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CLUB NETS

10 Meter	Friday, 10:00PM	28.775 USB
ARES Net:	Sunday, 8:00PM	147.78/18 rpt
75 Meter Net	Sunday, 10:00PM	3.910 LSB
Club Swap Net	Sunday, 8:30PM	147.78/18 rpt
Club News Broadcast via K2QGH	Sunday, 7:50PM	147.78/18 rpt

The Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at the VFW Hall in Woodbury Heights. Meetings begin promptly at 8:00 PM.

Please send any contributions for CROSSTALK to Doug Gehring, WA2NPD,

Deadline for submissions is 10 days before Club Meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - MAY 1984

Have you ever stopped and thought about the various amateur related Public Service Activities in the Greater Delaware Valley Area? Unless I'm mistaken, our annual participation in the American Cancer Society Bike-A-Thon from Philadelphia to Atlantic City is the largest Amateur undertaking in several ways, such as: Number of Amateurs involved - about 60, Distance covered - 62 miles, Number of persons involved relying on our activity - 2,500 in '83 - 3,000 projected for '84. Feels good to be #1, but have you taken the time lately to think about your emergency preparedness? We participate in the Bike-A-Thon to assist in their emergencies, However, months of planning is spent to ensure that the Bike-A-Thon including the Amateur Communications, flow smoothly and effeciently.

Are you ready for a spontaneous emergency?? Can you have your 2 Meter and HF station on the air within 10 minutes of a power failure? If your custom antenna farm goes down in a high wind, can you get a piece of wire and a tuner on and operating quickly? Can you handle a piece of traffic on a Net properly? Most of us probably can't! With all due respect to WA2SEA, in the event of a county emergency, do we have a communications plan to be put to use that we all are familiar with?

Well, we may run the Biggest and Best Amateur Public Service Activity around, but maybe we've ignored some of the basics. With the full support and participation of its members, the Sunday Night ARES Net is and should be the focal point of our emergency planning. Give a little thought to your station and mobile set up. We've been lucky so far but lets not kid ourselves. We as a group have a reputation of doing well what we do. Lets not overlook one of the fundamentals of Amateur Radio - COMMUNICATIONS in time of an emergency.

73's, de Harry WA2VXT

MAY MEETING

As announced by Chairman Tom, KB2GI, the program will feature the "Skywarn Net", a follow-up on the discussion presented last year by N3DIP. You will recall the excellent program presented by N3DIP previously and this one should prove to be just as good. Also, the subject is timely as the hurricane season is approaching and , as Harry, WA2VXT, stated above, our emergency prowess may be in need of fine-tuning. So c'mon out, enjoy both N2AKI's coffee, donuts, and the subject.

ANNIVERSARY OPERATING EVENT-

The weekend of May 5th-6th has been chosen for our On-The-Air operating event in recognition of our 25th Anniversary. The goal is to put our club on the air via W2MMD and confirm all club contacts from 12:00 noon May 6th with an attractive wall certificate. The county EOC is available as an operating point. Contact Chick-WA2USI to include yourself in the fun. Remember, to operate as W2MMD, you must have a copy

of the club license at your station. Contact Rose Ellen - N2RE or Chick - WA2USI for a copy of the club license. All OSL's for club contacts should be sent to: GCARC, P.O. Box 370, Pitman, NJ 08071. See you on the air.

de WA2VXT

J-CEES BIKE-A-THON

Will be Sunday, May 6th with Chick, WA2USI, in charge. We would assume that by now Chick has a sufficient number of ops to handle this event, but, more can always be put to work. Please give Chick a call, 468-6924, if you can fit in a few hours to help operate for this most worthy Public Service Activity. Mny TNX.

HAMFEST, 1984

Will be at the College as in past years. Your committee, Bill, WA2VEE, in charge, is working very hard to make your Hamfest another rousing success. And remember, this is our 25th Anniversary Hamfest! So lets do our best to make it our biggest, best ever!

