

# CROSSTALK

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## 2005 DUES

GCARC dues for the year 2005 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.

## *Presidents Message*

As I write this, Hurricane Rita is bearing down on Galveston and Houston, expected to make landfall in a couple of days. Let's hope we don't see a repeat of the devastation, which has already befallen New Orleans and Louisiana. Word is that even coming close to Louisiana could trigger new flooding as the already-weakened levees may further give way. The Hurricane Watch Net has become active on 14.325. ARES/RACES is again springing into action. Rita is currently a Category 5, and will be only the third hurricane in history of that strength to reach landfall.

In the coming weeks, Al KB2AYU will be forming a work party for the clubhouse. Let's give him our support and help him get some key maintenance completed at the site.

## Nomination of Officers

At the October General Meeting nominations will be open for the 2006 Club officers. A number of the current officers will not be standing for reelection so we need some new candidates. If you think you can fill an office, have one of the members nominate you at the October or November meeting. This is your chance to do something for your Club. Don't be shy. Come out and run for office.

## Clubsite Work Party Needed

Our Clubsite Committee Chairman, Al, KB2AYU, has a number of projects that he would like to complete before winter comes to improve the Clubhouse and winterize it. He would like to get a work party together to complete these items in the near future. This is your chance to become more familiar with the Clubsite from our "resident expert", Al, have some fun and help the Club. If you can spare some time on a weekend in the near future give Al a call or see him at the October General Meeting.

## September General Membership Meeting

At the September General Meeting of the GCARC the Club's Constitution was changed to allow the Treasurer more flexibility in saving the Club's money. Previously the money had to be invested in a bank located in New Jersey but now the money can be invested in any state as long as it is a FDIC insured account.

Also a donation by the Club of \$500.00 to the ARRL Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund was approved.

# DX Dope

By Doug Gehring, WA2NPD

Having been an active ham now for 45 years, I can honestly say the past 2-3 months has been the worst sustained period of time for HF DX propagation your scribe has experienced. Obviously, we are approaching the bottom of the 11 year cycle (next summer), and the SFI is not expected to be very high these days. But the magnetic disturbances, the solar flares, mass coronal ejections, solar winds, proton storms, and perhaps even Martian alien invasions have combined to produce k and A numbers chronically above the non-disturbance range. In checking the daily DX spotting windows, one almost never sees a DX spot from a USA station, they are virtually all EUs and JAs. Also, and the main question for this brief blurb, is an answer to the following which I have not been able to obtain (yet). When following the 3 hr. k value reports from Boulder, CO, it seems apparent that there is a lag time following return to quiet conditions as reported from Boulder, and when actual DX propagation is observed to become normal again. For example, if the k values have been running 4s and 5s, and then the next 3 hr. number is a 1 or a zero, it is noted that conditions do not immediately become better, or normal as one might surmise. In fact, to this observer, it seems to take 2 or 3 days of consistently low k readings before things get back to normal. Of course, changing SFI values, rotation of the sun, and physical distance from Colorado must be factored into this observation. Well, we shall keep looking. Certainly this observation must have been studied at some point by someone, and a more intensive search is needed to find the answers.

So (if you can hear them), what's out there for this month?

STATION	DATES	FREQ/MODE	RARITY*	COUNTRY
FR/F6AML	9/27-10/23 (1)	40-10; CW,SSB	3	Reunion
RH/F6AML	10/10-10/14	“ ; “	4	Mayotte
TF/N0HJZ	10/26-10/30	160-10; SSB,CW	3	Iceland
K7C (2)	9/24-10/23	All ; All	4	Kure
GU/MUxxx (3)	10/12-10/19	80-40; SSB,CW	3	Guernsey
KH2X	10/27-11/1	80-40; SSB	3	Guam
T88US	9/28-10/2	80-6; SSB, CW	3	Palau
3A/SP2JMB	till 9/30	160-10; SSB,CW	3	Monaco
SV9/WB2GAI	9/26-11/10	80-10; CW	3	Crete
FR/F5SGI	10/23-10/31	80-10; SSB, CW	3	Reunion

\* Nr. 5 is rarest (1) with time away at Mayotte Is. (2) Major DXpedition (3) Several hams with individual suffixes

