

GCARC CROSSTALK

NOVEMBER 1998

President's Message

It's hard to believe that 1998 is quickly coming to an end. We have one more important task to be completed this year, the election of officers for next year. As of the October meeting, we still have many positions open. The Club needs a good team of officers to continue the work of those from previous years, and to take on the challenges of our rapidly changing world. Please consider volunteering some of your time and expertise as an officer of the GCARC. At the November meeting there will be a final call for nominees.

In response to discussion about the fate of the clubhouse, I am going to schedule an informal open house of sorts for Tuesday, November 10, starting about 7:30 PM. All are welcome to come out and review the equipment and "play" ham radio. I will be on hand to explain the basic operation of the FT-736R and its associated equipment.

The November meeting is on Tuesday, the 3rd at 7:00 PM. See you there.

Al KB2AYU

Nominations for Officers for 1999

President - open

Vice President - open

Treasurer - Jim - KC2OAF

Recording Secretary - open

Corresponding Secretary - John - K2JF

Directors - Mark - W8HCL

Art - KA2DOT

Gene - AA2YO

John - N2AWD

CROP WALK

I wish to thank the following Amateurs Operators who so generously gave of their time to help in the Pitman-Glassboro CROP-WALK, on Sunday October 18:

KA2DOT, KB2EAH, KB2ZDA, KC2BNM, KC2BUN, KC2CIX, N2IMK, N2WIA, W2RCM, WA2VOY, & WB2NBJ.

It was job "Well-Done" and the sponsors of the "Walk" were very grateful for our help. Thanks again.

Tnx K2JF

Service Awards

GCARC being Special Service Club, one its functions as a Service Club may have members who are ARRL FIELD SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES.

Your Club has the following members as Field Service Representatives:

For DXCC: K2OWE.....Jim Mollica Sr

K2JF.....John Fisher

Note: You need BOTH Representatives to count DXCC QSL cards and endorse your application.

For W.A.S. (All bands)K2JF

VUCC 50 MHz and up.....K2JF

Note: Only one Representative is necessary to count your cards.

Anyone wishing to know the new fee structure for DXCC, VUCC and WAS submission please read: www.arrl.org/awards/96fees.html.

Tnx K2JF

DX REPORT

9M6 - Bruce, KD6WW will be active from 9M6AAC at Hillview Gardens (Sabah, East Malaysia). Before and after the contest he will try to make sunrise and sunset on 160 metres, while other activity will be primarily WARC and RTTY. Bruce will be vacationing in that area and therefore he will not be on every day. QSL via N200.

A4 - Mary, G0BQV will be active (on all bands CW) as A4/G0BQV from Oman between 21 October and 1 November. QSL via G0BQV.

C5 - The Bavarian Contest Club operators (DF4RD, DL5NAM, DL8UD, DL9NDS, OE2VEL, OE2MON) [425DXN 383] have been issued C56A to be used before and after the CQ WW SSB DX Contest, while during the contest they will be active as C56T. QSL via DL5NAM.

E3 - The Space A DX Group are finalizing their plans for the Dxpediton to Eritrea. The operators (EA8AFJ, I8NHJ, IV3FSG, JH1AJT, K3VN, K5VT, K8RF, KO4RR, N2WB, N5VL, N9NS, NF6S, OK1TN, S53R, W4WX and WD4NGB, plus a few guest operators) will be arriving in Asmara in two groups, one on the night of 3 November and the main group on the night of 4 November, and they will make every attempt to be active starting during 5 November. They will be operating four stations, 24 hours a day, on 10-160 metres CW, SSB and RTTY. Individual callsigns will be issued upon arrival starting at E30AA and up. It is hoped the operators will be allowed to use only one call per site; however they may be using their own call for the last few hours (they expect to go QRT on 17 November). QSL via INDEXA (c/o K4JDJ, 556 Babbtown Road, Suffolk, VA 23434, USA) or through the bureau to K4JDJ. The web pages for the DXpeditons are at <http://qsl.net/eritrea>, http://members.xoom.com/eritrea_ and <http://pagus.it/E31DX> [TNX WD4NGB and I8NHJ]

HI - DL1JDK, DL3ALF, DL4JAN, DL4JS and DK8YY will be active as home call/HI8 from Dominican Republic between 22 October and 1 November. They plan to participate in the CQ WW SSB DX Contest as DK8YY/HI8, while before and after the contest they will concentrate on CW. QSL via DL4JAN either direct (Bernd Eybe, Hohes Gebirge 32, 08289 Schneeberg, Germany) or through the bureau.

