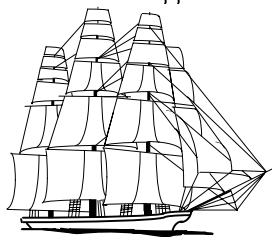


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Captain's Cabin

R. Dean Straw, N6BV

The preliminary results for the 1997 CQ Worldwide Contests are in. We can be proud of the job that YCCC did, with a combined phone and CW score of about 267 million points—not too bad, considering we are just past the sunspot minimum! Our 1997 score is down some from our own 1992 record of 303 meg, and is just short of the 270 meg we had in 1990, when the sunspots were much better.

The problem is... FRC did a truly *amazing* job. They beat their previous all-time CQWW record, by generating an astonishing 405 million points. How in the heck did they manage to do this, you might well ask? I'm still going over the numbers, but it's hard to miss the fact that they had some 121 million points, or 30% of their score, coming from FRC-run DXpeditions. YCCC, on the other hand, only got 25.6 million, or 10% of our score, from DXpeditions—and 18.9 meg of this came from J39A alone. There are, however, other reasons for getting beaten the way we did. I intend go into more detail at the Sturbridge meeting on February 7.

So, my fellow YCCers, my question is simple. As a club, are we going to take this thrashing by the boys to the south lightly?

Are we going to lie down and concede victory forever to the top dogs?

Or perhaps we should just tell ourselves that winning isn't that important—it's the fun we have operating the contests that's the important thing. What do you think? Does that sit well with you? Not with me!

With all the talent and stations at our disposal, YCCC *should* be able to beat any other club. Now the ARRL International DX Contest is coming up soon, next month for CW and then SSB in March. In this contest, DXpeditions don't have quite the wallop that they do in the CQWW, but they still do make the points add up. We have only a few DXpeditions in the planning stages, and we need more.

There are other things we can do to close the gap. We've got three new Area Managers to cover the eastern part of Massachusetts. If you haven't already heard from your Area Manager, you should soon be hearing from him. He'll be asking what you need to generate more points for the club. Perhaps you need a station to guest-op at, or maybe you intend to run a multi-multi operation and need guest operators. Perhaps you have some emergency antenna work to do before the contest and you need some able-bodied assistance. Or maybe you need some tips on how to get a bigger score.

Ask your Area Manager for help. And make a personal commitment to put in all the hours you can in the contest. Remember, it's not supposed to be fun during the contest—the fun is supposed to happen *after* the contest, when you're looking over your big score. And make sure you come to the February 7 meeting in Sturbridge to get all riled up for the challenge ahead! □

How Many Contesters?

Tom Frenaye, K1KI

How many contesters are there in the northeast? Looking over the results of the last couple of year's worth of HF contests in CQ and QST you can see a lot of familiar call signs

in the W1 and W2 call areas. Actually there were 1554 of them!

With YCCC's membership number in the 275 range it's obvious that not everyone on that list is a present YCCC member. There are 383 who are outside of the outside of the ARRL 175-mile circle (or CQ's 225 km circle) around the YCCC center:

87	FRC members (mostly N NJ/SNJ)
8	Maine
1	New Hampshire
20	Northern New Jersey
96	Southern New Jersey
14	Vermont (Burlington)
161	Western New York

That still leaves 807 active contesters who are within the club territory who are not members! The 807 number includes 261 people are ex-YCCC members (32%) and we should do whatever we can to get them back involved in club activities.

Another 212 are in Westchester, NNJ, NYC and Long Island, and only those who are very serious will be willing to make the several hour trip to Sturbridge to join, but might join if we held a regional meeting on Long Island.

The other 300 are more "local" - and some are very new contesters. Take a look at the results of a recent contest, find someone who isn't a YCCC member and invite them to the next YCCC meeting in your area. Or contact me if you'd like a list to work through.

Of course, having more members is one thing, but one of the important goals is to get every YCCC member on the air during the ARRL and CQ DX contests and to send in an entry. I hope your planning for ARRL CW and SSB is underway, they're coming up soon! □

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For any club-related questions, contact your area manager or any officer.

Flotsam & Jetsam

“Barnacle Jack” Schuster, W1WEF

Please keep those cards and letters coming with your tips to share with fellow YCCers! My current Email address is w1wef@snet.net, and I still monitor packet as well. This month’s tips:

- Rich, N1IXF, finds Scotchbrite scouring pads to work well for cleaning up aluminum antenna elements. Unlike plain old steel wool, your hands are protected because you hold a non-abrasive side of the pad.
- In the latest catalog from Ham Central of Poughkeepsie, NY, they mention that they have been seeing alot of radios coming in for repair with leaking memory backup batteries. They suggest that if over 5 years old, you should consider replacing them. As a result of reading this, I replaced batteries in my old 386SX computer, my TM231A which hasn't been storing anything in memory, and a couple watches that I never use (actually I removed the batteries and left them out). I was about to replace my IC 765 battery, even though the manual says it should last 43 years, when I remembered hearing that removal of batteries in some radios results in having to send the radio back to have an eprom reprogrammed. I called Eric, the service tech at Ham Central (an authorized ICOM factory service center)and he gave me the following list of ICOM radios that would lose the operating system if the battery is removed: IC 745,751, 751A,761,R71A,271,471,and1271. Before removing my 765 battery, I decided to measure the voltage, and since it was right up to snuff I decided not to take a chance and wait the remaining 31 years.
- Dale, AA1QD suggests that a neat bezel can be made from "foam rubber" (really plastic) available in craft stores. He uses it to polish off installaton of his mobile rigs in dash, and paints the foam to match the dash. Dale cuts the foam a bit smaller than the radio dimensions and forces it over the front for a perfect fit.
- Kurt Pauer, W1PH (W6PH too) passes along the fact that he has never found any problems with hanging verticals in trees. I agree, I've felt the same way. (How come a guy with a name sounding like POWER runs low power?)
- For any of you FT1000MP fans who are not aware of it, there is an FT1000MP Reflector on the Internet. Send email to 1000mp-list-request@jehosopha.com with subject SUBSCRIBE.
- WARNING: You're remodeling your shack, you've just repainted the walls and filled all the nail holes, and you've decided to hang all those hard fought for plaques you won in ARRL Contests. You measure the distance from the top to the mounting hole on one of the plaques, and decide that 7 inches down from the ceiling is a good place to put the nail. You space 11 nails across the wall in front of the operating position, to hang the 11 plaques as inspiration, and find that they're all in a crooked row ...at different distances from the ceiling! All plaques are not created equal!!! *Measure twice and put the nail in once!* ☐

