

# CROSSTALK

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Club Repeaters: 147.78/.18, 223.06/224.66, 447.10/442.10

The Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Meets the first Wednesday, of each month at the V.F.W. Hall in Woodbury Heights. Meetings begin promptly at 8:00 PM.

Please send contributions for CROSSTALK to Tony Starr, WS2FZB,

Deadline for submissions is ten (10) days before Club Meetings.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE -- MAY 1985

Here it is the end of April already, and by the time you read this article the Bike Hike for Gloucester County and also the March of Dimes events will be history. I hope we have representatives from the club involved.

The Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club has one hundred and seventy members and it would be fantastic if each and everyone of you would volunteer just a little of your time when events such as these come up. There are events in both May and June, so come to the next meeting to find out about them and sign up. I hope you people who have decided to get into DX-ing will join in and help the club out. Please don't turn your back on the club; start getting more members into the act. We need you as much as you need the club.

I hope to be able to give you more information concerning the IRS by the May meeting. If there is anything else you would like to hear about or something that you want brought before the club give me a call!

Also at this time, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to a fine man and member of our club who has passed away, Frank King (WA2WGA). Frank had done alot for amateur radio and our club. I would also like to thank the members who took the time to remove and sell the equipment that Frank had. I don't want to leave any of our people out so I will say thanks to all involved! It feels good to have members who support the group, myself, and the officers of our club.

Thank you,  
Pres. Tom Gordon  
KB2GI

### MAY PROGRAM

Chick, WA2USI, has procured a fine film from the A.R.R.L.'S Library for your viewing pleasure. The title of this fine film is not yet known, pending availability.

Let us take this opportunity to congratulate Charlie, K2PQD, on the fine job with the coffee and donuts. In the past, some members had tried to sneak their coffee and donuts before the adjournment of the meeting. Some other members were terribly annoyed by this, and it was mentioned at a later meeting. Charlie kept everything under control last month, though, and refreshments were served during the intermission as appropriate. Well done, Charlie!

### HIGHLIGHTS - Board of Directors Meeting

The monthly meeting of the club officers was held on April 17, 1985 at the home of Tony, WA2FZB. Also present were Tom, KB2GI; Chick, WA2USI;

Chuck, WA2TML; Chris, KC2PC; Bill, N2BK; Harry, WB2GSF; Darryl, N2DIY; and Jim, WB2AOL. The meeting was called to order by President Gordon at 7:37 P.M.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

REPEATER - The 220 MHz repeater is currently disconnected from the Metrocom system because Russ, WB3JVX, wants to install a timer to bring up the link. He will also repair the tone decoder. Harry, WB2GSF, reported that a member who works nights would like the autopatch to be on for emergency use at around 2:00 A.M. This was discussed. It will be looked into.

HAMFEST - Harry, WB2GSF, is stepping down as Chairman due to his work schedule and his son's wedding, which is scheduled for the same weekend as the 'fest'. This is an ideal job for a retired person, as most of the contacts need to be made during the day when the rest of us are imprisoned by our employers.

IRS - (No, they don't have their own permanent committee. Ed.) John, K2JF, called the accountant, who had contacted the IRS on our behalf. He found that the information we sent them had been set aside in an inner office because of the flood of April 15 returns. (Let's hope they didn't put any of it near a shredding machine - WB2AOL.)

PROGRAM - Chick, WA2USI reported that we will have a film from the A.R.R.L. Library, the title of which was not known at the time.

BIKE-a-THON, etc. - The Jaycees Bike Hike plans for April 21 were set fairly well, but a few more people were needed.

The March of Dimes Walk-a-thon needs more volunteers. The route starts at the Gloucester County College and goes through Mantua, West Deptford, and Deptford before ending back at the College.

Plans are coming along well for the American Cancer Society Bike-a-thon. The club will try to enlist the aid of the Tabernacle repeater group and the Shore Points Amateur Radio Club to help provide coverage.

DEMONSTRATIONS - Underwood Memorial Hospital contacted Wayne, WA2LET asking if we could provide communications at their horse show. The date is not firm yet, it will probably be held one or two weeks before Field Day. Four operators will be needed on Saturday and four on Sunday. They have also requested that a demonstration station be set up for the public.

Reminder: The Demonstration for the Boy Scouts' 75th anniversary will be held at the Gloucester County College on May 4th.

