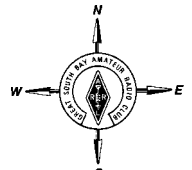


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"...serving the community through Public Service."

Nov., 2003

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
Director 1: Dom Stengele, WA2UJI
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Director 3: Phil Lewis, N2MUN
Director 4: Charles Rousselet, N2MZK

UPCOMING EVENTS

GSBARC General Meeting – 8:00PM

Thursday November 20, 2003
Thursday December 18, 2003 (7 PM)
Thursday Jan 29, 2003

GSBARC VE – 12:00 PM

Sunday November 23, 2003
December No VE
Sunday January 26, 2003

GSBARC Board Meeting – 8:00 PM

Thursday November 13, 2003
Thursday December 11, 2003
Thursday January 8, 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

"WHERE DO YOU FIT IN"

Some members keep their organization strong,
While others join just to belong.
Some volunteer and do their share,
While others lie back and just don't care.
On meeting days, some always show,
While there are those who never go.
Some always pay their dues ahead,
Some get behind for months instead.
Some do their best; some build, some make,
Some never do, just sit and take.
Some lag behind, some let things go
And never help their group to grow.
Some drag, some pull,
Some don't, and some do.
WHICH ONE OF THESE ARE YOU???

[Source Unknown] contributed by Scott, KC2FBV

Final Round of Nominations and Club Officer Elections

The next meeting of the GSBARC will be on Nov. 20. Please see the minutes of Oct. 30 General Meeting for the proposed slate of officers.

December Meeting Reminder

The December 18th meeting will start at 7:00 PM because it is the annual end of the year party. The meeting will be at our regular location, the Babylon Town EOC.

Let me know what you are planning to bring so we can coordinate the dishes being brought.

Walter, KA2RGI

Happy Birthdays For Nov. 2003
Another year older, Another year smarter

GSBARC VE Exam Schedule

May 25 Babylon Town Hall EOC – 12 Noon
June **NO VE - [Field Day](#)** -6/28-6/29Babylon Town Hall
July 27 * New [Tech Test](#) eff. July 1
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](#)**

N2NQQ Joann
WB2COO Danny
KC2JGH John
WA2LUY Frank
K2ENC Les
KC2JOF Larry
KC2ADN Bob
KA2VKD Murphy
W2LJW Leonard

If your birthday is not listed we may not have all the info in our database

WebSite of the Month

Radio or computer related
The following sites are weather related.

NEWS OF INTEREST

CLUB APPAREL

Frank "Spin", KC2EGK has club apparel for sale. Please contact him for hats, jackets or shirts.

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

Club Apparel –	Frank "Spin", KC2EGK
Club Station/Equip –	Walter, KA2RGI
DX/Contesting –	Tom, KA2D
Education –	Phil, N2MUN
Hamfest –	Walter, KA2RGI
Library –	Dom, WA2UJI
Membership –	Tom, N2MIG
Newsletter –	Gene, KB2TXZ
Home page –	Tom, KA2D
DX Cluster –	Tom, KA2D
Repeaters –	Walter, KA2RGI
VE Sessions –	Tom, KA2D

Editors Note

If you have any topics or websites of ham or computer related interests you would like to see appear in the newsletter please email me at ehowley@optonline.net

Correction to the October 9th Executive Board Meeting minutes

MEMBERSHIP: Tom, N2MIG

New members William, KB2YKQ, Adam, KB2TCH and Chris, N3RTM

Members are asked to submit their email address if they have one.

NETS: Scripts are available contact KA2RGI

News line: On the air with MP3 format.

2-meter club info net: On the air with DX report by K2TV when he is available. This net needs backup net control. Now will start at 7:30pm

Swap –n- Shop: OK

10 meter net: OK

REPEATERS: Walter KA2RGI

Phil N2MUN expressed a concern regarding the timing of equipment being purchased for the repeaters and the availability of funds. Discussion followed and all questions were answered
144: No change
220: No change
440: will get a new amplifier and upgrade to the controller.

VE SESSIONS: Tom, KA2D

2003 Test Fee is \$12.00. Our last VE session was a success. We received an email of thanks from Bruce stationed in Japan. Next VE test session will be held on October 26th at Town Hall.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Robert, KC2KMD volunteered to be the chairman for the Nominating Committee for the upcoming elections.

Holiday Party coming soon.

ARES/RACES: Walter, KA2RGI

Thanks to all the Amateur Radio operators who participated in the Republic Airport Drill on September 13th. There was good response on simplex during the Blackout.

