one just yet. So as time goes on, things about Crosstalk will change somewhat, hopefully for the better.

I believe there might be several members who have e-mail addresses but for whatever reason don't want them publicized. If they would be willing to share their addresses with me for club e-mailings only, and not included in the club roster, that can very easily be arranged. Such an address would be found only in my GCARC e-mail address book and no where else.

Last but not least, send me something!!! Most of my input comes from only a few people and there are quite a few people in the club. This is your newsletter, put something in it.

See you at the meeting ART - KA2DOT

Deadline for Crosstalk

Deadline for Crosstalk is on January 22, 1999. Send, call or e-mail any articles to ART - KA2DOT,
or ka2dot@ix.netcom.com or Apt 11-E,
801 W. Park Ave. Lindenwold, NJ 08021

January 1999

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| 3 | 4 | 5 GCARC General Meeting 1900 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 North American QSO party CW 1800 UTC |
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| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 GCARC Board Meeting 2000 | 21 | 22 Deadline for Crosstalk | 23 ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes 1900 UTC |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 CQ WW 160-meter DX contest 2200 UTC | 30 |
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