



Presidents Message

Coming up very soon is Field Day, June 26 and June 27. So time is getting short. At the April meeting, Rob, KC2KGM, volunteered to be Field Day Chairman and he has done quite a bit already. I am sure all members will give him their cooperation, as it is his first attempt at this job. There are still a few slots open for band chairpersons. More details will be in this issue of crosstalk.

2004 DUES

GCARC dues for the year 2004 are due. The annual dues are \$20.00. Please send your checks directly to the treasurer, Bob Krchnavek, (K2DAD) at 50 Eastwick Dr., Gibbsboro, NJ 08026.

The Hamfest is coming up and as usual Harry, AA2WN, has been on top of things. The application for ARRL sanction of the Hamfest has been sent and approved. If my luck holds and time permits, I will have some flyers ready for the May Club meeting. One good thing is that we will not have to print the kind of tickets that we used to since there will not be an off premises raffle. There will however be drawings for door prizes. Putting serial numbers on tickets is expensive and no longer needed.

The meeting for June 2 will be held at the senior center across the parking lot from where we usually meet. Most of you will remember we met there once last year.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Best 73 & 88 to all,
Ray, WB2NBJ

Dues Payment Overdue

A substantial number of last year's members have not paid their dues for 2004. We realize that you are busy people and this is probably something that has just slipped your mind but the Club counts on your support and we want to continue to have you as members. So if you haven't paid your dues for 2004, please send a check to our treasurer, Bob Krchnavek, at 50 Eastwick Drive, Gibbsboro, NJ 08026.

DX Dope

By Doug Gehring, WA2NPD

I had a preview of this month's program at last month's FRC Meeting. Dave, W2YC, gave a first rate talk on the Log Book of the World, and will give the same talk at our meeting. This program generated a few thoughts in regards to the recently created ARRL Challenge DX Award, whose pursuit thereof is greatly benefited by participation in LOTW. The Challenge Award was conceived as a new Millennium award program designed for the DXer who has just about all the other available awards and is really looking for a challenge! The plaque is available to the DXer submitting one thousand proof of QSO's with 1000 individual band countries. Hence, if one works, say, Alaska on all of the amateur bands included in the program (i.e. 160 through and including 6 meters), regardless of the mode, then one has earned a total of ten (10) band credits towards the required 1000. The Award is then endorsed in 500 band country increments up to 3000. Believe it or not, there are some guys already pushing the 3000 number. With 334 current DXCC countries, it is possible (however singularly unlikely) to reach 3340. Believe it, or not, we do have a few stalwarts in our Club who are pursuing this "gets into your blood" ladder. In fact, Dave, W2YC, is now over 2500 and is listed at about number 75 in the world. Also, Bill Grim, W0MHK, who recently joined GCARC, is over the 2300 mark. Yours truly, who has been chugging away for some 2 years now, is approaching the 1500 mark. Also, Ken, N2CQ, has qualified for this Award. Anybody else? Someone said you have to be a little goofy (and wealthy) to go after this award. Well, what the heck, you only live once. Also, don't forget next month we publish our annual GCARC DX accomplishment listing. I will be in touch with those who were on the list last year, etc. to see what advancement has been made during the past year. Hopefully, we will have a newcomer, or two. Remember, you must have DXCC to qualify.

Well, not much activity coming up so far this month. A number of big DXpeditions are now history (3B9C, T33C, 7Q7MM, TJ3G, XF4IH, 5V7C, etc), certainly hope many of you worked these. These larger DXpeditions are a Challenge Award pursuer's dream. One can work many bands which are included on one QSL card thus saving much postage, etc. Note, as of this writing (4/26/04) still no word of the pending YV0 operation.

