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CLUB MEETING MARCH 1st AT CLUBROOM - 8:00 P.M.

Note: To all subscribers and readers of X-TALK. Editor, WA2NPD's address is

Please correct this house number. The Post Office will love you. Tnx.

FROM PREZ

I am very pleased that we are having such a fine turn out for our theory classes. Under the leadership of WA2NPD, it is proving to be a very successful club activity.

Although a majority of club members voted in favor of having a club banquet or birthday party, I am sorry to report that a chairman for the committee could not be found, so plans will have to be cancelled for this year.

Field Day is fast approaching, and it looks like we will have the Army Reserve Center in Pedericktown for our FD site--thanks to John White, WA2MEM. Let's all get behind Ron Blakeslee, WA2EOB, our FD Chairman, and give him our best support to make this a successful event. For the past several years, it seems the same people have been bringing their gear and doing the operating. It's time for some new faces to come forward and lend a hand!

Two meters seems to be gaining popularity these days. It's FB for local QSO and even better when using the available repeaters.

de WB2JZX

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BIG WHITE ELEPHANT SALE!!

Yes Gang--here it is again!! It's that time of year when you scour about the old shack digging up those unwanted items which are gathering dust. Brush them off (on the other guy who needs them) via the White Elephant Sale. Pack your valuables up to the clubroom March FIRST, 8:00 P.M.; bring along some cash to pick-up those desired bargains! There is fun guaranteed for all! Rumor has it that once more the ol master of the fast buck, slippery rhetoric, and glib dialogue--none other than fast draw McGraw Paul, WB2WAK (who else?) will once again be on hand to keep you smiling as you part with your cash. So, let's all show up--regardless of the wx. WB2GKH will have the coffee pot on. Nuff said.

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Welcome to Corky and Bill

Voted into the fold at last month's meeting were Corky Thomson, WA2TSD, and William Wheatley (no call yet). Corky now makes it a family affair (Paul and Don beat him to the punch a few months back), and it is good to have TSD back aboard. Will be looking forward to hearing you get that ticket pretty soon, Bill.

AREC NEWS

As arranged via Jack, WA2MEM, the 6 M gang will supply mobile and base communications for Camden County Goodwill Industry's annual drive (Scouts will do leg-work) on March 18. This event has received much preliminary publicity (Jersey Joe Walcott is honorary chairman), and it is a very FB opportunity for the AREC and GCARC to perform a real service while simultaneously picking up some much needed FB publicity for the amateur service. So let's all cooperate and (if possible) participate. See Howard, WA2OVQ, or Harry, WA2SEA.

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FD 1972

Hats off to Ron, WA2OEB, who has agreed to be overall chairman. Thus far, we have the following band chairmen: 2 M - WB2FJE; 6 M - WA2SEA and WA2OLS; 10 M - WA2PVH. Well, FB so far--but we need 15, 20, 40, and 80 M. Also, the novice bands. How about some of you guys volunteering for these other bands? Especially if you have never had the experience and glory which comes to all those who are band chairmen? Some of the older hands will be glad to work with you. So, cm'on guys, let's all get our feet wet in this most enjoyable, fun-filled event. Fortunately, Mrs. WB2JZX (Joan) is our 1972 food chairman, so no problems are foreseen in this critical area.

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4-SALE

6 M self-contained transceiver, HA-750, including mike and Saturn 6 Halo. \$70.00 takes all. Contact WA2VEE,

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WANT TO GET THAT FB CLUB CERTIFICATE?

It has often been said, "I wish there was some way I could work more fellow club members on the air." At one time in the past history of the club this was true, there was no way to work fellow club members, except by a chance meeting on the air. Not so today. Now there are several ways for any club member to work fellow club members, namely:

- (1) The ten meter A.R.E.C. net meets every Friday evening, 9:30 P.M., on 28.800 MHz.
- (2) The six meter A.R.E.C. net meets every Sunday evening, 8:00 P.M., on 50.9 MHz.
- (3) The "Friendship Net" meets the third Sunday of each month at 1300 local time on 7.265 MHz.
- (4) And now we have the new "Novice Net" every Saturday evening at 9:00 P.M., on 21.225 MHz.

So there you are, if you hold any class of license you can work fellow club members on the air. This is the first time since I joined the club in 1961 that we have had so many club oriented nets in operation.

Harry McCormick, WA2SEA

NEW X-TALK POLICY FOR SUBSCRIBERS

The Club Board of Directors announces that all hams wishing to receive X-TALK will be charged \$2.00/year. Of course, this does not apply to GCARC members or those who exchange club papers with X-TALK. This is to cover expense of printing and mailing. Tnx.

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LES BELLES



By Rose Ellen

CREATE PERSONALIZED NOTES

You don't have to be artistic to create charming and truly personalized notepaper for yourself---or as a clever any-occasion gift that will be enjoyed greatly by a female friend or relative of any age.

Buy a box of plain, folded correspondence notes. Select as many two-hole buttons as there are notes in the box; buttons will be easiest to work with if they're at least a half-inch in diameter, and look that much more clever if they're close to the skin color of the person for whom you're making the stationery (white, cream, pink, beige, tan, etc.). Use one pen or pencil of the recipient's eye color, another of her hair color (or use yarn for the hair).

