



# Crosstalk

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## President's Message



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Again I have the sad duty to report the passing of another club member. Miriam Kravitz, KB2EUA, became a silent key on May 6th. I'm sure she has joined her OM Lenny, KD2CR, who became a silent key last year. Miriam had been our Sunshine Committee Chairwoman for many years and even though she and Lenny couldn't get out to the meetings, I still spoke with her on many occasions concerning different members and their health status.

Unfortunately our elation last month over having power out at the club trailer was short lived. It turns out that the "break" in the cable had been fixed but we still cannot pull a load on 110 volts. Hence, we still have a bad neutral line or feed. The electric stove works great but that doesn't do much for our lights. Ray Martin is still our liaison with Conectiv power and I have conveyed the Board's feelings to him that we believe the problem is on the pole and not the cable as measurements have proven that out. So we'll see what happens from here.

We have a Hamfest Chairman!!!!!! Bob Budd, KB2EAH, has stepped forward and claimed the Chairmanship provided that he gets help which is not an unreasonable condition. Many came forward to offer help so I'm sure he will find that encouraging. Many things have to be done to get a hamfest to run properly and I'm sure I can count on all members to help out as needed.

We are seriously looking into getting a website put together that is for the club. Several names that have come up are [gcarc.org](http://gcarc.org) or maybe [gcarc-w2mmd.org](http://gcarc-w2mmd.org) but a name that comes across with who we are. I don't have all the particular details so if you want to know more come out to the next meeting and I'm sure we will have some more information.

Finally, Field Day 2000 is coming up and we need a few more stations to round everything out. I really don't know what bands are still open but Tony, KG2MY, will certainly know as he is the Chairman. So get in touch with him and he can tell you what is available. I can say this, it's about 60 degrees outside right now which would make for some nice Field Day weather. Well, one can only hope.

See you at the meeting. ART - KA2DOT

**The Hamfest is coming! The Hamfest is coming!  
Sunday August 20th, 2000  
C. U. There!**

# DX Dope

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By Doug Gehring WA2NPD

The bulk of this month's column is devoted to recognizing the various accomplishments of our club Dxers (see below). Consequently, we will get right down to business and see what's on the front burner for this month:

Station	Dates	Freq/Mode	Rarity*	Country
FR5ZQ/G	Until 6/15	20,15,10;SSB, CW	5	Glorioso Island
3W2LC	Until 11/2000	Not Given	4	Vietnam
W5AA/TI8	Until 6/4	80 – 10	2	Costa Rica
OY/DL---	5/29 – 6/8	Iota Freqs.SSB, CW	2	Faroe Island
JT1Y	Until 6/6	All bands, All modes	4	Mongolia
OX2K	Until 6/6	6,2,70cm,23cm, EME	4	Greenland
KH0/AF4IN	6/16 – 6/20	All bands, Mostly CW	3	Mariana Island
SV9/H/C	6/9 – 6/16	PSK31, SSTV, CW, Feld-Hell	3	Isle of Crete
BT0QGL	6/4 – 8/15	40-10, SSB, CW	3	China
S21YJ	Until 7/2000	Not Given	4	Bangladesh
MJ/F5TJP	6/9 – 6/11	80 – 10, SSB, CW	2	Jersey Island

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## DX Dope *continued*

As indicated in these pages some months ago, we decided to recognize our Club member Dxers by listing their calls and tabulating some of their accomplishments. One objective is to give all a chance to better their marks next time around. Obviously, there is insufficient space here for every possible award or accomplishment. The honor system prevails in all cases. If we missed any club members this time, please accept our apologies; let me know and we will be sure to include you next time around.

Call	DXCC	5BDXCC	WAS	5BWAS	WAC	WAZ	5BWAZ
K2HPV	191	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
K2JF	338	Y (3)	Y	Y (4)	Y	Y	192
K2OWE	339	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N
K2ZA	179	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
KB2VVU	74	N	N	Y	N	N	83
AA2WN	304	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	182
AE2L	303	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
N2CQ	288	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	161
N2FJQ	315	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
W2RCM	172	N	Y	N	N	N	N
W2YC	327	Y (1)	Y	Y	Y	Y	200 (1)
WA2ED	116	N	Y	N	Y	N	N
WA2LET	203	N	N	N	N	N	N
WA2NPD	344	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	183
WB2DXB	147	N	Y	N	Y	N	66
WB2LNR	265	N	Y	Y (2)	Y	N	N

(1) – Has 6 band awards      (2) – Has 8 band awards  
 (3) – Has 7 band awards      (4) – Has 6 band awards

73 de Doug WA2NPD

*TNX to 59(9) Report, K2JF, and AA2WN*

## **ULS registration can protect your license record:**

Registering now on the FCC's Universal Licensing System can be a big benefit even if you don't have any plans to file an application anytime soon.

The FCC's Steve Linn, N4CAK, told those on hand for the Dayton FCC Forum that ULS registration "protects your call sign within the system" and could prevent it from inadvertently being deleted or reissued due to a filing error. He also pointed out that amateurs wishing to make a change of address should file an "administrative update" (AU) and not request a "modification."