HK - The OPDX Bulletin reports that the 5J8IB operation from Bocagrande Island has been postponed to 31 October-1 November. This island *MIGHT* qualify for SA-081, but the IOTA Manager is currently waiting for the operators to provide the necessary evidence.

HR - Joe, VE3BW will be active as VE3BW/HR6 from Roatan Island Honduras between 18 October and 1 November. He will participate in the CQ WW SSB DX Contest and will be active on CW and 6 meters before and after the contest. QSL via VE3BW (Joe Adams, 5 Romko Court, ST. Catharines, ON, Canada L2N-7A1).

HS - Special event call HS98AG will be aired from Thailand until 31 December to celebrate the Asian Games which will take place in Bangkok on 6-20 December. QSL direct to HS1CKC (Winit Kongprasert, 49/203 Jangwattana Rd. Prakret, Nonthaburi 11120, Thailand). E21EIC]

W - W98ITU, special event station of the international Telecommunications Union's Plenipotentiary Conference being held in Minneapolis will be QRV on RTTY, CW and SSB modes until 23.59 UTC on 7 November. QSL to P.O. Box 131415, St. Paul, MN 55113 (for stateside stations, while DX stations will be automatically QSLled via their bureaus). [TNX WB2CJL and the VKVK2SG RTTY DX Notes]

XT - Mako, JA1OEM will be active as XT2HP from Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso between 21-22 October and 24 November. Look for him on SSB (3795, 7043, 14145, 18115, 21245, 24945 and 28475 kHz) and slow CW on 3 or 13 kHz from the low end of the band. He then plans to visit Ivory Coast (TU) between 26 November and 5 December. QSL direct to JA1OEM (Shinichi M Toyofuku, Box 9, Sawara, 287-8691 Japan).

XW - Shin, JA7SGV will be working in Laos between 23 and

30 October and hopes to be active from XW8KPL. Try 14.085. **YL** - Amateurs from Latvia are allowed to use the special prefix YL80 in October and November to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the proclamation of Republic of Latvia (18 November 1918). An award is available for contacts made during this period, for further information please visit <http://www.hamradio.lv>

ZS - Special event station ZS75SIG will be active between 30 October and 30 November to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the South African Corp of Signals. Special QSL via ZS5BBO direct only (Edwin Musto, P.O. Box 211032, Bluff, 4036, South Africa). [TNX ZS5BBO]

BV9P - Paul, BV9FH has informed Randy, WX5L "that their operation to Pratas Island, BV9P is a go on or about 12 November. He wishes to thank all those who responded to the e-mail request indicating a need and desire by the DX community for this operation to become a reality He used hard copies as part of his request for license". Plans are to have ten operators with two separated stations consisting of four transceivers each with an assortment of many antennas.

CX - Amateurs from Salto city, Uruguay, will operate special event stations CX125J between 30 October and 1 November. Fourteen stations are expected to be active (SSB and CW) on 2 metres (one station), 10 (one), 15 (one), 20 (one), 40 (five) and 80 metres (five). QSL to CX125J, P.O.Box 164, 50000 Salto, Uruguay. For further information (a diploma and special QSL cards will be available) please send an e-mail message to tvnet@adinet.com.uy

CY - Wayne, VE1NR (ex VE1CBK) will be working on Sable Island for about five days starting on 26 October. He plans to be active (10-80 metres SSB) as CY0NR in his spare time. QSL via VE1NR.

D6 - Herman, DJ2BW will be active (with an emphasis on 12, 17, 30 metres and the low bands) as D68BW from Comoros between 25 October and 7 November. QSL via DJ2BW. [TNX The Daily DX]

E3 - Zoltan Szoke, HA5PP is currently active from Asmara, Eritrea as E30HA. He is expected to operate on 10, 15 and 20 metres SSB. QSL via HA5YPP.

