



Presidents Message

As I write this message I am reminded that summer is over and fall is with us again. It is time to get that beam up or repaired and make things shipshape before the snow comes.

At the October meeting we will nominate officers for 2003. Most of the present officers will consider running again. However Chris West, WA2MVU, will not be able to fulfill the job of Corresponding Secretary due to job change. We also need to fill two director spots. Chuck, WA2TML, and Alan, KB2AYU, said they would be willing to run again. Your attendance at this meeting is very important.

2002 DUES
GCARC dues for the year 2002 are due. The annual dues are \$15.00. Please send your checks directly to the treasurer, Bob Krchnavek, (K2DAD) at 50 Eastwick Dr., Gibbsboro, NJ 08026.

The annual Lupus Walk/Run was held on September 15 and we had a good turnout to help things to go smoothly. Those helping were: Bill, WA2ADB, Gene, N2IMK, Ray, N2WHL, Edith, KC2BON, Wayne, WA2VOY, Chuck, WA2TML, John, AA2BN, and myself, WB2NBJ. Thanks to all who helped and my special thanks to Wayne, WA2LET, for taking over with the arrangements while I was recovering. I was happy to be able to make it and the Lupus people were happy to see us again.

John Fisher, K2JF, tells me that due to the proliferation of cell phones we will not be needed for this years crop walk. We can all rest that Sunday but we should be looking for another service project to replace it.

Don't forget to vote for Tony N2SS who is running for Atlantic division Director if you belong to ARRL. It would be super to have a member of our club in this position and I know that Tony is eminently qualified for this post.

Don't forget the net on Sunday evening; it helps to keep up with what's going on.

Best 73 & 88
Ray WB2NBJ

DX Dope

By Doug Gehring, WA2NPD

As if there weren't enough awards already, the ARRL Member Services and DXers conceived another one to commemorate the new millennium—namely the DXCC Challenge Award. This is a beautiful plaque presented to any DXer who has worked 1000 countries (entities) on different bands. So, if for example you work Japan on 80, 40, 30, 20, 15, and 10 meters, that would give you 6 DXCC Challenge Award countries towards the 1000 goal. Of course, you must have a QSL card to prove each QSO. All bands from 160 through 6 meters count toward this award. In addition, the award is endorsed in 500 entity increments up to 2500. Also, a trophy, the DeSoto Cup, named after the father of the DXCC award program (1935 vintage), is presented each year to the Challenge Award leader as of September 30. Would you believe the leader, a U.S. ham, is now approaching the 2800 country mark, well beyond the top endorsement? And, our own Dave, W2YC, is in the first 100 hams, worldwide, with over 2400 total! This is truly a DX award to keep hams busy for the rest of their lives! And, not surprisingly, there are many thousand of DXers avidly pursuing this award. Are they “gluttons for punishment”, or just avid DXers? Guess one could find out only by first giving it a “shot”.

Well what is hot for this month?

Station	Dates	Freq./Mode	Rarity*	Country
S07B/L	10/9-10/14	40-10; SSB, digital	3	West. Sahara
ST0F	Now until ?	15; SSB, CW ?	5	Sudan
FO/JA4GXS	10/8-10/13	160-6; SSB, CW	2	French Polynesia
FO0SAI	10/8-10/11	40-6; SSB, CW	3	Marquesas Is.
KH2/KF2XN	Now-10/15	40-6; SSB	2	Guam Is.
7Q7HB	Now-10/8	20-10; SSB	3	Malawi
GU/DL2MDZ	10/11-10/27	160-10; SSB; CW ?	3	Guernsey Is.
ZK1EQL/DKF	10/1-10/14	40-10; SSB; CW	2	So. Cook Is.
ZK1/Home call	10/17-10/31	160-6; SSB, CW, RTTY	3	No./So. Cook Is.
C6ALW	Now-10/13	6 only; Phone	2	Bahamas
GB2IOM	10/5-10/11	160-10; SSB, CW	3	Isle of Man
V63DX	10/25-10/31	160-6; SSB, CW	3	Micronesia

* No. 5 is rarest

Thanks to [Weekly DX](#), [425 DX News](#), WA2LET, K2JF, AA2WN and W2YC

DXCC announces 30-Meter Award

The ARRL DXCC Desk has announced the addition of a 30-meter single-band DXCC award. Applications for this award will be accepted starting October 1. Thirty-meter credits will count toward the DeSoto Cup competition and be included in the DXCC Annual List totals for the period ending September 30, 2003. A 30-meter endorsement to 5-Band DXCC also will be available.

The 30-meter band was added to the standard DXCC printout in January 2002. If you have received a copy of your record since then, you already have a copy of your 30-meter credits. If you don't have a record of your 30-meter credits, contact ARRL DXCC Desk for a copy.

Thanks to John Fisher for the above.

GCARC Member Running for Director

Anthony Gargano, N2SS, is a member of our club and is running for the position of Atlantic Division Director of the ARRL. He is reaching out personally to each of the 215 affiliated ARRL clubs in the Division to solicit membership support. Ballots for this election will be mailed out to ARRL members at the end of September. He passed this statement of his candidacy along to Ray Schnapp and it is reproduced here:

My amateur radio, professional experience and education cover a broad spectrum including executive positions in the corporate world, local community, and industry and charitable organizations. I wish to apply my extensive experience to representing the amateurs of the Atlantic Division and contributing to the governance of ARRL with the highest level of professionalism and expertise.

