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CLUB NETS

6M AREC	50.9 --Sundays, 8 PM Local Time
10M Rag Chew	28.8 --Fridays, 9:30 PM Local Time
Novice AREC	21.15 --Mondays, 8:30 PM Local Time
Friendship	7.26 --To be announced.

November meeting: WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6th, BEGINNING AT 8 PM.
PROGRAM: Net Nite!!!

***DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE IS SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 17th 1974. PLEASE MAIL ANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO: MARK WILSON,
WB2OSQ,

NET NITE AT NOVEMBER MEETING

Our November meeting will feature our own Billy WB2FJE, who will present an informative talk on "Nets and Net Operation." Bill is perhaps the most qualified GCARC member in this area, having been involved as net manager and net operator in a large variety of nets for many years. He will describe the various nets that are active, what it takes to get involved, qualifications, special talents, procedures, etc., etc., etc. If you are one of those (like me) who has a flock of questions about nets, c'mon-out and let Bill answer them for you. A mug of WB2GEK'S coffee will keep you warm during the proceedings. Let's have a FB turnout this time (before the bad wx sets in!)

de Doug WA2NPD

OCTOBER PROGRAM DRIVES AUDIENCE TO TEARS

October's program was perhaps the most hilarious to make the scene at a GCARC meeting. Three vintage 1920-30 films were presented to those making the meeting. All were of the slapstick variety, the most interesting dealing with radio controlled tin lizzies. Nice way to beat the energy crisis!! A good time was had by all. Many thanks to the donor, who prefers to remain anonymous.

GCARC WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

The club takes great pleasure in welcoming Chuck Smith (says that this is his real name!!) from Gibbstown into our group. Chuck has no call as of yet, but he is attending the code class. His address is:

Chuck Smith

NEW CIRCULATION MANAGER

Our faithful printer, Gary, WA2OMY, has volunteered to take over the difficult job of Crosstalk circulation manager. Many thanks to Wayne, W2SUA, who has been circulation manager for quite a while now. For those of you who don't know, the address stickers that go on Crosstalk come from Ken, W2PBF, free of charge.

Anyone in the club who is not receiving Crosstalk should contact Gary Hitchner, WA2OMY.

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!!!

WANTED: One (or more) person(s) to handle refreshments for the club meetings. Someone is needed to pick up a couple of dozen donuts before each meeting. Not so hard, is it?

If you feel that you can leave a few minutes earlier for the club meeting, then you're the man we want. If interested, call John, WB2GKH or see him at the meeting.

1975 BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

(ed. note: the following report was read and approved at the October, 1974 meeting. I suggest that you read the report carefully)

As a result of it's meeting on September 16, 1974, the committee recommended the following budget for the coming year.

EXPENSES		INCOME	
Crosstalk:			
Postage	\$108.00	Dues	\$500.00
Typing	\$90.00	Drawings	\$50.00
Paper	\$90.00	Misc. Income	\$20.00
Repairs/Supplies	\$62.00		
Crosstalk total	\$350.00		
Field Day	\$50.00		
Contest Prizes	\$25.00		
Programs	\$50.00		
AREC Subsidy	\$10.00		
Misc. Expenses	\$85.00		
Total	\$570.00	Total Income	\$570.00

Misc. expenses includes such items as Callbooks, license upgrades, etc.

In order to meet the income required to balance the budget, the committee recommends that the dues structure be changed according to the following schedule.

The annual dues for full members shall be nine dollars (\$9.00), payable at the rate of seventy five cents (\$.75) per month, with the proviso that the payment of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) if paid during the months of January, February, or March, will be considered as payment in full for the fiscal year. The initiation fee shall be three dollars (\$3.00).

For associate members the dues shall be six dollars (\$6.00) annually, payable at the rate of fifty cents (\$.50) per month. Payment of five dollars (\$5.00) if made during January, February, or March, will be considered as payment in full for the fiscal year. The initiation fee shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

The committee feels that the increase in dues is necessary to meet the ever increasing costs, especially for Crosstalk.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Newman, Chairman
 John White
 Jim Klupar
 Harry McCormick
 Wayne Wood

EXTRA!! CONTROVERSY BREAKS OUT
AT OCTOBER MEETING!!!

BY Bill Conrad, WB2FJF

I never thought I'd see the day when members of our club would openly disagree with each other during a general club meeting (horror!), but that's exactly what happened at the October 2nd club meeting. Outrageous, isn't it?