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AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY BIKE-A-THON SUNDAY, JULY 22nd

The position sign up sheet for the Bike-A-Thon will be on hand at the May Meeting. Positions are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. At this point in time we anticipate the need for roughly 60 members that day.

In addition, there have been some changes made that might make it more appealing to take a position at or near Atlantic City. Details will be provided at the meeting.

De WA2VXT

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ATTENTION GCARC EXTRA CLASS MEMBERS

A certification sheet will be available at the May meeting for you to fill-out so the club will qualify as an VEC sanctioned examiner at our Hamfest. Please cooperate so we can finalize this in one night. Please return the signed certificate to K2JF. TNX. DE John, K2JF

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JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

As announced last month, the new Junior Membership Constitutional Amendment proposal will be ready to present at this month's meeting. So c'mon and let your thoughts be known. CU There.

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DEMONSTRATIONS COMMITTEE

Are looking for members to sign-up for the "A" Team, (Don't worry, Mr. "T" ain't around). See Walt, WB2OYQ, the Committee NEEDS you!

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HAMFEST CALENDER (TNX to K2QGH)

A. Warminster ARC, 10th Annual on Sunday, May 20th, 7 AM, at the Middletown Grange Fair Grounds, Wrightstown, PA. Prizes all day, cash prize drawing at 2 PM. Donation. \$3.00, XYL's & Harmonics Free. Tailgaters \$2.00 additional per space. Contact W3GJC for further details. Preregistration \$1.00 less.

B. 3rd Annual Jersey Shore Ham & Computer Fest Sunday, June 10, 9 AM Start, Jewish Community Center, 100 Grant Ave., Deal, NJ (Exit 105 off of Garden State Parkway. Prizes, Icom Q2AT and many more. \$3.00 admission for hams, vendors, etc. XYL's & children under 12 free. \$8.00 per 8' table provided. Contact A. Halpern

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ARMED FORCES DAY, MAY 19th

(TNX to ARRL Letter & K2QGH)

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of communications tests between Hams and Military operators (X-band modes) as part of the Armed forces Day activities. The X-band tests will include CW,SSB, RTTY, and SSTV. The receiving test will feature 2 messages from the Secretary of Defense, one in CW (25 wpm) followed by the other in RTTY (60 wpm) starting at 1300 UTC on the 19th until 0245 on the 20th. Military stations will transmit on selected military frequencies and, at that time, the military operator will announce the specific Ham frequency being monitored. If interested, drop an SASE to "The ARRL Letter" (at the League) requesting the table of frequencies to be used. Then submit a transcript of your monitored message to the appropriate address for the branch of the Military worked to receive your certificate.

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ARRL PUBLISHES NEW BOOKLET

Our Corresponding Secretary Howard, K2QGH, has informed us that a new booklet titled, "This is Amateur "Ham" Radio" is now available from the League at no charge. The booklet describes some of the things that Hams do especially items related to Public Service. Write for your copy (ies).

CLUB JACKETS

The provision of jackets has been, apparently, a popular project. To date we have ordered a total of 86 jackets from the manufacturer. There can't be too many persons left who might want a jacket.

In that respect, then, this will be the last time for awhile that we order jackets for Club Members. The last order will be taken at the May Club Meeting. To refresh your memory, or for the benefit of New members, the lined jackets are \$15.00 and this price includes shipping, an American flag and a GCARC club patch. You can't hardly beat that! The unlined jackets are \$10.00 each and include the same peripherals (Hi).

Should there be anyone left who has not had an opportunity to get a jacket for themselves or for family members, please see me at the May meeting. You can feel free to order them for your spouse or your children or your uncle or whatever.

If you are ordering jackets this month, Please do not forget to bring money. Otherwise I have to subsidize the purchase myself and I'm only good for a couple of jackets !!

See you at the meeting on May 2, 1984.

De -- Herb Schuler - K2HPV

(Mny TNX to Herb for handling the jacket orders this year).

