



Presidents Message

From all accounts, the 2006 GCARC Hamfest was a big success. Attendance was up, the weather was great and it seems that changing the date to more hospitable weather helped generate more activity this year.

Last month's general meeting attendees were treated to a wonderful presentation by Derek Pitts, KA3NQN, chief astronomer of the Franklin Institute. Derek's narration of some of the Hubble space telescope photos was both fascinating and informative.

Stay tuned for announcement of a work party for the clubhouse in the coming weeks. Al, KB2AYU, could use some hands for the ongoing maintenance and winterizing projects out at the site.

October General Membership Meeting

Our program for the October 4th Club meeting will be Part 2 of the Logbook of the World (LoTW) presented by our in-house LoTW guru Dave Strout, W2YC. You will remember Dave presented an initial LoTW program about a year ago which was very informative and very well received. This talk will cover details on obtaining and renewing the member certificate, keeping and uploading your log, applying for credits, and other important details. LoTW now encompasses other awards in addition to DXCC and Challenge, and others are being added. Dave, W2YC, is an Extra Class License holder, has been licensed since 1956, and is recognized as one of the best CW operators in the USA. He enjoys contesting, holds DXCC Honor Roll, and is ranked number 90 (about) in the worldwide Challenge award standings. He is about to erect a second tower at his very impressive antenna farm. Dave is an Attorney, by profession, and is in private practice. Please come out and welcome Dave.

Earth Moon Earth Contest

Al, KB2AYU, and few others plan to operate during the upcoming EME (Earth Moon Earth) contest which will be taking place on:

October 14 - 15	ARRL EME 50 MHz through 1296 MHz
November 11 - 12	ARRL EME 50 MHz through 1296 MHz

Anyone interested in joining the group, please contact Al, KB2AYU. His e-mail address is kb2ayu@verizon.net.

DX Dope

By Doug Gehring, WA2NPD

As every DXer is aware, perhaps the major demon (other than the low sunspot cycle) to logging the super rare one is the idiot deliberate jammer who purposefully makes life miserable for us all. It was with deep, sadistic, satanic pleasure to read about the fate of good old Jack Gerritsen, KG6IRO, from California, who just received, courtesy of the US District Court of California, a \$15,000 fine, 7 years in the prison, his amateur license revoked forever, his radio equipment impounded, and a judicial reprimand the likes of which would make your hair curl. And, all this following a profound apology from Jack directed to all those whom have been the brunt of his RFI. The real surprise is that good old Jack is 70 years young, you would think that, after all these years, he would have “wisened-up”, as it were.

This judicial “reward” was the culmination of some 4 years of investigative complaints by the FCC resulting in a guilty verdict on all 6 counts, one a felony. And all this supposedly began with a gentle reminder from an ARRL Official Observer to watch his on the air language. Any reader perusing this blurb having designs upon jamming his DX neighbor, or even the ham in the next state over, should take a moment to reflect upon what happened to good old Jack. True, the FCC almost will never directly catch you (they are too short of funds these days), however, your fellow hams can be real bird-dogs when it comes to sniffing out nearby deliberate jammers. And the FCC does heavily rely upon the amateurs to police themselves and to provide the data.

Hot off the Press!! Congratulations to W2YC and N2CQ for having racked up some 10 million points this past weekend in the CQ WW RTTY contest! And they did all this with the solar flare index running in the low seventies. Sounds like the refurbished W2YC tower and Stepp IR beam are back in business!

So what’s hot for this month!!

STATION	DATES	FREQ/MODE	RARITY*	COUNTRY
7Q7HB	10/15 – 1/15/07	80-10; SSB, CW	3	Malawi
7Q7CE	9/18 – 10/6	80-10; SSB	3	Malawi
TX6A	10/5 – 10/17	80-10; CW, SSB	3	Mayotte
XF4DL	10/17 – 11/3 (1)	All: All	3	Revilla Gig.
EA8/DK3TNA	10/7 – 10/12	80-15; SSB	2	Canary Is.
J49Z	10/28 – 10/29	80 -10; SSB	3	Crete
V31LL	10 /7 – 10/21	80 – 10; CW, SSB, RTTY	2	Belize
T88ST	10/6 – 10/11	40 – 6 ; All + SAT.	3	Palau
TU/F5LDY	Now till 9/07	160 – 10; All	3	Ivory Coast
C98BWW	10/7 – 10/14	160 – 6; All	3	Mozambique
CN2R	10 /18 – 10/31	80, WARC; CW, SSB	3	Morroco

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

TNX to [Weekly DX](#), [425 DX Report](#), W2YC, AA2WN, K2JF, and WA2LET.

New Member

The Club welcomes new member Dennis Sandole, K2SI. Dennis had been a member of the GCARC about 20 years ago and has rejoined. Dennis lives in Cherry Hill. He has been a regular participant in our Field Days working with the 40m CW group and usually working the grave yard shift. Dennis holds an Extra Class License, enjoys contesting and is an excellent CW operator. Please welcome Dennis back the next time you see him.

