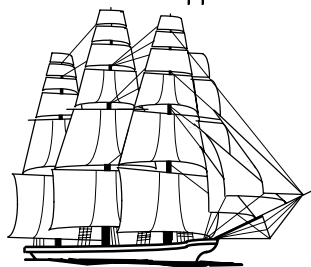


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Zulu Musings

Jeff Briggs, K1ZM

Isn't It OUR Time.....? Well gang, Boxboro is now behind us and there is a noticeable chill in the air each morning as I check 160 for Pacific Dx. That means CQWW Phone is not far away - October 24/25 will soon be upon us. We had 187 attendees at Boxboro (an all time high at a YCCC meeting) and signed up 24 new members representing a 5.625% increase in the Club roster. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to the new crew listed elsewhere in this Butt! We are delighted to have them on board. I have chosen the theme of "Isn't it OUR Time.....?" for this writing to frame that open question for ALL the club to ponder. Of course, I am referring to YCCC winning the CQWW and ARRL Dx Club competitions this season. As I have noted before, we need all hands on deck for BOTH MODES this year. Mounting a serious challenge to FRC will require at least an 85% participation level in CQWW since we can expect to be OUTGUNNED by their expeditions to V26B and elsewhere. Why not make it 100%? You will soon receive this year's Contest Cookbook which you will find a very useful tool to guide your operating strategy within the contest. New this year is a

recommended operating plan for our members with LIMITED time. Recommendations are included for limited efforts at 4 hours, 6 hours, 8 hours, 10 hours, 12 hours participation - right up to a dedicated effort of 24 or 48 hours. The key point this year is for all of us to never forget that EVERY MEMBER is important - victory will come to the Club that recognizes that even the smallest station's contribution is VALUABLE and NECESSARY. So if you fall into that category, please do what you can to help out the larger effort of the Club. I know it is not easy to be in there beating your head against the wall with low power and dipoles for what may seem to be little reward - but it is the smaller stations who will carry the day if YCCC is to win it all this year!

(See Zulu Musings, p 3)

K1GW To Match Available Ops/Stations For CQWW

In order to maximize our CQWW score aggregates, Glen Whitehouse, K1GW, our YCCC Activities Manager, will act as CQWW Coordinator for lining up available ops and available stations.

1) If you have an available station,

cannot operate, but would accept a GUEST OPERATOR for CQWW, then Glen needs to know this.

2) If you are a YCCC member without a place to operate, but are interested in operating from another station, if available, then Glen needs to know this also.

What Glen will be trying to do is play the role of MATCHMAKER - he will attempt to match up available stations and available ops.

3) If you are MULTI looking for additional ops - operators without stations could also be drawn from such a list - so please register your anticipated needs with Glen as well.

REMEMBER - we **DO NOT** want to cannibalize our single ops to staff multis - that is totally counterproductive - but in certain situations this will of course make sense. Single op/all band entries generate the MOST EFFICIENT POINT PRODUCTION PER MEMBER for YCCC - (with or without packet assistance) so please keep this in mind.

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The Yankee Clipper Contest Club (an ARRL affiliated club) holds five general meetings per year in Sturbridge, MA and various special meetings throughout club territory. Attendance at a meeting is required to become a member.

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

Farewell To N6BV

Jack Schuster, W1WEF

A dinner meeting was held July 14 in Wethersfield as a sendoff to Dean Straw who has moved back to N6 Land. No longer will the Europeans be excited by the loud 6 when the band just opened to stateside!

The meeting was attended by about 20 members and guests. An excerpt from the FRC Newsletter was read in which Charlie Fulp, K3WW, cited ex president Dean as one of the nicest guys you ever will meet, while cautioning members to run especially scared from YCCC now that Jeff is president! An evening of socializing was enjoyed by all.

SE MA Area Meeting - 8/8/98

Greg Cronin, W1KM

A small but enthusiastic breakfast meeting was held at Bill's restaurant in Pawtucket. In attendance were N1RR, W1MA and W1KM. We enjoyed a delicious (and cheap) breakfast and discussed antenna plans for this year and beyond.

We also welcomed a new member: Adam Kern, N1TYF (Adam is now N1KO - Ed.). Adam made over 800K in IARU mixed mode from K1VR's station so he can do both modes and do them well. He is going to be a senior at Lincoln-Sudbury HS. I was very impressed with his level of knowledge and interest in contesting and he will be a valuable addition to the club.

After breakfast we went to N1RR's and worked like dogs. (But it was fun!) Charlie has some ambitious antenna plans which involve major site preparation, ie, cutting down and removing large white pines. He is highly motivated and has already put in a lot of effort--it will be fun to watch his station progress. He definitely appreciates any help he can get.