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TECHNICAL ARTICLES FORUM

Charlie, K2PQD, is initiating a Technical Article Forum. The plan is to have some Club member (expert in a particular area) write an article on a subject of wide interest to many club members. The article (copies thereof) would then be distributed at the club meetings (not enough space usually in X-Talk). Now Charlie needs to know what subjects are of the most interest. So let him know - telephone, over the air, suggestion box, etc. 73's, More details at the meeting.

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NEW SUPPLY HOUSE OPENS

Of interest to GCARC hams is the opening of "JRW Electronics," under the direction of John, KA3KDW, , and Walt, WB2OYQ,

The firm is handling the Encomm line, KLM, Mirage, Trielectric

Amps, Larson, Astron Pwr. Supplies, and Annixter - Mark antennas. More to be added in time. This is a mail order supply only firm. Call either John or Walt for more information, details, orders, etc.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO

Bud, N2ATD, who received his China BY4, QSL Card. Bud now joins the 300 !! club. And the card arrived in about 3 weeks from the date of the QSO !!

AND: Al, KA2KGD, wishes to deeply Thank the anonomous member who paid his dues for him this year. Al has been out of work and every bit greatly helps at this time. This kind of club spirit and generosity deserve many congratulations.

Harry, WA2SEA, our capable EC received a nice plaque presented by WB3JBX for his continuing good job in presenting the Metrocom Bulletins. The presentation took place at the April Club Meeting.

Herb, K2HPV, who now has his DXCC - all on CW only at low power. Nice going Herb.

FIELD DAY, 1984, JUNE 23rd

Is fast approaching. FD Chairman Jim, KA2OSV, reports the following Band Chairmen have already signed aboard:

80M Phone	Tony, WA2FZB
80M CW	
40M Phone	Wayne, WA2LET
40M CW	Ken, N2CQ
20M Phone	Walt, WB2OYQ
20M CW	
15M Phone	John, N2AZT
15M CW	Jack, AB2W
10, 6, 2, & higher	

As is evident, Band Chairmen are still needed for some of the Bands (including the important 80 & 20M CW Bands). Contact Jim, if you hanker to give-it-a-shot. The rest of FD is shaping up nicely. A big plus is that Charlie, K2PQD, and Howard, K2QGH together with their respective XYL's, are heading-up the Food Committee this year. And in expectation of the masses expected to ingest their culinary cuisine, the Board has voted to invest in a big Dining Tent (3-Cheers) to provide the proper comfort and atmosphere. Again, Ralph, WA2DYO, will head the power committee as he has expertly and graciously done for the past many years. So mark the calander, June 23 - 24th at the County College. Contact the Band Chairman of your choice and sign on for a trick at the mike or key. It's especially gratifying to see one of GCARC's newest members John, N2AZT, has taken the 15M Bull-by-the-horns and offered his services. So CU there for GCARC's 25th Anniversary FD.

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4 SALE

Kenwood TS520 XCVR with 500 Hz CW filter, \$375.00, Excel. Cond.
 Contact Frank, N2ESF, (Glassboro)

1. ICOM & IC-551D All Mode, 0.1 to 80 Watts, 6 Meter XCVR,
Mint Cond.; \$250.00.
2. Waters Double Coax Band Pass 100 Watt Filter (50-52 MHz), for
 6 Meters; \$25.00.
3. Drake TR-4CW XCVR with 2nd set of tubes & 3 sets (9 tubes)matched
 6JB6 finals. RV-4C remote VFO. MS-4 Spkr-pwr Supply. DC-4 Mobile
 pwr supply with cables. All manuals inc. Sell total Drake set-up
 for \$550.00.
4. Heathkit Model 10-12 5" Scope, gud 4 & 6 MHz, manual incl., Gud
 wrking cond.; \$50.00.
5. Heath SB 220, 1 KW Linear amp., wired for 220 AC, works FB on 80,40,
 & 20. Band switch needs work on 15 & 10. \$250.00.

