



## *Presidents Message*

First off, I must congratulate Harry, K2ATX, for a most delightful, well organized Hamfest. You will read elsewhere in this issue more about our premier event of the year, but I just wanted to express our thanks, not only to Harry, but to all others who made this event most successful. A very fine example of the helping spirit was new club member, Marty, N2ILT, who dove into the Talk-In task and did very well for his maiden-voyage at this rather ticklish chore. Also, our thanks go to Charlie, N2SRQ, for assuming the MC role at the PA mike.

Also we thank Ray, W2RM, for donating and even delivering a 60 foot tower to our Club site. We need to mention also that Ray had previously donated the original 100 foot VHF tower in 1988 (about) which succumbed to Mother Nature last March. Currently, we are evaluating bids to weld the bottom 20 foot section of the original tower and the two sections of the new tower together and we already have an offer of a crane truck to raise the new 80 foot masterpiece when ready. We expect to have the new tower in place before the first snowfall. And we need to mention that Ray, WB2NBJ, has offered to fabricate the six pins necessary to join the sections prior to welding. Ray, as many of you know, is exceptionally talented in many areas (not just electronics), and one is using a lathe. Ray is a combination electronic technician, mechanic, machinist, and engine mechanic all rolled into one, a good guy to have on your side. Ray also provides our after-meeting refreshments and is very reliable and always does a very fine job.

We need to inform that again, Charlie, K2PQD, has donated a large number of mystery gift items to the Club for chancing-off at our future Club meetings. Charlie has recently moved into an impressive suite at Cardinal Village Retirement Complex and, although relocating his Ham Shack, has generously given the Club many items he can no longer accommodate. Be sure to thank Charlie when you shake his hand at our Club meetings. In addition, we have several unclaimed door prize items from the Hamfest which we will toss into the mystery gift bin.

We would also like to thank Harry, KC2THV, for providing CDs of his commercial radio station broadcast which featured several of our club members who participated during our Club program put-on by Harry last month. I didn't realize we were in competition with SJRA in providing the correct answers to a series of quiz questions about Ham Radio. It appears we beat-out SJRA by a nose. We will make the two CDs available to those who wish to listen-in. Thanks to Harry for a great program. I certainly hope to see you one and all at our October 1st Club meeting.

73 de Doug, WA2NPD

# Down Jersey DXing

By Bill Grim, W0MHK

I would like to propose a government "buy-out" of sunspots. Since we, as radio amateurs, depend so much on them for DX, I'm sure a deal could be struck between Congress and Old Sol

OK. That's a bit farfetched, but as AA2WN informed me early yesterday afternoon, we have another New Cycle sunspot appearing on the sun's surface! Whether or not more spots with accompanying solar flux will appear on the sun's surface in the near future, the low bands are coming back due to earthly seasonal changes. I just snagged OJ0B, Market Reef, for a new band country on 160 Meters last night. That's my first new one of the coming DX season with better/quieter conditions on Top Band as well as 80, 40 and 30 Meters expected.

Good news also appears on NG3K's Announced DXpedition website. I counted 38 listed DXpeditions listed for October! That is quite a significant "surge" in DX activity compared to the past few months. Additional stations will be added to his list with the CQ WW DX Phone Contest making its presence known at the end of October too!

Late October will also host rare activation of VU4 (Andaman Is.) and VU7 (Lakshadweep Is.) in the Indian Ocean. International teams will be pumping RF out for your DX pleasure from October 24th through November 3rd. These are #5s in rarity and previous activations yielded many thousands of QSOs and all-time new DXCC credit for droves of DXers, like myself. More information concerning operating specifics from these QTHs will appear on DX websites in the next few days and weeks as we approach their commencement dates.

Here are more "easy" and "rare" DX trick or treats for you in the month of October:

| STATION | DATES             | FQ/MODES   | RARITY | ENTITY          |
|---------|-------------------|------------|--------|-----------------|
| T6EE    | 10/5-10/31        | 14.2MHZ    | 4      | AFGHANISTAN     |
| VK9DWX  | 10/9-10/27        | 160/10-ALL | 4      | WILLIS IS.      |
| MJ      | 0/9-10/27         | 160/10-ALL | 1      | IS. OF JERSEY   |
| TO5DX   | 10/16-10/28 +CQWW | PHONE 1    |        | ST. BARTHELEMY  |
| PZ5Z    | 10/21-10/30       | HF/ALL+EME | 2      | SURINAME        |
| 9L0W    | 10/21-11/11       | 160-6/ALL  | 2      | SIERRA LEONE    |
| P29NI   | 10/28-11/3        | 160/10-ALL | 3      | PAPUA N. GUINEA |
| A43DLH  | 10/30-11/11       | HF/ALL     | 2      | OMAN            |

#5 = MOST DIFFICULT

## Welcome New Member

The Club welcomes new member Vincenzo Sallustio, KC2NXV, this month. Vincenzo lives in Woolwich Township and holds a General Class License. We hope to see Vincenzo at meetings and Club events in the near future.

