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CLUB REPEATERS

147.78/18 MHZ. 224.66/223.06 MHZ. 442.100/447.100 MHZ. CTCSS 131.8

CLUB NETS

ARES/RACES . . . EVERY SUNDAY AT 2000 HRS. ON THE 147.78/18 AND 224.66/223.06 RPTS.
10 METERS EVERY TUESDAY AT 2100 HRS. ON 28.350 MHZ.

CLUB MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1991; 2000 HOURS SHARP;
AT VFW POST 2117, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ.

President's Message

October 1991

Hi everybody. Well, this past month was a little more relaxed than the previous few. But we still saw some activity.

On September 7, we fired up our equipment and put on a pretty good show for the public at the K-Mart in Mantua. We had a fair share of people stop by to see what we were about. We had a table full of brochures to pass out to the public and some of our members were very good at explaining ham radio and answering questions. I really want to thank all the members who came out for an interesting few hours and also to the many behind-the-scenes members who were on the bands to help us make some contacts.

And, while I'm dishing out some thanks, I'd like to recognize the efforts of Walt Ashton (WB2OYQ) who coordinated the MS-150 Bike Tour on September 21 and 22 to and from Ocean City. Great job for a great cause. Walt is another of those quiet members who just jumps in when a job needs doing and does it. Thanks, Walt!

Another great way to be one of the quiet members who benefit the Club is to jump on the 50-50 bandwagon and sell some tickets. I can tell you that nobody hates selling raffle tickets more than I do but I can also tell you that they are really quite easy to sell. Hey, everybody is looking for a quick buck. We can't give them the New Jersey Lottery but \$500 or \$600 also feels pretty good in your pocket. These 50-50 raffles have really helped keep our club well within our budget this year. Sure hope you can help on the last one coming up.

Okay, so much for that. Now let me say something about what is going to be happening at the meetings in October and November. These are very important meetings for our club because they will determine who the leadership will be for the next year. It is very important for each member to seriously consider what the caliber of that leadership will be. Consider seriously becoming a candidate for one of the elected offices. It's the greatest way I've found of really learning how a club functions and of effecting some of those good changes you've been hoping for. You've got to GET INVOLVED. Remember, the slate of candidates proposed by the nomination committee is just that—a slate. It does not imply that those proposed are any more or less capable than others who were not proposed. This Club WORKS because people get involved. We're good but there is lots of room for improvement. And that's where you come in. Don't just sit back and let somebody else do it. MAKE A DIFFERENCE – RUN FOR AN OFFICE! YOU ARE THE DIFFERENCE. And please remember, even if you don't run for an office, vote for the best candidate, the one who will do the best job for you and the club. VOTE WITH YOUR HEAD! Don't let these elections become a popularity contest. We're good but we'll only become better if we all do our part to vote intelligently.

You're a wonderful group of people and it's really fun being your President. Let's keep working and building – together. See ya next month. Bless ya.

SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The GCARC held its monthly meeting on September 4, 1991, at the Woodbury VFW. WA2BMQ called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. N2DWK motioned to dispense with reading the previous minutes; motion approved. Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Visitors: Eleanor Mattison (N2JXS), Jack (WB2TMH) and Rugie Sesay.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

N2DWR announced the banquet is set for January 11 at the Dutch Inn. Cost is \$16.55 per person. Checks may be made payable to "GCARC."

N2KLE reported on the Hamfest. Ticket money is still coming in. After the final report, the Hamfest Committee will have a meeting to "critique" this Hamfest, and organize ideas for future Hamfests.

N2DWR noted publicity in today's Gloucester County Times for Amateur Radio Awareness Day on September 7, and for tonight's meeting.

WB2OYQ is coordinating the MS-150 Bike Tour on September 21 and 22 to and from Ocean City. Will need use of the repeater to cover this event.

WA2VQG reported 46 people took exams at the Hamfest; 29 were for upgrades. Next Novice class starts September 24. Bill suggested that WB2GSF contact him for the names of students who take the test, so Harry can send them a complimentary issue of Crosstalk and a Club application.

N2FNF distributed 50-50 raffle tickets for the Oct. 2 drawing. Another raffle will follow.

NEW BUSINESS

WA2USI proposed that the Club offer a free Associate membership period to newly-licensed amateurs who complete the training course in Bellmawr. Comments and suggestions were offered by N2KLE, N2ASV, WA3UVV, W2GSN, N2DUZ, WB2GSF and KA2KMW. We will consider these suggestions at the next Board meeting, then give a formal proposal. WA2BMQ encouraged interested parties to attend the Board meeting.

N2DWR reminded everyone about Amateur Radio Awareness Day, Saturday, September 7, at the Mantua K-Mart Plaza. We will be operating on several bands from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All members were encouraged to participate. N2DWR reminded everyone about the GCARC Bowling League, which starts September 6 at the Woodbury Playdrome.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, N2KLD, Recording Secretary.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - OCTOBER 1991

THANK YOU for your efforts! We will be awarding our second raffle prize at the Oct. 2nd meeting. I HOPE YOU PUT A RAFFLE TICKET STUB IN FOR YOURSELF!