For any or all of the above 5 items, contact John, K2JF,

(Pitman)

EQUIPMENT: ESTATE OF C.I. GLASSBROOK, WB2LGR

Kenwood TS180 (CW filter option installed) with pwr sup PS30,
 speaker SP180 & ant. tuner AT180. Orig cost \$1600; -----\$600.

Heath HW-8 w/o pwr sup. \$75.00.

Murch UT2000A ant. tuner; Orig cost \$140.00 -----\$80.00.

Heath Electronic Keyer Mod. HD1410. Orig cost \$60.00 -----\$30.00.

Hustler 4BTV, 10, 15, 20 40 & 80 meters; Orig. cost \$140.00 -- \$60.00.

Other items; (Call for details or see complete listing at club
 meeting).

Gotham V80; Autek MK 1 Memory Keyer; Atronix CR200 code reader &
 KB105 Keyboard; Skytec CW-1 resonant speaker; BC221 Freq. Mtr;
 Instructograph Mod 500 code machine, Heath Dig. Multimeter IM2202;
 Ant. switches, wattmeters, grid dipper, scope, Z-Bridge, keys &
 Variacs.

If interested, contact George Shenton, W2PLY, after May 28th,

WANTED

Still looking for a Shakespear "Big Stick", Model 176, and 220 rig.
 Call Russ, WB3JBX, or call Walt WB2OYQ,

WHY JOIN ARRL?

As one of several Assistants to our Atlantic Division Director it seems natural at this time to write a little something about why you in GCARC should be an ARRL member. Apparently the enthusiasm for ARRL is dragging just a bit! Well, that's not uncommon. Many hams around our CLUB feel \$25 a year for QST and the other advantages of ARRL is too much and so they dropped their ARRL membership. Others remember that at some time in the past, some ARRL policy upset them; so they refuse to join. Still others simply ask, "WHAT HAS ARRL DONE FOR ME?"

Well . . . those of you who belong to the 1st and 3rd groups should read on; those who bear old grudges can skip along to the next article in this issue of Crosstalk because I'm sure I'll never change your mind (and I'm not sure I'd care to).

Without going into a history lesson, let me say that since it's founding early in this century, ARRL has been in the forefront of the fight to expand and preserve the Amateur Radio Service. ARRL has the ear of those groups in Washington which decide what privileges you are given. Remember . . . your "right" to operate a ham radio is not a "right" . . . it is a privilege, given to you by your government and the governments of the world. Just as easily as they gave you that privilege, they can take it away from you; that is why ARRL was so heavily involved in the preparation for the 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC). ARRL spent a lot of member money supporting FCC and other regulatory bodies to make sure ham radio didn't get the "shaft" at the World Conference! And that effort paid off. Amateur Radio was among the most prepared services at the Conference. Groups like ARRL from all over the world prepared their government negotiators. The result? Instead of losing bands as some predicted (like good ole never say die), we gained three bands for our ultimate use!

More recently, FCC almost gave it to the two-meter operators of the country with their "no-code" proposal. Where do you suppose the majority of those no-coders would have settled down to operate? Twenty meters? Hardly so! If you think the repeaters of America are crowded now, imagine what they could have been if no-code had been implemented.

It was the organized resistance of the ARRL which played an important role in killing no-code once and for all (HOPEFULLY!). While the equipment manufacturers and the various ham radio publishers and the like were touting no-code as the saviour of their business, ARRL members took a stand and helped defeat it. ARRL didn't do it alone; plenty of non-ARRL members did their part, too, but it is the ARRL to whom FCC looks and listens intently.

Why do you suppose that is? Because ARRL is NOT the building in Newington . . . it is NOT the W1AW station, and it is definitely NOT QST! FCC understands that ARRL IS THE 140,000-PLUS AMATEURS IN THE U.S.A.

AND CANADA WHO ARE SPEAKING. FCC KNOWS this; why don't you?