## October General Meeting Program

At the October General Meeting the Club will rehash this year's Hamfest to find out what worked, what didn't work and what can be done to improve the Hamfest in future years. If you have some ideas as to how to improve the Hamfest bring them to this meeting and join in the discussion.

### Morse Museum

The workshop where Samuel F. B. Morse and Alfred Vail worked on the first mass communication device, the telegraph, in 1837 and 1838 is now open as a museum at Historic Speedwell in Morris County, New Jersey. On display at the museum is the original Vail register, which is the device used by Morse in 1844 to receive the message sent by Vail that changed the world: "What hath God Wrought." The register is currently on loan to the museum from Cornell University.

The Morris County Park Commission operates Historic Speedwell and has recently spent over \$4 million for the renovation of the site. The site was registered in 1986 as a historic place by the state and federal governments. In addition to viewing the Vail register, visitors to the restored factory building will be able to use a dozen hands-on displays where they can test their ability to send Morse code along with other telegraph-related activities. The village also features walking paths and a pond.

### Hamfest Wrap-up

On Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> our club held their 31<sup>st</sup> annual Hamfest at the 4-H Fairgrounds. We had beautiful weather for the weekend and a good turnout with many familiar faces in attendance along with several new ones. This year we were pleased to welcome several new vendors and tailgaters.

Among the new faces this year was Phil Casey, WA2SEY. Phil runs The Parent Shop, an embroidery business specializing in quality embroidered items for Amateur Radio. This was Phil's first time at our Hamfest and he plans on making our Hamfest part of his regular schedule.

Another first timer was Ray Jones, KB3NFE. Ray and his wife Lori, KB3PRF, are authorized Diamond Antenna dealers. Lori grew up in Pitman, NJ. In addition to joining our Hamfest this year Ray and Lori have applied to become members of our Club.

This year the 4-H generously allowed us to use their PA system for our event and Charlie Olinda, N2SRQ, did an excellent job at keeping the Hamfest attendees up to date with the latest announcements and drawing results.

And no GCARC Hamfest would be complete without Bondie Food Service. They did an excellent job as always.

Most importantly I want to thank all of you for the hard work in making our Hamfest a success. Whether setting up on Saturday, taking down and cleaning up on Sunday or distributing flyers and spreading the word, this Hamfest could not have been successful without each and every one of you. Thank you.

Harry, K2ATX – GCARC Hamfest Chairman

## VEC Testing at the Hamfest

Ray Martin, W2RM, reported that VEC group administered twelve exams during the Hamfest. Two people passed the Technician License Exam, three passed the General License Exam, and two passed the Extra License Exam.

## Harry Wolf Show

Those of you who attended the Club's September General Membership Meeting know that Harry Wolf has a regular radio program on WNJC 1360. Aside from the CDs that Doug mentioned in his President's Message, Harry's past shows can be downloaded as podcasts at his web site. The address for his web site is [www.harrywolfshow.com](http://www.harrywolfshow.com).

## Election of Officers for 2009

At the Club's October General Membership Meeting the first call for nominations for GCARC Officers for 2009 will be made. If you are interested in running for office, come out to this meeting and throw your hat in the ring.