October 19th there will be an Emergency Services SET.

<http://www.tobares.org>

HEALTH & WELFARE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Charlie KA2RJV is awaiting results of a stress test. Cleo, N2YAY feeling better and attended the East Farmingdale open house.

Joe N2RBO is still not well.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made to place a half page ad, for \$40 as in previous years, for the Hudson Division Awards Banquet. Motion was approved by the majority. KA2D stated that people receiving awards at the Banquet are nominated by their clubs.

We have members worthy that just need to be nominated. The club has decided to check into hosting the Awards Banquet which is usually held the first week in November

JOTA is Oct. 18th and 19th.

Monday October 20th is the first Planning Meeting for HRU/2004



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
BABYLON TOWN HALL EOC LINDENHURST, NY**

Thursday October 30, 2003

called to order by KA2RGI at 8:02 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

President	KA2RGI	Walter Wenzel
Vice President	N2UHR	Dave Wandell.
Treasurer	KA2D	Tom Carrubba Recording
Secretary	KC2AUX	PattiLynn Wandell
Corresponding Sec.	KC2FBV	Scott Verity
Director 1	WA2UJI	Dom Stengele
Director 2	KC2EGK	Frank Spinazzola
Director 3	N2NUM	Phil Lewis
Director 4	N2MZK	Charles Rousselet

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS PRESENT:

All members and guest introduced themselves.

RECORDING SEC. REPORT: PattiLynn, KC2AUX

Motion to suspended reading of last month's minutes was made by John KA2UJP and seconded by Peter KC2HLI.

CORRESPONDENCE SEC. REPORT: Scott, KC2FBV

Bank Statement - CD, QSL from Fire Island Lighthouse. Mailed out payment for the Ad in the "Hudson Division Awards Dinner Journal."

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom, KA2D

Checking: \$1936.60

CD: \$2793.54

Grand total of all funds: \$4730.14

CLUB STATION & EQUIPMENT: Walter, KA2RGI

Tom KA2D reported that the DX clusters old TNC was sold and \$40.00 will be put in the clubs general fund.

DX & CONTESTING: Tom, KA2D

Everyone is invited to share his or her DX with the net. ARRL has DX. Bulletins available online at: www.arrl.org for more

current DX bulletins check in to KA2D-8 on 145.07. Also check into W2GSB DX Cluster.

For complete details of each contest go to:

www.contesting.com Tom KA2D has a calendar of upcoming events. If you are interested in a calendar see Tom KA2D.

EDUCATION: Phil, N2MUN

Walter KA2RGI reported that Technician classes have concluded. There were 5 students at this past VE session. Of the five students two have gotten their license. They are Joe KC2MCE and Robbie KC2MCF. Anyone interested in learning Morse code let KA2RGI know.

LIBRARY: Dom, WA2UJI

An issue of "Monitoring Times." Magazine added to the library.

MEMBERSHIP: Tom, N2MIG

92 members: (71 primary, 11 family, 10 complimentary).

Members are asked to submit their email address if they have one.

NETS:

News line: On the air with MP3 format.

2-meter club info net: On the air. DX report by K2TV when he is available. This net needs a backup net control operator.

Swap -n- Shop: On the air. Check-ins are very light and no traffic is being passed.

10 meter net: KA2CAQ, Walter is helping with the net.

NEWSLETTER: Gene, KB2TXZ.

Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is the 10th of the month.

Homepage/ Website/ DX-Cluster: Tom, KA2D

All OK at this time. Tom reported that during CQ WW, W2GSB passed an average of 700- spots per hour during the 48 hours of the contest period. We had an average of about 23 clients, mostly telnet.

REPEATERS: Walter KA2RGI

Nothing new to report at this time

VE SESSIONS: Tom, KA2D

2003 Test Fee is \$12.00. Next VE test session will be held on November 23rd at 12 noon in the EOC at Town Hall. There will not be a VE session for the month of December.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Antenna Committee: Don KB2UYS requests help with an antenna.

Elections are scheduled for November 20th!!!

Holiday Party will be Decemember18th @ 7PM

In the EOC at Town Hall. This will be a covered dish affair. You are requested to contact Walter KA2RGI to let him know what you plan to bring.