At this time, I could go on and on about ARRL and how it serves you. I have served as an Assistant to the current Director as well as the three who served prior to him. I haven't even mentioned the limited legal aid available if you end up in a zoning or antenna height battle. I haven't mentioned the WIAW bulletin and code practice transmissions (free to anyone with a receiver).

The publishing part of ARRL is the business end of the organization. The purpose of that business is to serve its members.

ARRL is an organization of amateurs. ARRL responds to its members and tries to serve them, keeping in mind that its members are a diverse lot . . . from contesters and DX'ers to OSCAR satellite users and two-meter FM'ers.

What has ARRL done for you lately? Plenty! All you have to do is keep your MIND, your EYES and EARS OPEN, and you'll see ample evidence that your \$25 per year dues are well worth it.

There has been some objection to the one page set aside for the YL/XYL in that it reminds one of the Ladies Home Journal. Have you read this one page lately! In there you will find many active YL/XYL who are outstanding in their radio activities. Percentage wise the number of YL/XYL is small but those who are active are worth being mentioned somewhere in print.

And, if you think the battles are all over, remember that some countries are now pushing to hold a WARC 9Ø, and again . . . ham radio frequencies are on their big list !!

Are the equipment manufacturers, Wayne Green or Dick Bash going to spend their money and time protecting amateur radio and supporting FCC? Sure they will!

ARRL and its members will do it AS THEY HAVE SINCE FORMING THIS ORGANIZATION. Non-members will continue to benefit from the people who send their dues in every year; life is cruel! But you could JOIN ARRL and add YOUR VOICE to that of your friends. Send your membership to the treasurer today --- by paying through the CLUB the CLUB also makes \$2 per membership. Don't forget to give our treasurer your card you receive from the League when you pay the dues.

Think about it and the next time someone asks what ARRL did for you lately, tell them. And while you are at it, JOIN. Our GCARC treasury can keep \$2 of your \$25 and with our 150-plus membership that's a neat amount of money for GCARC to receive annually. An added \$300 to any club treasury is nothing to frown upon. As for myself I have been a Life

Member of ARRL for several years and do not pay any more dues - perhaps you, too want to become a Life Member. Think it over.

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Rose Ellen Bills - N2RE
Assistant to
Atlantic Division Director

(PS: TNX to N2RE for a really FB discussion)

DA'S & DIT'S

N2CWT expects to get on the air more often with his new gimmick.

Just a reminder, WB2OCR, you and yours are supposed to go to Atlantic City and break the bank.

W2UNI a former submariner who spent a few years in subs in the South-east Pacific was depth bombed by the enemy many times.

A nice gesture on the part of N2AJN helping two damsels in distress with a flat tire.

W2MMD says "Forget me not" but the RTTY Net is held every Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. All welcome.

WA2PFC, a mild mannered man, didn't delete the expletives when the power supply on his HT went zilch.

WB2DXB plans to see more blue skies in the future. Says it's better to smell the roses than push up daisies.

WA2TDI will be coming on more often since he has de-iced his radio shack.

Any novice wishing to participate in Field Day, contact KA2OSV.

The Club and our sympathies are extended to Rose Ellen, N2RE, upon the recent loss of her sister.

All were greatly relieved that the Crosstalk publisher did not suffer a massive coronary during the time our new copier caught fire and during its fuzer oil recovery.

de Eavesdropper

LES BELLES

Another reminder about our forthcoming HAMFEST in August and the Hospitality Table. As in the past we will have our Hospitality Table set up and hopefully have enough YL or XYL volunteer to keep it covered all during the HAMFEST. I will not be able to be there all the time due to other responsibilities during the day.

The question of what are the duties of anyone covering the Hospitality Table....We usually have leaflets from other clubs and their hamfests, as well as our special Hamfest Issue of our own CROSSTALK that is to be given out to anyone wanting these. . . .Then many people ask questions of what, when and where . . .We then need to direct them to the list of events which are on the schedule. Sound difficult? Also it is very helpful if you can bring your own chair in order to have a place to sit down. If you, as a YL member, or XYL of a member wish to help, please get in touch with me.

