



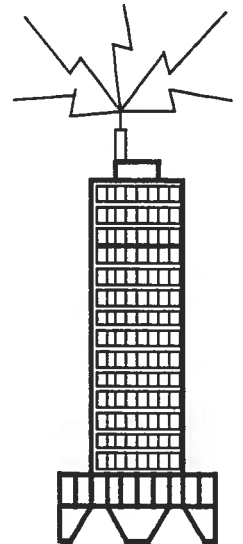
# XARC

## Monthly Newsletter

The Voice of the Xerox Amateur Radio Club

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Bob Karz	K2OID	President
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Mike Ishler	KE2LU	Secretary
Rick LaDonna	N2IJI	Treasurer
Pete Secrist	WB2SUN	Repeater
John Wright	KE2MK	Trustees

October 11, 1990

### Next Club Meeting

**October 18th, 1900 hrs**

**Rich Place WB2JLR will  
give a talk on Packet Radio**

### Goodbye (Kind of) Pete

At last months club meeting Pete Secrist announced that he would not be seeking reelection to his office as Repeater Trustee. A lack of time due to his offices in other clubs and a requirement that he at least spend one night a week at home prompted the decision. Pete has recommended that John Wright take the responsibilities for all the repeaters and that the two trustees offices be united. Speaking for the other officers and club members I want to thank Pete for the dedication he has shown to the repeater through the years. Pete will remain a club member and promises to stay active in club activities.

**Nominations for club  
officers to be made this  
month**

With elections in November it's time to be thinking of candidates for next years officers. The current club offices are as follows- President, Vice President Secretary, Treasurer and repeater trustees. With the resignation of Pete Secrist it has been suggested that the offices of Repeater Trustees be unified.

### Ramblings from the Secretary

Since we don't have a Karz's Korner this month your stuck with me. The thought of the upcoming elections this month caused me to think back on my short ham career and involvement in the XARC. When several of us were asked if we wanted to take the novice class offered by the club it awakened some old dreams and nightmares(Morse code). I kind of wanted to be a ham as kid of 10 or so when a neighbor of ours decided to become a ham as a retirement hobby. I was curious about the activity that was a tower and antenna erection party.(some form of male bonding no doubt) After seeing his "shack"( a corner of the breakfast nook) and hearing him talk to people from around the world I was hooked. There was only

one problem, there was no such thing as a radio class and he didn't feel qualified to act as an "Elmer". I had an ARRL handbook (new cost \$3.50) but it might as well been written in Greek (come to think of it some of it was). Anyway the interest got tucked away for future action. Years later found me in the Army, standing in a MARS station in Germany, listening to a PFC explain to me that I couldn't place a call home because all the radios were broken and nobody knew how to fix them. 8 years of electronics tinkering and repair plus a college degree in electronics had finally found a practical application so I said "mind if I take a look at them?" The problems were simple to repair and we got the station on the air and I was invited to "come back anytime". I spent a lot of time there and my interest in amateur radio was rekindled. I got lots of time to learn about the equipment (Collins KWM-2A, 30L1 and 30S1) and antennas (beams, dipoles, rhombics and log periodics). I even built a Heathkit SB310 receiver and a SB102 transceiver which I still use today. The station trustee acted as my "Elmer" and began teaching me the code. I was set to take a Conditional test when the trustee was transferred home. Shortly after that I returned to civilian life and started a family bought a house etc. Several times later John Wright and I started to learn the code with the help of Gene Parker but for one reason or another we both drifted away from it. All this brings me to the day mentioned in the beginning of these ramblings. I guess the pressure of the classroom setting coupled with the peer pressure of having so many friends in the class I couldn't drift away again. Happily my friends and I passed and went on to more advanced licenses. Our interests in the hobby are diverse but we are all hams and are enjoying the hobby. Last year I experienced what I consider to be the high point of my ham career (short as it's been). I had the pleasure and terror of

teaching a novice class with Fred Miller. Watching the people as you tell them that they passed and experiencing their excitement has to be the high point of a hams career. What a nice feeling to carry around inside.

Well enough about me, but I would like to thank all the people who have helped me along the way and a special thanks to Mr Zimmerman my neighbor who kindled the spark so many years ago.

## Equipment loans

As many of you know the XARC has recently increased its equipment inventory by leaps and bounds over what we had just a short time ago. I have been asked, as the chairman of the station committee, to publish a list of equipment which is available for short term loan to members of the club. When borrowing a piece of equipment, a note should be left in the club station with the item borrowed, the date borrowed, the anticipated return date, and the borrowers name and call.

The following is a list of equipment located at the station in building 337 which is available for lending per the above guidelines. All other items are not to be removed from the station for personal use.

