



Presidents Message

I am in a rather somber mood as I write this thanks to Mother Nature. For the second time in three years I have taken a direct lightning strike to my tower. In the blink of an eye my entire shack and other electronics in the house were turned into doorstops. I'll admit that I could have had better protection in place, but with a direct hit I don't know that it would have made much difference. While I wait to see what my insurance will cover, I think I will take some time away from ham radio to regroup. I guess having antennas up at the 100 foot level does have its disadvantages.

Unfortunately, not much has been going on at the Clubhouse. I haven't been able to get any work parties together yet. In spite of that, the Club Site should be in good shape for the upcoming 2010 Field Day event. At our June meeting we will be going over last minute Field Day preparations. Please come out this year and spend some time operating. Also enjoy the good food and camaraderie and help the Club post a winning score.

Lastly, let me say thank you to all the board members and committee chairmen who are always working behind the scenes to keep the Club in good shape. Don't forget to check out the new Club website at w2mmd.org.

Al, KB2AYU

Field Day

Remember Field Day is coming up June 26 and June 27. This is one of the Club's two big functions of the year. All members are urged to come out and enjoy the weekend at the Club Site. Bring your friends especially those who you feel might have an interest in Ham Radio as this is a great event to show people a lot of what Ham Radio is about. Everybody has fun at this event and even the minor disasters caused by the weather and Murphy only give us more to talk about for the rest of the year and sometimes for many years after.

If you are interested in helping out with one of the stations contact the appropriate Band Chairman (see last month's [Crosstalk](#)). If you want to help out in any other way such as food preparation, publicity etc. contact the event Chairman, Vinnie Sallustio, at yankee_1996@hotmail.com.

If you have never been to field day or haven't been out in years I advise you to come out and see your Club at its best

Down Jersey DXing

By Bill Grim, W0MHK

Yep, the smell is in the air! No, it's not your neighbor's beautiful green lawn with the sheep manure on it! It's time for Field Day! Be sure to get yourself lined up with a band chairman and do some operating at this popular and successful club event. All kinds of talents are needed and last year our New Field Day Chairman helped pull off one of our best scores that we've had in a decade! Please lend Vinnie your support in W2MMD's effort this year. And remember, contrary to the rumor floating around, it is not mandatory to wear a NY Yankees baseball cap while participating in Field Day!

Which leads us to another timely topic, Sporadic E on 6 Meters. The season has started and there are mixed signs that more "action" will be around this season compared to the solar minimum's of last 6 Meter season! It sure would be nice to see the VHF bands open for us during Field Day, but the season is short so start listening and monitoring for new grids and band countries on this sometimes disappointing but often rewarding piece of spectrum.

Let me throw out two beacons that can alert you to some 6 Meter action. On 50.040Mhz there is a Bahamas beacon that usually is a pretty sure sign that Florida and other southern USA stations may be coming in. On 50.015Mhz is a Trinidad beacon that can help "hop" your signal down to Caribbean and Northern South America openings. Get your scanning capability going on your VHF rigs and be watching for openings. It can be "first come; first served" very quickly with openings on VHF as you well know.

We've gone 11 days as of this writing without any sunspot registered sunspots. I've notice a definite deterioration on HF openings in the last few weeks. The best "band bets" for DXing remain 30 (a steady performer), 20 and 17 Meters. There are possibilities on bands above 17 Meters, but often they are short-lived or non-existent. Looks like this Solar Cycle is going to be a tough one to predict. Listen and watch your DX clusters for your specific DX needs.

Just a last reminder that the E4X DXpedition to Palestine is scheduled to operate from the end of May through June 6th! Try not to miss this one! Palestine is rarely activated, and this big effort should not be ignored. Note also in your list of June DX tidbits that 6 Meters is emphasized a bit in the highlighted DX operations.

