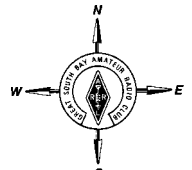


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## GSBARC 2003 OFFICERS

President: Walter Wenzel, KA2RGI  
Vice Pres: David Wandell, N2UHR  
Treasurer: Tom Carrubba, KA2D  
Corr. Secretary: Scott Verity, KC2FBV  
Rec. Sec: PattyLynn Wandell, KC2AUX  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### GSBARC General Meeting – 8:00PM

Thursday Apr 24, 2003  
Thursday May 29, 2003  
Thursday Jun 26, 2003  
Thursday Jul 31, 2003

### GSBARC VE – 12:00 PM

Sunday May 25, 2003  
No session in June – Field Day  
Sunday Jul 27, 2003

### GSBARC Board Meeting – 8:00 PM

Thursday May 8, 2003  
Thursday Jun 12, 2003  
Thursday Jul 10, 2003

### GSBARC Open House 12:00 – 2:00PM

Every Saturday @ Town Hall EOC

## NETS

### Newsline Report -

Monday 7:00 PM 146.685/R

### Club Info Net -

Monday 7:15 PM 146.685/R

### DX/Contest Info -

Monday 7:15 PM 146.685/R

### TOBARES Net -

Monday 8:15 PM 146.685/R

### Swap 'n Shop Net -

Tuesday 7:30 PM 146.685/R

### 10 M Net -

Tuesday 8:00 PM 28.320

## REPEATERS

2 M 146.685/146.085 PL 110.9  
1 1/2 M 223.860/222.260 PL 131.8  
70 CM 440.850/445.850 PL 114.8  
70 CM 447.625/442.625 PL 114.8\*

\*Repeater owned by Chris Baumgartner, WA2AMX

## President's Message

By Walter, KA2RGI

## Field Day 2003

We are again operating "Field Day" from the Babylon Town Hall East Lawn which is also the site of our EOC. We are setting up our equipment as perscribed in our Town Emergency Plan which meets the ARRL's requirement for "Class F" operation. All other procedures are the same as "Class A" which we have operated in years past.

Some changes or additions to this years Field Day Rules:

1. The GOTA station that completes a minimum of 100 QSOs will earn the GOTA bonus with a cap of 400 QSOs that are able to be added to the group score.
2. Class F operation has been added for those groups that are working with their local Emergency Operations Centers as per their local emergency plans.
3. 100 point bonus if an elected official visits the FD site and there is an additional 100 point bonus if an invited representative of one of the served agencies of the EOC visits the operation.

The full ARRL Field Rules are available for download @ [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

### Field Day 2003 Coordinators

Equipment Preparation	KB2SIE / KA2RGI
Food Preparation	KA2RGI / N2UHR
Logs / Reporting	KA2D
Safety Manager	Position Open
Station Manager 1 – 80M	Position Open
Station Manager 2 – 40M	Position Open
Station Manager 3 – 15M	Position Open
Station Manager 4 – 20M	NY6DX
Station Manager 5 – 10M	Position Open
Station Manager – G.O.T.A.	Position Open
Emerg Pwr Management	N2CRV / KA2RGI
Natural Power	KC2FBV
Satellite Operations	K2JY
ATV Operation	W2FBB
VHF/UHF Operations	Position Open
W1AW Field Day Message	Position Open
NTS Msg. to ARRL SM/SEC	KA2RGI
Media Publicity	KC2FBV / KA2RGI
Information Booth	WA2UJI / KA2RGI
Equipment Take Down	Position Open

More information will be at the upcoming meetings. May will be an update with the June Meeting being to final prep and information meeting because Field Day is a few later.

73, Walter, KA2RGI

## GSBARC VE Exam Schedule

May 25 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon  
 June **NO VE** - [Field Day](#) -6/28-6/29 Babylon Town Hall  
 \* New [Tech Test](#) eff. July 1  
 July 27 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon  
 Aug 24 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon  
 Sept 28 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon  
 Oct 26r Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon  
 Nov 23 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon  
 December **NO VE** - *Season's Greetings*

### SWAP & SHOP

If you have items for the Swap & Shop and can not get onto the weekly net then contact Bud, WA2QAV at 631-643-7071 or send him an email: the-budman@woldnet.att.net.