Election Committee: Robert KC2KMD (chairman)

First round of nominations as follows:

President: Walter KA2RGI accepted nomination

Vice President: Dave N2UHR accepted nomination

Treasurer: Frank WA2LUY declined nomination and Tom KA2D accepted nomination

Recording Secretary: Phil N2MUN, Scott KC2FBV and PattiLynn KC2AUX all declined nomination and position is open

Corresponding Secretary: Bud WA2QAV declined nomination and Scott KC2FBV accepted nomination

Directors: Charles N2MZK, Dom WA2UJI, Robert KC2KMD, Tom N2MIG, Jay N2PIK, and Steve KC2JY

ARES/RACES: Walter, KA2RGI

Skywarn Recognition Day is December 6th

<http://www.tobares.org>

NEW BUSINESS:

Club is putting together a CD of its history. Contact Scott, KC2FBV with anything you want to contribute.

PattiLynn KC2AUX won the 50/50 and donated it to the projector fund.

Meeting was adjourned @ 9:30PM by KA2RGI
Respectfully submitted by: PattiLynn, KC2AUX



**GREAT SOUTH BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

Thursday November 6, 2003
called to order by KA2RGI at 8:03 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

President	KA2RGI	Walter Wenzel
Vice President	N2UHR	Dave Wandell
Treasurer	KA2D	Tom Carrubba
Recording Secretary	KC2AUX	PattiLynn Wandell
Director	WA2UJI	Dom Stengele
Director	KC2EGK	Frank Spinazzola

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Corresponding Sec.	KC2FBV	Scott Verity
Director	N2NUM	Phil Lewis
Director	N2MZK	Charles Rousselet

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete N2GBM

RECORDING SEC. REPORT: PattiLynn, KC2AUX
PattiLynn reported that the minutes of the last Executive Board meeting needed to be corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE SEC. REPORT: Scott, KC2FBV
Nothing reported

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom, KA2D
Checking: 2132.60
CD: 2793.54
Total: 4936.14
Tom KA2D put December 2002- September 2003 bank statements into the cabinet.

APPAREL: Spin, KC2EGK
24 Sweatshirts are about to be ordered.

CLUB STATION & EQUIPMENT: Walter, KA2RGI
Tom KA2D reported that the old TNC has been sold.

DX & CONTESTING: Tom, KA2D
For more current DX bulletins check in to KA2D-8 on 145.07.
Also check into W2GSB DX Cluster.

EDUCATION: Phil, N2MUN
5 people are interested in learning Morse code at the present time. Anyone interest in any class let KA2RGI know.

LIBRARY: Dom, WA2UJI
Nothing new. All members wishing to take out books please enter them in the Library register accordingly.

MEMBERSHIP: Tom, N2MIG

Membership renewals are due. Members are asked to submit their email address if they have one.

NETS: Scripts are available contact KA2RGI
News line: On the air with MP3 format.
2-meter club info net: OK. DX will be report by K2TV when he is available. This net needs a BACKUP NET CONTROL OPERATOR
Swap -n- Shop: Nothing to report
10 meter net: OK

NEWSLETTER: Gene, KB2TXZ
Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is the 10th of the month. New editor of the newsletter is KB2TXZ (Gene).

Homepage/ Website/ DX-Cluster: Tom, KA2D
OK at this time.

REPEATERS: Walter KA2RGI
144: Announcement updated
220: No change
440: No change

VE SESSIONS: Tom, KA2D
2003 Test Fee is \$12.00. Next VE session will be November 23rd @12 noon in the EOC at Town Hall.
There will be no VE session for the month of December.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Robert, KC2KMD is the chairman for the Nominating Committee Holiday Party coming soon.

ARES/RACES: Walter, KA2RGI
Nothing to report
<http://www.tobares.org>

HEALTH & WELFARE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:
The club is putting together a CD of its history. Contact Scott, KC2FBV with anything you want to contribute.

Meeting was adjourned @ 8:40 PM by KA2RGI
Respectfully submitted by: PattiLynn, KC2AUX

UNDERSTANDING YOUR AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR

Joan Fury, XYL of Art WA6JLJ

A reprint of an article published in 73 MAGAZINE, May 1971 issue

Reproduced from the "Hamfest India'96-Calcutta Souvenir"

Many articles have been written on how to build amateur radio equipment, how to put up an antenna, how to this, how to that But few: if any, have been written on understanding the amateur radio operators themselves. So I thought that I would undertake this task.

There are many advantages of having a hobby of amateur radio. They are (1) educational, from the stand point of gaining technical knowledge regarding radio; (2) social, from the stand point of family picnics, dinners or a night out with the boys and (3) civic minded -just take the case of hurricane Camille and others.