Hamfest

First let me thank all of you for the hard work getting things set up and taken down which made the 2006 Hamfest a huge success.

It appears the decision to offer tail gate spaces free greatly increased the number of folks through the gate yet did not decrease the number of pavilion table rentals significantly and the nice fall weather also helped bring people out. General admission ticket sales were 356 which were up from 223 the previous year. The space between the two pavilions was full of tailgaters and pavilion table rentals only dropped from about 25 to 20. The preliminary Treasurer's report indicates the profit from 2006 Hamfest at about \$1,900.

The VEC Testers reported they had 8 candidates. After testing there were three new tech lights, one new general and one new extra.

John Fisher, K2JF, did not give me a formal report on DXCC Card Checking but I know he was busy in the trailer for a couple hours.

Most of the vendors from previous years were with us again and we picked up a couple new ones. They all promised to return next year.

Harry - AA2WN, GCARC Hamfest Chairman

Birthdays in Crosstalk

From time to time I get calls from Club members asking why their birthday did not get mentioned in Crosstalk or got mentioned in the wrong month. Unfortunately this happens when the Club data-base gets corrupted for some reason. The best way for you to help keep your information up to date is to periodically resend your information for or update your information in the Club data-base. You can do this by e-mailing your information or changes to the Club's Membership Chairman, Ray Martin, W2RM. You can e-mail Ray at W2RM@comcast.net.

Your editor, Gene



Hamfest 2006





OCTOBER **CONDUCTED BY N2SS** **2006**

🌐 **WARC BANDS** 🌐

<u>30 Meters</u>	<u>17 Meters</u>	<u>12 Meters</u>
W2YC. 303	N2SS ...321	WØMHK309
N2SS.....291	WØMHK.. 315	N2SS..... 302
WØMHK ..272	W2YC 306	W2YC..... 275
WA2NPD ..197	WA2NPD . 190	K2JF 135
AA2WN....171	K2JF..... 168	N2CQ..... 99
AB2E132	AA2WN ... 116	AB2E 92
K2JF.....112	N2CQ 115	WA2NPD... 85
N2CQ.....111	AB2E..... 108	AA2WN..... 20

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

🏆 160 Meters 🏆

W2YC..... 186	N2SS 79
WØMHK 133	AA2WN 36
AB2E 94	K2JF 34
WA2NPD..... 88	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

Digital

W2YC260	K2JF..... 113
AA2WN.....187	N2SS 53
N2CQ..... 151	

MOBILE DX

W2YC276	WØMHK 141
N2SS.....234	AA2WN 131
K2JF 150	

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

1.5K Club

W2YC1567	AA2WN..... 1369
N2SS.....1524	K2JF..... 1350
WØMHK 1441	N2CQ..... 1135
WA2NPD ... 1429	AB2E 1164

Islands On The Air

N2SS.....838	AB2E 205
W2YC.....639	N2CQ..... 159
WØMHK.....302	

6 METER DXCC

WØMHK..... 102	W2YC.....29
K2JF 94	AA2WN.....15
N2SS 55	

Congrats to Bill for hitting the Century mark on 6 Meters!!

GRID SQUARES

WØMHK.....505	K2JF285
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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.

CURRENT OFFICIAL ARRL DXCC STATISTICS

Active Count	337
Deleted Count.....	58
Last Addition.....	KH8/S
Last Deletion.....	STØ

October Birthdays

Congratulations to these members celebrating birthdays in October:

Harry Bryant, AA2WN
David Boswell, KC2PHJ
James Clark, KA2OSV
Sony Gutin, WB2DXB
Chris Heller, WK2W
Carmen Inverso, WA2TRS
Louis Joseph, W2LYL
William Kardas, N2BK
Richard Tighe, KC2OXG
John Zaruba, K2ZA



Crosstalk Submissions

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

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Submission deadline: 10/23/2006

President-Darrell Neron AB2E
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Doug Gehring, WA2NPD
Bill Blakeley WA2ADB
Chuck Colabrese WA2TML

GCARC Officers

Recording Secretary-Harry Bryant AA2WN
Corresponding Secretary-Al Arrison KB2AYU

Board of Directors

Gene Schoeberlein AA2YO
Wayne Wilson, WA2LET
James Mollica Jr. N2NRD

Committees

Advertising-Open
ARES/RACES-Open
Awards-Jack K2ZA
Banquet-Open
Budget-Steve W2TDS
Clubhouse Site-Al KB2AYU
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Database-Ray W2RM
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Field Day-Mike, N2SRO
Hamfest-Harry AA2WN
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Publicity-Open
Repeaters-Mike N2SRO
Scholarships-Greg WN2T
Special Services-Gene N2IMK
Sunshine-Open
Technical-Open
TVI-Open
VEC Testing-Wayne WA2LET
Programs-Gene WB2UVB

The W2MMD Repeaters

147.78/18 Mhz- Pitman
(CTCSS 131.8Hz)

223.06/224.66 Mhz-Sewell

447.1/442.1 Mhz - Pitman
(CTCSS 167.9Hz)

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

Log Book of the World
Dave Strout, W2YC

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