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*****CLUB NETS*****

6M AREC-----	50.9-----	Sundays-8P.M.	Local Time
10M Rag Chew----	28.3-----	Fridays-9:30	P.M. Local Time
Novice AREC-----	21.115----	Mondays-8:30	P.M. Local Time
Friendship-----	7.265-----	3rd Sunday-1:00	P.M. Local Time

CLUB MEETING; MAY 2, 8 P.M., AT THE CLUB ROOM

*****QRZ DE W2SUA*****

No question about it-Spring is here-has been for several weeks. Yeah, most of us are glad to see Winter disappear and the nice weather take over. For sure, we won't have to worry anymore about the beam elements icing-up.

A lot of "goodies" come with Spring- probably just what we have been waiting for all Winter.

Spring brings the annual club field day in sight-only a couple more months and we can sacrifice another "unfortunate" on the alter of fun-his predicament to be remembered for years to come. Example: the great alloon caper-remember?

This nice weather brings the annual club picnic just a little closer-won't be long before we will be planning on that one! Let's see--potato salad, hamburgers, cold 307's--Hmmm.

About now it becomes habit to check QST for coming hamfests. Nice feeling to look forward to see old friends.

Good time to install that mobile rig-nice to QSC the gang going to and from all those summer activities.

Most of the boys have been using the bad weather as an excuse to put off that beam installation. No more excuses now, get the beam up, paint the tower, and check out those rope antenna tie lines.

What am I going to do, you ask?--Me, I am going to just rest my weary bones here awhile in this nice warm Spring sun--those antennas will keep--Z Z Z Z

"Shorty"

(Ed note: You might think our prexy is a bachelor! Hi)

*****CLUB MEETING, MAY 2nd*****

According to new program chairman Jack, WA2MEM, the May 2nd meeting will feature a film entitled "Genesis of the Transistor". All of you who know all there is to know about transistors can miss this meeting--the rest of you can't! WB2GKH has promised a fully air conditioned meeting room this month for your comfort. (John will open windows and the breeze will condition the air). As advance information, the June clubmeeting will feature a talk and demonstration of the police radar set! So see you all at both meetings.

***** VICE PRESIDENT FORCED TO RESIGN, WA2MEM APPOINTED.*****

Due to pressures of other commitments, Jim, WA2DNL, was forced to resign his post as club vice president. Fortunately, Jim will be able to continue on as X-TALK typist for which we are indeed thankful. President Wood, according to the constitution, has appointed a singularly worthy replacement in Jack, WA2MEM. Jack, whose talents and energies are by now well known in GCARC circles, has already started out like gangbusters by lining up programs for the next two meetings. Jack's place on the board of directors (3-year director) will have to be fulfilled at the May 2nd. meeting; Ray Metzger, WB2BZY, having been nominated at the April meeting, is the front runner at the moment.

*****CROSSTALK, WHERE ARE YOU?*****

We trust, by now, you have all received your combined March/April and now your May issues. We apologize for the untimely delay but, due to press breakdown and fouled-up mail delivery, the delays were, to some extent, unavoidable. We hope that all will run smoothly from now on.

*****NEW CLUBMEMBER*****

We welcome Steve Blasco, W2TDS, into the club fold. Steve, a general, hails all the way from Glendora and, as a result of checking into the Friday net, became aware of GCARC. Glad to have you with us, Steve.

A BIG THANK YOU--

is extended to all from Jim, W2LVW, for helping to make the opening of his new store (see further on) a FB success. Jim welcomes all members of GCARC to come over anytime to browse around the store and inspect the merchandise. Naturally, we all wish Jim the best of success with his new Radio Shack.

*****LES BELLES*****

SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN'S RADIO CLUB
and-Cathy Soehl-W4BAV/ARNS/Floridoras

The SAWRC was founded June 2nd, 1952, at which time they were the only YL Club in the Southern Hemisphere. As a matter of fact, the only other YL Club, in existence at that time, was the YLRL.

Founders were ZS2AA-Iris Hayes, President; ZS5KG-Muriel Neill, Vice-President, and ZS6KK-Marie Cormack and ZS6GH-Diana Green were Joint Secretaries, sharing the task of editing their magazine "YL BEAM". They started with 33 members and, by the end of 1952 had a membership of 71. Today, there are approximately 130,

including YLs in the U.S.A., England, Australia, Canada, Switzerland, and Japan.

The organizing Council is divided into Divisions and their constitution provides that each division hold office every year, in rotation. All divisions have held office (except division 4), since the inception of the club. However, division 6 has served 12 out of 20 years; division 5-4 years; division 1-3 years and division 2-1 year. Division 4 never had enough members, within a 30 mile radius to assume the club's affairs.

Club's objective: "The aim of this club is to promote interest in Amateur Radio. to create friendship and foster goodwill amongst the women hams and listeners in Southern Africa. The club eill also maintain a close co-operation with the S.A. Radio League".