### CLUB APPAREL

Frank "Spin", KC2EGK has club apparel for sale. A new T shirt and hat order has been placed. There was an issue with the supplier of the jackets and that has caused a delay in the delivery of the jackets.

### CLUB NET SCRIPTS

If anyone is interested in a copy of the basic 2 meter Monday night net script for GSBARC give Dave, N2UHR a call on w2gsb/r, home: 631-842-6340, or via email at : n2uhr@arrl.net

'73 de Dave, N2UHR!

### Committee Chairpersons

<b>Club Apparel</b> –	Frank "Spin", KC2EGK
<b>Club Station/Equip</b> –	Walter, KA2RGI
<b>DX/Contesting</b> –	Tom, KA2D
<b>Education</b> –	Phil, N2MUN
<b>Hamfest</b> –	Walter, KA2RGI
<b>Library</b> –	Dom, WA2UJI
<b>Membership</b> –	Tom, N2MIG
<b>Newsletter</b> –	Walter, KA2RGI
<b>Home page</b> –	Tom, KA2D
<b>DX Cluster</b> –	Tom, KA2D
<b>Repeaters</b> –	Walter, KA2RGI
<b>VE Sessions</b> –	Tom, KA2D

**National Foxhunting Weekend is May 10-11** (Apr 26, 2003) -- The sixth annual *CQ magazine* National Foxhunting Weekend (NFW) will be May 10-11. ARRL Amateur Radio Direction Finding Coordinator Joe Moell, K0OV, says the event is a tuneup for the national ARDF championships this summer.

How many individuals are interested in having our own GSBARC Bunny Hunt? Let KA2RGI or N2UHR know.

**New Two-Ham ISS Crew Makes Human Spaceflight History** (Apr 28, 2003) -- There are five Amateur Radio operators aboard the International Space Station this week. The Expedition 6 crew of Commander Ken Bowersox, KD5JBP, NASA ISS Science Officer Don Pettit, KD5MDT, and Nikolai Budarin, RV3FB, today welcomed Expedition 7 crew members Commander Yuri Malenchenko, RK3DUP, and Ed Lu, KC5WKJ.

**Hamvention Announces 2003 Award Winners** (Apr 25, 2003) -- Hamvention has named the winners of its 2003 Amateur of the Year, Special Achievement and Technical Excellence awards. Well-known contester Larry "Tree" Tyree, N6TR, will receive Hamvention's 2003 Amateur of the Year Award. Tyree is the creator, organizer, and promoter of the successful [Kid's Day](#) --now administered by the ARRL. Kid's Day is an operating activity designed to give young people a chance to experience Amateur Radio firsthand and possibly inspire them to become licensees. Tyree also developed the popular *TR-LOG* contest logging software. A ham since 1967, Tyree lives in Boring, Oregon, with his wife and three daughters.

**Amateurs Invited to Participate in 2003 Armed Forces Day On-Air Event** (Apr 28, 2003) -- The US Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard will cosponsor the annual military/Amateur Radio crossband communications tests the weekend of May 10-11. The event will mark the 53rd celebration of Armed Forces Day. Although Armed Forces Day actually is Saturday, May 17, the Armed Forces Day Amateur Radio event is held a week earlier to avoid conflicting with Hamvention. The event features a military-to-amateur crossband communications SSB voice test and the Secretary of Defense message receiving test.

**Former W1AW Chief Operator Chuck Bender, W1WPR, SK** (Apr 24, 2003) -- Former W1AW staff member and chief operator Charles R. "Chuck" Bender, W1WPR, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died April 17. He was 79. Bender served as an operator at Maxim Memorial Station W1AW for more than 37 years--from 1952 until his retirement in 1989--the last 17 years as chief operator.

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**  
**BABYLON TOWN HALL EOC LINDENHURST, NY**  
 Thursday March 27, 2003  
 to order by KA2RGI at 8:00PM

called

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

President	KA2RGI	Walter Wenzel
Corresponding Sec.	KC2FBV	Scott Verity
Director 2	KC2EGK	Frank Spinazzola
Director 3	N2MUN	Phil Lewis
Director 4	N2MZK	Charles Rousselet

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Vice President	N2UHR	Dave Wandell
Treasurer	KA2D	Tom Carrubba
Recording Secretary	KC2AUX	PattiLynn Wandell
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**RECORDING SEC. REPORT:** PattiLynn, KC2AUX

Motion to suspend the reading of the previous months minutes and accept them as published. Motion was accepted by majority of members present.

