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MARCH CLUB MEETING--MARCH 3 - 8:00 PM - CLUBROOM

President's Signals

I was hoping to see more club members out at last month's club meeting. The members that were there were fitted for their club jackets. We now have 23 jackets on order with Bill Flynn in Gloucester City.

I am glad to announce that John Poulson, WA2PVH, will be taking the reins as a Director filling the shoes of George Stuart, K2SOL, who asked to be replaced. George has done a great job in his service to the club. I want to express my deep thanks and gratitude; many thanks, George! Hope everything works out all right for you and the XYL.

I am also glad to announce that Jim Peck, W2LVW, won the VHF Sweepstakes contest in our club. A pretty good score too, I might add. Speaking of contests, don't forget that the other half of the DX Contest will be in March, so keep those finals working. Good luck to all of you.

From what Harry McCormick, WA2SEA, tells me, the AREC had a very fine turnout on the SET exercise. Harry also treated for coffee after the exercise at a local diner. A good deal of traffic was passed in our county alone. There was a considerable amount of traffic on the New Jersey Emergency Phone & Traffic Net. Glad for the support in this National Exercise for emergency purposes.

I would like to remind the club members that a long time ago the club set up a frequency (50.9) for members to monitor. Let's see if we can't activate this frequency once in a while. It would be just like a private land line for local talk between members.

I ask all members to be out at the NEXT MEETING of G.C.A.R.C, and support the officials that you voted for last December.

73, Bill, WB2FJE

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March 3rd Meeting: ANNUAL "WHITE ELEPHANT" SALE!!

OK Gang -- that TIME of year is here again!! So bring all your nickels and dimes (\$,\$) along and pick up the choice bargains! "Hawker" Paul, WB2WAK, is eagerly awaiting all of you "fatted calves" in his wolf's liar! Let's not disappoint this genius-of-the-fast-buck by permitting him to "sell short". Program Chairman, WB2JZX, assures all will be above board this time (call him honest John). So come one--come all and bring your "goodies" (its for your club y'know). A serious note: the club DX-100B (which is in wrking order, sez WA2DNL) is to be auctioned-off! Low bid MUST be \$25.00. Here is that chance to get 180 watts of Heath pwr, or better yet, here is a FB exciter for that big final! (Ed. Note) - Looks like a pretty good deal!!

Club Jackets

There is still time to order your beautiful new GCARC jacket (join the 23 orders in thus far--). Eventually, we hope to have everyone in the club outfitted. The jackets are navy blue with GCARC in big gold letters across the back. Also, in gold letters, will be your own call and club emblem on the front. Milt, K3WIL, is handling the arrangements for the "weave" club emblem patch. Jacket chairman John, WB2JZX (who has done a great job here) has announced the final price will be \$15.25 per jacket which includes everything (including the sewing-on of patch). He would like the balance of your payment (the 23 orders) by March 15th (1971). Make checks payable to: "Bill Flynn" and mail to John Stull, WB2JZX, Box 11, Cohawkin Rd., Clarksboro, N. J. Better yet, see John at the March 3rd Club Meeting. After this date, all orders will have to be made directly with Flynn's Sports Shop.

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FD - 1971

President, WB2FJE, is happy to announce the Field Day Staff for 1971 is as follows:

Chairman: Ken Newman, W2FBF

<u>Band</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
80	Bill, WB2FJE
40	Doug, WA2NPD
20	John, WB2JZX
6	John, WB2GKH

(with a crew like this, how can we miss?). Let's all give Ken our upmost support this year and reserve that last June weekend NOW! Remember, last year's score (balloon and all) will be tough to beat!

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RACES

Van, W2KE, reports that the OCDM is undergoing a complete revision mainly to utilize more segments of the band by "splitting" channels.; This won't effect Gloucester County since, due to the foresight of our County Chairman (W2KE), we went on narrow band FM some time ago.

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ARRL Bulletin Nr. OB310

The ARRL Board of Directors meets annually in May to formulate the course of ARRL affairs during the coming year. The full members of ARRL elect the Board which has the overall responsibility for managing the affairs of the League. This democratic process is effective only

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to the extent that the membership participates. Now is the time for members and affiliated clubs to communicate with their Division Director at the address shown on page 8 of any months QST

ARRL Bulletin Nr. 867

The voluntary communications emergency affecting 146.70 and 146.82 Megahertz for use in southern California earthquake emergency communications has been cancelled by the FCC

(Ed. Note: Above copied on RTTY by W2LVW; tnx, Jim).