"YL BEAM" is an interesting and informative magazine; first issue ran 8 pages, now it is running 21 pages, with the cover being drawn by different members each year. A competition is run among the members; points being given for recruiting new members; articles for YL BEA, and any sound suggestion given and adopted for betterment of the club. ZS6GH-Diana, has done an outstanding job as editor of "YL BEAM" for many years and should be given a BIG vote of thanks by all.

Two certificates are offered: K.K.K. (Key-Keen Klub)- for CW operators only: proof required of 100 CW contacts to obtain the "K" sticker; 2nd "K" sticker for 500 contacts and 3rd for 1,000.

WAYL (Worked all Y.L.): Hams submit proof of 2-way communication with 20 women operators in S.A., embracing ZS, ZE, ZD5, A2, 9J2, 9Q5, CR6, CR7, 7P8, and 7Q7. DX stations work 10 LYLs. Only QSL's from July 1, 1952 are valid. Free to members and non-members 25¢ or 5 IRC's.

Custodian: Mrs. Margery Snyman, ZS1RM, P.O. Box 30, Strand, Cape Province.

(Note: They use LYL-licensed YL and MYL-Married YL; also, hams over there often refer to their wives as "SW"-Sweet Wife.).

W4BAV, Cathy, member of above club since 1957, when sponsored by ZS2NW, Estelle Murison, who was sponsored by the SPARCYLS, (St. Petersburg Amateur Radio Club YL's) in YLRL. She was secretary of the SPARCYLS at that time. She won the DX competition a number of times, for articles submitted and received many attractive souvenirs of Africa. She has kept her membership up continuously.

73's----Rose Ellen, WA2FGS

*****COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HAMS*****

The Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc., a non-profit organization with its headquarters in Washington, D.C., announces its intent to award three scholarships for the academic year 1973-74. All amateurs, wherever resident in the U.S. and holding an FCC license of at least general class, can compete for one or more of the awards if they are now enrolled or have been accepted for enrollment in a full-time course of studies beyond high school.

The John W. Gore Scholarship pays \$500. Applicants must intend to pursue a career in electronics or a related science and have completed at least one year in an accredited college or university. Preference will be given to residents of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Northern Virginia. Recent award winners are: WA7BIP, WB2TCZ/3 and WB6UFT.

The Richard G. Chichester Scholarship pays \$250. Applicants must be a member of the ARRL and be sponsored by an ARRL-affiliated club. There is no restriction on the course of study, but applicants must be enrolled in or have been accepted by an accredited university, college or technical school. Preference will be given to residents of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, the District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia.

The FAR Technical Scholarship pays \$200. Applicants must have been accepted or enrolled in an accredited technical school. Area preference is the same as the Gore Scholarship.

Application forms can be requested from the Chairman, Scholarship Committee, 8101 Hampden Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20014. Request must be postmarked prior to June 1, 1973.

The Foundation is devoted exclusively to promoting the interest of amateur radio and to scientific, literary and educational pursuits that advance the purposes of amateur radio.

(Tnx to WA2FGS for this noteworthy item.)

*****FLASH!, BAD NEWS DEPT.*****

Paul Callaghan, WB2WAK, a club pillar for many years, has taken another job and will move his family to Florida on or about June 1 of this year. What can we say? Besides losing a great guy and personal friend, what will we do at white elephant sale time, at the 4OM CW FD post, and a host of other areas? Naturally, we will miss him but will expect to keep in touch via skeds from W-4 land. Everyone wishes Paul every success in his new job and best of luck in the sunny south. More details will follow next month.

*****CONTEST CORNER*****

Although not a club sponsored contest, the members might be interested in the "Bermuda Contest", a contest only for U.S.A., The United Kingdom, and Bermuda. Phone portion is from 7:00A.M. Sat. April 21 to 9:00P.M. April 22, and CW portion starts Sat. May 5th to May 6th (sometimes). Multipliers on each band. The winners receive an all-expenses paid week vacation in VP9 land. (tough to beat for a prize!)

DX scores are not yet finalized, but looks as if Ken Newman has made it 3 years running. More next month.

de W2FBD

*****MEMBERSHIP LIST COMING*****

A full up-to-date membership list will be prepared for next months X-TALK. This means that some of you (only about 7 or 8 at this writing) will have to hustle your dues to Jim, WB2CER, to avoid being dropped from the club membership before about May 23rd at the very latest! Let's get going now!

*****BULLETIN*****

With the theme of "Progress In Electrons," and apparently promoted by IEEE, four (4) special postage stamps will be issued in NYC on July 10, 1973--the 4th anniversary of the first man on the moon. An 8¢ stamp commemorates transistors and PC boards; a 6 ¢ job shows Marconi's spark coil; for 11¢ you can get one with De Forest's audion; and the 15¢ stamp shows an early mike, gooseneck speaker, and vacuum tube compared with a TV camera tube.