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

## Atlantic Division Director Candidate, W2LC, Scott Bauer

Scott Bauer, W2LC, is very actively running for ARRL Atlantic Division Director and has issued the following statement to all the clubs in the Division:

As Section Manager for the past 6 years, I have led the WNY Field Organization consisting of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, National Traffic System, Official Observer program and other appointed volunteers. Before becoming SM, I was an Assistant Section Manager. I graduated from SUNY at Buffalo with a BS in Electrical Engineering. I grew up in the Buffalo, NY area, lived in the Rochester area for eight years, and now live in the Syracuse area. As an electrical engineer I have responsibility for multi-million dollar electronic hardware developments for a major corporation in Syracuse. I am a community leader on the board of directors of the Baldwinsville youth softball and baseball organization. I coach both girls softball and boys baseball.

I was originally licensed as WN2LCC in 1969, became WA2LCC upon upgrading and obtained the vanity callsign

W2LC in 1996. I operate FM, SSB and CW on all bands from 160 meters through 70cm. I enjoy operating several on-air contests each year and especially like the January VHF contest and the 160 Meter contest. I am also an active DXer. My memberships include the ARRL, QCWA, Rochester DX Association (past President), Rochester VHF Group, and the Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse. I am a past member of RAWNY and the Rochester ARA.

I support the National Traffic System, NTS, as a net control on the Central New York Traffic Net on 2 meter FM, and the NYS CW net on 80 meter CW. I have been the acting Section Emergency Coordinator, SEC, for WNY until recently appointing an enthusiastic new Amateur to the SEC position. I also help to bring in new Amateurs as a volunteer examiner.

I believe that the best representatives for Amateur Radio are those who are active on the air and attend many ham-fests and club meetings, as I do as Section Manager. There is no better way to know what Amateurs want than being active on the air and meeting them face-to-face. The Atlantic Division will benefit from my experience as an ARRL Section Manager.

ARRL members deserve to be kept informed of major changes proposed by the Board of Directors. As Division Director I will keep the division membership and Section Managers informed of major board proposals, such as changes to the content in QST and changes to membership services. All Amateurs deserve the attention of the Division Director on matters involving FCC rules changes proposed by the ARRL BOD, as rules changes impact all Amateurs and not just ARRL members. I encourage non-ARRL members to contact me as Division Director to express their concerns.

I will represent all Amateur Radio operators in the Atlantic Division regardless of your interests, class of license or the mode you prefer to operate. The strength of Amateur Radio is in its diversity. As Director I will promote all of Amateur Radio for the good of the service and the hobby. I appreciate your vote.

## Member Profile

This month Crosstalk Profiles club member Andrea Logan, KB2ZWK.

Andrea grew up in National Park, NJ until she finished sixth grade and then moved to Woodbury. She lived in Woodbury two years and after finishing eighth grade there she moved to West Deptford. She graduated from Paulsboro High School in 1958. She worked in various jobs until she met her husband, John, KB2VSE, and got married in 1962. She had her first child in 1975 and her second in 1980. She has had a serious problem with alcohol and started in AA in 1981. She has been sober now for 24 years.

Andrea became a ham in 1998 as a Tech Plus and got her General License in April of 2002. She still attends AA meetings regularly at night. She likes having her ham radio license as it lets her keep in touch with her husband when she is out in the evenings. She says it is great to be able to contact her husband from the road if any emergency arises or if she is running late.

Besides ham radio she knits, crochets and looms. Looming is not like a weaving on a loom but is like children's pool knitting but on a larger scale. Looming allows her to make scarves, hats, shawls and afghans.

Andrea says that she is "just enjoying life one day at a time."

## Other Local Hamfests

The Delaware Valley Radio Association is having a hamfest and flea market on Sunday, October 2 at the Ice Skating Center in Mercer County Park in West Windsor, New Jersey. Talk-in will be on 146.67. Vendor application includes 1 free admission. Indoor Vendors and Tailgaters are \$10 per space. For more information, send an email to <http://www.mercercounty.org/parks/parks.htm>.



