



Presidents Message

Field Day 2007 is now history. Everyone had a great time, although the overnight crew experienced the coldest FD on record. Doug, WA2NPD, and yours truly went scurrying for the warmth of the trailer. Never had the cold shakes before on a FD, but as they say, there is a first time for everything. Shortly after sunrise, the weather warmed up rapidly and we were back to normal. The generator worked fine throughout, and the weather cooperated with no storms and a nice cool breeze on Saturday morning while we were setting things up. Thanks to our excellent food brigade, the troops were well-fed. We had more operators out for FD this year than the past few years, which is a good sign. We also had visits from several area hams who may be interested in joining the club. We had good press for the event this year. The Gloucester County Times printed our information on page 3 of the Saturday edition.

There will be no meeting this month, since it falls on the 4th July. Hope to see all of you in August.

Field Day 2007

Field Day 2007 was a success with cool weather, low humidity, lots of club participation and great food. As in previous years the Club operated 9A running on emergency power with 11 bands being operated at least part of the time and 9 bands on the air full time.

As the 40 meter CW crew can tell you, Murphy was out as usual to keep everybody on their toes. The 40 meter CW crew managed to bend part of the mast supporting their delta loop when they tried to erect it the first time but with a little bit quick action they erected the antenna using a shortened mast.

The food as usual was “top shelf” according to Harry, AA2WN. A special thanks to WA2LET, Wayne, WA2LET’s XYL, Pinky, and to N2CQ’s XYL, Martha, for their fine work with the food. Thanks to all the others who also helped man the grills etc.

Thanks also to all the Band Chairmen, all those who helped plan for this years event and the crew lead by WB2NBJ who took care of the generator.

Although the weather was a bit on the cool side Saturday night as Darrell mentioned in his Monthly Message that was minor compared to past years when we have had heavy storms and oppressive heat. As an added benefit the cool weather kept the bugs from being a big factor.

If you missed Field Day this year, you should mark your next year’s calendar for end of June and come on out and join the fun. Field Day will not always be as close to perfect as this year but it is always interesting and fun.

DX Dope

By Doug Gehring, WA2NPD

Well, here we are with another DX year under our belts. And not a wonderful DX year at that as we are now at the very bottom of the 11 year cycle. This is somewhat reflected in the totals below, as not too many made very noteworthy advances up the DX ladder. This is especially noted in the 10, 12, and 15 meter bands. Well, the good news is that for the next few years we will be climbing up from the bottom of the cycle and we will see the propagation for these bands return to the glory days of yesteryear! N2SS still leads the DXCC total pack and he will be nearly impossible to catch. N2CQ is still knocking at the Honor Roll door and AA2WN is still considering submitting all his cards, etc. W2YC, W0MHK, and WA2NPD have all made good progress up the Challenge Award ladder with W2YC out in front. And with the BS7H operation, some of the members will soon have Top of the Honor Roll status to report. Our 2007 standings are reported below. Good luck to all for the next year.

2007 CLUB DX STANDINGS

CALL	DXCC	5BDXCC	WAS	5BWAS	WAZ	5BWAZ	CHALL.	HON. ROLL
K2JF	342	Y (a)	Y	Y(b)	Y	194	N	M; CW
AA2WN	333	Y	Y	N	Y	193	1768	(g)
N2CQ	330	Y (h)	Y	Y	Y	N	1570	N
W2YC	340	Y (d)	Y	Y (c)	Y(d)	200	2697	M;CW;P
WB2DXB	199	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
W2RM	308	N	Y	Y (h)	N	N	N	N
W0MHK	343	Y (c)	Y	Y	Y	N	2570	M;CW,P
K2OWE	347	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	M;CW
WA2NPD	350	Y (f)	Y	N	Y	197	2070	M;CW;P
AB2E	319	Y (f)	Y	N	Y	N	1196	N
K2HPV	223	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
N2SS	358	Y	Y	N	Y	190	N	M; P
WA2LET	269	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
K2ZA	182	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
WB2NBJ	121	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N

(a) endorsed on 12, 17, 30, and RTTY. (b) endorsed on 30 (c) endorsed on 6, 12, 17, 30 and 160. (d) endorsed on 12, 17, 30, and 160. (e) endorsed on 17, 30, and 160. (f) endorsed on 17 and 30. (g) awaiting submission. (h) endorsed on 12, 17, and 30. M = Mixed, CW = CW; P = Phone. N = not yet, Y= yes.

And, now on to the stuff which serves as the fodder for the above..

