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GCARC meets the first Wednesday of each month on the 3rd floor of the Pitman Borough Hall -- 8 P.M.

RESERVE THIS DATE -- Next Meeting -- March 4th

PROGRAM: A movie on THE ARRL

tear off here

Date _____

Enclosed please find \$ _____ for the payment of my dues for 1970 covering my membership in the Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club. I understand that you will return my membership card by mail.

Signed _____

Address _____

Call Letters _____

FLASH, FLASH, FLASH!!

GCARC LOSES A PRESIDENT - THEN GAINS ONE!

Paul Callaghan, WB2WAK, our newly elected prexy, was forced to resign his position because of a change in job assignments. Paul is now on-the-road all week long and gets home almost only on weekends. We certainly wish Paul much success in his new job, but only wish it could have been a home-every-night deal. Paul's gain (\$) is our (GCARC) loss, and we wish that his wrk skd in the years to come will taper off and free-him-up for more club time. However, ALL IS NOT LOST!! The club elected another outstanding ham, the former VP Ken Newman, W2FBF, the club's most recent father. Ken's credentials are quite impressive; a computer engineer for Burroughs, has his Advanced Ticket, a 30 wpm plus cw man (40 M FD mainstay), has his WAS, WAC, DXCC (currently working on his 5-Band WAS) and has faithfully and expertly served the club as Treasurer and FD Band Chairman. Along with W2SUA, Ken took first honors in the club's rare DX contest last year. In addition, Ken has a very lovely XYL (Martha) and, together with the new Harmonic, Ken emits his TVI from Greenfields Village QTH.

The newly elected VP (to take Ken's place) needs little introduction to any but the newest members. Bill Frambes, WB2FJE, has recently left permanent 4 to 12 shift work and is (to GCARC's relief) available for duty again. Bill has rendered valuable club service as Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Director, Crosstalk Printer, and Field Day Chairman. Bill has his Advanced Ticket and is ARRL assistant EC with 10 M net control. He is also quite active in the NJ phone net, has his WAS award, and, together with WB2WKV and WA2EOB, the other is "really hoppin" on Grandview Ave. Bill is a professional printer (not bad for GCARC at all) and XYL Sue (a cute chick) and Harmonics reside in Pitman.

Because Bill resigned as Director for his new VP Post, his place was taken over by capable Phil Mattison, WA2WOD, the Cherry Hill Kid! Phil puts in a vry FB sig on 6M from Cherry Hill QTH, but is also highly mobile. Phil, one of our most active technicians, was recently appointed 6M EC for our Gloucester County AREC. He did an outstanding job organizing and carrying out the recent SEP drill as evidenced by the participation and traffic handling. Phil is one of our newer and best liked members. Welcome aboard WA2WOD!

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to Gary Hitchner, a new Associate Member, from Pitman. Gary is attending our code classes and we all wish him a speedy 5 wpm.

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Chairman, John Stull, WB2JZX, is happy to report that W2FBF's balloon suggestion (hoisting an 80M vertical up to x feet via 8' wx balloon) has come true - tnx to WA2VEE. Bill has arranged (pulled some strings) to get FREE from Matheson Co., enough gas to more than lift the monster up!! This event should

Give GCARC the best publicity ever!! (Especially, when lighting hits the balloon at --- midnight). Also, we still need a band chairman for 6M. Anyone interested in doing a job on 6M?, see John. Congratulations to WA2VEE for quick thinking in re getting the cylinders.

NEW CLUB HISTORIAN

Rick Carter (just passed his 5 wpm) has volunteered to get our long dormant club history back in shape. Real FB Rick. You have a big job (but we feel important job) ahead of you -- don't hesitate to ask anyone for assistance. GUD LUCK and FB.

EDITOR SUNNING IN FLORIDA

W2PLD, ur erstwhile editor is, at this moment, stretching his bones basking in the sunshine in the southern most extremity of W4 land. His replacement for this month, WA2NPD, wishes his speedy return (at least in time for April's deadline), or WA2NPD will tan his hide up North too!

PRESIDENT'S QTC

Some of you may be surprised to see a new writer of this column this month. I'm a little surprised myself! Since Paul, W52WAK resigned because of job commitments, and "election" was held at the February meeting and the results were: President, Ken, W2FBF; Vice President, Bill, W2FJE; and Director, Phil, WA2WOD. Phil replaced Bill who replaced Ken as VP. The nominees were, of course, unopposed in the usual tradition. hi. We will try to do a good job as we know Paul would have done if he had been able to continue.

We would like to thank "Mr. Reliable", K2SOL, for yet another meeting program in February. George, as always, put on a fine program. The program this month is scheduled to be a film on the ARRL Headquarters.

Rich Carter has been appointed Club Historian to fill a much needed job. I'm sure Rich will do a fine job in that capacity. Hopefully there will be another Carter appointment shortly. (Thought it over, Howard?)