ARRL SS Phone Claimed Scores

Dave Hoaglin, K1HT

YCCC Scores in BOLD

(Other East Coast scores from the Contest Reflector... thanks to WA4ZXA)

YCCC Raw total
3.31M (CW) + 2.54M (SSB)= 5.85 Meg

CALL	OP/QTH/SEC	SCORE	QSO	SEC	HRS
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Single Op QRP (Q)

W1AW(W1VT)CT	107,440	680	79	24
W8RU	88,160	580	76	
KD2TT NLI	81,000	540	75	18
W1EAT	72,600	484	75	
WZ2T	61,323	420	73	
N8ET	50,224	344	73	
WD3P	45,114	309	73	
K8ZAA	42,600	300	71	
W2CE SNJ	31,188	226	69	9
K1OJ	29,920	220	68	
N1SNB	27,280	220	62	11
WAZ2T NNY	26,840	220	61	20
W1GM	25,864	213	61	
KJ3V	22,540	161	70	
WB3AAL	20,368	134	76	
AA1PB	17,444	178	49	
KW3U	11,856	114	52	
WA2OCG	10,800	108	50	
W1PA	10,528	112	47	
N2TO	9,270	103	45	
NQ2RP	6,704	81	42	
AA1IK	4,880	61	40	
WA1QVM	4,588	62	37	

Single Op Low Power (A)

W8MJ MI	204,296	1297	79	24
KZ1M	196,710	1245	79	
K3CR(KB3AFT) WPA	187,230	1185	79	24
K1HTV MDC	168,324	1079	78	24
WA1S NH	139,464	894	78	15
K8SB	108,546	687	79	
K2UF	105,070	665	79	
N3IXR	105,070	665	79	
W3KN	102,700	650	79	
K1VSJ RI	88,638	561	79	20
AD8J WPA	84,530	535	79	13
K1EP EMA	80,712	531	76	
KM3T WMA	79,474	503	79	11
KS2G NLI	78,694	511	77	14
K1EPJ NH	65,254	413	79	
K1HT EMA	65,208	429	76	10
W1TE EMA	55,300	350	79	11
N2LBR ENY	47,428	334	71	17
AA1QD NH	43,950	293	75	14
N8YYS WV	32,640	255	64	13
W3CQH MDC	21,700	175	62	16
N2RMZ	18,460	130	71	
N3YEA WPA	17,360	155	56	17
KU8E	15,480	172	45	2
NV3V	14,616	126	56	7
WX3B	9,126	117	39	4
WV1K EMA	6,424	73	44	5

Single Op High Power (B)

K8DX	300,832	1904	79	24
WB1GQR (W1SJ) VT	294,828	1866	79	
K3MM MDC	294,670	1865	79	24
N2IC (WC4E)	291,352	1844	79	
K3ZO MD	281,892	1807	78	24
KQ2M CT	274,920	1740	79	24
WA2GO (@K1KI) CT	253,748	1606	79	24
W2LC WNY	243,516	1561	78	
AA1AA (@K1VR) EMA	236,052	1494	79	24
W3PP DE	215,670	1365	79	22
N2NC NNJ	207,928	1316	79	18
NB1B MDC	202,082	1279	79	24
K1AM RI	193,550	1225	79	
W1WEF CT	165,268	1046	79	
K5MA EMA	163,956	1051	78	15
N3HBX MDC	155,344	1022	76	24
WA1S	139,464	894	78	15
N3II	131,930	835	79	
WA1KKM ENY	116,584	767	76	19
K1KNQ WMA	113,498	737	77	15
K3CV	102,700	650	79	14
W1LEE ME	90,692	574	79	22
K8MR OH	88,296	566	78	7
N2CFD	63,674	403	79	
N1NQD CT	63,450	423	75	23
K3AR EPA	58,982	383	77	6
N2CU WNY	54,576	379	72	6
K1AR NH	52,140	395	66	4
NI2P NLI	48,840	330	74	15
K1MO RI	47,400	300	79	10
KV1W WMA	28,124	178	79	10
N1CC ENY	16,758	147	57	2
K2ONP ENY	14,382	153	47	2

Multioperator (=M/S or SO Assisted)

W3GH	310,756	1967	79	23
K1NG (+K1IG K1SD) RI	285,190	1805	79	
K8WT	253,116	1602	79	
W8JJ MI	212,826	1347	79	24
N1TX NH	164,952	1044	79	
K2NNY NNY	164,004	1038	79	24
K1KY	151,996	962	79	24
W3HVQ MDC	147,888	936	79	22
K2DO NLI	143,052	917	78	24
N3SD	129,560	820	79	
W2SEX WNY	127,190	805	79	
KC1F NH	124,346	787	79	9
W1QK CT	122,450	775	79	15
W2GDJ	112,970	715	79	20
K2SX ENY	79,158	501	79	12
N1AU EMA	72,206	457	79	18
W1VE NH	70,942	449	79	8
KB1BUF WMA	60,214	392	77	
KT1M WMA	50,616	333	76	10
W1NG	50,086	317	79	
NZ1Q	36,562	238	77	12
N1MD CT	32,700	218	75	
WOLN EMA	31,780	227	70	10
K1TH EMA	24,644	202	61	10
K1OZ NH	21,736	143	76	10
AD1C EMA	15,660	135	58	
K1MY ME	12,482	79	79	10

(assumed SOA unless calls listed)

CQWW CW Claimed Scores

Dave Hoaglin, K1HT

YCCC Scores in BOLD

(Other NE USA scores from the Contest Reflector... thanks to WA4ZXA)

YCCC CW total so far: 148.3 million
From SSB: 116.5 million
TOTAL: 264.8 million points

