

GCARC CROSSTALK

OCTOBER 1998

President's Message

Summer is over and the two main fundraising events for the club have been completed. Thanks to the hard work of a relatively small group of volunteers, both events were very successful and, as a result, the club is in good financial shape.

Now that fall has arrived and things are cooling down, it's that time again. Yep, it's time to begin nominations for next year's officers and directors. There are also some committee chairperson slots that need to be filled. The nomination committee will attempt to present a slate of candidates at the meeting this month. Give some thought to who you would like to have running the club next year. Better yet, consider yourself for one of the many important positions available!

At the beginning of the year I wrote that I thought the clubhouse should be the focal point of the club. A clubhouse should be a great place to meet with club members, learn new things, and attract new members. Unfortunately, interest appears to be almost non-existent. Except for a few major events, the clubhouse remains relatively empty. At the hamfest this year I saw many hams checking out our impressive array of antennas. I'm sure any radio club would love to have the excellent site our club has. Did you know we have had the site for 10 years? Lots of work by many people (including me) has gone into the site. It takes work and money to maintain the site even if nobody is using it. I would really hate to see the club site discontinued. But, if the interest isn't there, it doesn't make sense to continue maintaining it. Personally, I don't mind doing work at the clubhouse as long as someone is going to make use of it. I would really like to know why the club membership has not utilized this valuable asset to its full potential. Let me know what you think.

The first weekend of The ARRL International EME (moonbounce) Competition is the weekend of October 10-11. I haven't worked the contest for a few years but the equipment is still in place at my shack. If any

of you CW ops would like to try a few contacts let me know. This month the general membership meeting is on Tuesday, October 6, at 7 p.m.

73, Al KB2AYU

Grand Prize Drawing

The following are the Hamfest Grand prize winners from the drawing held at the September 1st meeting:

1st prize Daryl Johnson KE2RD
2nd prize George McCaughey K2VUQ
3rd prize Steve Pierro N2FXA

Congratulations to all three winners and we hope they enjoy their prizes.

Hamfest Committee

OUR HELP IS REQUESTED FOR THE PITMAN CROP WALK

The next CROP Walk will be held on SUNDAY, October 18, at 2 PM. It will start and end at the Sunset Auditorium in Pitman. The volunteers will be walking the same route as previous years -through Pitman and Glassboro- with rest stop at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

25% of the funds collected will be donated to Interfaith Helpers of Williamstown, Cathedral Kitchen of Camden, and the Glassboro Food Pantry. The Sponsors will be collecting jars of peanut butter to donate to local food pantries.

All Amateur Radio operators are requested to meet at the Sunset Auditorium at 1300 for spot assignments. Maps with marked with locations and will be given for each assignment.

We need at least TEN (10) Amateurs to sign-up to make this operation a success like previous years. They tell us it "makes us feel good to know that you people are on hand in case of emergency." They are depending on us, so let us not let them down. I will be taking name at the next Club meeting Tuesday October 6th. If you can't see me there please contact me: via Repeater 147.18/78, e-mail fisherjo@voicenet.com

DX REPORT

3DA - Jon, 3DAOCA plans to be active (with a new antenna) daily on 160 metres (+/- 1830 kHz) between 18 and 20 UTC from late September. QSL via W4DR.

3V - Albert, F2KN will be again in Tunisia between 1 and 15 October. He hopes to operate from 3V8BB in his spare time. QSL for contacts made with Albert is via F2KN.

7P - Barry, ZS1FJ will be active hopefully as 7P8FJ from Lesotho between 30 September and 3 October. QSL via ZS1FJ.

9N - David, G4ERW is active as 9N7RW from the town of Patan in the Kathmandu valley until 7 November. QSL via G4ERW.

A3 - Klaus, DJ4SO and Manfred, DJ7RJ will be active (on all bands CW, SSB and RTTY) as A35SO and A35xx (to be issued) from Fafa Island (OC-049), Tonga between 1 and 19 October. QSL via home calls. DX News Sheet.

BV9 - A couple of days ago Gary, W8VI talked with Taya, BV5BG who "seemed very optimistic about a Pratas operation in October".

BY - Operators from Shanghai plan to be active as BI5X from Xiao Yangshan Island, Zhoushan Archipelago between 1 and 3 October. QSL via BY4BHP (P.O. Box 085-299, Shanghai 200085, People's Republic of China). For further information please go to <http://bi5x.yeah.net>

C9 - Reinhard, DL6DQW, will be active as C91RF from Mozambique until 6 October. QSL via DL6DQW.