Harry Bryant, AA2WN, Jack Zaruba, K2ZA and Bill Grim, W0MHK Receive their Megapoint Awards  
Photo courtesy of W2RM



**OCTOBER**

**CONDUCTED BY N2SS**

**2008**

**WARC BANDS**

| <u>30 Meters</u> | <u>17 Meters</u>   | <u>12 Meters</u> |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>W2YC. 312</b> | <b>N2SS ...325</b> | <b>WØMHK310</b>  |
| N2SS .....297    | WØMHK.. 322        | N2SS.....303     |
| WØMHK ..279      | W2YC ..... 316     | W2YC.....280     |
| WA2NPD ..216     | WA2NPD . 221       | N2CQ.....99      |
| AA2WN....171     | AA2WN ... 122      | WA2NPD...96      |
| AB2E .....147    | AB2E..... 122      | AB2E .....92     |
| N2CQ.....111     | N2CQ ..... 115     | AA2WN.....20     |

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

**160 Meters**

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>W2YC..... 208</b> | N2SS ..... 79  |
| WØMHK ..... 152      | AA2WN ..... 36 |
| AB2E ..... 100       | N2CQ ..... 9   |
| WA2NPD..... 96       |                |

W2YC continues as our undisputed **Top of Top Band.**

**DIGITAL**

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>W2YC..... 287</b> | N2SS ..... 53   |
| AA2WN..... 187       | WA2JSG ..... 10 |
| N2CQ..... 151        |                 |



**MOBILE DX**

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>W2YC .....276</b> | WØMHK ..... 141 |
| N2SS.....234         | AA2WN..... 131  |

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



**1.5K Club**

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>W2YC .....1598</b> | AA2WN..... 1369 |
| <b>N2SS.....1543</b>  | AB2E ..... 1185 |
| WØMHK ....1478        | N2CQ..... 1135  |
| WA2NPD ...1453        |                 |



**Islands On The Air**

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| <b>N2SS.....851</b> | AB2E ..... 205 |
| W2YC.....674        | N2CQ..... 159  |
| WØMHK .....381      |                |



**6 METER DXCC**

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| <b>WØMHK..... 106</b> | W2YC.....38  |
| N2SS .....55          | AA2WN.....15 |



**GRID SQUARES**

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| <b>WØMHK..... 540</b> | ..... |
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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 ..... | 338   |
| Deleted Count..... | 58    |
| Last Addition..... | KH8/S |
| Last Deletion..... | STØ   |

## October Birthdays

Congratulations to these members celebrating birthdays in October:

Steve Blasko, W2TDS  
David Boswell, KC2PHJ  
Harry Bryant, AA2WN  
James Clark, KA2OSV  
Harry Elwell, K2ATX  
Chris Heller, WK2W  
Willian Kardas, N2BK  
Lawrence Mommicco, AD2L  
Dennis Sandole, K2SE  
Richard Tighe, N2PHI  
John Zaruba Sr., K2ZA



## Crosstalk Submissions

This is your Club newsletter. Make use of it. Feel free to contribute general interest articles and ideas for articles.

All submissions, queries, comments and editorials should be addressed to Gene Schoeberlein at aa2yo@arrl.net.

Submission deadline for November issue:  
10/27/2008

## Club Web-Site

<http://users.tellurian.com/freddie/w2mmd/>

President-Doug, WA2NPD  
Vice President-Wayne Wilson, WA2LET  
Treasurer-Ken Newman, N2CQ

Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML  
Darrell Neron, AB2E  
Bill Blakeley, WA2ADB

Cory, WA3UVV  
Steve, W2TDS

### GCARC Officers

Recording Secretary-Al Arrison, KB2AYU  
Corresponding Secretary-Al Arrison, KB2AYU

### Board of Directors

Harry Bryant, AA2WN  
Gene Schoeberlein, AA2YO  
William Grimm, W0MHK

### Trustees

Ray, WB2NBJ  
Mike, N2SRO

### Committees

ARES/RACES-John, AA2BN  
Awards-Dave, W2YC  
Budget-Steve, W2TDS  
Clubhouse Site-Al, KB2AYU  
Club License Trustee-Darrell, AB2E  
Constitution-As needed  
Crosstalk-Gene, AA2YO  
Database-Ray, W2RM  
DX-Bill, W0MHK  
Field Day-John, AA2BN  
Hamfest-Harry, K2ATX

Hospitality-Ray, WB2NBJ  
Membership-Ray, W2RM  
Nominations-Doug, WA2NPD  
Programs-Dave, WB3JOY  
Publicity-Cory, WA3UVV  
Repeaters-Al, KB2AYU  
Scholarships-Greg, WN2T  
Special Services, Darrell, AB2E  
Sunshine-Ray, W2RM  
Technical/TVI-Cory, WA3UVV  
VEC Testing-Ray, W2RM

**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)

1272.4/1284.4 MHz-Pitman

**GCARC Meetings**

**General Membership**

7:30 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**  
**Hamfest Rehash**  
**Harry Elwell, K2ATX**

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