Glue one button to the center of the front page of each folded note and let dry overnight. The button will be the face; its holes, the eyes. When glue is dry, use a sharp pencil or pen to put a dot in the middle of each "eye" for the irises. Draw on the hair with another pencil or pen, or glue on yarn. Make the mouth with a tiny drop of pink or red nail polish or paint that will adhere to the button; apply with the flat end of a toothpick to ensure that it's not too large. Use a pen to finish your caricature, drawing a slim neck and ample shoulder line.

Cut out a hat (of felt, velvet, silk, or whatever scrap material you have) any shape you like. Paste the hat on the "head" at waring angle. Using nail polish or paint, inscribe the hat with a large monogram--the first or last initial of the person for whom you're making the stationery.

Make each sheet of notepaper the same, or vary them. Either way, you'll create a highly original, truly personalized gift at very little cost.

Used ice serves a purpose--don't throw away leftover ice cubes-- use them to water hanging plants, indoors or out. Because they'll melt slowly, there's no danger of spillage or dripping. And, they make the job easier and safer since you don't have to climb on a stool or chair to see what you're doing.

73 - WA2FGS

(Ed. Note: How about ice cubes that have soaked in CC for 'awhile? Do we get "stoned" plants?, Hi)

INTERVIEW WITH A HAM

by Harry McCormick, WA2SEA

At the club meeting in February, I managed to corner Tom Watts, WN2AXI, for a few minutes to get the info necessary for this article.

Tom was born on November 8, 1953, when his family was residing in Glassboro. About ten years ago they moved to their present home at 622 Highland Terrace in Pitman.

Tom is in his senior year at Pitman High School. After he graduates this year, he is going to go to Ohio Tech and take a course in Engineering Technology.

Tom attended our club sponsored code classes and upon completion of the classes got his Novice ticket in August of 1971.

At present Tom works 40 meters with a DX-40 and HQ-180, running the DX-40 into a dipole antenna.

Besides going to High School, Tom works at MacDonalds in Glassboro. So after about midnight he gets a chance to pound out some C.W. on 40 meters for an hour or so.

Tom will head the new "Novice Net" that is to start soon. In fact, it will probably be in operation on 21.225 MHz. by the time you read this article in Crosstalk. At present, the net is supposed to be in operation on Saturday evenings starting at 9:00 P.M. local time.

Tom is also quite an artist and won first prize in a poster contest run by the Art Department at Pitman High School.

He is studying for the General ticket and at present is doing about 10 w.p.m. with the old C.W.

I'm sure we all (club members) wish him much success in his schooling, art, and his hobby of ham radio and hope the "Novice Net" is a huge success.

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LITTLE KNOWN FACTS

The speed of light has long been expressed as 186,000 miles/sec. or 300,000,000 meters per second. These relationships are often confusing to the person trying to calculate antenna length or wave length. So, after diligent research and precise mathematical calculations, a new figure for the speed of light has been derived and is expressed as:

Speed of Light = $1,798.848 \times 10^8$ Furlongs per Fortnight.

It can be seen that this figure should greatly simplify your problems involving the speed of light.

"JZX's Little Known Facts" - Vol. 1

(Ed. Note: Trust we won't have to suffer through Vol. 2)

CONTEST CORNER

ARRL DX CONTEST

Phone Feb. 5 - 6 CW Feb. 19 - 20
March 4 - 5 March 18 - 19

The Big One! Everybodys chance to work lots of new countries and have a ball. Club awards a certificate to anyone with 50 or more contacts. The W2SUA trophy is awarded to the station with the highest combined phone/cw score. C'mon out and help the club run up a good score.

Logs for both contests will be available at the February and March meetings or from W2FBF.

FIELD DAY SCORING

I keep hearing about the fantastic scores the club used to run up in the Field Days of yore. Firmly believing that the "Good ole Days" were largely a myth, I researched the club scores which I could locate, and they are listed below. Let us hear no more of these "those were the days" stories.

1959	-	K2SOL/2	-	538	QSO	-	4	Stations
1960	-	Not available						
1961	-	WA2NGI/2	-	918	QSO	-	7	Xmtr.
1962	-	Not Listed						
1963	-	WA2NGI/2	-	888	QSO	-	4	Xmtr.
1964	-	"		494	QSO	-	3	Xmtr.
1965	-	"		546	QSO	-	3	Xmtr.
1966	-	Not Listed						
1967	-	WA2NGI/2	-	721	QSO	-	4	Xmtr.
1968	-	W2MMD/2	-	789	QSO	-	4	Xmtr.
1969	-	W2MMD/2	-	1097	QSO	-	4	Xmtr.
1970	-	"		1363	QSO	-	5	Xmtr.
1971	-	"		1265	QSO	-	5	Xmtr.

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W2FBF

Enclosed are my 1972 dues, all \$ _____ of it Paul!!

Glad to beat the April deadline, thus saving a buck.

TO: Paul, WB2WAK, Treas.

