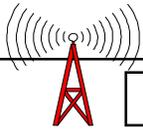


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1999 Officers

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| President | Art Strong | KA2DOT |
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| Corres. Sec. | John Fisher | K2JF |

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| Gene Schoeberlein | AA2YO |

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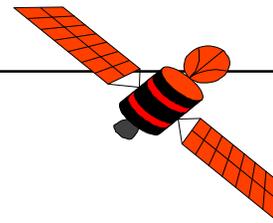
GCARC Meetings

General Membership:

7 p.m., 1st Tuesday every month,
Gloucester County Library, 389 Wolfert Station
Rd., Mullica Hill, NJ.

Board of Directors:

8 p.m., 3rd Wednesday every month,
GCARC site, Harrison Twp. 4-H Grounds
(approximately one mile south of Mullica Hill
on Rt. 77).



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| Advertising | John | N2AWD |
| ARES/RACES | Chic | WA2USI |
| Awards | Jack | K2ZA |
| Banquet | Bob | KR2U |
| Budget * | Bob | KR2U |
| Callbook Info. | John | K2JF |
| Clubhouse Site * | Al | KB2AYU |
| Constitution * | | |
| Crosstalk | Art | KA2DOT |
| Data Processing | Art | KA2DOT |
| DX | John | K2JF |
| Field Day * | Tony | KG2MY |
| Hamfest * | Jim | KC2AOF |
| Hospitality * | Ray | WB2NBJ |
| Membership * | Jim | KC2AOF |
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| Publicity * | John | N2AWD |
| Repeaters * | Chuck | WA2TML |
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| Special Services | Open | |
| Sunshine | Miriam | KB2EUA |
| Technical | Jack | K7LIF |
| Training & Testing | Chic | WA2USI |
| TVI | John | K2JF |
| 4-H Parking | Bob | KR2U |

(* Standing Committee)

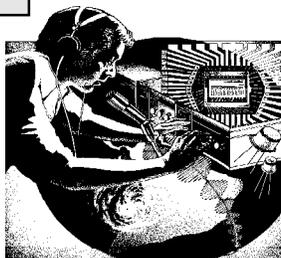
NETS

ARES/RACES - Sundays, 2200 Hrs
(147.780/180 & 223.06/224.66 Repeaters)

10 Meter - Sundays following the
ARES/RACES net (28.350 Mhz)

Club Repeaters and Webpage

147.780/180 Mhz 223.06/224.66 Mhz
447.100/442.100 Mhz (CTCSS 131.8)
Web: <http://users.snip.net/~gradywhite>
E-Mail: gradywhite@snip.net



GCARC CROSSTALK

MARCH 1999

President's Message

I certainly hope everyone has been able to stay healthy so far this year. The past several weeks have been very sick for both Donna and myself and we are still getting over our illnesses.

Due to illness, I rescheduled the Board of Directors meeting therefore I cannot welcome any new members into the club as I don't know who they may be. So I will make sure that I do so at the next General meeting. I also don't have a real progress report on the Hamfest but I understand all is well and we will be determining the prizes at the Director's meeting.

Over the years we have had the position of "Club Historian" filled by many different people but it has been vacant for quite some time. It would be an excellent position to be filled by someone who likes history, particularly the club's history. It would also make for some interesting reading each month in Crosstalk. If anyone is interested in filling such a position please let me know.

Being I have been out of touch with things lately, I don't know how our "Open House" went this past Friday night. I know the Crosstalk Editor failed to put it in Crosstalk for this month so it wasn't publicized. This month, and each month thereafter, it will be at least on the calendar.

That wraps it up for this month and I hope to see you at the meeting.

73's ART - KA2DOT

QST de W1AW
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT February 8, 1999

King Hussein, JY1, SK

Radio amateurs around the world joined in mourning the death over the weekend of Jordan's King Hussein, JY1. Hussein, 63, died Sunday morning. The Middle East's longest-reigning ruler, he'd been Jordan's king for

47 years, taking the throne when he was just a teenager. His son, Abdullah, 37, succeeds him.

