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Almost a half century ago, before I had a license, I attended my first Field Day, held at my long-time good friend, Matt Merry's dairy farm in Mt Laurel.

It rained the entire weekend. Someone propped up a tarp and several gallons of rainwater poured down my neck inside the collar of my GI raincoat. I was soaked! A memorable occasion ... The whole event was so much fun I

started the Ham license process.

From that inauspicious beginning, Amateur Radio has been a major component of my recreational time ... (Maria, N2CIS, my very patient XYL, calls it an obsession.) A most rewarding aspect of the avocation is the opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of the finest group of people one can have the privilege of knowing.

Over the years I have held every office and job in the Club: President, Veep, Treasurer and Secretary, as well as Club station Trustee, QSL Manager, Coffee Maven (along with Maria) and Newsletter Editor/Writer. I've enjoy every minute of my association with Club and its membership.

BCRC has been very fortunate in having some fine, dedicated people join at critical times to keep the organization afloat. During the recent several years a proactive team has developed to carry the BCRC forward into the future.

As I said at the start of this missive, there is a time for all things ... So I am passing the baton to the younger, energetic guys and gals and will withdraw to the bleachers to observe the fun from the cheap seats.

; - } 73, Jack N2VW

Happy New Year to our fellow BCRC members and friends! Jack, you have served well, my friend. Thank you for your many contributions to BCRC, and we fully expect your continued guidance, participation, friendship, and contributions from the "bleachers". We – Bonnie, WB2ALQ and Frank, K2SQS – are the new editors of your newsletter. Both of us are not new to this club editorship business, having done this in the past for the West Jersey Radio Amateurs. But we do beg your indulgence and patience as we learn this new role. This is YOUR newsletter and we strongly urge you to constructively criticize and contribute to it. Tell us what you'd like to see in the newsletter. We'll do our best to make it interesting and informative. Just don't expect us to do as well as Jack!

President's Words

We send greetings to all our Burlington County Radio Club members and friends. Our new year is starting with new officers, new trustees, and lots of great new programs. Welcome our first new member, Albert Race, KC2HIL. Last year's accomplishments will be hard to beat. Among them were the addition of several new members, return to Special Service Club status, and who would have guessed a bus trip to ARRL Headquarters? Several members got their accreditation for Volunteer Examiner and are qualified to setup amateur license exam sessions.

Lots of great programs were discussed and scheduled at our first Trustees meeting of the year. If you have an idea for a program, want to present one or help team up to work on one, let one of the officers or trustees know.

At work we have already started what will become a busy year. We will soon begin testing a new concept to replace radar previously used in the final approach of our air traffic control systems. The new system will be satellite based and the first steps should be interesting if not even exciting. The new system is being interfaced to the air traffic control system I've been working on.

Last year I saw an interesting use of battery power provided by a jumpstart system. I copied the idea and bought a jumpstart system of my own. I calculated up to 20 hours on low power and up to 2 hours on 100 watt. It worked great when I tried it. Last week I found some 12-volt solar cells to enhance the system. They were just what I was searching for - cheap! I purchased the last two available (at the time) and am looking forward to trying them out soon.

Bob, K2QPN's presentation on RTTY inspired me to get a similar unit to match my rig. I noticed that it also inspired Don, AK2S to try out RTTY as well. I'll be working on mine that during the year.

What's Happening

Our annual December dinner was another smashing success according to the 30 members, guests and friends who attended. Thanks to Bob, K2QPN, Vic, WB6GLI and Hugh, KC2OGR for their work in organizing the gala affair. Unfortunately, a few members who had already paid for their dinner were unable to attend. **If you were among those few, please contact Hugh for a refund!**

We have new leadership for 2008 (no, not Clinton, Obama, McCain or any of that gang!) – congratulations and good luck to new **Pres Ray, KC2IYC, VP Jack WA2RHJ, Treasurer Hugh, KC2OGR, and Secretary Bob, K2QPN**. Trustees for 2008 will be Fred, KA2BBW, Lance, KC2MTO, Bruce WA3RHW, and Frank, K2SQS, guided by longtime trustees emeriti Matt, W2MAT, and Jack, N2VW.

Welcome to **new member Albert Race, KC2HIL!** Albert, an extra class licensee, hails from Eastampton. We hope to hear a lot more from him in the coming months.

From ARRL: The ARRL DXCC Desk is pleased to announce the addition of St Barthelemy (FJ) to the DXCC List, making the island entity number 338 with an effective date of 14 December, 2007.

BCRC Web Page

Visit our web page often! www.k2td-bcrc.org

Sign up for the BCRC Yahoo Group as a source of more info on BCRC! Contact K2QPN for help on how to join.

Program

January Program will be "Meet Your BCRC Clubmates", presented by our new President Ray, KC2IYC.

BCRC Meeting

Monday, January 14, 2008

Social hour at 7:30 PM, Meeting at 8:00 PM

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 318 Chester Ave., Moorestown, NJ

Refreshments by Lance, KC2MTO