73's

(Call)

RAMBLINGS OF A GHOST WRITER

Count your garden by the flowers
Never by the leaves that fall.
Count your day by golden hours,
Don't remember clouds at all.

Count your nights by stars, not shadows,
Count your life by smiles, not tears
And, with joy on every birthday,
Count your age by friends--not years.

Recently, I have received several QSL cards from wheelchair operators who wrote on the back of their cards, "Please QSL as I have had a poor return on cards." It's a sad case when we as individuals who are healthy and strong can't take the time to return a QSL for one that is sent to us. Usually we are unaware of the person to whom we are talking (unless they make their condition known to us) and everyone is assumed to be hale and hearty. So, in order to be on the safe side, the best thing to do is answer all QSLs. Evidently these cards go a long way towards bringing sunshine to the less fortunates. Don't forget to do your part.

How many of our club members have ever attended a national ham convention? If you have never attended one, you don't know what you have missed. After arrival, your first hour is taken up with your registration, then you start your tour to see whether or not you know any of the persons who are milling about. If you don't happen to recognize anyone, you then start looking at their identification cards. Sooner or later you will see the call letters of someone you have worked (and believe me, they don't look the way you pictured them). As you continue along your way, you soon arrive at the various exhibitor booths displaying new ham gear and electronic material. Naturally you inquire as to their merits, etc. By this time you should be getting hungry, so you look up the dining room and partake of the delicious morsels of food. The various meetings are presided over by the best speakers in their field who always make the subject interesting and inspiring. No meeting of this type would be complete without the representation from ARRL. These men bring you the latest information from headquarters and will try to answer any questions that you may ask.

After you have spent three days making the rounds, usually the convention ends with a very nice banquet and dance with live entertainment. I am quite sure that if the hams who have never attended one of these conventions would do so, they would have memories that would be cherished for a long time. So start saving those pennies, do some extra work, and start preparing for the next one. You will note in QST the convention dates and schedules.

It won't be long now until vacation time will be coming around. So how about going over those mobile rigs and give them the long needed peaking-up? Many of us will wait until the day before we start our vacation to do this needed work on the mobile rig and the car antenna.

Now is the season for back-scatter phenomenon. Don't be surprised to hear some near call areas calling contrary to the usual behavior of frequencies you are working.

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SCUTTLEBUTT

1. WA2NPD had such a potent signal during the DX Contest that it caused his stereo extension speaker to vibrate violently and walk itself off the mantle, the speaker cord taking along the xyl's prized figurines. Needless to say, NPD's score suffered that day. (Another candidate for the "Boob of the Year" award.)
2. Two meter activity is picking up with WB2FJE and WB2JZX sporting new "Gladding 25"s in their mobiles.
3. Understand that WA2LWC has all parts to repair his Heath Xmtr. except the wiring harness. (Use the old one, Jeff).
4. W2CDZ and WA2FGS have some FB plans for a 2 meter CD repeater in Pennsville in the near future. This should insure plenty of activity in Salem County.
5. Hope our President (turned author) can keep his hat on after having been quoted at length in a recent issue of Kansas City's HARC. (You're in the wrong business, John). Real FB publicity.
6. W2-FOX-BAKER-FOX spoke with 2 kw PEP authority in the DX Contest.
7. WB2FJE reports QSO on 146.940 mc, mobile to mobile, with ONE watt - from Pitman to Mantua.
8. I wonder if WB2WAK will catch his FIRST stripped bass this year? How about that cold, rainy, windy trip with 'JZX last year, Paul?
9. Jim Mauro, WA2DNL, is sporting a new SB-102 with homebrew P/S. How's DX, Jim?
10. WA2VEE is now the proud owner of an SB-200! Join the purple people eater crowd, Bill. Too bad 2000 watts PEP can't move poles. Also, Bill and family visited with K3JM at Van's new QTH recently. Van has a 55' tower with 80 M inverted "V". (Guess what frequency?).
11. Scuttlebutt has it that W2PLD has grabbed an early lead in the DX Contest. Keep going, Wally!
12. Good to hear WB2OER on 10 M the other night. Stay in there, Jim.
13. Don't forget gang--to brighten up the old meeting room, some bulletin boards (courtesy of WB2PVI) were installed to, among other things, display every members QSL card!! Is your card displayed? You have 2 months to get it up, send it in, etc., or receive the horrible fate of having your call printed on the X-TALK "Cheapskate" page. Word to wise is--etc., etc., etc.
14. Understand that, joining WB2PVI, W2LVW, and WB2BPX, in the life of leisure department, is Fred, WB2GEK. No wonder you guys look so peppy on club meeting nights (hope the xyls don't read this).
15. Good to hear WA2TDI back on the air. Hope you stick around the area for awhile now, Ernie.
16. Jack, WB2WKV, recovering from second' eye operation and doing nicely. From the sounds booming forth from the new quad, looks like plenty of DX QSL's will be forthcoming during the recovery period.
17. Do you know there are 16 hams in our club living in Pitman! (plus a few others not in our club). Understand the real estate people are having a tough time trying to sell in TVI village.

73's

de WB2JZX & WA2NPD