**CORRESPONDENCE SEC. REPORT:** Scott, KC2FBV

Bank Statements, Dues Renewals, Newsletter from LARC, Letter from Marsh Group Services concerning "Federal Terrorism Act of 2002". Info from N2EOB, George about B.S. A. Orientation Day on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tom, KA2D

Checking: \$1802.25  
 CD: \$2777.73  
 Grand total of all funds: \$4579.98  
 Membership Dues received.  
 WB2COO – Individual Dues  
 N2PLT – Individual Dues

**APPAREL:** Spin, KC2EGK

Club apparel is available. Jackets are ordered.

**CLUB STATION & EQUIPMENT:** Walter, KA2RGI

Nothing new to report

**DX & CONTESTING:** Tom, KA2D

For current DX bulletins check in to KA2D-8 on 145.07  
 Also check into W2GSB DX Cluster.  
 CQWW WPX Contest, SSB this weekend.  
 DX Cluster will be working in contest mode.

**EDUCATION:** Phil, N2MUN

March 4<sup>th</sup> new Tech Classes started at 7:30 at TOB EOC.  
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**HAMFEST:** Walter, KA2RGI

Scheduled for May 25 at Sunrise Mall, Massapequa, NY  
 Hamfest Prep. Mtg. May 8, 2003 (Board Mtg. Date)

**LIBRARY:** Dom, WA2UJI

Nothing new to report

**MEMBERSHIP:** Tom, N2MIG

Member are asked to submit their email address if they have one. Your email address will be added to the roster. Total membership 115, 95 full, 10 family.  
 Collected dues from WB2COO & ?

**NETS:**

News line: MP format working, has better quality  
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**NEWSLETTER:** Walter, KA2RGI

Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Eugene Howley, KB2TXZ is new editor of the newsletter.

**HOMEPAGE, WEBSITE, DX CLUSTER:** Tom, KA2D

GSBARC is on line, DX Cluster running OK

**REPEATERS:** Walter KA2RGI

144: Receiver needs a circulator to keep out unwanted frequencies. Investigating procurement of unit.  
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 440: purchase a larger amp to increase coverage  
 Spoke about recent meeting with Town and Tower Management.

**VE SESSIONS:** Tom, KA2D

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 March VE served 9 candidates. Great VE Support.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

Nothing to report

**ARES/RACES:** Walter, KA2RGI

EMS Exercise set for March 30, 2003  
 SC Half Marathon is April 6. Need more operators.

**HEALTH & WELFARE / ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

N2UHR is in Good Sam with bout of Diverticulitis.  
 KC2AUX out of Good Sam doing ok after planned operation.  
 N2NGE thanked the membership for the Sympathy card sent to him for the passing of his cousin.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing to report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nothing to report

**50/50:**

41 dollars was collected. Steve, K2JY won the drawing and donated it back to the club.

**GUEST SPEAKERS & PROGRAMS:**

Frank, N2FF spoke about the NYS Antenna bills

Meeting was adjourned @ 8:50 PM

Submitted by: Walter, KA2RGI

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
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KC2EXO, KC2KMD, KB2SIE, N2GBM, N2PIK

**RECORDING SEC. REPORT:** PattiLynn, KC2AUX  
Reading of the previous months minutes were suspended because Sec. was not present.

**CORRESPONDENCE SEC. REPORT:** Scott, KC2FBV  
Sec. was not present. What was received at PO Box was forward by email from Tom, KA2D.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tom, KA2D

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SC Half Marathon critique is April 17 7:30 PM.  
On the air training is continuing on weekly nets

**HEALTH & WELFARE / ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

KA2D is feeling better and TNX for the card.  
KA2RGI TNX for berevment card.  
KC2AUX back at work but still has to take it easy.  
TNX to all concern.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing to report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

KC2EGK made a suggestion to have the club dues reduced to \$20.00 because of the amount of funds in the club treasury.  
Motion was discussed and no further action was made.

KC2EGK made a motion to make the club president's dues waved for the term he/she was in office. Motion was discussed and no further action was made.

Meeting was adjourned @ 9:13 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Walter, KA2RGI for PattiLynn, KC2AUX