



Presidents Message

It is times like this that I want to thank Mrs. Egli, Woodbury High School Commercial Teacher back in 1947, who taught me how to touch type. And, I have my good eye cataract removal this coming Friday, which has been long in coming. AMEN!

It's great to report how successful our Hamfest was this past Sunday! Harry, K2ATX, will have a more comprehensive report in next month's Crosstalk, but at this point a few comments are in order. Financially, we did very well, the best yet since the turn of the Millennium! Our Club Table, thanks to N4NYY, did very well and we had more attendees compared to last year. The weather was outstanding! And it was truly a Club effort as so many of our members helped in every way. Special thanks to the Burlington and Camden County RACES groups who graciously provided their respective portable equipment as an added attraction. And to WA3UVV for the great publicity and banners! The PA system sounded better than ever with special thanks to Bill, NJ2S, for use of his bucket truck to fix some of the speakers. And to Charlie, K2PQD, who built the QLF key back in about 1965 and which was resurrected for the long-neglected contest by WK2W, AA2WN, and K2HPV. Thanks again to WA2LET and N2CQ for mailing out the invitations and for the ticket handling. Also, our VEC testing went well as Ed, N2RO, reported 7 new people are about to get Ham licenses. And, of course we must thank Harry, K2ATX, our Chairman, who did a magnificent job with all arrangements and overseeing the entire event. We are all looking forward to another great time next year.

We were saddened to learn that Jack, K2ZA, is presently hospitalized and quite ill. We pray for his recovery. And we were encouraged to learn that, following a critical illness period, Jim, K2OWE, is currently doing better and is at home.

I am looking forward to rag-chewing with many of you at our October 7th Club meeting, which will be Pizza night! Plenty of Pizza and sodas will be served following an abbreviated business meeting. So, don't eat a large dinner on the 7th, save some room for the hot Pizza which will be served about 8:30 PM, or thereabouts. This is a fun time involving getting to know your fellow club members better. We should also have a very good raffle that night as some of the Hamfest gifts were unclaimed.

Welcome New Member

The Club welcomes new member Robert Durham, KC2SGP. Bob lives in Manuta and holds a General class license. Please make an effort to introduce yourself to Bob when you see him at meetings and functions.

Down Jersey DXing

By Bill Grim, W0MHK

FT5GA, of Glorioso fame, continues to churn out qsos at this writing. An hour or so after sunrise in beautiful downtown Pittsgrove, they are working JA's and Europe on 10, 12, and 15 Meters! Wish we had that kind of propagation here on the East Coast, but you might still have a chance at working them (if you haven't). Try 17, 20 and 30 Meters generally between 9AM (17 Meters), with 20 Meters peaking around mid afternoon, and 30M pulling up the rear until about 9PM our local time at night. These are general predictions but some confirmed contacts have been made by Club members around these times. This is not an easy one! They can be tough to hear and even tougher to work. Good luck on this extremely remote, rare piece of Indian Ocean real estate! Check out their website by searching for "Glorioso 2009". They are uploading their logs at this location.

It is the same old, same old situation for sunspots. Something is on the backside of the sun right now, but who knows how big or if it will affect our DXing. We have had one sunspot since last month's Crosstalk. Prospects still look gloomy for a hefty solar cycle this time, but there is still hope that more solar activity will be appearing as the months go by.

While we wait impatiently for more solar fireworks, take advantage of the seasonal, autumn enhancing of HF propagation. We should see some improvement in propagation on 20M, 17M and 15M. Probably sunspot help is the only hope for 12M and 10M to be DX active again. Remember too, that noise levels should abate nicely on the lower bands as we get out of thunderstorm season. That should help with some of the Pacific operations noted below for October.

A possible topic for your DX consideration (or general activity) is the status of your antenna rotor(s). Are they ready for the inclement weather our South Jersey winters bring? Within the last few weeks I know of three club members that have had rotor problems (including myself). Besides checking cables and connections, you might consider checking for loose or broken bolts if the rotor is mounted to a tower assembly. Also, growth from summer means tree branches might be encroaching on your antenna's field of rotation. This would be a good time to check that and take appropriate trimming measures. Take advantage of the more moderate weather we typically have now before you lose that "new one" to a stuck or non-functioning rotor in the middle of winter!

