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CLUB NETS

6M AREC	50.9---Sundays, 8 PM Local Time
10M Rag Chew	28.8---Fridays, 9:30 PM Local Time
Novice AREC	21.115---Mondays, 8:30 PM Local Time
Friends' Sip	7.265---Sunday, Oct. 13, 1:00 PM Local Time !!!

October meeting: WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2nd, BEGINNING AT 8 PM.
PROGRAM: SEVERAL UPROARIOUSLY FUNNY FLICKS, CIRCA 1925! SEE PAGE 1.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE IS SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 20, 1974. PLEASE MAIL ANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO: MARK WILSON,
WB2OSQ,
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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

The September program was quite successful, with over 20 entries in the QSL card contest. At the time of the September Crosstalk deadline, the prizes hadn't been decided upon. The first-place winner in each category got a well tailored club patch. Second prize was 100 club QSL cards and third place got a club decal. Judges were Ray, WA2CUB and Don, W2DWB. These two capable men had a hard choice to make because of the number of quality displays entered.

The results:

RARE DX:	1st-W2SUA	2nd-WA2VEE	3rd-WA2NPD
BEAUTY:	" WA2SEA	" WA2AXJ	" WA2MEM
ORIGINAL:	" WB2OSQ	" WA2AXJ	" WA2NPD
HUMOR:	" WA2MEM	" WB2OSQ	" WA2NPD

Doug, WA2NPD, Program Chairman, says that he has ~~some~~ club decals for sale--cheap.

de WB2OSQ

OCTOBER PROGRAM TO FEATURE
"FEATURE FILM"

Yeah, gang; your program for October will bring nostalgia, laughs and fun for all attendees (?). Remember Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, W.C. Fields, etc.? A generous GCARC benefactor has offered to supply (at no cost) some riotous films of yesteryear. According to WA2OMY, WB2OSQ, WA2AXJ and others who have seen the films, you are in for a special treat. Of particular interest in one film which deals with radio controlled tin lizzies.

So c'mon out and enjoy a few laughs--tell the XYL that Oct. 2nd is your night out at the club (maybe John will "spike" the coffee if we threaten to cut his coax). See you ALL there this time.

73 de WA2NPD

CLUB ELECTION

Well its getting near that time of year when we should all be considering who we would like to see elected to run our club next year.

As most of you know, the usual procedure is for the nominating committee, (all of the past-Presidents of the Club) to select one person to fill each vacated office. That is President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, a four year Trustee and two three year Directors.

Although I myself do not believe this to be the best way to select Club officials, thats the way it is spelled out in the Club Constitution, and that is the way it is done, with one exception. The exception being that any club member may nominate a person of his or her choice at either the November or December meeting.

In the past it has been a precedent not to select a Past President to a second term. After looking over the list of Past Presidents, I feel that perhaps its time to select a new President from the list of those that have held this office before, but then again your views may differ from mine.

In any event its one of your perogatives to select and vote for the person of your choice, and may the best man be elected.

de Harry McCormick, WA2SEA

CONTEST CORNER

The 1974 New Jersey QSO Party was a rousing success again this year, as always. Winning the club competition, and county honors was none other than WB2OSQ, Mark, our Crosstalk Editor, who is making a habit of turning in fine contest scores of late. Congratulations Mark, and we hope that you will enjoy the subscription to CQ Magazine which you will be receiving, compliments of the club.

Congratulations also to Darrell, WB2BVV and Bob, WA2AIH for nice scores. Bob made a very fine showing with his 40 watt rock bound layout. Mike, WA2LDT, captured Camden Co. honors as top scorer, giving our club two county winners this year. All Gloucester Co. entrants were members of GCARC.

A hearty thank you to all who operated and reported their scores. Reporting all scores, however small, is the only way the sponsor and the club contest committee can judge the interest in the event.

SCORES:

WB2OSQ	11,275 *	
WB2BVV	6,624 *	
WA2AIH	3,360	
WA2LDT	646	* Club certificate winner.
WB2FJE	152	
WA2MEM	24	

1974 ARRL November Sweepstakes

This is "GET DOUG GEHRING YEAR", in this November barn burner. He has dominated this event since the club began sponsoring our own sub-contest, (four straight years), setting a new record score last year to the tune of 74,300 points. We urge all who are able, to get on the air and give him a run.

Dates: CW-November 2, 3.
Ph-November 16, 17.