The first weekend of the Club's participation in the ARRL DX Test appears to have been a smashing success with W2SUA leading by a wide margin as expected. Shorty really gave 'em what for on 20 and 10 meters and says he is going to get serious in this month's segment. We could have the South Jersey Top Dog in our midst. Let's all get on this weekend and give him a hand pushing the club up in the standings.

See you at the meeting!

ARRL BULLETIN #259 (the gist of it)

Western Union now making facsimile equipment available to amateurs in the same set-up as RTTY units are made available. Contact W3PYW, in Silver Springs, Md. for complete information.

GCARC BULLETIN #1

We apologize for the \$!#!??? Post Office for holding up Crosstalk last month. Hope this issue gets to everyone on time.

EDITORIAL

Two gripes: #1. Each year about this time many of you can't seem to either find \$5.00 for dues or you perpetually forget. Whattayousay that this year things will be different!! Give the poor Treasurer a break! Don't be one of those guys whose dues remain a mystery until April or May. Take advantage of the \$1.00 break, for after March 31, dues are (shudder) \$6.00. Don't remain a mystery yourself --- if you are broke now, let the Treasurer know when he can expect to hear from you. OK? O-KAY!! Also, DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR QST THRU THE CLUB (we get a kickback, you know).

#2. Our Club Meeting attendance has dropped during recent months from an average of about 25 to 17. Why! Why! Why!?? Why don't you come out and tell the new President where you've been and why? He wants to know how to improve meetings to suit YOU, and your likes and dislikes! The idea is to c'mon out and enjoy yourself. (We promise not to put you to work.) There will be a fine ARRL movie shown this month. DON'T MISS IT! Wear your name badge and sign in the log. CU THERE.

P.S. (Remember, remember, you can save 25¢ by wearing your name tag!)

GCARC BULLETIN #2

The Club Directory will be updated in one month. Anyone who does not have his name in the Directory, please submit the information required to Ken, W2FBF, as soon as possible. Also, anyone who would like a copy of the Club Constitution or Directory, contact Ken.

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We are saddened by the passing of Harry Perry, WA2IAZ, on February 19th. Harry was a long time member of the Club, even though due to bad health he wasn't able to attend many meetings.

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FEATURE ARTICLE DEPT.

THE GCARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Years ago (about 6 or 7, I guess), the minutes of the Board of Directors always appeared in each issue of Crosstalk. Thus, the rest of the club members were pretty much kept informed as to the items discussed and the format of a Board meeting. We have not done this in recent years for a variety of reasons, primarily because of the difficulties in either getting the Recording Secretary to learn how to type, or in getting the minutes typed up on Mats by someone else in time for the Crosstalk deadline. Perhaps the underlying reason has been that the things which usually comprise a Board meeting are pretty much the same things discussed at a regular club meeting and, hence, the Board minutes only consume valuable space in Crosstalk. However, some of the members may feel that the Board minutes should be a part of Crosstalk or at least indicate same to the Club President or to the Board members. At any event, the purpose of this article is not to initiate any such action or even to plug any side either pro or con on this issue. It is simply the desire here, primarily for the benefit of our many new members in recent years, to acquaint you with our Board of Directors and their meeting format, etc.

The structure of your Board of Directors and their duties are clearly spelled out in your copy of the Club Constitution (you have one, don't you?), so, extensive elaboration on these points is not necessary here. Suffice to say, there are eleven members of the Board (Directors and Line Officers) and the Club President is the presiding officer. The Board meetings are held on the Wednesday which is two Wednesdays before the regular club meeting (first Wed. of the month). These meetings are held at the homes of the members of the Board, each member taking his turn and the president doing the honors with two meetings (not necessarily in a row). The Board meets every month (12), even though the club meeting in July is the picnic. Although not mandatory, the OM and XYL hostess for the evening usually provide liquid and solid refreshment which greatly contributes to the social and business success of the evening. Generally, club members are not permitted or encouraged to attend these meetings unless having a specific purpose in doing so, i.e. you wish to present a proposal or suggestion to the Board in person feeling this perhaps is the best possible way, etc. Otherwise, additional members present only serve to throw more fingers-in-the-pie and extend the length of what is already a lengthy, comprehensive business meeting. Speaking from first-hand experience, I can say in all candor that, for many years now, our Board meetings have been completely free of misunderstandings, squabbles, wrestling matches, and judo chops. The reason meetings generally are several hours long is simply due to the oratorical prowess of the affluent Ham operator, especially, the guys on SSB phone who can offer and render a 20 minute speech with no call-break and without dropping or batting a mike! Nonetheless, and in all seriousness, the real work of the club largely goes on during the Board meetings, which according to our Constitution, it certainly should.

