



Presidents Message

Now that the cold, rainy, and windy month of April is over, it looks like we may be finally seeing some consistently nicer weather for outdoor activities. It also means it's time for yard work, sigh. It's time to mow the weeds.

Out at the Club site, the grass already needs mowing. I have to call Mr. Pennell and see if he is going to mow for us again this year. I hope he doesn't have a pile of bills from last year that he forgot to give us. He may raise his price because of the high cost of fuel.

Thanks to Bret, KC2YJE, for contacting a mobile home repairman from Williamstown and having him give us a free estimate on repairs to the Club Trailer. We have another repairman that Vinnie, N4NYY, contacted, from whom we hope to get a second estimate. Once we have 2 estimates, we can bring some numbers to the Club for discussion.

There is still some cabling and setup work needed at the Club trailer to get all of the operating positions squared away. I will need some help with this so if you can spare a few hours on a Saturday or Sunday let me know via e-mail.

Long time Club member Larry Mommicco, AD2L, is moving out of the area. We are sorry to see him go, but wish him well at his new location in Central, PA.

Congratulations to long time Club member John Zaruba Jr., K2ZA, for taking the position of SEC (section emergency coordinator) for SNJ (southern New Jersey). I'm sure John will do a great job

I know that things get pretty busy for everybody once summer gets here, but please try to make it to as many Club meetings as possible. Don't forget about Field Day, it's only 2 months away. This year, our FD Chairman, Vinnie, N4NYY, would like to find someone to be his assistant whom he can groom to take over the Chairmanship next year.

On a final note, rest assured that fixing the W2MMD repeater interference issue is a top priority. Remember, this is Ham Radio and we are relying on volunteers for use of their time and equipment. I hope to have something to report at the upcoming meeting.

73, Al, KB2AYU

Down Jersey DXing

By Bill Grim, W0MHK

Our South Jersey spring this year is not ranking high on the satisfaction scale compared to previous years...except for radio conditions! Spring here has seen the higher bands much revived from the doldrums of the last few years. Even 10 meters was opening for some long-haul contacts recently with solar flux flirting with the 150s. Seasonal propagation changes have also enhanced our improved HF conditions. "Get'em while they're hot!" is the best DX philosophy to use under present circumstances until the more mundane summer conditions cut off some of our successes on the higher HF bands.

The biggest noticeable difference here this spring was the "over the pole" activity into the Far East and Southern Asia. Fifteen meters showed some of its old capability with nice openings to these distant parts of the globe, with 17 Meters also showing its strength in that direction. Besides "old reliable" 20 Meters performing well leading up to summer, I believe 17 Meters will also produce some solid DX results in the next few months.

As of this writing, 6 Meter Sporadic-E propagation has not really shown itself yet to SNJ. There have been some very encouraging DX reports about 6 Meter DX qsos between stations in other parts of the world blessed with better and earlier 6 Meter activity than to what we are accustomed. Europe, Asia, and the South Pacific have had some great DX openings already this season. Hopefully this will translate into some healthy action for us locally. As usual, only Mother Nature and your alertness to cluster spots and scanning the band will result in any Down Jersey successes on the Magic Band the next weeks of warmer weather.

One of our own, AB2E, Darrell, former President of our illustrious organization, will be returning to operate a V26E on the island of Antigua in the blissful Caribbean! He plans to visit the island and be operating from May 24 to May 30. He will emphasize CW and be a participant in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest on May 28-29. He is known to take up the mic on SSB from time to time and will entertain requests for skeds. Contact him at ab2e@comcast.net if you need him on a band or mode on 10-160M (Top Band with QRN permitting). QSL via AB2E with SASE or find your qso with him via LOTW.

Not a great deal of DXpeditionary activity posted for May. It's a bit surprising given the better weather in the Northern Hemisphere and certainly better radio conditions, but here are the DX "picks of the litter":

CALL	DATES	HIGHLIGHTS	RARITY	ENTITY
AH0	5/1-5/5	MAINLY RTTY AND PSK	3	MARIANNAS
T6PSE	5/1-5/31	SERIOUS EFFORT/7 OPS	4	AFGHANISTAN
JD1BMH	5/4-5/13	HF	3	OGASAWARA
8P9XB	5/8-5/21	80-6M/WITH 6M BEACON	1	BARBADOS
FJ	5/14-5/22	40-6M, RTTY AND SSB	1	ST. BARTS
T2XG	5/17-5/24	40-10M, CW/SSB,RTTY	3	TUVALU
JW8HGA	5/19-5/23	HF, MAINLY CW	2	SVALBARD
V26E	5/24-5/30	*SEE TEXT	1	ANTIGUA
5R8KS	5/31 -6/6	HF, IOTA AF-057	3	MADAGASCAR

SOURCES; NG3K ADXO, AB2E

May Club Meeting Program

At the May General Membership Meeting Vinnie Sallustio, N4NYY, will present a program on his restoration of a 1948 RCA Victor 8X681 AM Broadcast Band and SW radio. He will have pictures of the project from start to finish. If we beg him, he may turn out the lights and let us bask in the glow of the filaments from the radio.

Field Day 2011

By Vinnie Sallustio, N4NYY

We are less than two months away from Field Day. If you are interesting in participating, please contact the band chairmen for the band you want to work.