FIELD DAY - The food committee has met and established a menu. Like last year, a screen tent is needed for the food. Last year the Field Day consortium unsuccessfully tried to get approval to buy one. Even with WA2FZB and K2QGH voting and lobbying, the thrifty administration defeated it. This year, however, a compromise was made. If a tent

cannot be borrowed, and only if, an expenditure not to exceed \$200 will be approved. It seems that the FD'ers are making progress in other areas as well, but the food aspect has shown great improvements in the past few years. Chairman Jim Clark, KA2OSV, has indicated that all systems are "go".

OLD BUSINESS: The matter of the improprieties of Russ, WB3JVX, was unresolved at the special meeting of April 10, 1985. The constitution requires that the minutes of that meeting be read at the general membership meeting. The constitution severely limits the action which can be taken by the Board against a member for acts of misconduct. In accordance with Article 6, Section 6 of the constitution, the board voted to suspend Russ from club activities until the general membership meeting. At the meeting, the general membership will be presented with all known information regarding the issue, and will, in accordance with the constitution, vote on the appropriate action to be taken.

OTHER BUSINESS - Chuck, WA2TML, mentioned that we are being billed for phone rental at the repeater site by AT & T. He wondered if anyone could donate a phone.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 P.M.

Excerpted from the minutes;  
TNX to Jim, WB2AOL.

#### FIELD DAY UPDATE

Chairman Jim Clark, KA2OSV, informs us that all plans are going well. The lovely ladies of the food committee have already met and established a menu, which I have included in this issue of Crosstalk. The hearty selections listed made your editor quite hungry as this issue was being prepared, so all of you who come out to Field Day should enjoy the food. Read the menu and decide for yourself.

I must again stress that the overall participation has been dropping steadily in the last few years. Our membership now stands at 170, but we have had 40 or 50 people out to Field Day every year since we had only about 75 members. Our membership total has been increasing, but our Field Day crew has stayed about the same size. Perhaps some of the new members are unaware of how much fun Field Day can be. Let's make a good showing this year. Talk to your friends in the club and make your plans now. Try to talk a few newcomers into coming out, you won't regret it.

Attention all Band Chairmen: There will be one meeting only before Field Day. You will be notified of the date and location.

FIELD DAY MENU

Saturday Morning:

DONUTS and COFFEE

Saturday Lunch:

HOAGIES

(Made to your liking)

Soda - Beer - Coffee

Saturday Dinner:

Barbecued Chicken

Corn on the Cob

Cole Slaw                      Macaroni Salad

In Season Fruit

Soda - Beer - Coffee

Sunday Breakfast:

Hotcakes and Sausage

Orange Juice and Coffee

We would like all husbands to ask their wives to donate something, such as cole slaw or macaroni salad, cakes or cookies for snacks. This would be very much appreciated.

Any questions or donations please

Contact: Virginia Martin

Roslyn Marder

Irma Colabrese

Submitted by Ginny  
N2FJM

CLUB CALLBOOKS

The Callbooks are now in the possession of Al Trueblood, N2FJQ, formerly KA2KGD. (Congratulations Al, for your upgrade!) Anyone needing to gain access to these books can call Al

VEC TESTING

VEC TESTING for Radio Amateur License, by the Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club's V.E. team will be held on:

Date: Saturday, May 25, 1985

Time: 0930 to 1300 \*Note CW tests will be given at 0930 and 1100

Place: Glassboro State College - Westby Hall, Rt. 322, Glassboro, NJ

Cost: \$4.00 in cash, money order, or certified check.

Exams: Novice through Amateur Extra

No preregistration required --- Talk-in 147.78/18  
For further information please call K2JF

Thank you & 73

John M. Fisher K2JF  
Chairman V.E. Team

LES BELLES

Thanks to our hard working YL team of Ginny - N2FJM; Roslyn - N2AKL; and Irma - KA3NMV; our Field Day crew will be well fed; a great help to all.

Congratulations to another licensed YL from our VEC Exam on 3/30/85 when Irma passed her tech and now goes by KA3NMV. Welcome to you Irma. Any other YL's interested?

A big congrats to Amy Kieseletter for "Doing it All" by going from novice in July to Extra in October with a call of KD2JD. All because of knowing Clint Spaar, III, whom she is engaged to. Somebody says one has to be a super salesman! Amy uses the 101ts and 520S and a 40 meter dipole all on CW. She is a respirator therapy student at Atlantic Community College, is 19 years old and her QTH is in Vineland. All of her friends at school had never heard of shortwave radio. Amy will educate them. Soon to be YL/OM teams are: Amy Kieseletter and Clint Spaar, III, Irma Pulgino and Charles A. Colabrese. We welcome back a former member Mary Petruzzi - AE2Y. Peg Bergin - K2INQ, says she will come to meetings perhaps during warm weather.