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AREC News

EC Harry, WA2SEA, reports the SET drill was very successful. There were 2 base stations, 6 mobiles, and about 159 messages handled. 10 Meter relay received 56 msg's for relay into the regular phone nets. FB to Harry and his crew! Harry also announces that, effective April 1st, AREC will convert from local to GMT. (note this change in your SOP). Furthermore, WA2SEA, has established liason (permanently) between the Gloucester County Red Cross Chapter and our AREC. Heretofore, the Red Cross has been using air mail for disaster communications (they didn't know about ham radio)! They will now contact AREC when emergency communications is needed. FB Harry!

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DX DIARY

February has been a very good month for DX-ers on just about every band. Propagation forecasts indicate that conditions will continue to be good for the rest of February, so check the information listed below and maybe there is the odd station on the list that you would like to work. No guarantees, but they were there in early February H1.

W2SUA "Shorty" Wood (all 20 meters)

<del>W0</del> EXD/KC4	14.210	SSB	NAVASSA ISLAND
TJ1AGZ	14.218	"	CAMEROON
MP4TDM	14.245	"	TRUCIAL OMAN
*VU5KV	14.195	"	LACCADIVE ISLANDS
*ON5D0/AP2	14.220	"	WEST PAKISTAN

\*Dxpeditons now finished, not expected again for some time.

(Shorty, I'll settle for the "others" you didn't think work listing, hi!)

DX DIARY (cont'd)

WA2NPD "Doug"

YK2FAA	10 meters	Syria
VP2AAP	" "	Anguilla
VP5CC	" "	Turks & Caicos Islands
OX3AB	" "	Greenland
EA6BN	" "	Balearic Islands
* JD1ABO	" "	Torishima Island
GD3YBH	20 meters	Isle of Man
KC4USL	" "	Navassa Island
TG9ND	" "	Guatemala
YS2CEN	" "	Salvador
EA8GK	" "	Canary Islands

\* Between 2200 & 2400 GMT, qsl via JA1BA

WN2MEM "Jack"

I'll drop my "fillers" as soon as some of you real Dx hounds send me your contacts!

CT2AC	15 meters	cw	Azores
JA1RJW	" "	cw/ssb	Japan
ZB2BV	" "	cw/ssb	Gibraltar
VO2KR	" "	cw/ssb	Labrador
DL4BW	" "	cw	Germany
F6AXD	" "	cw	France

How about it, all you other WN's? I don't want to be left all alone in, as you can see, some pretty darned "fast" company!

Jack, WN2MEM

(Ed. Note: Great start John---all Dx hounds: pick-up the report forms John has provided at the club and mail your report

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CONTEST NEWS

I. VHF

	<u>QSO</u>	<u>Sect</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1. W2LVW	147	12	6,468
2. WA2WOD	72	8	2,592
3. WA2NPD*	9	1	176

\* On for 45 min. when company arrived (i.e. the contest Hams "waterloo")

Congratulations to Jim (good show by Phil). Looks like Jim's call letter pin (1st prize) will arrive in April. Where were the rest of you guys for this one?

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II. DX

At this halfway mark, it looks like a real "Donnybrook" between W2SUA and W2FBF for club honors (WA2NPD, WB2JZX, WB2FJE, W2PLD in PLACE position with WB2WKV and WA2EOB to SHOW: did we miss anyone?)

III. DX Trophy

As added incentive for the DX contest, Shorty, W2SUA, has generously donated a beautiful loving cup trophy to be awarded annually to the GCARC DX contest winner. The name and call of each year's winner will be engraved on the cup base (room for perhaps 50 winners), and the cup will reside in the winner's shack until just before the following year's contest. At that time, it will be on display in the clubroom until the next winner is determined. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to designate this trophy as the "Wayne Wood DX Trophy" and, together with Shorty's instructions, make this designation a permanent part of the GCARC records. It's hardly worth mentioning the rather obvious fact that this is a most generous gift. We know W2SUA would only be embarrassed by further publicity so -- we shall just say many thanks to one of our greatest DX Hams (and one of the best anywhere, for that matter). (We can only promise to do our best to see that Shorty doesn't win this year, Hi, Hi).

