



Presidents Message

Our President did not forward a monthly message to me for this month but I think if he had he would have mentioned the importance of the election of 2008 Club officers. If we want the Club to continue all its great activities, we need a good compliment of officers who can guide us through the coming year.

As seen in the article in this issue about the “Election of Officers for 2008” we have a full slate of officers except for Recording Secretary. So if you have the time to attend meetings and want to become more involved in the running of your Club, volunteer to run for Recording Secretary or any other office. Nominations will be open at both the November and December meetings. To volunteer contact Doug Gehring or any other Club officer to be nominated.

Election of Officers for 2008

At the October General Membership Meeting the Nominating Committee, chaired by Doug, WA2NPD, presented a slate of candidates for 2008 Club officers. Formal nominations for 2008 Club officers will be accepted at the November and December meetings and election of officers will be held at the December meeting. The Nominating Committee’s partial list of candidates is shown below:

President: Doug, WA2NPD
Recording Secretary: Open
Corresponding Secretary: Al, KB2AYU
Director 3-yr.: Bill, WA2ADB
Director 2-yr: Darrell, AB2E
Trustee 3-yr: Ray, WB2NBJ

Vice President: Wayne, WA2LET
Treasurer: Ken, N2CQ
Director 3-yr: Bill, W0MHK
Trustee 4-yr: Cory, WA3UVV

WB3JOY Program Chair

Dave MacDonald, WB3JOY, has been named Program Chair by our President, Darrell, AB2E. If you have any suggestions for future meeting topics or presenters please pass them along to Dave.

Welcome New Members

The Club welcomes new members Robert Doak, K2MA, of Swedesboro, Harry Elwell, K2ATX, of Williamstown, Robert Miller, KC2JAR, of Turnersville, Gary Mirkin, WA3SVW, of Sewell and Matt Wilson, K2MFW, of Millville. We hope to see all of you out at Club meeting and activities in the future.

DX Dope

By Doug Gehring, WA2NPD

This month I am passing along some DX tidbits of information rather than attempting to write a dissertation for a PHD in something I know little about.

From the Weekly DX, we are admonished by W3UR for still referring to the 30, 17, and 12 meter bands as the WARC bands. The WARC bands were created at the 1979 World Amateur Radio Conference and the name has stuck all these years. Bernie suggests that referring to these bands as the WARC bands could discourage any future endeavors at securing some new bands from the powers that be. He feels that calling these bands the WARC bands would suggest to newcomers and potential supporters that we already have been blessed with some new frequencies. By simply referring to them as the 30, 17, and 12 meter Ham bands, the WARC acquisition stigma will eventually fade from memory thus greasing the skids for new acquisitions. Seems a bit far-fetched to me, but we don't have much to lose by giving it a shot. One thing that your humble scribe was reminded of this past weekend (thanks to W2YC) is that these 3 bands may not be used in any amateur contests on a world-wide basis. Perhaps this may even change in due course.

Also, note that amateurs in Iraq are now being encouraged to apply for new amateur licenses and to "start over", as it were. Recall that last spring, all amateur radio in YI land was abolished due to the turmoil within that country, and now they apparently are starting up again. This is another piece of bad-news for the George Bush haters as it indicates things in Iraq must be improving. And we read that further liberalization of the Ham bands is happening in India and Thailand, as Indian hams are now permitted to use 30 meters on a trial basis and 160 and 80 meters have now been opened to HS operators. I am not sure of the reasons for these liberalization policy changes, but we'll take them! Finally, yours truly just renewed his license (not sure I'll last another ten years) via the League. Nothing could be simpler as the ARRL spontaneously mails out your application well in advance of your license expiring. One simply fills in a couple of lines, and mails it back to the League. Exactly 8 days later, the new license was in my mailbox from Gettysburg, and total cost to me was one 41 cent stamp! What could be simpler? This is a real super service and another benefit of belonging to the ARRL.

So, what's hot out there for this month?

