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GCARC RTTY NET:	Tuesday,	8:00 PM 147.78/18 Rptr
ARES NET:	Sunday,	8:00 PM 147.78/18 Rptr

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

General Meeting: First Wednesday of each month at the V.F.W. Hall in Woodbury, NJ. Meetings begin at 8:00 pm sharp.

Contributions: CROSSTALK, Tony Starr,
 Deadline: Ten (10) days before each general meeting.

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT -- MAY 1987

I promised my partner I wouldn't harp about work. (You know, that 40 hours + that cuts into hamming!) It does have a way to mess up our month's planning.

The monthly programming is the most challenging job I have undertaken. Help! Please call me if you have any suggestions or ideas. GCARC is swelling it's membership with ladies. What are your specific interests? I want to hear from you.

The program for May 1987 will be a half hour tape entitled, "What is Field Day?", from the ARRL HQ library. I have not seen this for a preview since the library does not accomodate prior use; but it should interest all who have not participated during Field Day. (We may even be able to spy on the competitions' camp.)

Upcoming programs include the White Elephant Sale and lectures on ATV (two hopefully!).

Now the next order of business. The July 19 American Cancer Society Bike-A-Thon is being organized. For all of you who helped last year I want to thank you for your help and suggestions. I am proud of the group of hams who participated in this large exercise. The route remains the same this year as last. I know what you are thinking! I will be in touch with the ACS officials to stress the problem spots and the areas that are the most life threatening. More details next month.

All in all I have enjoyed the office of Vice President of the GCARC and look forward to the rest of the year. There is quite a lot going on in this club right now and, in that light, we are probably one of the busiest clubs in South Jersey. The elected officials need your help. The club's activities cannot be accomplished without you. Come out to Field Day for an hour or two. Help us with the bike-a-thons and walk-a-thons. Call us on the phone with your suggesstions. Without YOU there is no club.

In closing I want to pass on a joke I was told recently. How do you catch a unique rabbit? Unique up on him!

73's de Jerry, WB2CAK

P.S. Our new land line

FIELD DAY "87"

Confirmation for the Gloucester County College and facilities have come through and, again this year, we will be able to set up tents and stations on Friday night, June 26. Anyone wishing to set up, but not stay the night, may do so as there will be people on the grounds all night.

With Field Day rapidly approaching, now is a good time to start writing up a check-off list. Making sure you have all you will need now saves the aggravation of discovering you forgot a cable, etc., 20 minutes before 2 pm Saturday afternoon.

This year we would like to try something new, videotaping our Field Day. We need someone with portable video equipment and who can devote Friday night thru Sunday afternoon doing nothing but videotaping. Format is not important as the tape will need to be edited to about 30 minutes in length. Edited and unedited tapes will be held by the Club Historian and arrangements will be made for anyone who would like to make a copy.

Band Chairmen:

80 cw - Open
 75 ph - Tony, WA2FZB
 40 cw - Ken, N2CQ
 40 ph - Wayne, WA2LET
 20 cw - Open
 20 ph - Art, KA2DOT
 15 cw - Open
 15 ph - John, WB2VOH
 10 cw - Open
 10 ph - Dan, N2FKT
 6 cw - Open
 6 ph - Tom, WA2KOB
 2 ph - Joe, WA2GFK

80 cw and 20 cw have recently been vacated and we are in need of chairmen for these bands. Anyone interested in taking either of these big point-getters, contact either of us.

73's Art, KA2DOT & Jerry, WB2CAK

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

K2RCH - Neil Sternstein
 KB2CIK - Rosemary Decker
 KB2CNA - R. Lee Bean
 WB2UBU - Mike Franzen
 N2EMM - Mike Kagle

LEGISLATION

Well it looks as if the FCC has bent to pressure from the ARRL and has granted an extension of time concerning General Docket 87-14. The new deadline date for comments to be received by the commission is May 21, with reply comments due June 19.

So let's get the typewriters or word processors banging out some letters. If you don't have any of the above listed high-tech machinery, a good old fashioned pen or pencil will do.

We have to get behind the ARRL on this thing or we are going to lose 40% of the 220 MHz band and if that goes, who knows what will be next. For more information see April QST.

ARRL has also asked for an extension of comment time on PRB-3. PRB-3 is the docket that involves call signs being handled by the private sector. The ARRL wants an extension until July 31. As it stands right now time is up April 23.