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WA2FGS Has Visitor From PY Land

PY1DJT-Marcos Da Rocha visited my QTH two weeks ago. He is a 15 year old son of my DX-YL PY1MHB which I maintain weekly skeds with. Marcos is an exchange student at the Polytech Institute in Baltimore staying with a family there. He came alone via Greyhound to spend the day with us. Marcos has done quite a lot of building and has built a complete Heath rig along with A-TV for use at his home QTH. He speaks 4 languages and was selected for the exchange program on a merit basis. It was a pleasure to have his personal visit.

73, de Rose, WA2FGS

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WA4BMC NEWS

Many thanks to Bertha, WA4BMC, our favorite W4 club member, for supplying recent information (via WA2FGS) of her recent Ham "doings" (she can be found near 14.336 most any AM). Bertha states she will not rejoin ARRL until incentive licensing is a thing of the past. Also is an ex member of YLRL and CHC. She has dropped her "greetings" mailings due to rising costs (sorry to lose this Bertha, but we understand). She has started working the 3079 US-CA counties all over again (has 1800 confirmed) and is converting mobile counties to fixed and vice-versa (wow!)). She has become very active in 2M FM

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and belongs to several W4 repeater groups. Bertha checks into 3 traffic nets and 3 emergency nets and describes the Florida SB emergency net procedure (combined with 2M FM) for handling hurricane (for example) emergency communications.

(Ed. Note: With a sked like this, how can Bertha find time to work the counties?)

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SCUTTLEBUTT

1. W2AFZ, who laboriously submits our annual club report to ARRL, has received a copy of some very interesting club statistics. Space prevents publishing this month, but watch for this next time.
2. Sri to hear our newest member Tom, WN2MFS, broke his foot (next time use your fist to work the key). Hope you mend fast, Tom.
3. Also, sri to hear Al Becket, W2QYG, is in the hospital (Elmer). Those of you who know Al are urged to send him a card. He is doing better at last report.
4. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Big Club Banquet on May 29th. More information at the March meeting.
5. Real glad to see John, WA2PVH, has agreed to fill the K2SOL unexpired term as a Club Director. John has been a GCARC member for 7-8(?) years and is a top notch DX chaser (300+ countries confirmed, I believe). Sri to see K2SOL leave the Board, but we understand your situation George.
6. If you've struggled through our epistle to this point---STOP! STOP! STOP!! ask yourself, "Are my 1971 GCARC dues in yet?" If the answer is NO -- drop the paper, fill out your \$5.00 check, and mail or bring to WB2WAK. Okay? Okay? Now proceed.

"DON'T FORGET THE WHITE ELEPHANT"!!

7. Guess by now everyone is aware of the first rate article which appeared in the Woodbury Times this past month on the GCARC Ham assistance in relaying messages to the earthquake stricken LA area. This was a great job of reporting, well written article, great publicity for the amateur and GCARC. Responsible for this? None other than WB2JZX (guess its all in who you know, Harry, H1).

LES BELLES  
By - Rose Ellen - WA2FGS

There are several clubs that are made up entirely of YL's throughout the country. It is interesting to note just how these clubs got a start.

Let me tell you about THE COLORADO YLS:

In the spring of 1961, Marte Wessel, KØEPE, invited all the ham gals whose names she had heard around the 40 meter band to a picnic to meet W6BDE who was visiting her in Denver. They decided to try and form a club. So---they met in Lakewood for a planning session. Out of this was born the COLORADO YLS. By November 1961 they had their own club, QSL cards, YL SILVER DOLLAR CERTIFICATE, and the COLORADO COUNTIES AWARD. Their first big project was the regional ARRL Convention in Denver, 1962. It was a very successful attempt for such a new club. They had a real good time and emerged with \$5.85 in the bank, even after giving away Silver Dollar Banks to all registered YL's.

Marte, KØEPE, was the first President. In 1965 the Colorado YL's started working on the 1968 YLRL Convention. That was really a job. WAØEXX, Betty Lindsay and WNØYCG, Marge Balk, handled the money and WØHEM, Elaine High, worked closely with Marte, KØEPE. Both WA2FGS and W2CDZ attended and had a real fb time.