CALL	SCORE	Q/Z/C		
<u>Single Op High Power</u>				
K1AR	8,140,960	4110	158	522
W1KM	5,723,424	3215	147	465
N2NT	5,606,000	3317	145	444
KQ2M	5,582,375	3090	145	484
K3ZO	5,447,182	3155	145	453
N2LT	5,433,000	3028	150	469
N6BV	5,061,344	3056	131	440
K1RU	4,031,406	2666	125	397
W1WEF	3,587,623	2347	126	407
NJ2L	3,581,760	2282	140	406
K2TE	2,012,472	1409	117	387
K5ZD	1,622,700	1249	112	338
W3HVQ	1,072,735	1034	98	267
W1TE	1,052,125	805	110	365
K3OSX	1,017,640	886	106	306
K1YT	942,328	695	124	364
K1AE	864,006	635	126	368
K5MA	825,265	799	102	263
W1AX	683,514	647	95	286
W1TQ	556,681	600	86	267
K1BV	282,680	527	53	132
W1ZS	219,952	342	64	172
K1AJ	94,162	204	67	111
K1DX	50,274	143	45	88
KL7DN/W1	7,812	53	23	39
K1MV	2,555	26	16	19
<u>Single Op Low Power</u>				
N2BA	2,397,000	1688	123	377
K1VUT	1,779,000	1264	119	381
NA2U	1,474,935	1338	96	289
K1HT	827,280	816	89	271
WF1L	691,060	776	81	236
K2JL	511,488	556	94	239
W1EQ	425,412	503	79	224
KA2CDJ	315,414	400	76	221
KD1YN	190,442	316	60	163
NR1F	131,400	272	46	134
K3FH	114,432	225	58	134
W1ZZ	60,590	152	48	98
K1EP	8,060	52	22	43
<u>Single Op Assisted</u>				
K1NG (KI1G)	6,663,630	3066	171	584
K3WW	6,192,876	3006	160	548
K3MM	4,877,303	2516	161	522
W3EEE	3,421,264	1935	145	471
K1AM	3,389,345	2114	129	428
WF3T	3,038,000	2112	122	378
W2XX(@N2TX)	3,190,815	1740	150	495

K3MD	2,499,068	1537	135	437
N4XR	1,925,649	1175	139	444
K2ONP	1,922,940	1257	129	411
WA1S (LP)	1,754,928	1231	116	388
NZ1W(@K1VR)	1,596,160	1245	108	356
WC1M	1,419,768	1324	105	273
W1ZT	1,315,094	896	120	409
W1NG	1,250,050	784	139	436
KS1L	1,180,494	755	138	429
W1BIH	1,076,857	740	130	393
W1RZF	1,060,642	910	102	305
W1CSM	1,038,042	878	101	322
N1DG	1,010,945	706	129	386
K3SA	1,054,482	854	111	318
KG1D	960,000	884	97	278
K2DB	941,490	699	127	368
N3EN	927,000	748	115	335
K1AE	864,006	635	126	368
N1CC	736,260	637	104	316
N3ZA	711,144	548	115	361
AA1V	707,914	567	123	320
K2BM	657,696	595	98	310
K3CT	588,720	496	121	319
N6RFM/1	543,890	510	103	294
K1TH	521,202	594	76	242
KF2O	501,786	406	127	330
K2XF	495,968	511	95	257
KA1CLX	467,775	605	77	220
NZ1Q	351,744	335	102	282
W1CU	318,990	391	93	217
WK2H	309,000	515	54	152
K1MY	278,409	321	76	233
KT1M	252,672	351	69	187
K2EP	200,629	280	63	190
N2UN (40m)	92,484	267	32	94
K1NU (LP)	71,553	164	55	128
N1SP (LP)	70,493	162	40	117
K3KO	68,222	161	48	106
K1GE	65,110	149	69	101
K1VV	62,329	142	52	105
K1SM	60,192	165	38	94
K2BX	56,012	150	42	92
WW1E	19,224	80	23	66

<u>Single Op QRP</u>				
AA2U	876,650	803	94	300
K1RC	547,008	595	82	254
K3PH	526,552	574	83	249
N1TM	407,792	490	77	231
N1SNB	104,308	222	53	125
WZ2T	77,979	205	41	98
N1AFC	15,067	84	13	48

<u>Single Band</u>				
<u>160M</u>				
K2XA	16,685	97	17	54
K1VW	10,672	101	16	42
<u>80M</u>				
W1MK	322,000	905	30	97
W1UK	93,408	303	23	89
<u>40M</u>				
N2PP	393,231	988	33	106
W1BR	98,770	294	28	91
KR2Q	87,285	271	25	90
W3CP	32,800	150	19	61

20M					W1SRG (LP)	247,500	358	66	184
K2BA	300,192	664	38	121	<u>Multi Multi</u>				
K1NO (K5FUV)	232,000	586	32	105	J39A	21,586,264	11731	168	574
K300	125,875	355	28	97	KC1XX	18,614,868	7339	187	707
15M					K3LR	16,736,026	6646	199	699
WA1FCN (LP)	228,480	654	26	94	W3LPL	16,478,184	6741	189	683
NA2X	160,600	387	31	115	K1KI	15,490,212	6395	186	666
<u>Multi Single</u>					N3RS	13,459,050	5722	179	646
N2NU	10,218,933	4218	181	656	W1MD	11,529,868	4960	176	633
K1ZZ	7,034,112	3165	167	607	K1WD(@K1TTT)	11,199,560	4915	182	638
K1ZR(@KB1SO)	3,861,000	2424	126	424	K2LE	10,018,050	4884	161	564
W3GG	3,628,152	2154	144	450	W3MM	6,912,276	3313	165	567
NE3F	2,154,558	1268	147	455	W3PP	6,096,240	2949	169	551
AA1ON	1,489,752	1248	104	314	KB1H	4,509,375	2508	144	481
N2FF	1,336,324	1016	120	364	N3DL	4,023,780	2103	150	524
N2LBR	870,670	756	101	314	K1GW	2,984,052	1885	135	421
N1AU	634,500	509	110	340	N1MD	614,978	559	93	310
W1QK	543,510	492	108	297	K1CN	215,710	311	78	187
W1BK	471,600	391	126	324					
K1EU	273,266	386							
KT1M	252,672	351	69	187					

