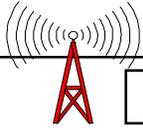


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1999 Officers

President	Art Strong	KA2DOT
Vice President	Gene Wallace	N2IMK
Treasurer	Lou Joseph	W2LYL
Recording Sec.	Donna Strong (acting)	
Corres. Sec.	John Fisher	K2JF

Directors

Bob Krukowski	KR2U
Chuck Colabrese	WA2TML
Jim Mollica	K2OWE
Al Arrison	KB2AYU
Mark Townsend	W8HCL
Gene Schoeberlein	AA2YO

Trustees

Stu Cleveland	N2WUP
Tony Scandurra	KG2MY
Ray Martin	WB2LNR
Wayne Wilson	WA2LET

GCARC Meetings

General Membership:

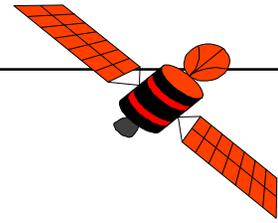
8 p.m., 1st Wednesday every month,
Pfiefer Community Center, Williamstown, NJ

Board of Directors:

8 p.m., 3rd Wednesday every month,
GCARC site, Harrison Twp. 4-H Grounds
(approximately one mile south of Mullica Hill
on Rt. 77).

Club Repeaters and Webpage

147.780/180 Mhz 223.06/224.66 Mhz
447.100/442.100 Mhz (CTCSS 131.8)
Web: <http://users.snip.net/~gradywhite>
E-Mail: gradywhite@snip.net



Advertising	John	N2AWD
ARES/RACES	Chic	WA2USI
Awards	Jack	K2ZA
Banquet	Bob	KR2U
Budget *	Lou	W2LYL
Callbook Info.	John	K2JF
Clubhouse Site *	Al	KB2AYU
Constitution *		
Crosstalk	Art	KA2DOT
Data Processing	John	AA2BN
DX	John	K2JF
Field Day *	Tony	KG2MY
Hamfest *	Jim	KC2AOF
Hospitality *	Ray	WB2NBJ
Membership *	John	AA2BN
Nominations	Al	KB2AYU
Publicity *	John	N2AWD
Repeaters *	Chuck	WA2TML
Scholarships	Greg	WN2T
Special Services	Open	
Sunshine	Miriam	KB2EUA
Technical	Jack	K7LIF
Training & Testing	Chic	WA2USI
TVI	John	K2JF
4-H Parking	Bob	KR2U

(* Standing Committee)

NETS

ARES/RACES - Sundays, 2200 Hrs
(147.780/180 & 223.06/224.66 Repeaters)

10 Meter - Sundays following the
ARES/RACES net (28.350 Mhz)



GCARC CROSSTALK

OCTOBER 1999

President's Message

Unfortunately I have to report that on September 5th Jose' Lopez, WB2OZE, became a silent key. He had been ill, off and on, for several months but seemed to be on the road to recovery. He was widely known throughout the club and will be greatly missed as he participated in a great many of the club's activities

The totals are in and we did very well with our hamfest this year. Our income was well in excess of what we had budgeted for the year. Everyone did a great job and I hope we can do as well next year.

Congratulations to Ray Flanagan, N2WHL, our Grand Prize winner for Hamfest 1999. I understand that Ray is the first club member to ever win the grand prize, so double congrats to you Ray. Naturally Ray took the Yaesu handheld as his prize. Though I don't know firsthand but I hear Ray is getting a bigger belt to hang all those HT's on that he has.

The site is making a slow recovery from the lightening hit that we took. Al, KB2AYU, has been putting in a lot of hours in repairs and has become very fluent in UPS procedures with all the equipment he has had to send out for evaluation. But all good things in time. Soon enough it will be back up and running.

It is that time of year again when nominations will be taken at October's meeting for the slate of Officer's for year 2000. Start thinking about who you might want to nominate and check with them first to see if they would accept the nomination. Yours truly's tour is up in December and I plan on taking a seat in the back and be general member again.