Hussein was a life member of the ARRL. ARRL Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ, called him "an enthusiastic radio amateur whose support was invaluable to us in obtaining new amateur bands at the 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference." Sumner recalled that in May 1979, International Amateur Radio Union President Noel Eaton, VE3CJ, was invited to Amman to meet with King Hussein.

"Jordan's support of the Amateur Service was much in evidence at the conference that fall, and was a crucial element in our success," Sumner said. The WARC-79 resulted in Amateur Radio's gaining the 30, 17, and 12-meter bands. That same year, JY1 was featured in the film, "The World of Amateur Radio." Hussein regarded his 1983 contact with Owen Garriott, W5LFL, on board the Space Shuttle Columbia, as a high point in his Amateur Radio activity.

King Hussein also participated in the historic 1995 joint Israel-Jordan JY74X operation on Mt Nebo, where hams from both countries participated in a Field Day-like operation. The King put in appearances both on the air and in person, much to the delight of the participants and those waiting to work him and JY74X.

He will be missed by all.

DXCC NEWS RELEASE

New DXCC Entity Added

The International Telecommunication Union, in its Operational Bulletin No. 685 of February 1, 1999, has allocated the callsign prefix E4 for use by Palestine. This is in accordance with the Resolution PLEN/3 of the Plenipotentiary Conference of the ITU held in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1998.

Palestine will be added to the DXCC List effective

October 1, 1999. Contacts made with E4 stations after February 1, 1999, will count for this new entity.

Severe WX Special Event Station WX2PHI

There will be a Special Event Station operating from the NWSFO, Mt.Holly, NJ, on March 21 from 10am to 3pm, to promote the beginning of Severe Weather Awareness Week in PA.

<http://wx2phi.skywarn.net/wx2phi.special.html>

We will be operating on one 2m <146.55> and one 440 <446.00> simplex frequency, as well as two frequencies on HF. <7.273 & 14.273>.

Certificates will be issued via SASE. ...

NWSFO ~ WX Special Event Station

ATT: Joe Miketta

732 Woodlane Road

Mt. Holly, NJ 08060

Bouvet Island - 3Y

Bouvet Island is one of the most wanted countries on the DXCC list and not very accessible due to several reasons. The Norwegian Polar Institute has just issued a discussion document concerning a proposed new legislation on the island making it more difficult or maybe impossible to mount future dxpeditions. Now is the time to react!

The LA-DX-GROUP and the Norwegian Radio League(NRRL) have been invited to voice their opinion. We need as many responses as possible before February 15. Please help us with all positive arguments for allowing amateur radio activity on the island in the future.

1. The purpose of the proposed new law is to protect the wildlife(seals and seabirds) in the "Nyroeysa" area on the northwest coast of the island. The area is about 1500 m long and up to 300 m wide. The size of the whole island is 50 square km of which 90% is covered by ice.

2. During the period November 1 to March 15 each year it will not be possible to use the "Nyroeysa" area for any ham related activities. In addition there are

severe restrictions on the use of helicopters for the period March 15 to May 1. "Nyroeysa" is the only possible location of a dxpedition and the November to March period is the time frame suitable for dxpeditions.

E44DX meets with Yasser Arafat

In their first 48 hours of operation, the E44DX Palestine DXpedition team has logged more than 10,000 QSOs, much to the delight of DXers around the world. The absolute highlight for the team, however, has been their meeting with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Expressing his support for ham radio, Mr. Arafat sent his regards to the worldwide amateur community.

E44DX is keeping two stations on the air with Yaesu FT-1000MP radios, FinnFet amplifiers and several dipole and vertical antennas. Power has been limited to 400 W or less, due to interference with the hotel's telephone system.

Beginning at 0000Z Friday, 19 February, the team will concentrate on 7 Mhz CW all night. Additionally, E44DX will be active on 21 MHz CW all day Friday, with particular regional concentration as follows:

06-1000Z - Japan

10-1300Z - Europe

13-1600Z - U.S.A. (especially W6/W7 as possible)

The E44DX call sign has been assigned to the newly formed amateur radio society in Palestine--the Palestinian Amateur Wireless Society. Arrangements are being made to leave behind equipment for the new society's club station, assuring continued amateur radio activity from Palestine.