Band Breakdowns

CALL	160	80	40	20	15	10
<u>Single Op High Power</u>						
K1AR	50/12/ 38	406/20/ 79	1262/32/105	1075/38/117	1000/32/108	317/24/ 75
W1KM	66/16/ 51	534/23/ 79	738/26/ 89	924/33/ 98	755/30/ 90	198/19/ 58
N2NT	49/14/ 29	205/17/ 62	1126/32/101	756/33/ 92	966/27/ 98	215/22/ 62
KQ2M	47/13/ 37	257/19/ 70	1082/32/109	793/33/ 98	659/25/101	252/23/ 69
K3Z0	34/11/ 23	307/18/ 68	819/32/100	883/34/105	796/29/ 93	316/21/ 64
N2LT	28/11/ 20	241/15/ 63	683/34/107	820/37/108	915/29/ 95	341/24/ 76
N6BV	44/13/ 33	207/14/ 60	833/24/ 87	843/35/103	870/24/ 91	259/21/ 66
W1WEF	31/10/ 24	191/16/ 54	459/27/ 87	672/33/ 93	741/22/ 90	253/18/ 59
NJ2L	35/11/ 24	105/17/ 59	488/32/ 97	838/34/ 98	740/28/ 82	76/18/ 46
K5ZD	34/10/ 27	127/15/ 51	353/25/ 77	278/27/ 78	413/21/ 74	44/14/ 31
<u>Single Op Low Power</u>						
K1VUT	15/ 5/ 7	112/13/ 54	247/25/ 88	414/32/ 96	389/24/ 78	87/20/ 57
NA2U	13/ 4/ 7	39/11/ 25	234/21/ 70	537/27/ 86	480/22/ 86	35/11/ 15
W1EQ	3/ 2/ 2	30/ 9/ 23	103/16/ 54	167/21/ 65	168/18/ 57	32/13/ 23
<u>Single Op Assisted</u>						
K1NG	54/16/ 40	225/22/ 78	926/33/117	875/37/122	686/33/121	300/30/106
K3WW	61/17/ 48	176/22/ 80	675/32/118	893/34/119	917/31/108	284/24/ 75
K3MM	36/12/ 27	178/17/ 73	662/34/113	864/38/113	420/32/109	356/28/ 87
W3EEE	31/13/ 25	59/12/ 51	571/34/107	428/35/104	560/29/108	286/22/ 76
K1AM	43/13/ 40	226/18/ 74	610/25/ 97	627/31/ 85	405/22/ 74	203/20/ 58
WF3T	28/ 9/ 20	61/ 8/ 36	381/27/ 87	770/33/101	704/29/ 93	168/16/ 41
NZ1W	21/ 7/ 16	82/15/ 46	474/27/ 93	274/29/ 95	361/22/ 79	33/ 8/ 27
K3SA	5/ 4/ 4	10/ 7/ 9	95/23/ 75	407/30/ 92	224/26/ 81	113/21/ 57
N1CC	13/ 7/ 9	42/10/ 33	46/12/ 36	230/31/ 94	186/23/ 76	120/21/ 68
<u>Multi Single</u>						
N2NU	63/17/ 60	227/25/ 92	1247/35/128	1211/39/138	1144/34/130	326/31/108
K1ZZ	63/15/ 50	162/22/ 81	931/34/119	984/37/131	751/30/122	279/29/104
K1ZR	6/ 6/ 6	84/16/ 64	474/25/ 94	1155/37/119	668/28/104	37/14/ 37
N2FF	4/ 3/ 5	73/15/ 54	197/28/ 91	596/30/ 96	113/27/ 90	33/17/ 30
<u>Multi Multi</u>						
KC1XX	184/20/ 77	712/26/102	1976/37/137	2055/39/143	1685/35/134	727/30/114
K3LR	144/22/ 64	528/30/102	1832/38/139	1807/40/150	1682/36/133	653/33/111
K1KI	141/19/ 61	500/25/ 87	1575/38/130	2195/40/154	1555/34/129	429/30/105
N3RS	79/16/ 50	376/22/ 89	1529/36/129	1729/39/139	1490/34/133	519/32/106
W1MD	95/18/ 4	441/23/ 89	832/34/120	1778/38/143	1449/34/125	365/29/102
K1WD	150/16/ 56	462/26/ 94	1033/37/128	1744/39/133	1204/33/123	322/31/104
K2LE	77/12/ 38	397/21/ 81	1410/34/118	1718/37/128	1059/29/113	223/28/ 86
W3MM	35/12/ 24	158/19/ 75	952/34/122	991/39/129	835/31/122	342/30/ 95
W3PP	39/13/ 27	162/20/ 74	631/35/120	1183/39/129	638/32/113	296/30/ 88

Operators

Multi Single

K1ZZ	K1RO K1ZZ N1RL
K1ZR	K1ZR KB1SO
AA1ON	W1RH AA1ON
N2LBR	N2LBR WALKKM
N1AU	N1AU WC1D
W1QK	W1QK N1GS
W1BK	W1BK W1NR K1TXH
K1EU	K1EU K1JB W1DEO
W1SRG	N1XYR N1XYS

Multi Multi

J39A	K1XM KQ1F K1CC KA1CI W1FJ K2KQ KM1P K1XX
KC1XX	KC1XX AD1C K1ZM K1DG K1EA K1GQ KC1F N2IC KM3T DL7ALM Christine
K1KI	K1KI K1PI NQ1K W1OD W1RM WA2GO
W1MD	W1MD K1TI K1CA K1TR K1ART T93M K1FWE
K1WD	K1WD N1IWV W1IA W1MJ WO1N NT2X W1EA N1YGW KB1W KG2JZ OK1DIX K1TWF K1MBO
K2LE	K2LE W2AX K2SX N1BB K1CB W2LK
KB1H	KB1H AA1CE NB1U K1EBY
K1GW	K1GW K1VA W6PH
N1MD	KZ1M N1MD
K1CN	K1XQ K1CN

ARRL 160-Meter Claimed Scores

Dave Hoaglin, K1HT

YCCC Scores in BOLD

(Other NE USA scores from the Contest Reflector - thanks to WA4ZXA)

CALL(OP)	SCORE	QSO/SEC/DX		
<u>Single Op QRP</u>				
K3CR	57,600	600	48	0
N1TM	19,240	260	37	0
AJ1I (N1SNB)	1,408	44	16	0
N1AFC	650	25	13	0