STATION	DATES	FREQ/MODE	RARITY*	ENTITY
FS/H/C (1)	7/15 – 7/25	80-6; CW,SSB, DIG.	2	St. Martin
PJ/H/C (1)	7/15 – 7/25	80 –6; CW,SSB, DIG	2	St. Maarten
1A0KM (2)	7/12 – 7/22	All; All	4	S.M.O.M.
TO5J	7/14 – 7/28	NA; CW, DIG.	2	Martinique
V31UB	7/12 – 7/17	80 – 6; SSB, CW	2	Belize

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STATION	DATES	FREQ/MODE	RARITY*	ENTITY
YJ0CZE	7/14 – 7/21	80 – 10; CW, SSB	3	Vanuatu
OH0/H/C (3)	7/5 – 7/9	160 – 2; All	3	Market Reef
A25/H/S (2)	7/5 – 7/20	All; All	3	Botswana
JA6GXX/JD1	7/18 – 8/2	NA; NA	4	Minami Torish.
5X1VB	Now - ?	80 – 10; CW, SSB	4	Uganda
3V8SS	Now – 7/5	160 – 6; SSB	3	Tunisia

- (1) Major DXpedition, both sides of Island. (2) Multinational DXpedition. (3) Minor DXpedition. * Nr. 5 is rarest, TNX to the Weekly DX, 425 DX Report, AA2WN, W2YC. WA2LET, K2JF.

Hamfest by the Shore

Hamfest by the Shore is scheduled for August 18th at Riverwood Park in Toms River, New Jersey. Talk-in is on W2DOR/R on 146.910 PI 127.3 minus. Admission is \$5 for buyers, \$10 for tailgaters and \$15 for inside Vendors. There will be VE exams at 11:10 am with registration at 11:00am. More information is available at jsars910@gmail.com

Web Site for CW Practice

Harry, AA2WN, found a great web site for anyone interested in improving their CW skills. The site is http://www.retards.org/radio/shakespeares_sonnets_cw/. It contains all 152 of Shakespeare's sonnets sent in Morse Code at 7, 13 and 20 WPM. It is a nice source to copy CW from because language used in the sonnets makes it is harder to anticipate what the next letter is than if the text were normal English.

GCARC Hamfest 2007

This will be the 30th consecutive year GCARC has sponsored this event. Please plan to attend and lend a hand for our only money making event of the year. Without our Hamfest, we can not support other activities such as Field Day and maintaining our Club site and station. If anyone has an idea about how we can make this our best Hamfest ever to celebrate our Pearl anniversary, please let me know.

This will be the 5th and final year I plan to act as the Hamfest Chairman. I would like to "Elmer" a new chairperson for the future of the Hamfest starting this year. The job is very easy, requires only a few hours of preparation time before the event and your fellow club members always are available for assistance. If you are interested in taking on this very important responsibility, please let me and our President know.

Harry Bryant, AA2WN
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Editors Note: This may be your last chance to take on the challenge of running the Club's premier event so let Harry know if you are interested.

July Birthdays

Congratulations to these members celebrating birthdays in July:

Tony Gargano, N2SS
Christopher Kelly, KC2PC
Bob Krchnavek, K2DAD
Dave MacDonald, WB3JOY
Frank Messick, W2FJM
Art Strong, KA2DOT
Don Vincent, KC2LRK



Crosstalk Submissions

This is your Club newsletter. Make use of it. Feel free to contribute general interest articles and ideas for articles.

All submissions, queries, comments and editorials should be addressed to Gene Schoeberlein at aa2yo@arrl.net.

Submission deadline for August issue: 7/25/2007

GCARC Officers

President-Darrell Neron, AB2E
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Committees

Advertising-Open
ARES/RACES-Dave, WA3JOY
Awards-Jack, K2ZA
Banquet-Open
Budget-Steve, W2TDS
Clubhouse Site-Al, KB2AYU
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Field Day-Mike, N2SRO
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Nominations-Darrell, AB2E
Publicity-John, K2JF
Repeaters-Mike, N2SRO
Scholarships-Greg, WN2T
Special Services-Gene, N2IMK
Sunshine-Open
Technical-Open
TVI-Cory, WA3UVV
VEC Testing-Wayne, WA2LET
Programs-Gene, WB2UVB

The W2MMD Repeaters

147.78/18 Mhz-Pitman
(CTCSS 131.8Hz)

223.06/224.66 Mhz-Sewell

447.1/442.1 Mhz-Pitman
(CTCSS 167.9Hz)

1284.4/1272.4 MHz-Pitman

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)

July Meeting Program

There is no July meeting as it would fall on
the 4th of July.

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No July Meeting-see you in August.