However, with all the good qualities ; there are some idiosyncrasies involved with the world of hamdom which I am sure most wives of hams will recognize as I set them out. Before I start, I realize there are many female ham operators, and to these, I give a hearty "Bravo!" But this article is specifically written for the rest of us females who are really not so inclined as to take up ham radio as a hobby.

Having been married to an amateur radio operator for about eight years, I feel qualified as something of an "expert" on the subject. I remember how excited my OM was when he installed his first radio in the car and how he wanted me to speak into the microphone to the unseen body at the other end. He was the only one who seemed to hear a voice. All I heard was some type of mumbling and static at the other end. Later, it was explained to me in much detail, as to how the radio needed to be "tinkered with" and then it was really going to be something. This should have been my first clue -the idea of "tinkering ..." If your husband is a true ham, as mine seems to be then you know exactly what I mean. They are forever tinkering with something, working ever so hard to get something right, only to trade it for something that doesn't work quite well -and so the cycle continues. An interesting thing to note: If this breed of ham does buy a new piece of gear, nine times out of nine he has to modify it.

My OM's shack first began in our card table, along with the entire lower portion or a sliding cabinet in the living room. It has now grown to one bedroom filled with test gear, radios, etc., and one entire wall of the garage. But I really don't mind because my OM has " seen the light " in the reasoning of keeping things neat. We have plastic shoe boxes and plastic cabinets filled with things and stuff.

I spoke before of test gear, and I would like to expound on that subject a bit. One day I ventured into the shack and found my OM working on a piece of gear with schematics all around. Upon asking what he was doing, I got the reply that he was building a piece of test gear (let's call the piece of gear "A") so that he could test another piece of gear that he was working on (let's call it "B"). It seems that in the middle of building "B", he ran into a snag and had no way of testing it so he had to stop building "B" and start building "A". SO he could test "B". At which time, I patted him on the head and left the room before the unknown "C" came into the picture.

A true ham has the instincts of a pack rat. No doubt you know that a pack rat collects shining objects with which to feather his nest. A ham also collects shining objects to feather his shack with, such as transistors, resistors -and the list is endless. A Playboy calendar might also be found in the shack from time to

time. And of course, there are the boxes. and shelves of transformers which weigh a ton, or seem to.

There is one saving feature: auctions I An auction is an occasion when an item is finally sold, much to the pleasure of the wife, but somehow or other the ham feels he has to come home with some goody, thus continuing the cycle. I remember my first auction; it was held before we were married, and went to it as a Friday night date. When I heard my husband-to-be was taking me to an auction, I thought how nice and was looking forward to it. (I thought it was going to be a real auction -you know, the kind with antiques, furniture, etc.) Anyway, when we arrived at the auction, I do not think I have to tell you what I saw - anything but antiques as I know them.

I have been tempted to get into ham radio several times, but just as I am getting enthusiastic, "we" get another piece of gear, and somehow my enthusiasm wanes, and I go back to sewing and cooking.

By no means do I mean to belittle the amateur radio world. As I said at the outset, it is a worthwhile hobby. But to the YIs and the XYLs of amateur radio operators, I just wanted to say that I am with you and please treat your amateur radio operator kindly and realize that his little idiosyncrasies are not his alone. Even if you don't aspire to become a dyed-in-the-silk ham-type XYL, you can become a "quasi" ham by assimilation. You do this by learning his language. Here are a few of the trickier terms:

Hamshack: Not to be confused with the tool shack. The hamshack is usually resplendent with radio gear, most of which is in various stages of modification or repair.

Gear: Not to be confused with a gear in a car or watch. Gear in this case means anything having to do with radio equipment, from the tiniest part to the biggest tower.

Ham: Not to be confused with the meat. This is of the two-legged variety and should be given encouragement if he looks puzzled.

Auction: When this word is mentioned by a ham, it means an auction where absolutely worthless radio gear is sold.

OM: Name given to a male type person who is involved with amateur radio.

XYL-YL: Name given to a female type person who is either married or not married to an OM.

Modify: Usually means, according to Webster's:"To change somewhat to form of qualities of."However, in ham language, it means to change beyond all recognition.

Tinkering: The beginning stages of modification.

Static: Secret code that only a true ham can communicate with

Goody: Something usually without worth, bought at an auction.

Reproduction of this article is with due acknowledgment to-

1.Joan Fury

2.73 Magazine, May 1971Article

3. Hamfest India'96-Calcutta Souvenir

January 18

8 AM – Opening Doors

9 AM – Seminars Start

3 PM - VE Session

Ham Radio University (HRU) 2004

Location: East Woods School,

31 Yellow Cote Road,

Oyster Bay, Long Island, NY

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