Single Op Low Power

K1PX	140,800	862	68	12
K1NK	85,176	670	59	4
K1EPJ	73,254	519	61	8
KA2CDJ	60,800	362	69	11
W1TE	50,358	362	55	11
WF1L	41,450	410	47	3
W2LC	41,040	374	50	4
K2JL	35,392	313	54	2
W3CP	25,070	271	45	1
W1CSM	21,378	253	41	1
W1MK (CW)	8,250	151	26	1
K1EP	5,040	105	24	0
N1IO	2,058	49	21	0
K1WD (CW)	1,600	40	20	0

Single Op High Power

KC1XX (KM3T CW)	330,550	1300	76	34
N1BB	283,291	1091	72	37
KQ2M	264,276	1078	75	33
W2RE	174,891	861	76	21
K1VW (CW)	156,676	812	75	17
K1KY	158,160	978	74	6
K5ZD	110,010	474	68	27
K2DB	102,090	600	83	
N4XR	65,740	404	62	14
K2LO (K1IM)	48,000	378	51	7
AA3B	26,358	282	43	3
K1ZE	23,232	233	42	6
K1KI	15,963	155	50	1
K2BX	13,459	155	41	1

Multioperator

WW2Y	310,000	1253	58	32
K3WW	212,042	1021	73	23
K3SV	200,314	1019	76	18
AA2PQ	169,385	845	74	21
K3MD	163,527	867	72	19
W3GH	137,190	789		85
WF3T	123,192	675	71	16
K1TTT(+KB1W)	116,366	665	64	19
N2TX (+NET)	106,726	583	65	21
K3KO	68,510	512	56	9
W1BB(+K1RV, K1VV)	55,083	432	50	11
W01N (+NET)	26,768	218	46	10
KC1F (+NET)	24,064	250	43	4
K5MA (+NET)	8,316	114	35	1
N1MD (+NET)	4,814	83	29	0

ARRL 10-Meter Claimed Scores

Dave Hoaglin, K1HT

YCCC Scores in BOLD

(Other NE USA scores from the Contest Reflector - thanks to WA4ZXA)

CALL	MODE	SCORE	QSO'S/SEC/DX		
<u>Single Op QRP</u>					
AA2U	M	235,440	570	88	47

Single Op High Power

N1BB(@K2LE/1)	C	291,600	810	56	34
AA3B	C	141,000	470	50	25
K1AM	C	115,600	425	51	17
K2SX	C	107,200	335	50	30
WF3T	C	110,976	408	49	19
K1KI	C	69,156	339	43	8
W1AX	C	19,092	129	33	4
K1WD	C	2,720	40	13	4
N3HBX	S	264,768	1182	55	57
K3OSX	S	122,570	721	54	31
W1RY	S	85,162	553		77
K1MY	S	83,324	563	49	25
K3ZO	M	620,176	1275	107	59
K2WK	M	575,262	1339	97	62
K2PS	M	383,616	982	95	53
AA3JU	M	369,798	946	93	50
K2LE	M	322,830	719	96	57
K5MA	M	212,759	673	86	29
K1MO	M	180,810	552	88	35
W1TE	M	140,128	402	79	37
K2ONP	M	19,908	174	33	9

Single Op Low Power

N1OLF	C	210,800	850	45	17
K2ACW	C	143,208	440	53	28
K1EPJ	C	75,152	308	45	16
WF1L	C	47,824	244	39	10
W01N	C	15,912	116	28	6
W1MK	C	12,240	102	28	2
K1WD	C	2,720	40	13	4
KD1YN	S	69,774	401	47	40
K1EFI	S	37,812	274	38	31
W3EP	M	406,630	906	101	56
KA3JWJ	M	125,160	397	81	28
N1KWF	M	92,660	318	69	13
K3PP	M	58,608	270	50	24
K1HT	M	38,736	175	48	24
N1SNB	M	33,264	177		63
K1EP	M	17,372	119	35	8

Multi-Single (+SOA)

K1TTT(+KB1W W1ZAM)	753,228	1457	105	78
K2DS	657,690	1359	109	56
K3WW	506,450	900	99	76
K1KY	393,120	822	86	54
W1NVT	308,792	1115		116
N1MD	123,622	333	70	43
K2BX	86,520	415	60	24
K2LO	57,600	231	61	29
K1TH	57,412	283	52	10
W2UD	35,192	166	36	17
K1MV(+N1XT N1HWG)	33,540	240		65

(assumed SOA unless calls listed)

Poop Deck

New Crew

Please welcome these returning members who joined at the December 7th meeting in Sturbridge, Massachusetts:

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P. O. Box 190
Troy, NH 03465
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Ira Stoler, K2RD
109 Matilda Place
Fairfield, CT 06430
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Please welcome the following new members who joined at the Connecticut local meeting in Wethersfield on January 13th:

Ted Edwards, Jr., W3TB (also G0PWW)
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home phone: (860)464-2906
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Bill Grim, W0MHK
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Newington, CT 06111
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Score Correction

Please add **Woody, K2UU** to the operator list for the W2A CQWW SSB M/S effort. He was inadvertently omitted from the listings last issue. ☐

Movers & Shakers

Darrel, KL7DN, is now **K1KU**.

New info for **Steve, KO0U**:
Home Phone - 508-757-2702
Home Email - ko0u@os.com
No current work Phone

New work phone number for **Dave, K1MBO** is (617)873-2308.

New work phone number for **Bob, N6RFM** is (508)270-2243.

New mailing address for **Scott, N1SP**:
Scott Porter, N1SP
661 Fullam Hill Rd.
Fitzwilliam, NH 03447

New home page for **Ann, WA1S** is <http://www.tiac.net/users/wa1s>.

New address for **Tony, W1ABC** (ex-WA1MWN):
Tony Penta
88 Hill St.
Topsfield, MA 01983-2402
Home phone: (978)887-4989

Lots of new Email addresses:

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Ken, K1EA: kwolff@ultranet.com.

K1YT: will@goldtel.net

K2SIG: k2sig@aol.com

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Marty, W1MD: **Error! Bookmark not defined.**

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Contest Universities At KV1W's

I am planning two contest universities:

Sunday Feb 1, 4 to 6 PM at KV1W

Wed Feb 11, 7 to 9 PM at KV1W

Both will feature chowder and deserts plus coffee and soft drinks So, folks can come from work, and not starve or not have to cook Sunday. Topics to be announced, but will include both equipment and operating topics. Intended to share among the participants !! ☐

Upcoming VT/NH Area Meetings Glen Whitehouse, K1GW

Both of these meetings count for YCCC attendance credit!!