Ever since I first visited GCARC, I never imagined that something even resembling widespread conflict among members could arise.

It all started when a proposal to increase dues was read (see note: See Budget Committee report on page 2.). Someone began to question the necessity of such an increase, bringing up, among other things, the fact that a good deal of money was wasted on gasoline cans for Field Day. This member pointed out that several members could have easily given or lent their own cans. Slowly, but surely, other members began to raise their hands and put in their own two cents worth. Conflict lay heavy in the air.

What is happening to our club? Are we going to start really speaking our minds? Who knows, maybe we'll elect a President and other officers for 1975, instead of letting the nominating Committee be forced to choose the only candidates. Wouldn't that really be something?

Are we going to stop blindly saying "Aye" when a vote is called for? Are you going to dare to speak against something? Will you nominate someone or support a nomination other than one from the Committee? Should sixty-plus people be practically forced to go along with the decisions of just a few? Think about it.

CODE CLASS: A SURPRISING TURNOUT!

If you haven't already heard, the 1974 Code Class instructor was completely overwhelmed by the number of aspiring hams who turned out for this annual event. No less than thirteen, let me repeat, thirteen interested persons attended the first class.

Where did we get so many interested parties? Well, when queried as to how they found out about the class, the majority of them stated that either Jim, W2LVW or Milt, K3WIL had informed them. I understand that these two characters hassled everyone who came into their Radio Shack stores about coming. My sincerest of thanks to these two for their FB P.R. efforts.

Among the students this year, we have a YL--10 year old Theresa McDonald. It is really good to see someone so young interested in ham radio. All of the students are taking to the code and doing well.

Bill, WA2VEE and Bud, WB2TKN showed up the first night to give the harried instructor a hand. Hope to see more club members come out to see the fine students on Thursday nights.

NOTE: Code class will not be held on the following nights:

Nov. 7, Nov. 28, and Dec. 26, which are school holidays

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NOVICE NET

The GOARC 15 meter Novice Net was activated on October 7th, 1974 for the first time in several months. The only check-in for the first session was Jack, WN2VCZ from Franklinville. The second session, on Oct. 14th, produced three check-ins, WN2VCZ, WB2OSQ and WB2FIF. On Oct. 21st, only Jack, WN2VCZ checked in.

Our faithful check-in, Jack, is not a member at present, but he plans to attend the Nov. meeting. Jack puts a real nice signal in to this area and we all copy him Q5. (ed. note: No wonder, he has 3 elements at 70 feet!!).

The Novice Net was organized a little over two years ago by WA2SEA as part of the AREC program. Harry acted as NCS for quite a while until his job started taking a lot of his time. When the decision was made to reactivate the net recently, the responsibility was passed to WB2OSQ who passed it along to me.

Although the primary purpose of the net is to help Novices learn net procedure, it is open to anyone. I would like to see a little more activity and interest in the net on the part of club members.

The Novice Net is held every Monday night at 8:30 PM local time on 21.115 MHz. Hope to see you there.

73, Steve, WA2AXJ

DX

BANGLADESH--JA0CUV will be there about November 15-17. After this, he travels to the MALDIVES for the CQ WW Contest (CW) Nov. 20-29. CW freqs. are 5 KHz above the low band edge and listening 25 KHz above the low edge. SSB 7.075, 14.195, 21.275, and 28.600. QSL via JA0CUV.

By now most of you who read this column probably realize that some of the DX information seen here has to be supplied by a source better than I. I can simply supply some of the info from that heard on the DX bands and from QSOs with knowledgeable people. Other DX info is gleaned from publications such as QST, 73, CQ and Ham Radio. However good these sources may be; there are some that are still better.

A number of weekly and bi-weekly DX magazines and newsletters are available. These contain up to date information including lists of rare DX currently active, latest info on DXpeditions, time and frequency of stations worked during recent weeks and even photos and editorials. However, they sometimes contain rumors and inaccurate info. One must sort the worthwhile from the trash.

Editors of these bulletins receive their info from avid DXers on a week by week basis. I find the LIDXA bulletin to be quite good. This is published twice monthly by the Long Island DX Association. Editor is K2KGB. They deserve a lot of credit for their work. A flash card service is also maintained, giving the subscriber the latest and hottest info.