Heathkit HW101 transceiver with speaker and power supply  
 KDK 2 Meter FM transceiver  
 12 volt power supply (blue box type)  
 Bird wattmeter, 3 - 30 Mhz, up to 100W  
 Kenwood VHF/UHF watt/SWR meter, 140 - 500 Mhz  
 Headphones  
 ARRL Handbook  
 ARRL Antenna book  
 US and Foreign area call books (1988 issue)  
 Software library disks, Amateur related, ( 5 1/4 and 3 1/2 DSDD disks)

All of the equipment located at the station is, of course, there for the use of all our members at any time. I would strongly encourage you to use the station. The performance of the station is better than most would imagine.

Thanx Barry

## QSL Cards Available

Members wishing to have one of the QSL cards from the 50th anniversary station should contact Gene Parker x22245 there are a limited quantity available.

## Do you have QSL cards to send?

As a club we are entitled to combine ARRL members cards in one mailing. Just order your cards as always, include a current mailing label from QST and give them to one of the club officers.

## Is your ARRL membership up for renewal?

If so remember to renew through the club. See Mike Ishler(x28964) for details.

## Hamfests/Auctions

If anyone knows the dates of a hamfest not listed here please forward the information to Mike Ishler 114/22D

October 13th, Syracuse at the state fairgrounds

## For Sale/Wanted

The following are items for sale.

Kenwood TS440 S/AT with MC 43 hand microphone, auto antenna tuner, 500 hz Kenwood filter, service book and ASTRON 35A power supply. \$1100.  
Call Paul (KW1L) 8\*323-6119

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Tektronix 310A scope

w/manual

\$85

contact Fred Miller WO2P x29126

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Yaesu FT-707 8 band,solid state,digital xcvr,240w dc input

Yaesu FV-707DM matching digital 12 memory vfo

Yaesu FC-707 matching swr / pwr mtr, ant tuner, dummy load

mic, mobile mounting bracket, relay box for amp, all books.

contact Gary Bauer, KA2CKR X26715

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WANTED: Phone Patch/QSL Manager for marine mobile ham with plans for extensive travel. Will provide phone patch if you don't have one.

Also, options on vacations in exotic places for DX-peditions. For further info, call X26791 or message WIX:WBST129

## **Minutes of the July Meeting of XARC**

The business meeting was called to order by President Bob Karz at 1725 hrs. on Thursday the 27th of September 1990. There were 9 members and no visitors present. The reading of the minutes was waived as they are included in the newsletter. The treasurer's report was not presented but is as follows:

### **XARC TREASURERS REPORT 9-27-90**

<b>Balance 8-20-90</b>	<b>\$1,139.22</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 00.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Field Day Expenses	\$ 28.21
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 28.21</b>
<b>Accounts:</b>	
Savings Account	\$ 184.89
Checking Account	<u>\$ 926.12</u>
<b>Total Funds (9-27-90)</b>	<b>\$1,111.01</b>
<b>Funds Allocated:</b>	
2 Meter Repeater(\$116.32)	\$ 51.32
<b>Total Allocated</b>	<b>\$ 51.32</b>
<b>Total Funds Available (9-27-90)</b>	<b>\$1,059.69</b>
<b>Misc Accounting:</b>	
2 Meter Duplexer Fund(Collected)	\$ 485.00
Power Supplies(Collected)	\$1,310.00

**Richard LaDonna Treasurer**

This was an abbreviated meeting so committee reports were not presented.

Pete announced that due to other commitments he would resign as repeater trustee, and recommended that John assume his duties.

Lou Kohnen requested that we purchase new call books after some discussion in was decided to table this item for now.

Rick has ordered the materials for the Novice and Tech/General class.

Bob put in a request for hams to help with the Webster H.S. band.

John reported on 2 meter repeater status. He is recommending we purchase 4 element dipole arrays for the 2meter and 70cm repeater. He proposes that we allocate \$300 for the installation of the 2 meter repeater and upgrade of the 70cm antennas. It was also proposed that any funds remaining from the \$300 and the \$50 left in the 2 meter allocation be rolled in the the savings account to enhance a combined repeater disaster fund. The motion was moved and seconded and passed.

Barry reported that he would like a QSL card from each club member. He reported that the linear was operational. As librarian he requests articles and manuals to add to the club library. A weblos den would like to tour the station November 1st and receive a talk about amateur radio. Correspondence with the author of the logging program used on fieldday provided the requested changes to the program. Barry requests that we become a registered user at a cost of \$25. The motion was seconded and passed.

Barry requested \$240 as front money for the 6 meter amp. project with \$160 returned to the treasury and \$80 being the clubs cost for its amp. The motion was seconded and passed.

Bob made a motion that we build a keyer for members to use while operating the club station. It was requested that we purchase a paddle set (NTE\$50) and that Bob would build the keyer. Seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned 1822

**Agenda for October**  
**Nominations for office**  
**Packet Radio talk by WB2JLR**