NASHUA, January 22

(This meeting will have already taken place by the time you read this)

MANCHESTER, March 2

We will be having a lunchtime meeting at the Pizzeria UNO on South Willow St in Manchester on March 2. Mark your calendars and look for detail a couple of weeks in advance. ☐

SE Mass Special Meeting Greg Cronin, W1KM

There will be a breakfast meeting at 7:30 AM on Jan 31 at the Holiday Inn in Mansfield (31 Hampshire, 339-2200). The early morning should work out well with plenty of time after the meeting to do antenna work or other Saturday chores.

Mansfield seems like a good central location -- right near the intersection of 495 and 95. The meeting will count for attendance credit and we'll discuss battle plans for the ARRL DX contest.

Directions: Rte 95 to exit 7--Rte 140 south (first exit north of 495-95 intersection). Make a right at the 2nd set of lights into the Cabot-Forbes Industrial Park--travel to end of park and into Holiday Inn driveway. They have a buffet breakfast for around \$6.95.

Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can make arrangements for seating. ☐

Secretary's Report

Ric Plummer, KV1W

The December 7, 1997 general meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club was held in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. The meeting was called to order by club president, Dean N6BV, and introductions were done all around. The treasurer was accepted with a balance of \$3015.45. A plea for unpaid dues was made as 97 is nearly over and 98 dues will be due in April. PLEASE !

Tom, K1KI, spoke about the Get On The Air program from ARRL. It is aimed at getting new hams active so they don't lose interest. Lists will be provided to clubs and YCCC can help through their local clubs. On a related note, there are still several hundred contesters in YCCC's area submitting scores who aren't members, here's some recruiting possibilities.

Dean spoke on the need for volunteers to help run YCCC. Tony, K1KP, is giving up the EMA AM's job due to many other obligations and Dean is looking to split EMA into as many as three areas due to the numbers, so he needs volunteers.

Thanks to Tom, K1KI, for his contribution of scores to the Butt. FRC actually gives 2 portions of N+1 to the station owner to recognize their efforts. Perhaps the club should consider a meeting presentation on M/M operations. It was mentioned that the propagation data from both N6BV and K1KI was helpful and their continued efforts should be encouraged. Dave, K1HT, announced the Mass QSO party and urged participation.

New members, K2RD & NK1F we voted in just prior to a break and many sideline discussions.

Dave, K1HT, reviewed the fall contests. Sweepstakes entries were up with 46 in CW and 47 in SSB compared with a total of 67 in 1996. Notably, N1RR operated from STX at N5JA for approx 15th HP CW.

CQ WW SSB had some weird propagation. If all dues are paid it looks like 124M max. There were MANY new contributors as well as sustained efforts. Thanks to all !! FRC looks like 201 M. With the major difference of nearly 70M coming from Dxpeditious.

CQ WW CW scores are still coming in. Looks like 134M at present. Let's get them all in.

K1AR did a whopping 8.1M with 4110 Q's, looks like an all time record. No FRC info yet.

The fall season can be summed up as having fun, with more participants and getting more points !!

Dean reminded us that now it's the ARRL DX coming up. Remember, meeting requirements are 2 meetings in the previous year so get your attendance up for eligibility ! Watch for special meeting announcements.

Dean reminded us that we can learn from others logs, so ask for them. N6BV, W1WFE, K5ZD, K1KI and others are willing to help.

The meeting was closed at 3:30 PM. □

February Meeting Agenda

Glen Whitehouse, K1GW

1. **A look back at CQ World Wide and a look forward to ARRL International DX Contests** by Dean Straw, N6BV.

Dean's presentation will include an analysis of our club score, perhaps some individual scores, and scores of our competitors. He will discuss what is necessary to close the gap. The playing field is much more level for ARRL. Come and learn why? Can we come out on top? Come learn about the opportunity that we have to do it.

2. **Band by Band Winning Strategies for the ARRL International DX Contests** by W1KM, K1ZM, K1ZZ, N6BV, W1MD and others.

Efficiency is the name of the game. Learn techniques that can be applied to any size station and any level of operating skill. Do you know what band to be on at the start of the contest? What should you be doing Sunday afternoon? Should you Search and Pounce or call CQ. Learn why CQ-ing is almost always better. Here is a chance to ask the experts.

3. **Small Stations Produce Big Numbers** by K5FUV and others who have been there.

Special situations require special solutions. Success with low power and small antennas means not doing what Big Guns do. You have to be just as persistent and a lot more crafty. Turn frustration into fun with what you will learn from this presentation! Your questions will receive answers appropriate for our station and operating skill. What can be done with an IC-706 and an R-7000? Find out on February 7th.

4. **Contest University – A Tool for Closing the Gap** by K1GW

Sharp operating skills and optimum station setups certainly play a role in the level of fun we have operating and the level of achievement we record in our scores. What can we do to move toward that goal? Can we strengthen our ranks with more contesters? Where will we find them? We have many new contesters in our club, how can we help them enjoy contesting to the max? One thing is for sure – You can be a big help. Come and find out how.

We all want to have more time for socializing. These programs will be very time efficient and socializing will be a top priority! Come to Sturbridge and enjoy the fun. □

Pse QSL Via Buro!

Scott Porter, N1SP

When I got my license in 1976 and first heard about the bureau, I thought it was a little red brick building right down the street from W1AW and the ARRL. I envisioned a quaint little cluttered place that had several guys wearing suits working diligently to get QSL cards to all the deserving hams in New England.

Then I went to my first area hamfest, the last Boston New England convention at the old Sheraton. There was a booth there for the Bureau. They had all the QSL's right there, and you could pick them up there. I thought, "What a great service!". I went home and searched for the right size envelopes to send in mine to the buro. I couldn't find the requested 5x7 or 6x9 envelopes, but thought regular business envelopes would work, so I made out a couple of #10 SASE's and stuck 9 cents of postage on each, sent them off to Springfield and waited for all the cards to come back the next week in my SASE's.