A boost in DXpedition activity continues in October with the upcoming CQ World Wide DX Phone Contest on October 24th and 25th. The Pacific looks like a very active destination. The list below represents just a sample of some DX Delights for harvesting!

STATION	DATES	HIGHLIGHTS	RARITY	ENTITY
FK/AI5P	10/1-10/8	HF, MAINLY CW	3	NEW CALEDONIA
3D20CR	10/1-10/8	160-6M/ALL MODES	4	CONWAY REEF
VP8DIF	10/1-11/15	LIMITED 100W. OPERA.	4	SOUTH GEORGIA
C91VM	10/5-10/23	IOTA'S TOO!	2	MOZAMBIQUE
A52FJJ	10/8-10/20	SB,CW,RTTY,PSK31	4	BHUTAN
K4M	10/9-10/19	19 OPS/20M 24 HRS!	4	MIDWAY

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STATION	DATES	HIGHLIGHTS	RARITY	ENTITY
TY1MS	10/10-10-27	5 OPS.	3	BENIN
TX5SPM	10/16-10/22	4 OPS.	2	MARQUESAS IS.
P29VCX	10/22-10/26	5 OPS.	3	PAPUA
FH	10/21-10/25	160/6M-CW,SSB	3	MAYOTTE
8R1PY	10/31-11/4	160/6M-MUCHO DIGITAL!	1	GUYANA
XR0Y	10/31-11/15	6 OPS./2 STNS.	2	EASTER ISLAND

5 = MOST DIFFICULT
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Club Jacket Order

At the last General Membership, Meeting Marty Wilt, W2ILT, took orders for Club Jackets. He will be at the meeting again in October to continue taking orders. This may be your last chance to get your jacket order in. He has several style jackets to order from and the more jackets we order of each style the lower the price per jacket will be. If you are interested in ordering a jacket please see Marty at the October meeting or if you have questions give him a call or contact him at Martin@Wilt.com.

VHF Tower Now Operational

At long last we are pleased and proud to announce that our VHF Tower, which blew down awhile back, has now been replaced (Tower donated and transported to the site by W2RM) and is standing tall awaiting some initial VHF/UHF op to christen it with a CQ. A number of folks need special mention for much blood, sweat, and tears, but none more so than Al, KB2AYU, who not only spear-headed the effort from beginning to end, but did the great bulk of the work throughout the project. And Al even recruited his Mom to help as she repainted the tower with Rustoleum paint from top to bottom. Also, many thanks to Wayne, WA2LET, and his nephew Brian for the necessary cutting and welding need to prepare the new tower for the desired mounting. And the Club wishes to express our great thanks to Bill Green who graciously provided his crane truck to raise the tower and to his expert helpers, Bob Anderson and GCARC's own Jim, N2NRD. Special thanks to Bill, NJ2S, for arranging this tower raising party. Unquestionably, this majestic tower (about 80 ft in the air) greatly improves the appearance of the landscape and should serve the VHF/UHF requirements for the Club for many years in the future. And let's pray that we are never visited by any 120 mph wind gusts for the next hundred years, or so.

Pssst, Got Any Tubes?

By Cory Sickles, WA3UVV

I am looking for a few 1S4, 3A5 and 6AQ5 tubes. Also, some 7 and 9 pin sockets. I didn't find them at the Hamfest. If anyone has some that are surplus to their needs, please let me know. Similarly if you have any unwanted FT-243 or other rocks lying around for 7.100 to 7.125 Megacycles or 80M CW, please let me know that, as well.

I have a collection of other tubes, in case any of our members need something to keep that vintage gear glowing throughout the coming winter.

Future Past

By Cory Sickles, WA3UUV

As you will read elsewhere in this publication, the Hamfest is over. By every account, it appears to represent another success in our Club's history and represented a great way to celebrate our 50th year of existence. While it's easy to celebrate the moment, we should also be celebrating those 50 years and what they represent.