The Colorado YL's are presently trying to figure out how to go en-masse to the YLRL Convention in California in 1972. There are 26 paid up members in the Colorado YL's. Often the girls have to drive 150 miles to meetings, due to the mountains and geographical distance. Average attendance is six YL's to a meeting. They all make a special effort to get to the annual Christmas luncheon. The winter months are especially hard, as Colorado weather saves it's worst storms for the second Saturday of the month--the meeting date.

My good friend Mary K. Powers, WAØSLX, and current secretary of the Colorado YL Club was good enough to reply to my request for information about her club. I felt everyone would be just as interested as I am in learning about this Club.

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DON'T FORGET:

YL-OM CW            STARTS SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1971 1800 GMT  
                         ENDS SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 1971 1800 GMT

AWARDS:

1st Place Phone:        YL-Cup, OM-Cup  
1st Place CW:            YL-Cup, OM-Cup  
2nd and 3rd place winners in each contest will receive a certificate. The winner of the Phone cup is also eligible for the CW cup, Certificates will be awarded to the high place phone and CW winners in each ARRL District and Country. No logs will be returned. Be sure the copy of your log is ligible. Please note postmark deadline - no later than April 4, 1971.

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RAMBLINGS OF A GHOST WRITER

QSL are letters unknown to the average person, but anyone who has ever had any dealings with ham radio knows what it means. It's sort of a fundamental instinct of ham radio. In other words it is there, but we don't know how it got there. What reaction do you receive when you look at a QSL card? Is it just a simple card? Does it happen to be a thing of beauty? Unfortunately, all of us are not created alike, so therefore we do not see things in the same light as others. Why this exists in ham radio, I do not know, but I honestly believe that 90% of the membership still enjoy receiving the QSL's. When breaking into ham radio, I have seen new hams, both youngsters and oldsters, whose utmost desire (next to getting on the air) is to start receiving QSL's. They don't care if the contact is in the next county as long as they get the card. Even SWL (short wave listeners) make a practice of sending their cards and want one of yours. There must be something more than just fascination with the QSL idea. Could it be that some of your friends are from Missouri and must see proof before they believe you talked to the DX station? Frankly, I think there is more to it than that. If you will stop and think, a QSL is a calling card representing you and your station. If you happen to be one of those individuals who take pride in your station, you will probably have a personalized QSL. Some of the collections I have seen are really "out-of-this-world" as to beauty, design, thought, and individuality. If you look further into these cards, each one carries a story or tale. Some even represent personal contacts. Have you ever gone to a hamfest to look up some contacts you made only with the QSL to go by? I know I have, and was not only surprised but pleased when I saw what the OM, XYL, YL, or OW were really like! Don't be one of those individuals who sez, "I never send out cards, and I don't care whether or not I get any. Humbug!, it's just a waste of time." Brother, when you reach this stage, you have had it!, and are missing the "CORE" of ham radio.

Have you been reading lately about the various equipment that is being stolen from hams? Not only mobile, but also club station rigs, I can hardly picture a ham doing this to a brother ham, and I think that it must be individuals outside of the ham world. You have been urged to keep a record of the serial numbers on your various pieces of gear. If you have other than bought equipment, you should have some means whereby you can identify it in case you happen to be one of the victims. This isn't always sure-fire (as I have heard very little about the return of these stolen pieces of gear), but, at least it's a starting point. We have insurance for everything else in life. Why not for stolen ham gear? Why can't ARRL set up some kind of a group and allow each and every ham to pay into this? As ARRL is supposed to be doing things for the ham, let them grab ahold of this suggestion and see what they will do about it. How do you feel about it?

Well it's time to go as I tried to contact that communication satellite from the moon and all I get is busy signals...(darn those women on the moon)..... 73's es CUL.....Ghost Writer

(Ed. Note: Real FB in re ARRL sponsored ham gear insurance. GCARC letter to ARRL may be catalyst to initiate this idea.)

Here are my 1971 yearly dues Paul, all \_\_\_\_\_ of it!  
Glad to get the \$ in on time thus saving a buck and making your  
job as Treasurer easier.

73

To:

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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