A little over 20 years later I find that I am now the Manager of the W1 QSL Bureau. Some of my original ideas about the bureau changed through the years. I discovered that the proper size and weight of envelope were important, too small and my cards would come back folded or mangled, too large and they don't fit our storage and the post office charges more. Not paying attention to postal increases meant that my envelopes did not have enough postage on them when there were finally enough cards to send to me...6 or 7 per ounce of postage on the SASE. I discovered that I could just send a check for \$5 or so and not worry about finding the right envelopes or worrying about the postage increases. All I had to do was drop the buro a note when my address changed.

It became painfully real to me that I would have to be very patient if I wanted cards to come to me by the buro. Almost never did I get cards less than a year old, unless they were for another Italian on 20 meters. Many were 2 or more years old. I learned that many times, "QSL 100% via buro" really meant, "After you send me yours and I get around to it, I'll send out buro cards once a year."

Some of my misconceptions would change drastically when I became the manager and saw what actually goes into the operation. The W1 Bureau is not a little brick building in Newington or Springfield. It is really not in one place at all. Currently the buro is in the homes of 25 hams located in 4 of the New England states.

The PO Box gets emptied every three weeks or so. Boxes obviously containing cards from foreign bureau's and from ARRL are passed out to a couple of people that pre-sort the cards into 26 groups, one for each letter after the number in the suffix of the call. The letters that appear to not contain cards come to me. I open the envelopes, answer what questions I can by return SASE, and pass the ones I can't answer quickly to the letter sorters. A couple of people handle more than 1 letter. I record the credits, consisting of SASE's, checks, and yes, some people just send cash (not wise!), in my computer's database along with call sign changes and address changes.

I then pick up pre-sorted cards and send them to the letter sorters every 6-8 weeks (depending on volume) along with all the original mail, a report listing credits received by call, address changes

and call changes for that letter. I get packages back from the sorters that contain cards for people that have changed their calls and not kept accounts or envelopes on file for the old call, these get resent to the new sorter when I have time to resort them, delaying receipt. When the sorters get cards and credits they sort the cards further and then look to see who they can mail out cards to... some people don't have credits or envelopes.. some just don't have enough cards to use up the postage on their SASE's. They enter the credits into their records and record when they ship cards and to whom.

Some of the sorters use computers, some don't. Some have email, some don't. Some have packet, some don't. They all have other things to do besides their unpaid volunteer work for the bureau. Their identities are not made public except and unless they wish to reveal who they are. Requests for account status or "Hey, I've sent out hundreds of cards and haven't gotten any buro cards in a long time..." can be answered in as short a time as 12 hours by email to as long as 3-4 months by the normal route.

Email info requests can be sent to w1qsl@yccc.org and I try to check the email at least daily. The regular mail address is W1 QSL Bureau, PO Box 80216, Springfield, MA 01138-0216 (the same PO Box I sent to 20+ years ago).

Things you can do to make our life easier and avoid delays in getting your cards:

- Keep us notified of call and address changes.
- Keep credits (or SASE's) on file for each call you've used in the last 5 years.
- Contact the right bureau. Portable means nothing to us. N6BV/W1, K5FUV/W1, KL7DN/W1 use the W6, W5 and KL7 bureau's even though they live in New England.
- If you send SASE's, make sure they are 5x7's through 6x9, nothing smaller, nothing larger. (Other sizes are returned to the sender.)
- If you send SASE's affix one unit of postage to each and enclose loose postage for further weight and postal rate increases.
- To avoid the cost and bother, send us a check, we charge 10 cents for each envelope we supply and the actual cost of postage used. Yes, you can save a few cents by sending us your own envelopes... but then it costs you more to send them to us.
- Don't make us chase you.
- Do notify the FCC of your mailing address!
- DO NOT SEND US YOUR OUTGOING QSL'S!!! (People do..)
- Put your call on *everything* you send us. Yes, some forget.
- Be patient.
- Be patient.
- Be patient. When I took over this job a year ago, I was looking at some cards and saw one from one of the hams in Franz Josef Land from 1980 marked "Please QSL".

The bureau is looking for some people in the central Massachusetts area to become regular pre-sorters. It would mean picking

cards up in Ware, MA, pre-sorting them, and returning them to Ware, or to me. Four or five people would be ideal. The bureau gladly accepts donations clearly marked as such.

I can be reached by email at w1qsl@yccc.org or

Inexpensive Hardline Connectors

Goose Steingass, W8AV

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Several months ago I had some extra 3/4" CATV hardline lying around. Since Doug, K4LT, after moving to Kentucky, was in need of some hardline for his tower project I offered to let him take the roll containing some 300 odd feet of the stuff off my hands. As we loaded the stuff into his truck, he asked if I had any ideas for making connectors for this line, as he was not in a position to shell out big bucks for custom connectors. We also arranged a weekend in late July for Don, K8MFO and me to make the trip to Doug's to help him get the tower in place and the feedline buried. During the drive from Wooster to Kentucky, I came up with a simple and inexpensive way of interfacing the hardline to a PL-259 connector.

It just so happens that the center conductor of 3/4" CATV hardline has the same diameter as the center pin of a PL-259 (UHF) connector. So it appeared that it might be possible to install a UHF barrel connector on the end of the hardline to allow the hardline to mate with the UHF connector. The procedure for installing a barrel connector on the hardline is outlined below.

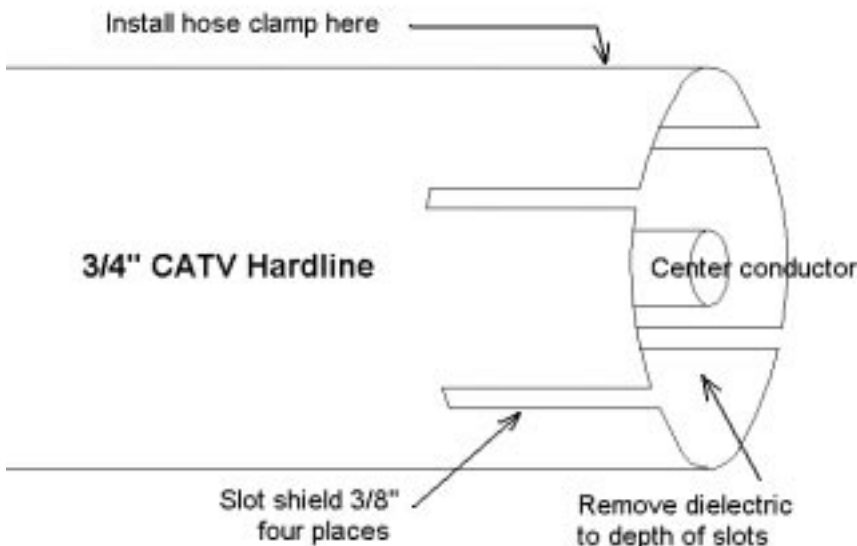
n1sp@adam.cheshire.net, snail mail at PO Box 80216, Springfield, MA 01138-0216, or at home: Scott Porter, 661 Fullam Hill Road, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447, 603 585 3330. □