E3 - Jacky, E31AA is expected to be active from Eritrea until 25 October. Then he will go again to Djibouti, from where he might operate as J28AG for three days, and to Nairobi, Kenya. QSL via ZL3CW (Jacky Calvo, P.O. Box 593, Pukekohe 1800, New Zealand).

FS - After the CQ WW SSB DX Contest Brian, N3OC/V26OC (one the V26B operators) will be active (on 6, 30 and 160 metres, with some RTTY on 20 metres) as FS/N3OC from St. Martin between 27 October and 3 November. QSL via N3OC.

HC - Uwe, DL2YAK will be active as either HC5UK or HC5/DL2YAK from Ecuador between 25 October and 22 November. [TNX The Daily DX]

JA - JI3DST/3 (7N3UXO/3) plans to be active from Awaji Island (AS-117) between 24 and 26 (2 UTC) October (CQ WW SSB DX Contest included) and again between 7 (5 UTC) and 8 (5 UTC) November and 14 and 16 (2 UTC) November (Japan International DX Contest included). QSL via JI3DST

either direct (Takeshi Funaki, 2-18-26 Hannan-Cho, Abeno-Ku, Osaka City, Osaka 545-0021, Japan) or through the bureau. [TNX JI3DST and G3KMA]

VK9 xms - Jack, HB9TL and Erwin, HB9QR, will be active (20-10 metres) as VK9XTL and VK9XQR from Christmas Island (OC-002) between 31 October and 14 November. QSL direct to HB9QR (Erwin Fink, Toedistr. 7, CH-8572 Berg, Switzerland). [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

XZ - KM5EP (YL), N7MB, N7ZRD (YL), NA7DB, WA6CDR, WY7K (YL) and others to be announced will be active as XZ1N from Yangon, Myanmar between 21 November and 6 December. Most of the team are members of the Central Arizona DX Association, with some members of the original XZ1N operation in 1996. This will be a multiple station operation covering 160 through 10 metres, WARC bands included, on CW, SSB and RTTY. They will participate in the CQ WW CW DX and ARRL 160 Meter Contests. QSL via W1XT. [TNX NA7DB]

ZK3 - On 22 October Ron, ZL1AMO was still stuck on Fiji, as the boat that was to take him to Tokelau was full and refused to take him. The operation has not been cancelled, but if he does not succeed this week, he will return to Auckland.

C U in the Pile-Ups....Tnx K2JF

SEDSAT-1 SATELLITE TO LAUNCH OCTOBER 25!

The SEDSAT-1 satellite package is set go into space Sunday, October 25, at 1200 UTC. That word this week from Chris Bond, KF4UGG, at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. SEDSAT-1 will include Amateur Radio digital packet store-and-forward and analog repeater systems. SEDSAT-1 will fly as a secondary passenger along with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory's Deep Space One mission aboard a Delta II booster.

Built by students at the University of Alabama's Huntsville campus, SEDSAT-1 will carry a Mode L digital transponder as well as a Mode A analog transponder.

Project coordinator and UAH Associate Professor Mark Maier, KF4YGR, says SEDSAT will separate from the second stage over the Eastern Pacific between California and Hawaii about 83 minutes after launch. SEDSAT will begin transmitting Mode L.

The Mode L frequencies will be 1268.175 to 1268.250 MHz up and 437.850 to 438.000 MHz down, FSK, 9600 baud. The Mode A frequencies will be 145.915 to 145.975 MHz up, and 29.35 to 29.42 MHz down.

Maier says the Mode A transponder will not be turned on immediately. "It will take several weeks and will have to be scheduled because of power issues," he said. "Also, we've seen a bit of frequency drift with time and temperature so don't be surprised at some changes in the exact values on orbit." Maier says this is due to the fact that the radios are "several years old, from an earlier incarnation of the project."

For additional information, visit the SEDSAT Web site, <http://146.229.5.181/>

ARRL Newsletter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER FROM ALL THE MEMBERS OF G.C.A.R.C.