The last prize awarded was \$602.00

Then we will turn around and be able to pass out raffle tickets for the drawing in November. Be sure to pick up tickets for your regular customers (and yourself).

Those who have unsold tickets need to return them to a committee member. These are controlled under the regulations of our license. Your cooperation is appreciated.

A special thank you to sellers, committee members, and others who made it possible for members to return stubs, money, and tickets by the dates of the raffles. 73, N2FNF

Ways and Means Committee Members:

KB2JKD, Almeida; N2AKL, Roslyn; N2DWR, Marla; N2FNF, Irma

FOR SALE

ICOM IC-02AT HANDHELD VHF FM TRANSCEIVER. INCLUDES WALL CHARGER, BC-35 RAPID CHARGER AND ANTENNA. ALMOST NEW. \$250
CONTACT N2JXU OR JOANNE PARROTT.

DX REPORT

Well everybody who wants Albania ZA should now have at least 2 or more contacts with either the ZA1A group or the HUNGARIAN group, ZA1HA and ZA1QA. In the last month there has been a plethora of new DX for the wanting. First we had Burma XY0RR, St Brandon 3B8CF/3B7, and then we had ALBANIA ZA1A plus the new HUNGARY group; plus, all kinds of new stuff for those that trying for DXCC. Well for the coming month we have some more real goodies.

LICHTENSTEIN HB0/DL A number of German operators will activate this country from Oct 3-6 all HF bands.

COSTA RICA TI2/N9IUO will be on all bands for six months.

3D2 FIJI Will be active from Oct 4-9 by a number of Japanese look for 3D2HA, 3D2NO, 3D2ST.

THAILAND HS0ZAA is now active from 40 thru 10. No 80 or WARC bands.

JERSEY GJ/GU GUERNSEY A number of German operators will be active from Jersey and Guernsey signing GJ/ or GU/ from Oct 15-22, usual DX freqs.

WILLIS ISLAND VK9WI can be found on 14020 but you must listen to what he says as to where to work him. Not just UP. I worked him on 14014.

MADAGASCAR 5R8AL to Oct 15 Look for him on 20, and 15 SSB & CW usual freqs. NORTH COOK ZK1/call sign unknown now Oct 6 to 20.

SOUTH COOK ZK1XC will be active from South Cook Oct 21-31

ANGOLA D2ACA Oct 1-15 plan to be active on the low bands 160-30 but will give some activity on the upper bands.

KAMPUCHEA XU0JA Oct 9-16 all band 10-160 including the WARC bands.

Two contests in October for those wanting Oceania. CW test Oct 5-6 and the SSB test Oct 12-13. the VK/ZL boys will be there for you to work.

Good DXing 73 and C U in the PILE-UPS. John K2JF>

Editors Notes

October 1990 was my first issue of Crosstalk. Yep, I have been editing, printing, assembling, and mailing the paper for a year now. I think it is time to let someone else try their hand at it.

I'd like to thank all those who sent in articles, especially John, K2JF, for the technical and dx pieces; and Mary Ellen, N2KLD, for the nicely pre-edited minutes. Also thanks to Bob, KB2COB, for the prompt printout of the mailing labels. And a BIG thanks for many hours of work assembling the paper to Jay, KB2ETV; Jim, K2OWE; and Ed, W2GSN.

As the prez sez "e'mon and get involved". I'll be glad to help get someone started and my laser printer is available for printing the originals.

I hope the membership has found my work on Crosstalk to be acceptable. Perhaps I'll have enough time to be able to contribute some technical articles in the future. If I,m not too busy working all the satellites!

FO-20 is going over in 2 minutes, gotta run. 73 KB2AYU.

AMATEUR ARRESTED

From the W5YI REPORT: "Eric Dobrowansk, KA6YCK, of Cranford, NJ was recently arrested and indicted by a grand jury for having ham gear in his car capable of operating on police channels adjacent to the two meter ham band. What makes this case interesting is that Eric had gone down to the police station to offer his services as a ham operator to help find the source of police radio jamming." His trial is scheduled for the end of September or early October. John Norton N2IOB who is familiar with radio law is his lawyer. New Jersey is one of only a handful of states in the country where it is ILLEGAL to carry a scanner capable of receiving public service frequencies in your automobile. What makes the law unusual and dangerous is the fact that you have violated the law merely by having the radio in your possession. You can even be convicted under this law if you are stopped in the middle of a conversation on your local two meter amateur repeater! If the radio is in your car and it is capable of receiving a public service frequency then you are in violation of the law. The New Jersey Law makes mere possession a crime! I have a letter from my Chief of police that authorizes me to carry my two meter radio with me because of Emerg. Mgt work. If you want more information see the Sept 15, 1991 W5YI REPORT. Have fun in New Jersey. John K2JF>

W A N T E D

Looking for a 12 volt power supply to run a modern hf rig in the house. Would have to be rated for at least 20 amps. Contact KB2ETT, John Cronin