Our charter YL member Della - W2AFZ will be at the Hospitality table down at the Hamfest. All officers should forward your books to her for historical purposes, so look around the shack and find the info to give to her; she has not received many of these items.

Our YL/OM teams are becoming pretty popular. Anyone else?

73

Rose Ellen N2RE

### DA'S & DIT'S

WA2USI thanks all members who participated in the Bike-A-Thon. Hope everyone gets a good fit in a tee shirt.

Someone would like to know if N2BPN intends to computerize his boat.

Our piano expert K2QGH renovates, repairs and tunes these instruments,

W2GSN can do 40 WPM CW. Can you top this?

Is it true that WB2THM intends to take the summer off?

Good luck to WB2DXB on his retirement, but what is K2JF going to do about Jack Daniels?

N2EBB - since the co-pilot tolerates Ham radio, maybe with a little push you can get her to join the crowd.

KA2KMW and family recently returned from a combined fishing and camping trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C.

NJ2D who operates a gas station next to the Pitman Post Office, says his motto is "Gas without water".

Anyone interested in buying or swapping get in touch with WA2PFC.

KA2OSV is pounding brass vigorously in preparation for Field Day.

73, de

"The Eavesdropper"

### SWAP & SHOP

#### For Sale:

Heathkit DX-60B transmitter with matching VFO and manual. Absolutely mint condition, less than 20 hrs. on the air.

Best Offer. Call KA2GCW

PACKET RADIO DURING FIELD DAY

Field Day groups that complete one or more QSOs via packet radio during the Field Day period will qualify for 100 additional bonus points. The repeater provision (Rule 7C) is waived for packet radio QSOs. A packet station does not count as an additional transmitter. Indicate packet radio QSOs on the summary sheet as a separate "band." Complete Field Day Rules will appear in May QST.

From "The ARRL Letter"  
TNX to K2JF

BASH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, the sometime controversial publishing firm founded by Dick Bash, KL7IHP, has ceased operation. In a letter to subscribers of his "Part 97 Update" service, Bash explained that the new Volunteer Examination system eliminated the need for marketplace competition in training material, since, according to Bash, training and testing material must be uniform nationwide if the All Volunteer program is to be a success. Dick cited ARRL publications as being a primary source of such standardized material, noting that the League's publication negated the need for him to bring one to the marketplace since it would be, by necessity, an exact duplicate. Bash concluded that he has always prided himself on providing unique training aids and since the current VEC situation precludes this, he was stepping aside. KL7IHP noted that he is keeping a computer data base of subscribers to the Part 97 Update and will issue credits toward any future publishing ventures he may undertake. Bash Educational Services gained fame from its "Final Exam" series of training manuals which featured the exact questions and answers to all FCC amateur exams other than Novice Class. Bash indicated that the training publications subsidized the Part 97 Update, and without that income, he could not continue. Tnx W9JUV.

FLEA MARKET SPACE at the 1985 Dayton Hamvention is already a total sellout one month prior to the annual Midwest gathering. Word from the Dayton Amateur Radio Association indicates that all flea market spaces were sold out by the end of February. In addition, almost every inch of commercial exhibit space inside the Hara Arena is now claimed. The dates for the Hamvention are April 26, 27 and 28, and with lower than usual airline fares this year, it's beginning to look like Hamvention '85 might break all records for attendance at the event.

DARA has also announced that Avis has been named the "official rental car agency" for Hamvention '85. Those needing a car for the weekend may call (800) 331-1212.

The top prize to be raffled off will be a complete Icom station, including IC-751 transceiver, IC-2KL amplifier and AT-500 antenna tuner. "See you in Dayton."

\*\*\*\*\* CYPRUS CALLS \*\*\*\*\*

The following are the ARRL ACCEPTED ZC4 calls to be submitted June 1, 1985 for DXCC credit for new CYPRUS country.  
ZC4AK, AU, BI, CB, CI, CN, CS, CT, CZ, DA, GB, HC, HS, IK, IO, JU, MR, PC, RB, RM, SC, SJ, TX, WD and ZC4EPI. Tnx Don Search/N2FJQ.