The Board meeting format is identical to that of the regular club meeting format, i.e. the same order of business, the same committees are called upon for a report, etc. The essential difference regarding committee

reports is that the Board is constantly assuring that the committees are, in fact, ~~doing~~ their job and are functioning. For example, a no report from a particular committee may, in reality, mean the committee and its chairman haven't seen each other for two months, and as far as they know, there is no report because none of them know if anything went on that month anyway. Hence, it's up to the Board to see through this smoke screen and get that committee hoppin! In regards to old and new business, the Board here consumes much more space than at a regular club meeting. This is the time where club member's ideas are hashed about and counter or new ideas are brought up by individual Board members as well. In this area, it is the Board of Director's mandate to recommend policy and ideas to the club and to see that all policies, programs, ideas, etc. which have been agreed upon at club meetings are carried out to successful conclusions. The Board does not and cannot dictate ideas and policy - it can only recommend and suggest same to the general membership. However, as we all know, essentially all of the Board's suggestions are usually followed - the philosophy being that those guys have studied the problem from all sides, and they are (or should be) the best horsepower in the club; hence, no doubt, they know best. But, the Board is human too, so that it is the duty of each member to carefully follow all that is going on and to correct any mistakes or offer any suggestions if a better way or plan is available. Hence, to a large extent, the business of the club is pretty much run by the Board, which in a ~~Republican~~ form of government, is the way it should be done. We vote for congressman and senators who vote for us in Washington, etc.

Of course, there are obvious advantages and reasons why our club is set up this way. The primary reason is that we don't want the monthly club meetings to become 2 or 3 hour business meetings with hot debate grinding on and on over some grave issue. It is much more pleasurable to all concerned if the business meetings are as short as humanly possible so that plenty of time is available for the program and for eye-ball QSO's over coffee and buns at the end. (Also at Will's for a certain few). Experience has proven that, if controversial issues are not left up to the Board to iron-out, such issues can consume many, many minutes of more enjoyable program time. Another obvious reason is that very often a debatable issue, which seems highly important to several club members, may not raise the eyebrows of another group of members who proceed to fall asleep while the debate rages on and on between the others. The rule-of-thumb is simply for each of us to think before raising a point during the regular club meeting, namely, is my motion highly debatable or controversial? If not, proceed. But if so, then take it up with one of the Board members who will present it at the Board meeting, or ask to appear before the next Board meeting to present the idea in person.

As a final thrust, let us remind all members that, to be a member of the Board, the Ham must be 21, handsome, brave, brilliant, astute, and loyal; (note, the last four are missing from the Constitution and the fifth is implied only). Unquestionably, the club has traditionally tried to elect its best to the Board, the best having proved themselves usually in word and deed to the nominations committee and to the membership at large. With this tradition and experience as a guide, there is no reason to expect that our club's future will not continue as efficiently and smoothly as in the past. It is up to the Board to insure that this is so, but it is up to the membership to insure that the best representatives comprise the Board.

Scuttlebutt

After seeing and reading the outstanding article by WB2RVE (on Stero) in last month's Crosstalk, I hadn't the courage to ask him or anyone else to try and top that article this month. A real professional job, Bob.

Hear that W2CKX is back up North again. Seems though Nancy's sister was ill and both had to return. Fortunately, a-1 is coming along in good shape. Tad kept in touch with things up here from WB4IPD (Sids) QTH. That's what I call real cooperation between club members.

Must apologize to Bertha, WA4BMC, for not replying (yet) to her last correspondence which, incidentally, was quite convincing and impressive. (Mike is active in the AARA net) Hope to catch up to you soon, Mike, but have been busy and lazy.

Certainly enjoyed reading a copy of the PJYL-QRV sent to me by editor, Rose Ellen, WA2FGS. A real FB journal, Rose Ellen, -- well laid out and well written. Modesty near forbids me to do as you ask, but my ego watch bird will probably prevail in the end. CUL abt it via landline.

Looks like a good GCARC turn out for this year's DX contest. Club scores and member participation will appear in a future Crosstalk issue.

Frank Ciancaglini, K2JLY, had been a GCARC member for over 10 years. Although not active in the club, or on the air for many years, he, nevertheless, continued to pay his dues year after year simply to support our club and Ham Radio. His busy work sked (as Senator Jack White's left and right hand man) kept him away from radio, but his interest always remained. Those of us who knew Frank remember him as a real likeable, happy-go-lucky guy. We are sincerely sorry to learn of his silent key status.

Real good to hear WA2SEA on the LOM net the other night. Understand that Harry is no longer a swing and graveyard shift (combined) worker, hence, maybe we will get to see him more often from now on. FB, Harry, see if you can bring that old reprobate WA2WGB out to the next club meeting with you -- he doesn't live too far from you and John, does he?

WA2VEE finished putting together his new Heath scope. He plugged it in, turned it on, and ZZZZZAP! Back we go to Heath (the lousy bums) for a new picture tube. (Bill's record is still intact.)