| STATION | DATES | FREQ/MODE | RARITY* | COUNTRY |
|------------|-------------|-------------------|---------|---------------|
| 8Q7WP | 5/4 - 5/9 | 80 - 10; All | 3 | Maldives |
| B00D | 5/8 - 5/14 | Not Known | 4 | AS-113, China |
| GJ3DVC | 5/8- 5/9 | 160 - 10; CW, SSB | 3 | Jersey Is. |
| JAXxxx/JD1 | 5/2- 5/5 | 40 - 10; CW, SSB | 3 | Ogasawara |
| LX/ONxxx | /15-5/17 | 160 - 6; All | 3 | Luxembourg |
| K7ZO/KL7 | 5/16 - 5/20 | 20; SSB | 2 | Adak Is., AK |
| 7Q7MM (1) | 4/18 - 5/2 | All; All | 3 | Malawi |
| A61AJ (1) | 5/29 - 5/30 | All; All | 3 | Arab Emirat. |
| E125xx (2) | 5/1 - 5/2 | All; All | 2 | Ireland |
| VP5/DL1DA | 4/25 - 5.9 | 40 - 10; SSB, CW | 2 | Turks & Caic. |

* No. 5 is rarest

(1) Dxpediton

(2) Special Event

Tnx to Weekly DX, 425 DX News, K2JF, W2YC, AA2WN, WA2LET

WA2TSZ, SK

Club member Preston Weil, WA2TSZ, of Pitman, NJ passed away on March 8th. The Club extends its condolences to Preston's family.

Club Member Profiles

This month Crosstalk profiles Herb Schuler, K2HPV another long time member of the GCARC:

Herb hasn't gotten very far in life. He was born at Underwood Hospital in February 1926, having been delivered by Dr Harris Underwood. He now lives in Clarksboro, a mere 3 miles from the hospital of his origination.

His parents lived in Carney's Point at the time of his birth. When he was 9 they all moved to Pedricktown and the migration had begun. Not being the best student at Penns Grove Regional High School, he asked his Dad and Mom to send him to Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, Tennessee where he completed his junior and senior high school years in May 1943.

1943, that magic year, found Herb enlisting in the US Navy in December to further his travels. He served aboard the USS Quincy (CA-71), a heavy cruiser, and months later found himself sitting in Tokyo Bay on the day the Peace was signed with Japan.

He returned to Pedricktown in April 1946 to continue his pre-war employment with the duPont Company in Deepwater as an electrician apprentice. A year later he was lured to New Jersey Bell employment by a friend. He began that career as a telephone Installer-Repairman. He retired from that employment as a Business Office Manager in January 1982 and New Jersey Bell has been paying him to stay home ever since. Can't beat that, can you?

He got interested in ham radio while living in Penns Grove in 1953. A number of friends in that area were instrumental in generating that interest. He went before the FCC examiner in April 1954 and obtained his Novice license. In March 1958 he tested for and obtained a Radio Telephone Third Class Operator Permit. He got his Technician license in 1955 and his General Class license in January 1956.

Employment transfers to several locations in New Jersey kept Herb off the air for about 8 years. In 1967 he and his wife, Claudie, moved to Woodbury. In 1977 he got his Advanced license and in 1981, while recuperating from heart bypass surgery, studied for and passed the Extra Class license. Herb and Claudie moved to Clarksboro in October 1998 and it would appear not too many more moves are in their future.

At age 78 Herb is still interested in ham radio. But you probably won't work him unless you look around the CW bands and can hear his QRP signal. He collects DX qso's and also counties in addition to rag-chewing. He has accumulated 222 DXCC CW countries and 167 DXCC QRP CW countries. He has worked 2422 different US counties using QRP CW. These are mediocre records reflecting the fact that he does not live on the radio working stations. As with most, he is also busy with his computer which seems to be taking more and more of his time.

Herb joined GCARC in 1974 and served the Club as President in 1977. He has been using a GAP TITAN vertical antenna for the last 15 years or so and is still using his ICOM 735 he bought 17 years ago. He also has a TEN TEC Argonaut 509 transceiver and has built innumerable QRP rigs and accessories. Ham radio lives on in Clarksboro!