The league claims it needs more time to study the feasibility of its participation. It also claims that one page of text was left out when PRB-3 was put in the public register.

Novice Enhancement -

Well it looks like it's working. Larry Weikert, Chief of the General Radio Branch in Gettysburg, PA., reported to W5YI that Novice applications have quadrupled since enhancement. He said they would probably process 6000 applications this month as opposed to the normal 1000.

73 - KB2AZW Chuck

CONTEST CORNER

The major contest season will soon end, but lots of contests will continue to grace the airwaves until the next big season starts in October. Of course, let's all remember FIELD DAY -- help is always needed there in a number of ways including operating. I'm sure the chairman could use your help, check with him. Let's have GCARC make a good showing this year!!

The CQ WPX CONTEST (CW) is coming the end of this month and will be the last contest counting for the Megapoint awards until next fall. Please make returns as soon as you can. Again I ask that all cover sheets given to me be marked "COPY" or "SUBMIT" to avoid possible confusion. IF NOT MARKED, I WILL ASSUME THAT IT IS A COPY.

Included in the listing below are several items of special interest. A number offer DX opportunities in various directions and are sponsored by various international groups. Some respond to the increased Novice/Technician privileges. Others are directed toward use of some of our lesser used frequencies eg. the SMIRK and Spring Sprint contests on 50 MHz. The latter could also offer good chances for those rare VUCC grid square contacts.

Again, please help me update the Megapoint files. Would the holders of the awards give me the number of their award. I need to try to establish what the next number will be, if I can, before I can issue more. If you don't attend meetings, let me know some other way. Thanks for the help.

The contest list is updated below:

MONTH	DATES	CONTESTS
MAY	8	ARRL Spring 902 MHz Sprint
	9-10	USSR CQ-M Contest
	14	ARRL Spring 1296 MHz Sprint
	16	Armed Forces Day (NOT a contest)
	16-17	ARI International Contest
	16-17	World Telecommunication Contest
	23-24	ARRL Spring 50 MHz Sprint
	30-31	CQ WW WPX CW CONTEST
JUNE	6	YRYL Novice/Technician Day
	14-15	ARRL VHF QSO Party
	20-21	SMIRK QSO Party
	27-28	ARRL FIELD DAY
JULY	1	Canada Day Contest
	11-12	IARU World Championship
	18-19	CQ WW VHF WPX Contest
AUGUST	8	SWOT QSO Party
SEPTEMBER	26-27	CQ WW RTTY Contest

I will probably have to miss the meeting again this month, but should be back at June's meeting. Thank's to all who asked about my XYL's progress. So far she is doing very well with the new hip should be rid of crutches in a week or so.

(TNX ARRL, CQ, QST, 73, WORLD RADIO)
de KB2GW

DX

The Solar Flux has been quite high over the last couple of weeks and DX has been excellent on all the High bands. 20 Meters has been opened to all parts of the world at various times. In the early morning 1100Z the far east has been coming in very well: Japan, Indonesia, Philippines, Korea, and the areas in the Caribbean.

Stations worked:

JA21VY	14.221	1212Z	"
YBODLG	14.176	1233Z	"
UAOFF	14.165	1200Z	4/17
4X2J	14.025	1752Z	"
BYOAA	14.025 LISTEN UP 2	0058Z	4/18
JA4CX	14.165	1200Z	"
JA6RCH	14.165	1205Z	"
SVOEK	21.262 QSL N1DSO	1912Z	"
J37AJ	28.520	1958Z	"

Where are the Novices? The ten meter band has been open and we have been looking for you fellows..so come on get on the air and have some fun....
John, K2JF

SWAP & SHOP

FOR SALE:

COMMODORE 1541 Disk Drive - \$135.

Blue Chip Serial/Parallel printer interface - \$25.

Autodial/Autoanswer 300 Band Modem & Software for C-64 - \$30.

Sears 12" Color TV - \$130.

For above items, please contact Art Strong

CLUB QSLs AVAILABLE

Anyone wishing to purchase club QSL cards should see Al Trueblood, N2FJQ, at the meeting. He will have a supply on hand.

EDITOR'S NOTE

No, there are not any pages missing from your copy of Crosstalk this month. This month's issue is just shorter than usual. Contributions were fewer and more brief for some reason, and I suspect that Spring Fever may have played a part. I often have some articles in reserve for times like these, but not this time, so there we have it. In the mean time, keep those articles coming, folks! (73, Tony.)