The top combined phone and CW scorer will receive a prize for his/her effort. Those with 200 contacts or more will be rewarded with a club certificate.

ARRL lists the club score in QST, along with the top club phone and CW scorers, and provides them with certificates commemorating their high achievements.

Logs will be available at the October and November club meetings. They should be forwarded directly to ARRL when complete. Report all scores to Ken Newman so the club can take credit for all scores toward the total club score. See October QST for details.

73, de W2FHF

P.S. My apologies for the slow progress on the construction project, but business travel has hampered the R&D effort.

Ken

DX

NAVASSA ISLAND- DXpedition Nov. 26-27, all bands. Sponsored by members of South Jersey Radio Assn. including W2ORA. QSL to W2KF. More info later.

ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON-KC 2 will operate FP8AA last two weeks of October. All band operations planned as well as some Oscar 6 & 7 activity. QSL to home.

(all above courtesy LIDXA)

VIETNAM-FCC has announced that XV5DA is another station in South Vietnam that is OK for communication with U.S. hams.

MT. ATHOS-DXpedition planned for late August never came off. Propagation didn't ruin it, the political climate did. May be rescheduled after it cools off.

ANGUILLI-DXpedition Oct. 21-29, all bands. W3HMK, Joe, popular QSL manager and great guy, will operate VP2EY. W4GSM will operate VP2E. QSL to each at their stateside QTH. VP2 QSLs are sometimes hard to get--I can guarantee this.

For the past week, to the date of this writing (Sept. 14) 20 meters has been hot as a pistol! Sounded like old times, all continents workable with big signals. Lots of goodies available; VK9, Cocos; FB8, New Amsterdam; 9B, E. Malaysia; YB, Indonesia; TR8, Gabon; ST2, Sudan; TU, Ivory Coast; ZB, Gibraltar; JY, Jordan; VK, Australia; and JA, Japan, just to name a few. To repeat myself, it pays to listen in once in a while.

A word of caution: I hear a lot of boys setting upon a band edge for contest operation or for general QSOs. They seem to forget that their sidebands are beyond the band edge, and this sure invites a lot of trouble!

Some other dim bulbs insist on calling the DX stations on his frequency, below our band edge. The DX station is listening in the U.S. Fone band, not on his freq. The FCC monitors our bands and, an American below his band edge sticks out like a sore thumb.

See you in the CQ World Wide DX Test/fone weekend Oct. 26-27.
de Shorty, W2SUA

CODE CLASS TO BEGIN

Our club-sponsored code and theory classes are slated to commence on Thursday, October 17, at 7:15 PM. The place of instruction will be the Pitman Middle School on Holly Ave., as it has been in the past. The class will be held each Thursday, until all students qualify for the Novice ticket. The course is free, so if you know someone who is interested, this is a good way to learn. Any members wishing to help out should come the first night. Contact WB2OSQ for details.

de WB2OSQ

ATTENTION NOVICES ! ! !

NOVICES--Interested in meeting new people? Want to chat with other Novices? I think that the GUARC Novice Net is just the thing for you. Monday evening is our informal gathering time on 21.115 MHz. Beginning at 8:30 PM Local time, anyone is invited to join. Novices and Generals alike are welcome. Contact Steve Asay, WA2AXJ, for further details.

PORTABLE OPERATION

This is an article that I've been contemplating doing for a long time. I really don't know how to start, but I hope I interest someone.

In the past I have operated portable many times, all over our state and Pennsylvania as well. I have really enjoyed it, and have made some Q5 contacts.

I usually use both six and two meters because the antennas are small, which is a very great consideration. Also, most of the equipment is very compact, and runs directly from twelve volts DC. This makes for a versatile station.

The antennas are usually small Yagis with sufficient gain to get out. The most important factor is height. Without it, all the antennas in the world are of no consequence. I try to go to an area where I have as great a LOS (line of sight) for as great a distance as possible, but I have worked stations from practically a ravine.

It is a joy beyond words when you are working out to an area where one never has before. I have worked as many as six stations without several of them hearing the other stations QSO'ing. I stop here and will continue in a future issue of Crosstalk.