Licensed in 1958 at age 15 and having an Extra Class license for 30+ years, I am a 40+ year member of ARRL and hold membership in the RSGB, Frankford Radio Club, Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club and ARES/RACES of Gloucester County, was a founding member of two local repeaters and have been the Atlantic Division representative to ARRL's DX Advisory Committee for over 15 years. My recent professional positions include, President & CEO, AgileVision and Senior Vice-President, Sony Electronics.

I have served on corporate and association boards including ITCA, Webb Foundation, the Vision Fund of America (fund raising arm of the Lighthouse Foundation serving the visually impaired), and five years as Chairman of the Washington Township Zoning Board.

I hold an MBA from St. Joseph's University and over my career have completed executive development programs at Babson College at Wellesley; the Tuck School at Dartmouth College and the Tokyo Management Seminar in Japan.

I view the Director's position with two broad sets of responsibilities: internal (organizational governance, oversight and strategic direction) and external (promoting the League, both to amateurs on the benefits of membership and to government and society on the benefits of Amateur Radio in general). This clearly all needs to be done within the context of understanding the needs and desires of the Atlantic Division constituency and solid communication with you on the issues we face. I solicit your vote and will serve with pride to represent you.

Anthony Gargano, N2SS

NJ2BB Scuttlebutt

For those that have time to surf the Internet, there is a new web site for the Battleship NJ, www.ussnewjersey.com. This web site has some very interesting links to all types of war ships. Along with the links it has some interesting and great photos of history of the battleship and of present day volunteer workers aboard the ship. I found myself spending way too much time on this web site and was running short on time to write this news clip. I will have to go back later and do some more surfing.

The BNJARS was at the Far-Fest hamfest in Howard county Maryland, just outside of Baltimore. It was a two-day event. The photos that we had on display generated great interest and conversation. It was a great talking to the many people that stopped by and chatted with us for a while. We had the pleasure of meeting several past crewmembers of the "Big J". Others that stopped by stated that they saw the "Big J" one place or another. One fellow was flying from an aircraft carrier and saw the NJ firing on North Vietnam. Another saw it off the coast

of Lebanon. One individual saw photos of equipment that he had donated to the ship. Many of them didn't know that the ship was open to the public or that there was a ham station on board. They are now planning to visit in the near future.

There are several radio clubs now in the planning stages of visiting the BB62 and operate the station. By contacting Dave Burgess at wa2tvs@arrl.net, your club can be placed in the operating schedule. You can check our operating schedule by visiting our web site, www.qsl.net/bb62.

Joe Cramer, N2XYZ

Vintage 1AW QSL Brings Record Price

We're not certain if ARRL co-founder and first president Hiram Percy Maxim would have been proud or surprised to know that one of his old 1AW QSLs apparently set a price record for the sale of a single QSL card. A 1923-vintage 1AW card recently went for \$2125 on the eBay auction site. Neither the seller nor the buyer have been identified.

The 1AW card appears to verify reception of 9CTR on a wavelength of 193 meters rather than a two-way contact. "You were calling another 9," Maxim wrote in the card's "Remarks" section. Although the card proclaims "American Radio Relay League Station 1AW" across the top, the now-famous call sign was Maxim's own personal call sign at the time, not the League's, and Maxim operated from his home in Hartford.

Until the 1AW card sale, the highest known price paid for a single QSL card was more than \$1100 for an AC4YN QSL from the Tibet DXpedition of Sir Evan Nepean, G5YN, who died last March at age 92.

Thanks to the American Radio Relay League and the [ARRL Letter](#).

ARRL Officials Upbeat about Reaching 5-MHZ Compromise

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, and General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, say they're optimistic about reaching a resolution to issues that could otherwise block plans for a new 5 MHz band. Until opposition surfaced from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), the FCC appeared to have put ARRL's request for a new, domestic-only, secondary amateur allocation at 60 meters on the fast track.

In an eleventh-hour move a month ago, the NTIA recommended in a letter to the FCC that the Commission not go forward with a proposal for an Amateur Radio allocation at 5250 to 5400 kHz. The NTIA regulates radio spectrum allocated to the federal government. Critical federal agencies, including the Department of Justice, the US Coast Guard and the Department of Defense, were making extensive use of 5 MHz frequencies. One difficulty in the negotiations is that some of the information on the government's use of the 5-MHz frequencies involved is classified.

The ARRL proposal called for a 150-kHz wide band and the full legal power limit. Imlay hinted, however, that perhaps a smaller band than the one requested coupled with some power output limitations was a real possibility.

Thanks to the American Radio Relay League and the [ARRL Letter](#).

Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the following Club members:

Harry Bryant, AA2WN	10/15
James Clark, KA2OSV	10/16
William Kardas, N2BK	10/30
Michael Lipnitz, N2FKS	10/11
Michael Scanzello	10/26
John Zaruba Sr., K2ZA	10/9



Crosstalk Submissions

All submissions, queries, comments, editorials, etc. should be directed to:

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Submission deadline: 10/28/2002

Crosstalk is available on the web at:
www.gcarc-w2mmd.org

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Budget-Bob K2DAD
Clubhouse Site-Al KB2AYU
Constitution-Open
Crosstalk-Gene AA2YO
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Hamfest-Chris WK2W

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The W2MMD Repeaters

147.78/18 Mhz- Pitman
(CTCSS 131.8Hz)

223.06/224.66 Mhz-Sewell

447.1/442.1 Mhz - Pitman
(CTCSS 131.8Hz)

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)

October Meeting Program

Nomination of Officers

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