Jean Mollica, XYL of K2OWE has already volunteered to bake about two dozen or so cup cakes which will be available at the table. Other goodies are most welcome. I noted in Dayton this was a most popular feature at the YL Booth - home made goodies that could be carried around during the day to "munch" on. We all know the second interest of most "hams" is to find something to eat. Home made eats are welcome. ANYTIME! Yes, there will be other foods available at other counters -- but this added feature is just something to make the GLOUCESTER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC. a club to be remembered, especially during our 25th ANNIVERSARY YEAR 1959-1984.

Doris Bachman, XYL of WA2VEE is making one of her craft items as a prize to be offered. I would like to be the winner of this prize for it is a very popular item at this time. With the other home made prizes I am sure any gal attending our HAMFEST will not be sorry she made up her mind to come along for the day.

A good place to meet old friends, make new ones and see what is happening - HOSPITALITY TABLE AT HAMFEST. Let me know what part you will be helping with.

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Rose Ellen
Rose Ellen Bills - N2RE

DX DOPE

(TNX to NC2V and WA2OOS)

BAND CONDITIONS

Band conditions for April were for the most part poor. Solar activity has been high for most of the month which provided poor propagation on 10 thru 20 meters and high noise levels on 160 thru 40 meters.

For up to - date propagation information check WWV at 18 minutes past the hour.

CURRENT DX

ET ETHIOPIA ET3PS is back on the air but, very hard to catch. Look for him around our sunrise on 20M.

UK1 FRANZ JOSEF LAND UK1PGO has been worked on 14.030 MHz around 2000 wtc. QSL Via UK3SAB.

S4 CISKEI SA2GY is currently active on 20 and 15M. Ciskei is a South African Homeland.

JD1 OGASAWARA JD1BDB has been reported on 14.045 MHz at 0930. QSL JA2VUP.

OX GREENLAND OX5RJ is currently active on 20 thru 10M and runs skeds on 40 and 80M. QSL via WALFSV.

TF ICELAND KD5YG/TF is currently active on 20 thru 10M SSB. He will be operating from Iceland until the middle of June. QSL via W5SOD.

KH7 KURE ISLAND. Look for N2EDQ/KH9 on 20M SSB in the late Evening.

BV TAIWAN All band operation April 28 thru May 6 by a group of JA's.

UP COMMING DX

KH4 MIDWAY Around May 1st the Military will be starting a construction project on Midway. The construction crew and materials will be brought in from Kure Island, N2EDQ/KH7 hopes he will be able to make a few day to Midway to operate during the construction operation.

KC6 JIM SMITH has a license to operate both East and West Caroline Islands. No date has been set for the operation.

1S SPRATLY ISLAND There is an operation scheduled for early to mid May by DULCK.

3Y PETER ISLAND Rumor has an operation taking place sometime in December 84 or January 85.

9G GHANA Possibility of 2 or 3 Ghana stations being activated within the next 2 or 3 months.

KL7 PRIBILOF ISLAND The DXAC is split 8 to 8 on country status for Pribilof Island. If they elect to grant DXCC status, look for another operation this summer by the KL7 boys.

OF INTEREST

XU Kampuchua will now issue a license to foreign radio amateurs. The license which will cost \$50 will be valid for 30 days. The call sign will be XUØ plus a three letter suffix.

YI Iraq has established 8 amateur radio districts, YI1 thru YI8. It's felt that we may see more operation from Iraq in the near future.

PIRATES If you worked 5U7CC, 3B8LZ, or SV1IW/A in the last month or so, don't look for a card.

160M The power limit has been lifted on the top 100 KHz of the band. US amateurs may now use full legal power over the entire 200KHz of 160M.