In addition, I am looking for the following:

1. Assistant Field Day Chairman, who will be interested in taking over for 2012
2. Assistant Generator chairman to assist Ray Schnapp. Ray is 81, and at some point we would like someone to take over the duties. For this job, you would need to have experience with operation and repair of internal combustion engines. This is a 1954 - 4 cylinder generator.
3. Ice Filters - Whoever has the Ice Filters, we need them tuned for each of the SSB or CW stations, that they will be connected to.

Also, to all band chairmen, please note that NO PAPER LOGS will be accepted this year. Please use your computer to log.

Band Chairman:

6M SSB - Al Arrison
10M SSB - John Zaruba
15M SSB - Art Strong, Larry Mommicco
15M CW and 80M CW - Dave Strout, Bill Grim
20M SSB - Tom Gorman
20M CW - Chris Heller
40M SSB - Wayne Wilson
40M CW - Doug Gehring and Harry Bryant
80M SSB Stu Cleveland
Antenna Erecting Chairman - Bill Price

On the Website

By Art Strong,

From April, 1959, to this issue, there have been 604 issues of Crosstalk drafted, typed, edited, printed, and mailed or e-mailed. I know, I have read every one of them and have scanned most of them over the past 7 months. The majority came from the drawers in the club trailer, all of the 1990's came from Chuck, WA2TML, and the e-mailed years came from our Editor, Gene, AA2YO. Yet out of those 604 Please see "Website" on Page 4.

“Website” from Page 3.

issues only 36 are still missing which is a percentage far lower than I had ever imagined I would end up with when I started. By the time this newsletter hits the newsstands I will have a list up on the website of what past issues of Crosstalk I am still looking for. It's too lengthy to print in here but it is easier to access from the web. I would greatly appreciate it if some of you long time members check the website for the list then go digging around in some of your old boxes, storage areas, etc, and see if you might have any of those back issues. I realize that the idea of having every issue of Crosstalk, on disk, is quite far-fetched but one can always hope.

Next winter I plan on getting into other details of club documents such as meeting minutes and the like, things that may or may not be of interest to most members but might very well be worthwhile keeping. These are things that won't be publicized but will be kept in the “Digitized History Vault”.

The one aspect of doing all of the history collection and putting it up on the web is that you never know who will find it. Several weeks ago I received an e-mail from a former member whose start in a career in electrical engineering began in ham radio. Some of you OTs may very well remember him and his father.

Greetings;

I just came across your GCARC web site. It brought back some very old memories.

I was a member in my high school days in the early 1960's. The club provided a chance for a young man to learn about radio technology from "old timers".

I remember the old days of the GCARC. I knew Van Turner and Jim Peck. My father was Paul Walton (W2YNR). I got my license (WA2FMO) and went on to study electrical engineering eventually earning the PHD (in ionospheric radio propagation). I still have some of the old GCARC QSL cards.

It was an exciting time for a budding scientist/engineer since it was the early days of the space race.

It was (and seems still is) a great club! It had lots of opportunities for the young high school guys to get involved with the hobby.

Keep up the good work! Help the young guys; it can be an experience that lasts a lifetime (mine did).

Thanks for the wonderful start to my career!

Eric Walton (WA2FMO)--

Dr. Eric Walton

The Ohio State University

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This is part of Eric's reply to my e-mail to him.

Art;

Thanks for the reply.

Although you didn't find my dad's name in the roster, (I eventually did), I noticed on your web site that he is listed as a past president for 1964.

I have fond (and interesting) memories of past field days with the GCARC.

Keep up the great work encouraging young people to learn about ham radio; it makes a difference in people's lives!

...you may Google my name and the word antenna or radar to see how a person's career can go when launched with a good background in ham radio. In fact, my professor at the U. of Ill. told me that he chose me for a graduate scholarship based on my ham radio background.

Eric Walton

May Birthdays

Walt Ashton, WB2OYQ
In Su Chon, AB2IT
Carmen Inverso, WA2TRS
Darrell Neron, AB2E
Virginia Wallace, KB2JCQ



Crosstalk Submissions

This is your Club newsletter. Make use of it. Feel free to contribute general interest articles and ideas for articles.

All submissions, queries, comments and editorials should be addressed to Gene Schoeberlein at aa2yo@arrl.net.

Submission deadline for the June issue:
5/25/2011

Club Website

<http://www.w2mmd.org>

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Publicity-Cory, WA3UVV
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Sunshine-Ray, W2RM
Technical/TVI-Cory, WA3UVV
VEC Testing-Gary, N2QEE
Website-Art, K2AWS

The W2MMD Repeaters

147.78/18 Mhz-Pitman
(CTCSS 131.8Hz)

223.06/224.66 Mhz-Sewell

447.1/442.1 Mhz-Pitman
(CTCSS 167.9Hz)

1272.4/1284.4 MHz-Pitman

GCARC Meetings

General Membership

7:30 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

GCARC 2 Meter Net
Third Thursday of the Month
8:00PM
147.78/18Mhz (PL131.8Hz)

ARES/RACES
Sunday 20:00 Hrs
(147.78/18 and
223.06/224.66
repeaters)

May Meeting

Restoration of 1948 RCA AM and SW
Radio
Vinnie Sallustio, N4NYY

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