E3 - Jacky, ZL3CW received a letter from the Ministry of Transport & Communications stating that Amateur Radio is officially open in Eritrea as of 21 September 1998. He paid the licence fee (which has currently been set at \$500!) and became active as E31AA on 22 September around 17 UTC (SSB only as his rig did not have CW capability). Jacky left Eritrea for Djibouti (from where he should operate as J28CE in his spare time) on 23 September. He expects to return to Asmara around 30 September and plans to be active also on CW. QSL via ZL3CW.

F - Special event station TM5FKW was active on 19-20 September and will be active again on 26-27 September and 3-4 October. QSL to F5KBB via the bureau.

FO - Christian, F6IFC will be active as FO0RIC from French Polynesia as follows: from Moorea between 29 September and 7 October; from Bora Bora (OC-067, DIFO FO-003) between 7 and 12 October; from Huahine between 12 and 15 October.

GM - Ian, GM3UTQ will be active as GM3UTQ/P from Sanda Island IOSA between 26 September and 3 October. He will participate in the CQ WW RTTY DX Contest, then he will operate on 10-80 metres SSB.

HK - Gerard, F2JD will be working in Colombia for one or two years starting at the end of September and hopes to renew his previous licence (HK/G0SHN). QSL via F6AJA.

J6 - Fabrizio, IN3ZNR will be active (on SSB with an emphasis on the low bands) from St.Lucia (NA-108) between 3 and 10 October. QSL via IN3ZNR.

KH2 - The following Mariana Islands DX Association members are expected to be active from Guam during the VK/ZL Oceania DX SSB (3-4 October) and CW (10-11 October) Contests: KH2D, N2NL/KH2, NH6D/KH2, K4SXT/KH2, WH2U, KH2JU, N4UQM/KH2 and NH2E. Further information on the MIDXA (including QSL routes) is available at <http://www.guam.net/pub/midxa/>

KH0 - The following Mariana Islands DX Association members are expected to be active from Saipan during the VK/ZL Oceania DX SSB and CW (10-11 October) Contests: WH0AAV, KH0CE, AH0D, NH0F, NH0D and NH0E. Further information on the MIDXA (including QSL routes) is available at <http://www.guam.net/pub/midxa/>

W - An operation (call not mentioned) has been reported to be planned to take place from St. George Reef Lighthouse on 3 October for 24 hours. The island is claimed as counting for the California State .

YV - YV7AJ will be active from Margarita Island during the weekend on the occasion of the IARU Region II meeting.

ZD9 - Bud, ZS1B is reported to be currently heading for Gough Island where he hopes to arrive on 28 September and be active for 2-3 days. QSL via ZS1B.

>>> DXCC NEWS RELEASE <<<

Marquesas Islands & Austral Islands Added to DXCC List

The ARRL Awards Committee has accepted a recommendation of the ARRL DX Advisory Committee to add the Marquesas Islands and the Austral Islands to the DXCC List. The additions will be effective with contacts made beginning 23:59 UTC on 31 March, 1998 and after. The DXCC Desk will accept QSL cards for both the Marquesas and the Austral Islands beginning October 1, 1998. QSL cards received before that time will be returned without action.

TNX K2JF

From: Peter ELLIS@DAO on 09/24/98 09:38 AM
To: amsat-bb@amsat.org
Subject: JOTA ! - Promoting Amateur Radio in the community and to youth
So we want to:
(1) involve young people in our hobby?
(2) justify public support for our private activities, especially when the anti-Tower people sniff at our plans.
(3) promote Amateur Radio? [[See my experiences of promoting A R a t <http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/5796/me dia1.htm> >]]

Try this for size:

JOTA - Jamboree On The Air

JOTI - Jamboree On The Internet

:-) Who will be getting along to their local Scout hall

and/or offering to have Scouts at their station to operate through satellites?

:-) Who will be paying more attention to recent posts about operating through the satellites MOBILE? (or from the Scout hall?)

JOTA is the largest annual event in the International Scouting calendar and one of the biggest events in the Amareur Radio calendar. Last year, more than 500,000 Scouts operating from some 10,300 stations in 110 countries around the world took part in JOTA!

It is held over the third full weekend of October each year: this year it is 17 & 18 October. Officially, it runs from 0001 local on the Saturday until 2359 local on the Sunday, but many stations operate from the Friday night.

For the second year, JOTA will share the third weekend with the new international event, JOTI, seen as complementing JOTA by also using available technology to enable Scouts and Guides around the world to communicate with each other.

JOTA is conducted in all authorised AR modes on all authorised AR frequencies. There are posted HF calling frequencies, but operators are then to move to working frequencies. This approach may not work for satellite operation!

JOTI and JOTA's main info site is <http://www.scout.org/joti> [[This has JOTA down the navigation bar!]]

