

# CROSSTALK

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## *Presidents Message*

As October approaches it brings on concerns about elections not only national elections but our Club elections. The October meeting will be devoted to nominations of officers among other topics. Please consider being a candidate for an office. At this time it looks like we will need at least a candidate for president and a candidate for treasurer as both Bob and I cannot run due to the pressures of work and family. Please consider filling one of the jobs for the Club.

We need help with some chores that must be addressed out at the Club Site. The most important ones are recoating the trailer roof before winter and repairing the shed doors. We will have need of a skill saw and other carpentry tools to repair the shed door. A pair of cables has to be run from the generator to the shed to make it possible to keep the batteries on charge and make it quicker and easier to start up in case of an emergency or even for routine checking and field day. Those batteries are heavy and also expensive if we need to replace them. The date for all this is October 16<sup>th</sup> at 1000hrs with October 23<sup>rd</sup> as a rain date.

It is with deep regret to inform you that John Fisher's (K2JF) wife, Gladys, passed away on September 20, 2004 after a massive stroke. John is a long time member and has served as many offices for the club. Services will be for the family only but cards can be sent to John Fisher, Jr., 538 Wesley Ave, Pitman, NJ 08071-1924. We all offer our condolences to John and his family.

Best 73 & 88 to all,  
Ray WB2NBJ

Editor's Note: Starting with this issue of Crosstalk, a new process is being used to prepare Crosstalk to simplify the publishing process. Hopefully you the reader will not notice much difference in the newsletter except for some minor changes in layout and style. However if you experience any problems opening Crosstalk this month or it is difficult to read for any reason please let me know. E-mail your comments to [aa2yo@arrl.net](mailto:aa2yo@arrl.net) and we will try to improve things in future issues where possible.

*2004 DUES-GCARC dues for the year 2004 are due. The annual dues are \$20.00. Please send your checks directly to the Treasurer, Bob Krchnavek, (K2DAD) at 50 Eastwick Dr., Gibbsboro, NJ 08026.*

## DX Dope

By Doug Gehring, WA2NPD

Summertime band conditions continue to prevail (generally poor), although we see by the calendar that fall is now upon us. The sun is now half way towards its furthest south destination and that blessed event should bring much better DX for we New Jerseyites. Already, in the past few days, the 17 m band is beginning to open up usually in the early afternoon with propagation to Europe and Africa, and 12 m band openings to South America are improving. Also, an occasional 10 m spot is seen from South and Central America. And coming just around the corner are 30 and 40 m openings in the early evening hours and 80 m spots later in the evening. Compared to recent years, we should begin to notice generally less low band magnetic disturbances this winter, although certainly there will be the usual levels of static. Thus, propagation on the 160, 80, and 40 m bands will probably be somewhat better than last winter. Note that the Peter I Island DXpedition is still going full bore for next January. Also, just announced, there will be a major DXpedition to Kerguelen Is. next Feb/March. Both of these DXpeditions have just received unprecedented \$100,000 dollar donations from the Northern California DX Association, hence, are virtually certain to take place. Kerguelen, located far down in the south Indian Ocean, has had virtually no activity for the past 14 years, or so. Now, only if we could get someone to go to Crozet Is and to Scarborough Reef before the cycle begins to bottom out! Also, note that the Chesterfield Island DXpedition is still on for this October. This is just the second operation from there since its initial birth in the year 2000, the immediate previous operation having been perturbed by the out-of-band operational idiocies of the participants.

So, here we go for this month.

STATION	DATES	FREQ./MODE	RARITY*	COUNTRY
7Q7HB	Now till 11/30	?? ; ??	3	Malawi
9U5PM	Now till 2/05	??; SSB, CW	4	Burundi
FW7OV	10/9 - 10/15	40 - 10; SSB, RTTY	3	Wallis Is.
S79RJ	10/3 - 10/24	40 - 6; All	3	Seychelles Is.
TX0-- (1)	10/16 - 10/23	160 - 6; CW, SSB, RTTY	5	Chesterfield
7W0AD	10/2 - 10/9	?? ; ??	3	Algeria
ST2T	Now till Dec.	40 - 10; SSB	3	Sudan
A51WD	10/18 - 10/31	40 - 10; CW, SSB	4	Bhutan
3D2TY	10/16 - ??	15m; SSB	3	Fiji Is.
VK9XD	10/25 - 11/4	80 - 10; SSB, CW	4	Christmas Is.
VK9L (1)	10/9 - 10/?	160 - 6; SSB, CW, RTTY	3	Lord Howe
HF0QF	Now for 1 Yr.	80 - 10; CW, SSB	3	So. Shetland
SU8BHI	9/21 - 10/12	All; All	3	Egypt

\* Nr. 5 is rarest (1) indicates major DXpedition

Thanks to The Weekly DX, 425 DX News, W2YC, AA2WN, K2JF, WA2LET

## Clubhouse Site Repairs

As we have previously mentioned the Clubhouse is in need of repairs. In order to do the minimum repairs needed to the Clubhouse prior to the coming winter the Clubhouse Site Chairman, Al, KB2AYU, has set a date for a work party to make repairs at the site. The date is Saturday, October, 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM with a rain date of October 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you can help out with this let Al know at the General Meeting or call him at (856) 478-6571. During this session the roof needs to be coated, we have some carpentry work that is needed to secure the shed properly and if enough help is available there are some other jobs that can be done. It is important that Al knows who is coming so he can line up materials and tools (he may ask you to bring some) to keep all busy.