<u>STATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>FREQ/MODE</u>	<u>RARITY*</u>	<u>ENTITY</u>
T6EE	10/18 – 11/12	80 – 10; SSB	3	Afghanistan
VK9ANH	11/1 - 11/15	40 – 10; SSB	3	Norfolk Is.
C91KDJ	11/15 – 11/28	160 – 20; CW, RTTY	3	Mozambique
EA6/LU5FF	Now till 11/16	30 – 10; CW, SSB	3	Balearic Is.
8Q7AU	10/29 - 11/10	NA; NA	3	Maldives Is.
XU7MDY	10/24 – 11/12	160 – 10; CW, SSB, PSK	4	Cambodia
V8FDM, et al (1)	11/5 – 11/18	160 – 10; SSB, CW	4	Brunei
V5/DJ4SO	11/13 – 12/3	160 – 6 ; All	3	Namibia
4O5Z	Now till 11/4	80 – 10 ; SSB	3	Montenegro
4U1WRC	Now till 11/16	160 – 6 ; All	3	ITU Geneva
9M4DXX	11/7 – 11/12	80 – 10; CW, SSB, FM	4	W. Malaysia
5X1NH	11/21 – 11/30	NA; NA	4	Uganda

(1) Minor Dxpedition * Nr. 5 is rarest

TNX to the Weekly DX, 425 DX Report, AA2WN, W2YC, K2JF, WA2LET

The State of Our Hobby

Harry Bryant passed along some interesting statistics that he got from Bob Schroeder, N2HX, the Communications and Warning Officer NJOEM about the number of US Amateur radio licensees.

The number of US Amateur licensees grew steadily from 1930 to 2000 and reached an all time high of 687,860 in April of 2003. Since that date the total number of licensees has dropped. Although we have not finished the current decade, if this trend continues it will be the first decade with a loss. The numbers below show the US population and the number of hams at the start of each decade from 1930 to the present. The 2007 number was as of September 30, 2007. Although these numbers probably don't surprise you, they do verify what you all suspected.

Year	Population	Number of Hams	Growth Rate
1930	123,202,624	19,000	
1940	132,164,569	56,000	194%
1950	151,325,798	87,000	55%
1960	179,323,175	230,000	164%
1970	203,211,926	263,918	15%
1980	226,545,805	393,353	49%
1990	248,709,873	502,677	28%
2000	281,421,906	682,240	36%
2007	300,000,000	655,711	-3.9%

It is interesting to look at the change in the distribution of licensees since May 14, 2004 when the FCC dropped the code test requirement to 5 WPM for General and Extra Licenses. As would be expected there was a surge in the number of General and Extra Class licensees. Unfortunately there has been a bigger drop in the number of Novice, Tech and Advanced licensees. This indicates that we have had a boom in upgrading without many licenses being issued to people new to the hobby. Although not shown by these numbers the upgrading has now slowed down.

Total licenses-May 14, 2000		Total licensees-September 30, 2007		Change
Novice	49,329	Novice	21,154	(-57.11%)
Tech/+	334,254	Tech/+	313,887	(-6.10%)
General	112,677	General	142,474	+25.44%
Advanced	99,782	Advanced	66,630	(-33.22%)
Extra	78,750	Extra	111,566	(+41.67%)
Total all classes 674,792		Total all classes 655,711		

Changing license requirements have over the years brought new people to the hobby. But it appears that now the competition for the public's leisure time is so great and other forms of communication so prevalent that even these requirement changes have failed to attract enough people to the hobby to keep our number from dropping. Even more interesting statistics would be the average ages of licensees over the years. It appears obvious that the average Radio Amateur is getting older and that alone will decrease our numbers unless there is a big change in the future.

Equipment for Sale

Andrea Logan, KB2ZWK, has two pieces of equipment from her deceased husband, John's, station that she would like to sell. One is a Alinco DR-140 TG and the other is a one year old Kenwood TM-71A. She is asking \$200 for the Alinco and \$300 for the Kenwood. If you are interested in either of these radios please contact Andrea at gray-hairlady@comcast.net.