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| K3JGJ | JOE | MC CONAGHY | 5 |
| KG2MY | ANTHONY | SCANDURRA | 5 |
| KB2ZWK | ANDREA | LOGAN | 8 |
| WA2IBZ | HOWARD | MARDER | 9 |
| WB2LNR | RAYMOND | MARTIN | 14 |
| N2ASV | RUSSEL | GLANS | 24 |
| WB2B | PETER | BUTLER | 29 |
| N2DJN | HANK | BASTH | 30 |

From the Editor

This month marks the first official e-mailing of Crosstalk on a fulltime basis. It took a while but it finally came about after a few false starts and a lot of frustration. But not one to rest on our laurels as there are more things in store as far as e-mail is concerned. The club now has Pagemaker 6.5 software that is up and running which will allow us to do more with the development of Crosstalk whether on paper or e-mail. I want to start incorporating pictures into the paper when any are available and in using color in the on-line version. I know some members can't print color so I will make sure that the color will come out ok on a b&w printer. I'm also working to get the club roster set up so that it can be sent out online but there are some major gaps to cross between DOS format and Windows format. In time.

I'm also entertaining the idea of changing the format of how Crosstalk is put together. I think we lose a lot of useable space with the way the front covers are set up and any changes that come about during the year are delayed while we use up the preprinted covers. If the information on the front covers is reduced in overall amount then it could be incorporated into the newsletter itself. Why am I making a big deal out of it? Because most people don't like change and this would be a change from what we are used to.

Speaking of change, we have a big change coming up as we have to elect new officers for 1999 and we have very little for a slate. There is no Pres., vice Pres., or recording Sec. on the ballots and they are key positions that must be filled. Does anyone have any idea what we do if those positions are not filled?

I must have the wrong concept where GCARC is concerned because I always thought that when one joins an organization it is the intent of the individual to participate in that organization in many ways. In this organization it seems that people join or renew and just don't show up for anything and certainly not volunteer for anything. So why are you here? What is your purpose in being a member of this amateur radio club when you don't participate? I participate because I'm a member and feel that I should. That's what makes a club run and be successful.

In 1984 I happened to wonder over to the 147.18 Barnsboro machine (as it was known then) and heard AI2B, and his buddy Charley, talking about their ATV or programming their Commodore 64's. I was hooked. I and a friend joined up shortly thereafter. That year was my first Fieldday, and 2 years later was running Fieldday as the Chairman. We had RTTY going on machines and computers. We were doing bike-a-thons, demos at the Deptford Mall, and the MS-150's to Ocean City. There was the concept of a clubhouse that became a reality through a great deal of work on many people's part. We now have world class HF/VHF/UHF operating systems and no one uses them for the most part. Why?

I for one have no interest in SSB and my CW is the pits. That's why I don't use the club station. I was thinking about it the other day and thought that maybe we could scrounge together a computer and an HF

TNC and I would certainly put together a RTTY interface to run on the club station. There is also the concept of slow-scan TV that could be pursued. Any father's out there that think their youngsters would get a thrill in seeing Mickey Mouse or Scooby-Doo coming across the ham radio? Mine did, years ago. Great selling point for the YF, also. Granted these are modes that really take it tough on a rig and amplifier, so we adjust accordingly. We also have the the RTTY world wide contest coming up in January. We could participate as a club.

I participate in this club because I enjoy it and have known a lot of great people. That's why I joined. If this club is to continue then we need more people that feel the same way. You as a member are one of two things, part of the problem or part of the solution. If you complain, shirk your responsibilities, or just don't show up, then I'd say you're part of the problem. If you are active and want to volunteer for things, then you are part of the solution. Stay with it. This club will do one of two things in the not too distant future, it will either pick back up and start being active again or it will wither away. You, as a member, have a direct influence on the outcome.

I make no apology for a very long editorial as the Board of Directors, such as we had at the last meeting, knew this was coming. I believe very strongly in this club as I have great memories and friends from it over the years and would love nothing more than to see it come back to what it once was. But apathy and disinterest are like a pervasive cancer which will kill any organization no matter how long it's been around. Please, let's not let this happen to the Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club. We have a tremendous history and this should just be a small glitch in it's heritage.

ART KA2DOT

Deadline for Crosstalk

Nov. 20 is deadline for December Crosstalk. Send me something to print, I've done enough yakking. Send to KA2DOT@IX.NETCOM.COM

Just get it to me.

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