Don't forget the CQ WPX CW Contest May 26 and 27.

CONTEST CORNER

It seems that between business commitments and the flu (No W2YC, it wasn't swine flu), your chairman's been confined to either bed or an airplane seat. As I write this, USAIR (or should I say "You-Bet-Your-Life" Airline) is beginning it's usual bumpy descent into Philadelphia, but here goes anyway:

TWO-LAND UPDATE

Some logs are still trickling in, at last count 23 had been received. I originally planned to publish the final results this month but with work, etc. . . . I have to date fully scored roughly half the logs and will have to defer final results till June. Barry Ford's (NC2V) effort was truly remarkable as the top 5 logs (unofficial) show:

NC2V	249,480
W2EZ/M	16,933
K2HPV	12,528
WA2ASQ	10,593
N2CQ	9,261

Barry had 618 QSO's (247 on 40 SSB alone) and 198 Multiplier's, which has to be some kind of a record (more on that next month) Again, Congratulations on a job well done!

ARRL DX CONTESTS

My business travel schedule has complicated collecting your logs. Please mail them direct to ARRL (if you haven't already) and bring summaries of your scores to this months club meeting. Yours truly will be in Chicago but WA2NPD has agreed to pinch-hit for me. The 1984 W2SUA trophy winner will be determined by the results collected by Doug or mailed to me so Please give all the particulars to WA2NPD at this meeting.

MAY OFFERS SOME INTERESTING EVENTS:

May 5 - 6	Florida QSO party, "Seville" Worldwide contest, USSR CQ-M contest, G-QRP SSB Activity and World Telecom CW
May 12	World Telecomm. SSB
May 19 - 20	Georgia, Michigan QSO Parties
May 26 - 29	CQ WW WPX CW Contest

Russia's "CQ-M" Contest (good trivia question - what's the "M" denote?) always generates activity and is a good way to collect some rarer oblasts. The top non-Spanish station world-wide supposedly wins an all expenses paid trip to Spain in the Seville WW. NC2V GO FOR IT!

CQ's prefix (WPX) contest is fun, those of you with newer exotic calls could find yourselves in demand like rare DX.

The various state QSO parties deserve our support many of these stations hand out points in our Two-land Contest, Let's reciprocate.

Field Day is almost here. Have you signed on yet? More operators are always needed and welcome. Ask not what the band chairman can do for you, but whay you can do for the band chairman! Field Day is great hamming and fellowship, you belong there. Consideration should be given to using less transmitters (ie a lower class), doubling up some bands (example, 1 station handles two bands - 10/15 etc.), allowing more operators per station. Opinions?

Well, we are pulling up to USAIR'S gate and I haven't even spilled my martini, enjoy the meeting. See you in June.

73, de
WB2GES

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

TNX to K3WIL, K2JF, and
"Westlink"

1. The first VEC testing in NJ will be on May 12th at the Bergen County Community College. The testing will include Novice, Technician, and General. Call (201) 447-7107 for details. K2JF announces that GCARC (Hamfest) will also have VEC testing hopefully up through Extra Class. More on this later on.
2. ARRL Bulletin Nr. 30, April 13, 1984. To all Radio Amateur BT The ARRL petition for rulemaking filed on March 28 which requested that the new internationally allocated bands at 24.89 to 24.99 MHz and 902 to 928 MHz be opened up for US amateur has been assigned RM 4784. With regard to the 24 MHz Band, the League requests that the lower 4Ø KHz be reserved for A1 and F1 emissions with the upper 6Ø KHz available for A1, A3, A4, A5, F3, F4 and F5 emissions. Comments are due at FCC on or before May 1, reply comments are due on or before May 29. See happenings in May QST for details AR.
3. Amateur examinations at FCC offices presently scheduled for November, 1984, will be the last, generally speaking. FCC expects that the Volunteer Examiner Program will be fully operational by then. The only tests conducted by FCC after that will be on a case-by-case basis at the convenience of the Commission.