Wayne Welsh, WA2VOY/WB2DBS

GOOD PHONE OPERATING

1. Listen much...with care. Avoid distractions in your operating room. Tune the band well after each call.
2. Time your calls; monitor your own frequency. Call only when a station is free.
3. Make short calls, with breaks to listen. Speak clearly, at a steady modest rate. Three short calls are better than one long one.
4. Use VOX or push-to-talk technique...speak near the mike. Watch the modulation indicator. Keep local background noise at a minimum.
5. Make notes. Avoid missing points for comment. Jot down topics to avoid repeats.
6. Talk in connected thoughts and phrases. Notes will help avoid mixing up subjects. VOX and push-to-talk techniques will help brother amateurs from calling you a monologist.
7. Speak naturally. QSOs need not be cut and dried. Make them interesting. Avoid exhibitionism. Use proper operating form to promote efficiency in communication and add respect and prestige for your station.

LES BELLES

Does your husband frequently come home with ball-point ink stains on his shirts? "Yes" is probably your answer to this question since few who use ball points in their daily work are able to escape the

ink-spot malady. If you have already found a method for removing these stains you are one of the lucky few; however, if you are still unable to get the stains out, help has finally arrived for you. USE HAIR SPRAY. That's right HAIR SPRAY.

First, scrape any blobs of surface ink from the fabric.

Next, saturate the stain with hair spray.

After the spray has dried, wash the fabric in the usual manner.

Repeat the process until the stain disappears.

IT REALLY WORKS. With just one application, I removed a large X written on a white cotton rag. It took several applications and washings, but I was finally able to remove some old, dark, dried-in ball-point ink stains from one of my pillow cases. The secret seems to be to catch the stain while it is still fresh. It will be much tougher to remove after it has already been laundered.

73's de Rose Ellen, WA2FGS

SWAP SHOP

WANTED: one commercially built antenna tuner (transmatch) must be in good working condition. Contact Bill Cardis, WB2IYB,

If anyone has anything to buy, sell, or trade, put it in Crosstalk. It costs nothing, its worth a try. Write to Mark Wilson, WB2OSQ,

HEARD ON THE PARTY LINE

Today we did nothing particularly on the ham bands--and we did it quite well.

Once the itch of writing a column such as this one comes over a man--nothing can cure it but the scratching of his pen.

Many American radio hams have the quality of talking themselves red, white and blue in the face.

In taking the FCC exam we can say, "Blessed are the forgetful, for they get the better even in his blunders."

An optimist is an OM who thinks the QRZ was for his call.

The way to entertain folks on amateur radio is to listen to them.

When the band opens, nothing is contemptible.

Work on our extra class license always begins tomorrow.

There is nothing as irritating as meeting somebody with less intelligence that we have who has a higher class license than we do.

The prime requirement to become a CB'er is bad manners.

When you get in QSO don't tell a good story even though you know one; its narration will simply remind your contact of a bad one.

We were going to buy a new rig recently and the XYL told us that economy is going without something we want, in case we should someday want something which we probably won't want. (She said she could put it another way, but it would probably lose something in the translation.

We wonder what the eleven meter band would be like if the microphone would not have been invented.

Heard on 75 meters: "There is one thing about baldness-it's neat".

"For twenty years," the OM said, "We have been speaking prose without knowing it."

We love ham radio. but oh, preserve us from metaphysics.

Women who wear pants suits are somewhat like flattopping in video.

Many hams are good extemporaneous speakers. What we need are more extemporaneous listeners.

Being a radio amateur makes us realize that in the midst of life we are in debt.

Some day we are going to send our laundry list on CW in the Novice band.

"The softer a man's head-the louder his socks." They must have meant the OM with the wildest colored socks of all. That's got to be.....

by Charlie Vorderberg-WØCCT

SCUTTLEBUTT

1. Understand WA2VOY has a RTTY machine that does his income tax return for him. It seems it is an old adding machine that has an automotive-type transmission. It's for sale for \$4.50. Any takers?
2. We hear (see?) that WB2FIF has a new 6 mtr beam that keeps the rain off his roof.
3. Anybody got any 10kv plate or 40 amp filament transformers? If so contact WA2AIH. Seems he's starting a collection. (Whatsa Bob?)
4. WA2OLS recently took in some very nice scenery atop a certain eighty foot tower. What was wrong, Rich, a bird on the antenna?
5. Would WB2FJE really put pins in W2SUA's coax?

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D O N ' T F O R G E T

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th IS THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FRIENDSHIP
NET. FREQUENCY IS 7.265 MHz AND THE WESTSIDE RADIO CLUB PROMISES
TO HAVE A BIG TURNOUT. HOPE WE HAVE AS BIG A TURNOUT AS LAST TIME.

*****SEE YOU THERE*****