give years of service. □

First, it is important to have a square end on the hardline. This is easily accomplished through the use of a common pipe cutting tool. A hacksaw can also be used to accomplish the cut, but greater care must be taken to assure that the cut is straight. Following the cut, use a hacksaw to slot the outer conductor to a depth of 3/8" from the freshly cut end. Make four equidistant cuts on this outer conductor, being careful not to cut into the center conductor (see figure). Next, remove the foam dielectric to the depth of these slots. Although the dielectric can be removed prior to slotting the outer conductor, I would recommend that the slots be cut prior to digging out the dielectric material. This method will allow the removal of any aluminum shavings generated by the cuts with the dielectric material. Following the removal of the dielectric, inspect the line to assure that no metal shavings are left clinging to the remaining dielectric material. This is necessary to avoid shorting the coax at high power levels.

All that is left is to do now is insert the barrel connector into the hollowed out hardline and secure it in place with a stainless steel hose clamp. It is always a good idea to coat the threads on the hardline end of the barrel with an antioxidant compound, such as Penetrox or Cramolin, to prevent corrosion. This is especially important if the connector is going to be outdoors where it will be exposed to the weather.

In summary, this method will provide a reliable inexpensive connector which will



YCCC CLUB RESOURCE INFORMATION

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP STUFF Dues (currently \$20) are payable as of the April election meeting, which begins our club "contest year", with a grace period until the end of June, at which time your membership lapses if dues are not paid up. In order to rejoin, a lapsed member must attend a meeting, like any new member, or may simply become a subscriber to the Scuttlebutt by paying up (see below). Club members who move out of club territory and so are not eligible to contribute to club aggregate scores automatically become subscribers. New members who join at the February meeting are credited with dues for the year beginning the following April. You can tell if you owe dues by checking your 'Butt mailing label. Only paid-up members are eligible to contribute to the club score in contests. **Mail your dues** to the club treasurer, Ric Plummer, KV1W, 195 Highland Street, PO Box 1158, Berlin, MA 01503-2158. **FAMILY MEMBERS** Members of the same family living at the same address may elect to receive only one copy of the Scuttlebutt. One member of the family must pay full dues, enabling the rest of the family to join as family members, which is free. **STUDENT MEMBERS** Full-time students are eligible for dues at half the regular rate.

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Contest Calendar

Bruce Horn, WA7BNM

[From the Internet Contest Reflector]

Please note that you may not be able to operate during all of the total hours of the contests listed below. Total operating time may also vary by entry category. See individual contest rules for allowed operating hours.

February 1998

North American Sprint, Phone 0000Z-0359Z, Feb 1
 New Hampshire QSO Party 0000Z, Feb 7 to 2400Z, Feb 8
 Delaware QSO Party 1700Z, Feb 7 to 0500Z, Feb 8
 and 1300Z, Feb 8 to 0100Z, Feb 9
 North American Sprint, CW 0000Z-0359Z, Feb 8
 HAL WW RTTY WPX Contest 0000Z, Feb 14 to 2400Z, Feb 15
 Dutch PACC Contest 1200Z, Feb 14 to 1200Z, Feb 15
 Asia-Pacific Sprint (CW) 1230Z-1430Z, Feb 14
 YL-OM Contest, Phone 1400Z, Feb 14 to 0200Z, Feb 16
 RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest, CW 2100Z, Feb 14 to 0100Z, Feb 15
 ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Feb 21 to 2400Z, Feb 22
 CQ 160-Meter Contest, Phone 2200Z, Feb 27 to 1600Z, Mar 1

North Carolina QSO Party 0000Z, Feb 28 to 2400Z, Mar 1
 REF Contest, SSB 0600Z, Feb 28 to 1800Z, Mar 1
 UBA Contest, CW 1300Z, Feb 28 to 1300Z, Mar 1
 YL-OM Contest, CW 1400Z, Feb 28 to 0200Z, Mar 2
 RSGB 7 MHz DX Contest, CW 1500Z, Feb 28 to 0900Z, Mar 1

March 1998

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, Phone 0000Z, Mar 7 to 2400Z, Mar 8
 RSGB Cmnwth Contest, CW 1200Z, Mar 14 to 1200Z, Mar 15
 Wisconsin QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 15 to 0100Z, Mar 16
 Alaska QSO Party 0000Z, Mar 21 to 2400Z, Mar 22
 Bermuda Contest 0001Z, Mar 21 to 2400Z, Mar 22
 BARTG WW RTTY Contest 0200Z, Mar 21 to 0200Z, Mar 23
 Russian DX Contest 1200Z, Mar 21 to 1200Z, Mar 22
 Virginia QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 21 to 0500Z, Mar 22
 and 1100Z, Mar 22 to 0200Z, Mar 23
 CQWW WPX Contest, Phone 0000Z, Mar 28 to 2400Z, Mar 29

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Type	Place
Jan 31 (Sat)	Special (SEMA)	Mansfield, MA
Feb. 1 (Sun)	C.U. (NEMA)	Berlin, MA
Feb. 7 (Sat)	General	Sturbridge, MA
Feb. 11 (Wed)	C.U. (NEMA)	Berlin, MA
Mar. 2 (Mon)	Special (VT/NH)	Manchester, NH
April 4 (Sat)	General	Sturbridge, MA
June 7 (Sun)	General	Sturbridge, MA

For more information about a special meeting, contact the Area Manager of the indicated section.

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The next general meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7

at 1:00 PM at the Host Hotel in Sturbridge, MA, near the intersection of I-84 and I-90. To get there, exit I-84 onto Route 20 West. Go through two sets of stoplights and turn right just before the Burger King into the hotel parking lot. C U there!

Inside: LOTS of Claimed Scores!!!

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