*****RAMBLINGS OF A GHOST WRITER*****

As one works many DX stations and has no idea what the countries look like, one of the most interesting facets is to watch the many travelogues as televised today on several stations showing the customs and landscapes of countries you have worked but may never have visited. I have found it most entertaining and often entirely different than I had pictured.

This brings up the question,--why don't some hams ever work DX or have interest in working DX? Some of these individuals who have'nt worked DX naturally don't realize the thrill of working DX and may not have the desire to find out. "You have to get your feet wet in order to tell how cold the water is." Many overseas friendships have been formed via DX, and in some cases hams have visited each other from across the big ponds. Some hams who are also interested in collecting foreign stamps find this a handy way to get the stamps first-hand from the countries needed. Men and women who are serving in our Armed Forces find this a most convenient way to talk back to their parents and friends from overseas. To you hams who have never become interested in DX--why don't you give it a try? You too will find an interesting side of ham radio that you never knew existed.

Years ago a ham was depicted as an odd individual who secreted himself in the attic or garage or barn, had a lot of wire lying around, and gadgets that somehow seemed to emit a buzzing sound. People used to look at this individual and pity him listening to all of those weird sounds. As time progressed the technique of radio advanced and soon we had a breed of individuals who no longer hid in attics or far away places, but took their places in society and today are recognized as the masters of radio and television that brings so much pleasure to millions. Many of these engineers got their start in Ham Radio, and it was with these wires and gadgets that the foundation was laid. No longer is the ham known as the queer one, no longer is his rig in a hiding place, but today most of the stations have a niche of honor in the home and neatness is a contributing factor to the overall efficiency of the station. The ham's work isn't finished yet. Each day new advancements are made, better equipment is designed, further goals are reached, greater distances are spanned, making greater opportunities for the young ham coming along today. Should one be a ham and earn his livelihood by working in electronics, his job ceases to be a chore and becomes a pleasure, thus making the hours fly by. Try it, you'll like it!

When one writes timely articles or stories or items, one wonders whether or not his efforts are producing any results. Writing for entertainment is one thing, while writing for a purpose is something else. In this column I am trying to do both. Many times the results are not forth coming which produces the question WHY? Is it because the material is not having the applicability? Is it because the "style" is becoming boring? Many suggestions are held but not aired. I would appreciate it if rebuttals would come forth in these issues. I could write a controversial article which would stir up a hornets nest and then we would, in all probability bring forth the required articles. But of course this I would not do, as I would much sooner see results than words. My impression is that most of the hams are reading these articles, and that is where it stops. Little is being done to carry through some of the suggestions brought forth on these pages. However, I shall keep writing these pages and hope for the best.

Yours for a greater GCARC,
GH CST WRITER.

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(Ed. note: will the ghost writer please note the editors adr. is 12 S. Marion, not 10 S. Marion; the Post Office will love you for correcting my adr.--TNX. Unfortunately, many FB ideas have been set forth in this column with only a small percentage being reduced to practice. It is the editors opinion that all members read this column with avid interest but that it takes more than just words to bring an idea to fruition. It takes detailed explanation of all facets of the idea-usually orally and in person; it takes the backing of usually several hams who are genuinely interested, and it takes volunteers to do the work and, finally,

the club Directors approval after the, in some cases, dollar values have been determined. Nevertheless, the entertainment value of this column rates 4 starts).

*****Typesetter's note: will the GHOST WRITER PLEASE DOUBLE-SPACE HIS COPY--I'm going blind trying to read the small type. TNX

Jim, WA2DNL

*****"MURPHY" STRIKES SHACK OF WA2DNL*****

I guess that we've all had "bugs" in our rigs at one time or another, but have you ever had mice? Well, I have!

Having been inactive for sometime, the rig had been idle and the other day I finally got a chance to get back on the air--or so I thought. I put the juice to the SB-102 and immediately heard the terrifying sound of a hi-voltage arc. I managed to shut the rig off, even through the blurred vision of tear-filled eyes. Flipping up the top of the rig, it was evident what had happened--mice had left some deposits on the PC boards and one of the circuits was arcing to ground. Again, my eyes filled with tears--what now? Dismayed, I pulled the chassis to check the damage. I carefully blew-out the inside of the rig with compressed air and located a carbon-track on the audio PC board. Scraping that portion of the board clean with a sharp knife, I then cleaned the area with fingernail polish remover and applied several coats of clear fingernail polish--(bless the XYL!)

The warm sun baked everything dry and the rig was again fired-up, this time no arc and John, PYSZAH, said that the rig sounded just fine.

*****A POX ON YOU MURPHY!*****

Jim, WA2DNL

*****RADIO SHACK*****

Jim, W2LVW, Proprietor.

Jim, former GCARC President, Director, Treasurer, FD Chairman,
X-TALK Editor, Printer, Charter Member, Picnic Chairman,
Membership Chairman, etc. etc., currently AREC EC, cordially invites
ALL to visit his new store located:

Route 45, (across from J M FIELDS)
in West Dentford Township-2
miles below woodbury.

The best buys in gear, parts, and components for the Novice
and professional alike.

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