STATION	DATES	HIGHLIGHTS	RARITY	ENTITY
E4X	5/28-6/6	"BIG EFFORT"	4	PALESTINE
ZK3X	6/2-6/6	3 STNS,160-10, ALL MODES	3	TOKELAU
ZD8J	6/2-6/8	JA-EFFORT/IOTA AF-003	2	ASCENSION IS.
9V1	6/6-6/28	FOCUS ON WARC/ALL MODES	3	SINGAPORE
VP2MRT	6/9-6/19	40-2MTRS/100W.	1	MONTSEERRAT
VQ5M	6/10-6/17	VHF TEST & 160-6M/CW,SSB	1	TURKS & CAICOS
5J0BV	6/10-6/21	BACK AGN, 6M IN VHF TEST	1	SAN ANDRES IS.
GU	6/11-6/17	80-15M SSB/IOTA EU-114	1	GUERNSEY IS.
9H3BS	6/12-6/25	IOTA EU-023	1	MALTA
J8	6/28-7/5	W9DR & W8IF - 6 METERS	1	ST. VINCENT IS.

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GCARC Website

By Art Strong

Since the last club meeting I have successfully launched the club's new website (W2MMD.ORG) and inadvertently crashed the old one. I was a little overzealous in removing some things from the old site and in so doing completely removed it from the web. Even our "We've moved" sign won't come up so there is no real way to tell visitors about the new location unless they visit QRZ.com. I tried to put it back together again but to no avail. In time the new location will become known, I hope.

Anyhow, the new site is a real pleasure to work on, to add things to, and quite a bit faster loading than the old one was. So what I need now is some input for publication and pictures would be especially great as they speak far better than words. I already have several requests out for pictures and write ups and as soon as I get them they will be published. If anyone has any ideas for items for the website I'm only as far away as your e-mail or phone, so let me know. This is the club's website and I'm merely the go-between.

One idea that has surfaced that has possibilities is streaming video to the website from the Club Site for such things as Field Day or the Hamfest. That would be something that we have never done before so it would need quite a bit of research as to what is required for the equipment on our end and how we get it on the internet. The wheels are turning on that one.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who gave me all the nice comments for getting the new site built and running. When I was assembling the pages I never gave any thought to what anyone would think of my work. I was merely focused on getting the club a website that was manageable and easily updated. I succeeded on both counts and the comments were the icing on the cake. Again, thank you.

V26E on HF Bands

By Darrell Neron, AB2E

After an 11 year absence, I will be returning to activate V26E for the 2010 WPX CW contest. I will hopefully be active on the air from Thursday, May 27, through Monday, May 31. I will concentrate on the WARC bands and low bands before and after the contest (all CW). New QSLs will be ordered for the occasion, and all logs will be uploaded to LoTW upon my return. I will be operating from the V26B superstation, with plenty of towers and stacks.

As usual, QSL direct via AB2E for any and all operations from 1993 to present.

VEC Testing

Regular VEC testing sessions are scheduled for the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM and are held at the Franklin Township Public Library on Coles Mill Road in Franklinville. The cost of the exam is \$15 and if a candidate successfully passes an exam they can take the next level exam at no additional cost. At the same session if they don't pass the exam they can pay an additional \$15 and retake the failed exam. Candidates are required to have a photo ID and two copies of their current license if they have one. Calculators are allowed but must be inspected by the Volunteer Examiners before the exam to make sure any memories are erased. For further information on VEC testing or to sign-up for a session contact Gary Reed at glreed@snip.net.

Editor's Note: This article will be repeated irregularly for ease of access to this information.

June Birthdays

Joseph Arsenault, WA2KDV
Kenneth Denson, W2KRD
Ken Newman, N2CQ
Ray Schnapp, WB2NBJ
Charlie Sketchley, K2PQD
Kyle Townsend, W2KBT
Jim Wilson, N2SVN



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 the July issue:
6/19/2010 (early as I will be away)

Club Website

<http://www.w2mmd.org>

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DX-Bill, W0MHK
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Historian-Marty, W2ILT
4H Liaison-K2ATX

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Programs-Doug, WA2NPD
Publicity-Cory, WA3UVV
Repeaters-Al, KB2AYU
Scholarships-Greg, WN2T
Special Services, Darrell, AB2E
Sunshine-Ray, W2RM
Technical/TVI-Cory, WA3UVV
VEC Testing-Harry, K2ATX
Website-Art, K2AWS

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)

1272.4/1284.4 MHz-Pitman

GCARC Meetings

General Membership

7:30 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)

June Meeting

Field Day Planning

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club
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