Band	SSB(phone)	CW(morse)
80 m	3.740 & 3.940MHz	3.590 MHz
40 m	7.090 MHz	7.030 MHz
20 m	14.290 MHz	14.070 MHz
17 m	18.140 MHz	18.080 MHz
15 m	21.360 MHz	21.140 MHz
12 m	24.960 MHz	24.910 MHz
10 m	28.990 MHz	28.190 MHz

Satellite operators can infer likely frequencies in each band from the numbers above.

[[Info for this message taken from an article in Radio and Communications magazine (Australia), OCT 98, written by Harvey Lennon VK7KSM, National JOTA Co-ordinator, Scouts Australia.]]

GENERAL & ADVANCED CLASSES

Chick (WA2USI) is starting his classes up again with the first one for General and Advanced. Classes will be starting on October 27th at 7:00pm at the Washington Twp. High School. For any additional information please contact Chick

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER FROM ALL THE MEMBERS OF G.C.A.R.C.

CALL DAY	FIRST	LAST	
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KB2OWC	THOMAS	MEYER	2
KC2AZP	SAMUEL	MYERS	5
K2ZA	JOHN	ZARUBA	9
N2FKS	MICHAEL	LIPNITZ	11
KB2AIH	RONALD	BOWERS	13
AA2WN	HARRY	BRYANT	15
	MICHAEL	SCANZELLO	26
N2BK	WILLIAM	KARDAS	30

New vanity address for paper filers

Effective September 14, there's a new address at Mellon Bank for vanity call sign paper application filers who submit Form 610V and FCC Fee Remittance Form 159 with the vanity fee via the US Postal Service.

The new address is FCC Wireless Bureau Applications, POB 358130, Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5130.

Electronic Form 610V Vanity Call Sign filers will continue to send Form 159 with the vanity fee to FCC Amateur Vanity, POB 358994, Pittsburgh PA 15251-5994.

A reminder: The vanity call sign filing fee drops from

50 dollar(s) to 13 for dollar(s) applications filed on or after September 14, 1998.

The FCC in Gettysburg reports it has processed vanity applications received through August 14.

Question pool changes put on hold

Citing "almost certain and imminent restructuring of licensing," the Question Pool Committee--the group that formulates the questions that show up on Amateur Radio examinations--has put further changes to the question pool on hold until restructuring issues are settled.

ARRL/VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, says the decision includes postponing the Advanced class question pool update, scheduled for revision and release this year for implementation next July 1.

The Committee says restructuring could cause anything from making a few rules questions unusable to "total deletion of one or more question pools or even combination of two or more of the present question pools into a differently configured question pool."

The decision to put further revisions to the question pool on hold had majority support of the National Conference of VECs. The QPC will postpone its current question pool review schedule "until the direction of such restructuring is more certain," QPC Chairman Ray Adams, W4CPA, said in a statement.

Adams said the QPC would announce when it's decided to resume alterations to the question pools. "The action required by that decision could range from a simple resumption of rewriting of the question pools much in the same manner as we have in the past to issuing any necessary supplements containing the changes to each of the question pools in use to combining certain pools in whatever manner may be dictated by the Commission," he said.

TNX K2JF

FROM THE EDITOR

As our President has stated in his monthly message, this meeting opens up nominations for for a new slate of Officers for the club for 1999. If any of you have

entertained the thought of running for an elected office then get someone to nominate you if you haven't already been asked. The idea that we need interested elected officials cannot be over-emphasized.

As many of you already know, the e-mailing of Crosstalk is becoming a reality. Several nights ago I sent an e-mail message to all members who have given me their e-mail address, advising them to download Adobe Reader from Adobe's website. I told the members that they would be receiving Crosstalk via paper and e-mail this month and strictly e-mail next month. I have already sent out a test issue to several members and they reported excellent results with what they received, so we're going to go for it. This months trial run should show any problems that will crop up. For those of you that use the free Juno, you will continue to receive paper Crosstalk as you and I would have to jump through a lot of hoops to get it through and still be readable. It would be more work than it's worth. If you sign on to a regular Internet provider, let me know and I'll switch you over if you wish. Those of you who don't wish to get Crosstalk via e-mail will have to let me know by Oct 26, when the next issue of Crosstalk will go to the printer.

As time goes on, I hope to be able to get the club roster set up for e-mailing and a calendar that will work for e-mail as well as snailmail (sorry AOF). I have been in touch with the editor of another club about getting pictures into Crosstalk and he has given me some good ideas that I want to try. All I have to do now is find some spare time for my job and the YF, then I'll be set.

DEADLINE for November Crosstalk is Oct. 23. Send them to ka2dot@ix.netcom.com or Apt. 11-E, 801 W. Park Ave. Lindenwold, NJ 08021, or call me at 566-1421.

See you at the meeting ART - KA2DOT

October meeting to be held on Oct. 6 at 7pm.
GCARC Board of Directors meeting to be held on Oct. 21 at 8pm.