A good place to find some good ones: CQ World Wide DX Contest--CW weekend November 23-24.

de Shorty, W2SUA

Swap Shepp

FOR SALE: Hammarlund Hq - 110, \$90.00 Heath TX-35, \$25.00
Contacts: Art Salin, WA2JBD, Humphreys Avenue,
Pennsville, NJ 08070 Phone: 678-3551.

FOR SALE: SG-2A Signal Generator, 333 MHz 6-16 tubes and 20
systems, \$20.00 Government surplus -
Contact: Jim Klapp, WB2OCR 843-0197

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... 539-3174.

... VFO, ...
... 539-3174.

... antenna tuner (translator),
... working condition. Contact: ...
... Glassboro, NJ, 08023

If anyone has something to buy or trade, put it in
Crosstalk. If cost nothing, its worth a try. Write to Mark Wilson
WB2OSQ, to place
your ad.

GAITHERSBURG, 1974

Quite a few area hams attended the F.A.R. hamfest in Gaithersburg,
Maryland this year. The hamfest, held on October 20, attracted a
few thousand hams.

A group including WA2OMY, WA2AIH, WB2WQZ and yours truly (WB2OSQ)
went down in WA2AXJ'S auto. Along the way we spotted W2SUA's
monstrosity, and with him was WB2JZX. They went early and stopped
for a bite to eat along the way.

At the hamfest itself, we spotted WB2OCR, WA2TSZ, W2JAV, and
WA2WOD. Looks like we were very well represented.

Seen leaving the large flea market area were: /WA2OMY with a
large CCTV monitor and W2SUA with a VOM. WA2AIH purchased a 1.5
amp. meter for his 10KW linear (see last month's scuttlebutt)
WA2AXJ is still adding to his RTTY collection. WB2OSQ bought an
11 element beam for 2 meters (how do you fit that in a Duster).
WA2WOD needs a Drake AR-6. Anyone have one?

A good time was had by all, but nobody from our group seems
to have won any prizes. Better luck nex year!!

DX QSL SERVICE

A DX QSL service is available to GCARC members, starting this month
Darrell, WB2BVV 's willing to handle any QSL cards going to DX
stations for the rate of 6¢ each for 20 for a dollar.

This service represents a real savings considering the price
of postage these days. Darrell will see that each card get to the
station, so don't put any address on it.

Please mail any cards and payment to Darrell Naxon, WB2BVV,
You may also give them to WB2OSQ
or WB2BVV at any club meeting.

LES BELLES

by WA2FGS

Has inflation found a way into your kitchen? Try this Southern Style inexpensive treat and also meal stretcher:

****BLACK EYED PEAS****

(2) 10 oz. pkg. frozen Black Eyed Peas (defrosted)

2 oz. salt pork, diced

1/4 cup green pepper, finely chopped

1/4 cup onion, finely chopped.

3/4 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. black pepper

Dice salt pork and fry in skillet until browned. Remove from skillet. Add green pepper and onion bits and fry until softened. Drain off excess fat, except two tablespoons. Place defrosted peas in saucepan and add two cups water. Add diced salt pork, onion, green pepper bits and the two tablespoons of reserved fat. Add salt and pepper. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and slowly simmer until black eyed peas are tender (about 30 minutes). If more water is needed it may be added.

Drain off any excess liquid. Save a little "pot liquor" to add flavor. Add more freshly ground pepper and more salt to taste, before serving.

With the forthcoming holidays and gift giving--some of you may be in store for jewelry. Make sure your better half selects something in the so called "good quality" counter (if at all possible).

Nickel Sulfate, an ingredient common in "cheap" costume jewelry is one of the substances most likely to cause skin allergies--

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THE TOYS ARE
IN AT THE RADIO
SHACK OF JIM, W2LVW
ON ROUTE 45 ACROSS
FROM J.M. FIELDS.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS:
TOYS, CALCULATORS,
PARTS. COME IN
AND BROWSE.

by
JAN
MAURO

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producing redness, rash and itching. A great percentage of wearers of such items as nickel plated earrings and watchbands suffer allergic reactions, it has been found by many doctors.

The lucky girl is one who gets jewelry direct from a reliable jeweler rather than from the bargain counter. Tell your OM he may as well spend the cash on good jewelry in the beginning rather than pay the medical bills that may follow afterwards.

73's

Rose Ellen