See you at the meeting - ART

THANKS TO ALL

For your cards, the nice GCARC card, your phone

calls, your visits, your lending me books and magazines, and for 2 meter QSO's; I wish to thank each and everyone for your great kindness and fellowship during my recent convalescence from a broken hip and coronary surgery. Am feeling A-1 at present and went back to work on 9/15/99. Another example of proof that ham operators are the best friends and companions anyone could hope to be associated with. Again, my heartfelt thanks.

de Doug, WA2NPD

PITMAN CROP WALK

The Crop Walk group has asked that the Hams of the GCARC help again this year in the Crop Walk. The Cropwalk is on OCT 17 at 2:00 PM (1400), starting at the Pitman Sunset Auditorium at Lauel & Lincoln Aves. It normally last about 2 hours. We need about 12 persons with 2 meter hand helds. The route of walkers is approximately 5 miles. For those who cannot make the long trip, there is a short 1 mile walk loop around the Grove Circle.....I will have maps to show where each of the Hams will be stationed and will give each of you a copy. Please consider doing this as a good turn for yourself and community service for GCARC. Remember we are a Special Service Club, and this is one of our annual services.....Please contact John Fisher K2JF or e-mail fisherjo@voicenet.com....73 John K2JF

DX DOPE

What is DX? Some say working an out-of-States station, some say working half way around the world, both are correct. Most say DX is "hello", and "goodbye", and not even his/her name! Unfortunately, this is often the case - especially with so-called "rare" locations, or with those whose english is limited. It certainly doesn't have to be, you can ragchew with hams from England, Canada, Germany, France, Ireland, South Africa, etc, for

hours, in some cases, learning all about their country, their families, their work, their favorite movies, etc, etc. Conversely, if you happen to raise a station from, say, Pitcairn Island, or Cambodia, well, forget the ragchew. Chances are there are, or soon will be, twenty or fifty stations quickly lined up waiting for you to say 73's - all wanting a contact with the VP6 or XU station! And, the foreign DX station knows this and he will not tarry very long with you, or with anyone, in his eagerness to give as many stations that are on frequency a chance to work him. For such places in the world are "rare" DX, and few, if any, hams actually live there. Chances are the ham there is visiting for a while; or in cases where a group of hams pool their resources and travel to some remote spot and operate for maybe 10 days. This is called the Dxpediton. Often the object of a Dxpediton is to permit as many worldwide hams as possible to get a contact with that rare country or location., for thousands of hams are trying to collect a QSL card (proof of the QSO) from every radio country in the world (currently, there are 333 such countries - including Palestine - effective 10/1/99). For such types of contact, the hello and goodbye is the allotted time, else thousands would not get the opportunity.

There are thousnads of hams perpetually on the air from the more common countries; hence a typical DX column will only, or mostly, limit its report to just those obscure countries which are "coming up". Generally, these countries/locations will not be easy to "work", as there are thousnads of hams out there just like you who would like to get their QSL. If one has a modest station (no amplifier or exotic antenna), it's often best to wait until near the end of the DX operation (when the crowd has died down) to give it a shot! The downside of this is - the longer the DX station is there the greater the chance that "Murphy will strike"! Hence, reviving the ol' W2SUA adage, "You best slay the bear when he's there".

Listed are some up and coming operations (will keep it short this time - too much above). Also, this column picks up where K2JF left off, John having done a marvelous job of informing us for many years.

Station	Country	Dates	Mode	Rarity (1-5)
FO0SUC	Marquesas	10/4-21	SSB/CW	2
ZK3DX	Tokelau I.	10/7-12	SSB/CW/RTTY	3
GJ0WFH	Jersey I.	10/10-17	SSB-QRP	2
VP2MBT	Monserrat	10/22-30	SSB/RTTY/CW	2
8Q7IT	Maldives	10/26-11/2	SSB (CQ-WW)	2
HK0	Malpelo	November	SSB/CW/RTTY	5

(TNX to 59(9) Report, et al
TNX Doug - WA2NPD

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

CALL	FIRST	LAST	DAY
KB2OWC	THOMAS	MEYER	2
	DONNA	STRONG	3
KC2BUN	BRIAN	BUDD	7
K2ZA	JOHN	ZARUBA	9
N2FKS	MICHAEL	LIPNITZ	11
KC2AIH	RONALD	BOWERS	13
AA2WN	HARRY	BRYANT	15
	MICHAEL	SCANZELLO	26
N2BK	WILLIAM	KARDAS	30

FROM THE EDITOR

As I have mentioned in last months issue of Crosstalk, I will be departing as your Editor after the December issue is sent. I certainly hope someone will step forward and take over the job as Editor as I would not like to see Crosstalk become but a memory.

Tnx ART

DEADLINE FOR CROSSTALK

October 22nd is the deadline for November's Crosstalk. Any articles may be sent to ka2dot@bellatlantic.net, or to Apt. 11-E, 801 W. Park Ave. Lindenwold, NJ 08021

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GLOUCESTER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 General Membership Meeting 2000	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Board Meeting 2000	21	22 Deadline For Crosstalk	23
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