NOVEMBER **CONDUCTED BY N2SS** **2007**

WARC BANDS

<u>30 Meters</u>	<u>17 Meters</u>	<u>12 Meters</u>
W2YC. 308	N2SS ...324	WØMHK310
N2SS295	WØMHK.. 321	N2SS.....303
WØMHK ..278	W2YC 312	W2YC.....278
WA2NPD ..216	WA2NPD . 221	K2JF 135
AA2WN171	K2JF 168	N2CQ.....99
AB2E146	AA2WN ... 122	WA2NPD...96
K2JF.....112	AB2E..... 121	AB2E92
N2CQ.....111	N2CQ 115	AA2WN.....20

When the same call heads all 3 WARC bands we will have that elusive, undisputed **KING OF WARC**

160 Meters

W2YC..... 201	N2SS 79
WØMHK 148	AA2WN 36
AB2E 100	K2JF 34
WA2NPD..... 96	N2CQ 9

W2YC continues as our undisputed Top of Top Band.

R T T Y **DIGITAL**

W2YC..... 276	K2JF 113
AA2WN 187	N2SS 53
N2CQ 151	WA2JSG 10

MOBILE DX

W2YC276	WØMHK 141
N2SS.....234	AA2WN 131
K2JF 150	

Looks like Dave and I have spent entirely too much time behind the wheel!

1.5K Club

W2YC1584	AA2WN 1369
N2SS.....1537	K2JF..... 1350
WØMHK 1479	AB2E 1185
WA2NPD ... 1453	N2CQ..... 1135

Islands On The Air

N2SS.....842	AB2E 205
W2YC.....656	N2CQ..... 159
WØMHK349	

6 METER DXCC

WØMHK..... 105	W2YC.....29
K2JF 94	AA2WN.....15
N2SS 55	

Congrats to Bill for hitting the Century mark on 6 Meters!!

GRID SQUARES

WØMHK.....522	K2JF285
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Rules for GCARC Honor Roll Listings
Provide me with your total IOTAs worked, or countries (including deleted) worked for: WARC Bands, 160 Meters, Digital modes, Mobile, 6 Meters or your total for 80,40,20, 15 and 10 for 1.5K Club. Final category is Grid Squares – just send me your total worked. Lastly, you do not have to participate in every category to be listed; just send me your totals for any of the categories listed.

CURRENT OFFICIAL ARRL DXCC STATISTICS

Active Count	337
Deleted Count.....	58
Last Addition.....	KH8/S
Last Deletion.....	STØ

November Birthdays

Congratulations to these members celebrating birthdays in November:

Fr. Brian Burgess, KD4UTL
Joseph DiNovi, WA2GFK
John Fisher, K2JF
Russel Glans, N2ASV
Howard Marder, WA2IBZ
Ray Martin, W2RM
Lawrence Mommicco, WB2HTE
Cory Sickles, WA3UVV
Thomas Wright, K1TSW



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 October issue:
11/28/2007

Club Web-Site

<http://users.tellurian.com/freddie/w2mmd/>

GCARC Officers

President-Darrell Neron, AB2E
Vice President-Wayne Wilson, WA2LET
Treasurer-Ken Newman, N2CQ

Recording Secretary-Dave MacDonald, WB3JOY
Corresponding Secretary-Al Arrison, KB2AYU

Board of Directors

Bill Blakeley, WA2ADB
Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML
Doug Gehring, WA2NPD

William Grimm, W0MHK
Harry Bryant, AA2WN
Gene Schoeberlein, AA2YO

Committees

Advertising-Open
ARES/RACES-Dave, WA3JOY
Awards-Jack, K2ZA
Banquet-Open
Budget-Steve, W2TDS
Clubhouse Site-Al, KB2AYU
Constitution-Open
Crosstalk-Gene, AA2YO
Database-Ray, W2RM
DX-Doug, WA2NPD
Field Day-Mike, N2SRO
Hamfest-Harry, AA2WN
Club License Trustee-Darrell, AB2E

Hospitality-Ken, N2CQ
Membership-Ray, W2RM
Nominations-Doug, WA2NPD
Publicity-John, K2JF
Repeaters-Mike, N2SRO
Scholarships-Greg, WN2T
Special Services-Gene, N2IMK
Sunshine-Open
Technical-Open
TVI-Cory, WA3UVV
VEC Testing-Ray, W2RM
Programs-Gene, WB3JOY

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

8 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

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

10 Meter- Sunday
following the
ARES/RACES Net
(28.350 Mhz)

November Meeting

VEC Testing Program
Ray Martin, W2RM

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