**OCTOBER**                      **CONDUCTED BY N2SS**                      **2005**

**WARC BANDS**

<u>30 Meters</u>	<u>17 Meters</u>	<u>12 Meters</u>
<b>W2YC. 296</b>	<b>N2SS ...320</b>	<b>WØMHK309</b>
N2SS.....290	WØMHK.. 309	N2SS..... 302
WØMHK ..266	W2YC ..... 300	W2YC..... 273
AA2WN....171	K2JF..... 168	K2JF ..... 135
WA2NPD..166	WA2NPD . 142	N2CQ..... 99
AB2E .....132	AA2WN ... 116	AB2E ..... 92
K2JF.....112	N2CQ ..... 115	WA2NPD... 73
N2CQ.....111	AB2E..... 114	AA2WN..... 20

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

**Digital**

<b>W2YC .....242</b>	K2JF..... 113
AA2WN.....187	N2SS ..... 53
N2CQ..... 151	

**6 METER DXCC**

<b>WØMHK.....98</b>	W2YC.....19
K2JF .....94	AA2WN.....15
N2SS ..... 55	

**MOBILE DX**

<b>W2YC .....276</b>	WØMHK .... 141
N2SS.....234	AA2WN ..... 131
K2JF ..... 150	

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

**GRID SQUARES**

<b>WØMHK.....474</b>	K2JF .....285
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**160 Meters**

<b>W2YC..... 171</b>	AA2WN ..... 36
WØMHK .... 124	K2JF ..... 34
AB2E ..... 90	WA2NPD ..... 27
N2SS ..... 79	N2CQ ..... 9

W2YC continues as our undisputed Top of Top Band.

Have some totals to add or updates? You can reach me as follows:

email: [n2ss@n2ss.com](mailto:n2ss@n2ss.com)

**1.5K Club**

<b>W2YC .....1542</b>	AA2WN ..... 1369
<b>N2SS.....1520</b>	K2JF..... 1350
WØMHK .... 1401	N2CQ ..... 1135
WA2NPD ...1399	AB2E ..... 1074

**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.

**Islands On The Air**

<b>N2SS.....819</b>	WØMHK ..... 260
W2YC.....604	N2CQ..... 159

## October Birthdays

Congratulations to the following members whose birthdays are in October:

Harry Bryant, AA2WN  
Merrill Brown, WK2G  
Sonny Gutin, WB2DXB  
Carmen Inverso, WA2TRS  
Lou Joseph, W2LYL  
William Kardas, N2BK  
Michael Lipnitz, N2FKS  
Louis Miceli, WB2THM  
Robert Slippey, KC2LGW  
John Stull, N2SI  
John Zaruba, K2ZA



## Crosstalk Submissions

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

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aa2yo@arrl.net

Submission deadline: 10/24/2005

President-Darrell Neron AB2E  
Vice President-Wayne Wilson WA2LET  
Treasurer-Bob Krchnavek K2DAD

Chuck Colabrese WA2TML  
Bob Krukowski KR2U  
Bill Blakeley WA2ADB

Advertising-Open  
ARES/RACES-Chick WA2USI  
Awards-Jack K2ZA  
Banquet-Bob KR2U  
Budget-Bob K2DAD  
Clubhouse Site-Al KB2AYU  
Constitution-Open  
Crosstalk-Gene AA2YO  
Database-Ray WB2LNR  
DX-Doug WA2NPD  
Field Day-Bob KC2NLM  
Hamfest-Harry AA2WN

## GCARC Officers

Recording Secretary-Harry Bryant AA2WN  
Corresponding Secretary-John Fisher K2JF

## Board of Directors

Al Arrison KB2AYU  
Gene Schoeberlein AA2YO  
Steve Blasko, W2TDS

## Committees

Hospitality-Ken N2CQ  
Membership-Ray WB2LNR  
Nominations-Art Strong KA2DOT  
Publicity-Open  
Repeaters-Chuck WA2TML  
Scholarships-Greg WN2T  
Special Services-Gene N2IMK  
Sunshine-Open  
Technical-Bob KR2U  
TVI-Open  
VEC Testing-Chick WA2USI

**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**

Club Officer Nominations

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club  
P. O. Box 370  
Pitman, NJ 08071