## Nomination of Officers for 2005

The Club Constitution calls for nominations of officers for the next year in October and November and the election of officers in December. Accordingly nominations for 2005 officers will be open at the October general meeting. This is your chance to become more involved in your Club. Most of the current officers have held their offices for a number of years. To keep the Club from stagnating it is important that new people fill leadership roles in the Club on a regular basis. If you can give some of your time to the Club, come out and volunteer for an office or contact one of the current officers who will submit your name for nomination.

## Club Member Profiles

This month Crosstalk profiles Club Member Chris Heller, WK2W:

Chris was born in Maple Shade and raised there and in Southampton Twp. (Vincentown) NJ. He was first licensed as a novice in 1978 at age 16 with the call KA2BOP. He got his general about a year later. He went to take the Advanced test in 1990 and walked away with an Extra class ticket. He requested a call change and received his present call, WK2W.

His father, Sam, started training in the army during WWII as a radioman. He taught Chris code when he was a kid. He had also taught Chris's uncle, Wes, code and his uncle was licensed as K3MNW. His father's cousin, Frank, W2CUC was also one of Chris's inspirations. Chris's father later got his ticket (KA2CQM); made a couple of contacts and let his license lapse.

Presently Chris lives in South Harrison Twp. near the club site. He is married to Debbie and they have two daughters, Lauryn and Kirstyn, ages 13 and 10.

Chris works as an Instrument Technician at a chemical plant in West Deptford and has been there for 13 years.

He enjoys operating CW the most but also works a bit of PSK and RTTY. He says he only operates SSB when necessary for DX contacts. He operates only HF - 160 thru 10. He enjoys 160 but needs to do some more antenna work for better results. He has approximately 175 countries confirmed and recently has begun in earnest to increase that number.

His station consists of a Ten Tec Omni V and Commander HF-2500 and Dentron MLS-2500 amps. The present antenna is a 300' doublet fed with ladder line. He said it works fairly well but hopes to have a tower in the near future.

Chris enjoys contesting especially on CW. He is a member of FRC (thanks to Harry - AA2WN) and operates with W3PP or W2YC. He prefers not to operate the SSB contests but usually get swindled into it. He also belongs to the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Club

Chris holds a Pilot's license for VFR, single engine, land. He says he got close to the IFR ticket, but ran out of money and has not flown in a number of years. He also has built and flown radio controlled models.

## Coming Events

The Jersey Shore Amateur Radio Society is holding one more Hamfest/flea market this year on November 28, 2004. It is in Bayville, NJ and will be held outside. You can get more information on this event at [hamfest@jsars.org](mailto:hamfest@jsars.org) or by e-mailing to [wa2nda@aol.com](mailto:wa2nda@aol.com).

### Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the following Club Members:

Stephen Blasko, W2TDS	10/20	Harry Bryant, AA2WN	10/15
Emil Busko, WB2EOR	10/24	William Godfrey, WB2VFX	10/31
Chris Heller, WK2W	10/4	William Kardas, N2BK	10/30
Michael Lipnitz, N2FKS	10/11	Michael Scanzello	10/26
Robert Slippey, KC2LGW	10/19	Preston Weil, WA2TSZ	10/10
John Zaruba, K2ZA	10/9		

All submission, queries, comments, editorials, etc. should be directed to Gene Schoeberlein at [aa2yo@arrl.net](mailto:aa2yo@arrl.net) or (856)848-2423.

October Submission Deadline: 10/25/2004

### GCARC Officers

President-Ray Schnapp, WB2NBJ	Recording Secretary-Harry Bryant, AA2WN
Vice President-Wayne Wilson, WA2LET	Corresponding Secretary-John Fisher, K2JF
Treasurer-Bob Krchnavek, K2DAD	

### Board of Directors

Al Arrison-KB2AYU	Bill Blakeley-WA2ADB
Chuck Colabrese-WA2TML	Lou Joseph-W2LYL
Bob Krukowski-KR2U	Gene Schoeberlein-AA2YO

### Committees

Advertising-Open	Hospitality-Ken, N2CQ
ARES/RACES-Chick, WA2USI	Membership-Ray, WB2LNR
Awards-Jack, K2ZA	Nominations-Art Strong, KA2DOT
Banquet-Bob, KR2U	Publicity-Open
Budget-Bob, K2DAD	Repeaters-Chuck, WA2TML
Clubhouse Site-Al, KB2AYU	Scholarships-Greg, WN2T
Constitution-Open	Special Services-Gene, N2IMK
Crosstalk-Gene, AA2YO	Sunshine-Open
Database-Ray, WB2LNR	Technical-Bob, KR2U
DX-Doug, WA2NPD	TVI-John, AA2BN
Field Day-Bob, KC2KGM	VEC Testing-Chick, WA2USI
Hamfest-Harry, AA2WN	

### **The W2MMD Repeaters**

147.78/18 Mhz-Pitman (CTCSS 131.8 Hz)

223.06/224.66 Mhz-Sewell

447.1/442.1 Mhz-Pitman (CTCSS 131.8)

### **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)

### **GCARC Meetings**

General Membership Meeting-8 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Pfeiffer Community Center, Williamstown, NJ

Board of Directors- 8 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the GCRAC Club Site, Harrison Twp. 4H Grounds, 1 mile south of Mullica Hill on RT77

### **October Meeting Program**

#### **Nomination of Officers**

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