Amateur Radio Emergency Service Field Manual

Published by the American Radio Relay League
Newington, CT \$5.00

The ARES Field Manual won't be found on the New York Times Bestseller list, but should find its way into your ARES "ready kit". Don't know what goes in a ready kit? Pages 8 through 10 talk all about it.

Not being a book in the conventional sense, the Field Manual is more a spiral bound collection of forms, checklists, and reference information. How fast are the average winds in a Category 3 hurricane? 111 to 130 MPH according to the Saffir/Simpson Hurricane Scale on page 59. While some of the checklists may seem to be common sense items, common sense isn't very common in the excitement of an ARES call up. Have you ever forgotten that PL259 to BNC adapter to connect your handheld to a fixed base antenna? I know I have (thanks Dad, for having one in your kit)!

The included forms are very handy. I never thought to keep an incident log to recall what I did at a later date, but there are about 20 of them bound in the manual. There are sheets for keeping emergency names and contact phone numbers handy, and a form to record repeater frequencies and CTCSS tones. Murphy may have you reprogramming your handheld with a flashlight by the side of the road, at least you won't have to try to remember the PL tone for the repeater.

The plastic laminate covers, very heavy paper pages, and wire spiral binding mean this book should go outside, and not sit on the shelf at home. At a reasonable price of five bucks, you can afford to wear one out every few years. One suggestion I have is stapling the quick reference cards for your HT and mobile rig inside the back cover so they are always at hand.

73 de John AA2BN

DUES ARE DUE FOR 1999

Full member - \$15 Family member - \$7.50
 Junior member - \$7.50 Associate member - \$10.00

They may be mailed to :

GCARC
 PO Box 370
 Pitman, NJ 08071

or paid to the Treasurer Lou, W2LYL, at the General membership meeting

Dentron W-2KW wattmeter (in-line antenna tuner monitor), with SWR conversion chart. \$10.00
 Heath Sixer with manual and original mike. Perfect working condition. Collectors item. First \$15.00 takes it.

Doug - WA2NPD (late evenings & weekends)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH FROM ALL THE MEMBERS OF G.C.A.R.C.

| CALL | FIRST | LAST | DAY |
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| W8HCL | MARK | TOWNSEND | 1 |
| N2DJZ | JAMES | De FORREST | 3 |
| N2IMH | JAMES | CASTO | 5 |
| KB3BWK | SAMUEL | ZEOLA | 5 |
| W2YC | DAVID | STROUT SR | 7 |
| AA2BN | JOHN | ZARUBA JR | 13 |
| WA2NPD | DOUGLAS | GEHRING | 13 |
| WN2T | GREGORY | POTTER | 13 |
| KB2BF | PAUL | MUNZENMAYER | 22 |
| KB2ETT | JOHN | CRONIN | 25 |
| N2HYS | JANICE | GORMAN | 27 |
| N2WUP | STUART | CLEVELAND | 27 |

From the Database

There are changes afoot in the world of the club database. John, AA2BN is feverishly trying to get a working mailing list put together for me through the world of Windows. He has volunteered to take over the club database and the change will become official as soon as we get a working mailing list together.

73's ART - KA2DOT

Deadline for Crosstalk

March 26, 1999 is the deadline for Crosstalk. Any articles may be sent to ka2dot@ix.netcom.com,
 or to Apt. 11-E 801 W. Park Ave.
 Lindenwold, NJ 08021

For Sale:

KW matchbox - Drake MN2700 with SWR/PWR meter and booklet. Mint condition. First \$30 takes it.

MARCH 1999

GLOUCESTER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---|--------------------------------|----------|--|--|
| | 1 | 2 General Membership Meeting 1900 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 ARRL Int'l DX Contest "Phone" Starts at 0000Z |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Board Meeting 2000 | 18 | 19 Open house at club site 7:30 PM | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Deadline For Crosstalk | 27 CQ WW WPX Contest Starts 0000Z |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |
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