The ULS will not renew an amateur's license unless it is within the 90-day window of expiration (or within the two-year grace period after expiration). The same applies for those upgrading their tickets under restructuring.

Linn said the FCC continues to work out the bugs in the ULS. He said that support for the Mac platform and other browsers, such as *Internet Explorer*, would be coming along soon. The FCC in late April opened the ULS to Web filing. Linn advised filers to use the on-line system whenever possible, since it helps users to avoid errors that will not get trapped when filing on paper and could lead to delays or errors in your FCC record.

Visit <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls> for more information or to access the ULS.

- *TNX to the ARRL Letter*

## **PUBLIC SERVICE ROLE, LEADERSHIP CITED**

Speaking at the ARRL "Public Service Wants You!" forum at Dayton Hamvention, ARRL Vice President Kay Craigie, WT3P, challenged Amateur Radio's public service leaders to "be the kind of leaders whom we would want to follow." Craigie also told those attending that amateurs who participate in public service are "helping to earn the frequencies we have the privilege of using."

Craigie said that while hams have a responsibility under Part 97 to get involved in public service, personal time often is in short supply these days. "Often both parents in a family are working very long hours," she said. "That impacts how much time you have to do anything outside of work including Amateur Radio." Because of this, she said, public service leaders need to rethink their recruiting methods.

Fellowship is "a powerful motivation" to get involved in public service, Craigie said. Beyond that, she said, public service can be interesting, exciting, and challenging. "It's a challenge and a feeling of satisfaction, and you know that something you've done made a difference in the survival of your community," she said. "It feels good to help other people." And, she pointed out, it's good public relations for Amateur Radio.

Craigie advised a positive attitude and recommended patience with beginners who volunteer. "We weren't born knowing all this stuff," she said. "Somebody had to teach us. We had to be willing to learn." Among other things, she said, public service leaders have to spell out duties and their expectations.

ARRL Field and Educational Services Manager Rosalie White, K1STO, cited the potential for involving younger amateurs in public service activity. One suggestion she offered was to get youth organizations--such as Scout groups and their leaders--involved.

White shared the observations of Kansas Section Manager Orlan Cook, W0OYH, who noted that restructuring has generated a bonanza of new HF operators. "With restructuring, we have many, many new

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## **PUBLIC SERVICE ROLE, LEADERSHIP CITED** *continued*

HF operators, and we need to welcome them into our nets and into our ARES groups," Cook said in remarks read at the forum by White. "Go after the new HFers, become their Elmers, and make them more skilled communicators--share your vision."

Wisconsin Section Manager Don Michalski, W9IXG, agreed. "Get the new hams that are coming out of the chute prepared for public service," he said. Michalski cited SKYWARN as a worthy public service activity that has mutual benefits. SKYWARN offers "a reason to have to use the radio--besides having a good time," he said. "They're actually providing a service."

All agreed that recognition in terms of certificates or even such things as coffee mugs and T-shirts were motivators to participate. Michalski said hams need to know they are "needed, wanted, and appreciated" for taking part in public service.

Former Western New York Section Manager and National Traffic System veteran Bill Thompson, W2MTA, told the forum that the NTS is "a great place for training for message-handling activities."

### **GCARC Officers**

President - *Art Strong KA2DOT*  
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## Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the following club members:

Bob Adams	N2WFD	6/17
Bob Budd	KB2EAH	6/21
Ken Newman	N2CQ	6/8
Ray Schnapp	WB2NBJ	6/18
Charlie Sketchley	K2PQD	6/14
Jim Wilson	N2SVN	6/10



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**Submission deadline: 6/23/00**

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## Committees

*Advertising - Open*

*ARES/RACES -Chick WA2USI*

*Awards - Jack K2ZA*

*Banquet - Bob KR2U*

*Budget - Bob K2DAD*

*Clubhouse Site - Al KB2AYU*

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*Field Day - Tony KG2MY*

*Hamfest - Bob KB2EAH*

*Hospitality - Ray WB2NBJ*

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*Nominations - Bob KR2U*

*Publicity - John N2AWD*

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*Scholarships - Greg WN2T*

*Special Services - Open*

*Sunshine - Open*

*Technical - Open*

*TVI - John AA2BN*

*VEC Testing - Chick WA2USI*

*4-H Parking - Bob KR2U*

**The W2MMD Repeaters**

147.78/18 Mhz - Pitman

223.06/224.66 Mhz - Sewell

447.1/442.1 Mhz - Pitman  
(CTCSS 131.8 Hz)

**GCARC Meetings**

**General Membership**

8p.m. 1st Wednesday every month, Pfeiffer Community Center, Williamstown, NJ

**Board of Directors**

8 p.m. 3rd Wednesday every month, GCARC Club site, Harrison Twp. 4-H Grounds  
~1 mile south of Mullica Hill on RT77

**Nets**

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

**10 Meter - Sundays  
following the  
ARES/Races Net  
(28.350 Mhz)**

**June Meeting Program**

*Socializing*

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