Upcoming Events

The Annual Millville Airshow will take place on May 1 and 2, 2004. This year's show will feature a ham radio display station, wide web communications, and a short range broadcast within the confines of the airport. The air show's hours for both days are 9am to 5pm. The event call sign is N2M.

The East Coast Hamfest by the Sea will be June 20th in North Wildwood, NJ at 2nd and New Jersey Aves. Talk-in frequencies are 147.120+ PL 203.5. For more info you can e-mail tonycipoll@yahoo.com.

Field Day

Shown below is the latest information from Robert Slippey, KC2KGM, on the bands and band chairmen for Field Day. Robert says he still needs a few band chairmen. If you are interested in being a band chairman for one of the other bands or modes let Robert know. If you wish to operate on one of the modes and bands below contact the band chairman. Robert's e-mail address is rwslippey@comcast.net.

| BAND | MODE | CHAIRMAN |
|--------|-------|----------------------|
| 80m/6m | cw | Darrel, AB2E |
| 40m | cw | Harry, AA2WN |
| 40m | ssb | Wayne, WA2LET |
| 20m | cw | Chris, WK2W |
| 20m | ssb | Bob Krchnavek, K2DAD |
| 6m | ssb | John Fisher, K2JF |
| 2m/440 | phone | Robert, KC2LGW |

FCC Fines NJ Restaurant for Long-Range Telephone Use

A New Jersey restaurant is facing a \$10,000 fine from the FCC for operating transmitting equipment on 2 meters without a license. The case involves Best Wok in Westville, which apparently had been using a so-called "long-range cordless telephone" to communicate with its delivery vehicle. The FCC says the telephone in question operated within the 2-meter satellite subband at 145.8376 MHz. Acting on a tip, the FCC conducted an investigation that resulted in the February 26 issuance of a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture (NAL) to Best Wok. While the case dates back to 2001, the FCC asserted in its NAL that the restaurant had violated the Communications Act as recently as early last year. "On February 28, 2003, Best Wok operated radio transmitting equipment on the Two-Meter Amateur Radio Service frequency 145.8376 MHz," the FCC said. "Neither Best Wok nor any of its employees held a license to operate a station in the Amateur Radio Service Band."

After issuing a couple of warning notices, an FCC agent from the Commission's Philadelphia office visited Westville in February 2003 "to determine if Best Wok was operating radio transmitting equipment" on 2 meters. Using direction-finding techniques, the agent pinned down the source of the transmissions to Best Wok.

According to the FCC, the agent visited the establishment and inspected the radio transmitting equipment in the presence of restaurant manager Sae C. Hauwo. "The agent found that Best Wok was operating a long-distance cordless telephone system," the FCC said.

Hauwo said that after the restaurant got the second written warning, it stopped using the long-range telephone and purchased a set of Multi-Use Radio Service (MURS) radios that operated on 154.600 MHz. But the MURS units failed to provide sufficient coverage, the FCC says Hauwo told the agent, so Best Wok resumed using the long-distance cordless telephone system.

In its NAL, the FCC said that based on the evidence it had, it determined that Best Wok "willfully violated" Section 301 of the Communications Act. Applying its forfeiture policies and the statutory factors, the FCC said the \$10,000 fine was warranted. Best Wok was given 30 days to pay the fine or to seek a reduction or cancellation.

Thanks to the American Radio Relay League and the [ARRL Letter](#).

Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the following Club members:

Walton Ashton, WB2OYQ 5/22
Insu Chon, AB2IT 5/31
Edith Flanigan, KC2BON 5/30
Carmen Inverso, WA2TRS 5/25
Darrell Neron, AB2E 5/5



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All submissions, queries, comments, editorials, etc. should be directed to:

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The W2MMD Repeaters

147.78/18 Mhz- Pitman
(CTCSS 131.8Hz)

223.06/224.66 Mhz-Sewell

447.1/442.1 Mhz - Pitman
(CTCSS 131.8Hz)

GCARC Meetings

General Membership

8 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)

May Meeting Program

Log Book of the World
Socializing

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club
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