Ham Radio and the world were a bit different in 1959. As the years progressed, various challenges arose across this planet – many met with success – some, not so much. The GCARC took shape, grew and matured into the organization it is today with times that were positive and some that weren't. While I doubt that the founders were looking 50 years down the road at the time the Club was formed, they laid a foundation of friendship, cooperation and common interests. Through a flexible framework of leadership and respect (plus a few heated discussions here and there) our Club expanded with new members embracing new technologies and diverse interests.

One of the strengths of our organization is that we are not specifically defined as a DX, QRP, CW, Microwave, Repeater or anything else club. We are a general interest group. We have members who are more comfortable with CW, those who never touch it, some who hunger for DX or contests and others who prefer rag chewing. But largely, as a group, we come together for the common good.

That kind of teamwork was certainly demonstrated this year. In case you haven't been paying attention, the GCARC is growing. We have had a steady stream of new faces (both young and previously young) entering our ranks from various backgrounds. They, along with our present mix and those to follow, are our future. While many of us won't be around to see it, what we are doing now is creating the additional framework that will direct us into our next 50 years. There are opportunities for additional members to plan, lead and help us along the way. It doesn't have to take much time out of your year. There are many things we can do and continue to do with just a bit more help. Are you willing to be an active part of our future?

Time for a Little Show and Tell

By Cory Sickles, WA3UVV

Many years ago, when most of us were building some of our own gear, the monthly ham radio club meetings would usually include some of the member's items on display. While proportionally less of us still build, there are projects that we could still share info on and show off a bit. Whether it's a QRP rig you are building, a station accessory, some new software you bought or a QSL card that has a story attached to it, why not bring it to the October meeting? Let us all know what you've been up to.

It would be nice if this could become a regular feature.



OCTOBER

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WARC BANDS

<u>30 Meters</u>	<u>17 Meters</u>	<u>12 Meters</u>
W2YC. 315	N2SS ...327	WØMHK313
N2SS302	WØMHK.. 325	N2SS.....303
WØMHK ..290	W2YC 321	W2YC.....283
WA2NPD ..231	WA2NPD .243	WA2NPD.. 102
AA2WN...171	AA2WN ... 122	N2CQ.....99
AB2E147	AB2E..... 122	AB2E92
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

W2YC..... 222	N2SS 82
WØMHK 161	AA2WN 36
AB2E 100	N2CQ 9
WA2NPD..... 99	

W2YC continues as our undisputed Top of Top Band.

DIGITAL

W2YC..... 303	N2SS 70
AA2WN..... 187	K2AWS..... 29
N2CQ..... 151	WA2JSG 10



MOBILE DX

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

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



1.5K Club

W2YC1616	AA2WN 1369
N2SS.....1546	AB2E 1185
WØMHK ...1503	N2CQ..... 1135
WA2NPD ...1474	



Islands On The Air

N2SS.....873	AB2E 205
W2YC.....712	N2CQ..... 159
WØMHK432	



6 METER DXCC

WØMHK..... 108	N2SS.....55
W2YC69	AA2WN.....15



GRID SQUARES

WØMHK.....563
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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
Harry Bryant, AA2WN
Harry Elwell, K2ATX
Chris Heller, WK2W
William Kardas, N2BK
Dennis Sandole, K2SE
Richard Tighe, N2PHI
Jack 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 October issue:
10/26/2009

Club Website

<http://www.w2mmd.com>

GCARC Officers

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

Recording Secretary-Al Arrison, KB2AYU
Corresponding Secretary-Harry Ewell, K2ATX

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

Board of Directors

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

Steve, W2TDS
Cory, WA3UVV

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-Ken, N2CQ
DX-Bill, W0MHK
Field Day-Vinney, KC2NXV
Hamfest-Harry, K2ATX
Historian-Marty, W2ILT

Hospitality-Ray, WB2NBJ
Membership-Cory/Ray, WA3UVV/WB2NBJ
Nominations-Doug, WA2NPD
Programs-Doug, WA2NPD
Publicity-Cory, WA3UVV
Repeaters-Al, KB2AYU
Scholarships-Greg, WN2T
Special Services, Darrell, AB2E
Sunshine-Ray, W2RM
Technical/TVI-Cory, WA3UVV
VEC Testing-Harry, K2ATX
4H Liaison-K2ATX

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

Pizza Night
Come and get it while it's hot!

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