Movers and Shakers

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New email address for Bob, W1RH, is

bhess@boston.cbs.com

YCCC Challenge Team Update

At the Boxboro Team Meetings, we made some real progress in naming the various teams and nominating Team Captains. Here is where we are at this point. As you will see, there are still a few teams lacking names and Captains. As these are set in place, PLEASE send a note to k1zm@aol.com with a copy to Scorekeeper K1HT dave_hoaglin@abtassoc.com

1) "Team One"	K1AM	
2) The Spice Boys	KM1P	
3) Mainely Lids	K1MV	
4) Freddie & the Whizzers	N1RR	
5) F Troop	N1AU	
6) Team CT	K1EA	
7) Lucky 7	AA1AA	
8) Aces & Eights	K1TW	
9) Number Nine	K1ZO	
10) Clam Diggers		W1RZF
11) The Pi Squares	K1RV	
12) The Keystone Breakers	WA1S	
13) Lucky 13	KV1W	
14) Name and Captain still needed		
15) The Wire Wierdos	N2FF	
16) Name and Captain still needed		
17) Buccaneers	KA1CLX	
18) Tom's Tigers	K1KI	
19) Yankee Clipper Spinnakers	W1QK	
20) The Roaring 20's	Captain Needed	
21) The 21 Club	KB1SO	
22) Name and Captain Still Needed		
23) The 599ers	K1ZR	
24) X-Ops	N1SR	
25) Two-Bit Contesters	W1MA	
26) Megawatts	NJ1F	

(Zulu Musings from p 1)

Please remember also that winning as a CLUB represents a chance for YOUR STATION to be larger than it would otherwise be. It is your chance to be the best of the best - granted as a TEAM - but if we actually pull it off, you will be DAMN PROUD of your achievement.

When you travel around to local hamfests or to Dayton or to Boxboro over the course of the following year, your YCCC badge will identify you as a "WINNER" - one of the very best - so please keep that in mind. There is nothing quite like winning it all if you have never done so!

We also need to have all hands on deck for BOTH MODES this time around. This is a two mode competition. Here are a few pointers to help us pull it off: 1) If you were planning to do one mode only - please do BOTH! 2) If you were planning a single band entry, please consider all band. 3)

Use packet, if you wish, to assist with a rapid build up of those all-important multipliers! 4) If you were planning a 4 hour entry - please consider 6 or 8. 5) If you were planning an 8 hour entry, please consider 12 or 16 hours. 6) If you truly have limited time, then RUN EUROPE for all it is worth both weekends when you can in the mornings and follow on with some search and pouncing in the smaller pileups of Sunday afternoon when all stations will be BEGGING for more qso's - competition will be greatly diminished at that time and you will find your station will get through more readily.

At our next meeting on Sunday October 11th in Sturbridge, we will host an "Ask the Experts" panel. This group will be composed of some of our "old guard" contesters and some of our "newer members" who have become highly successful contesters in a short period of time. You too can sharpen your skills and improve your proficiency by asking the "experts" whatever you may wish to know - so please take advantage of this opportunity.

Our YCCC Challenge Competition continues to generate interest. At Boxboro, we passed around samples of the prizes that can be won by the teams that place 1, 2 and 3. EACH member of the winning team of the CQWW combined competition will receive a handsome certificate framed in plexiglass and mounted on an oaken plaque. If you saw this prize at Boxboro, then you know it is worth going after..... The top team will also receive gold medallions for all of its members. Members of the second and third place teams will each receive silver and bronze medallions for their efforts and, of course, the winning team will also receive the engraved ARRL DX TEST type plaque - the ultimate disposition of which will be the decision of the winning team's members themselves. It is an exciting time to be a member of YCCC - you will want to be in front of your radio on Friday night October 23rd at 2359z as the CQWW begins and the 1998-1999 contest season formally kicks off. Again I ask you, "Isn't it OUR TIME?" - and are YOU gonna be QRV? We can actually pull this off if everyone pitches in and gets on! Let's KICK SOME SERIOUS BUTT this time around! See you in the pileups.

Flotsam & Jetsam

“Barnacle Jack” Schuster, W1WEF

This "BARNACLE" column is a place to share ideas with fellow YCCC members, and in no way does the editor suggest that any or all ideas are his own or original. Credit is given to the contributor, and the information shared does not have to be invented THERE either! That said, please keep those cards and letters coming...

KB1H recently showed me some new Rohn guy brackets he had just purchased. Apparently the torque arms that Rohn used to sell are no longer available, and the guy brackets come with a chain link attached where the torque arms used to go. I always wondered if those arms did anything for you!

I recently took down one of my Tailtwisters that had been stubborn starting for a long time, and expected to find that I needed new limit switches. Motor current goes through the limit switch contacts. I had been bypassing them for some time as needed, with switches in the shack. I found the contacts to be in good shape, but the mounting screws had slightly loosened and caused misalignment! Add that to your HyGain rotor overhaul check list!

KS1L puts mothballs inside outdoor enclosures to keep bees and other insects out. On a recent visit to Lou's beautiful station, I also learned that he puts small ss hose clamps around the end of Big Grips to prevent unraveling in the event of ice buildup on the guys, and ice sliding down the guy into the Big Grip. This happened to someone in Me last winter I believe, resulting in his tower coming down!

Fred, K1VR suggests ordering ten percent extra SS hardware to replace the ones you drop from the tower. (Don't forget to bring the extras up the tower with you! BJ) Fred also suggests www.radio-ware.com for SS U Bolts that can be extremely hard to find in the sizes and strengths you need. You can phone them at 800 950ware.

To remove the gummy adhesive left from labels you removed, try WD40.

Start practicing your CW now if you haven't been active! Try sending this: Tennessee sissies are sissier than mississippi sissies. (The FCC might consider an option of sending this perfect at 5WPM for Extra, or the old 20WPM test... just kidding!)

K2XA suggests that when running on 75, you ask the Europeans whether you have a clear frequency. They have a lot of QRM we can't hear.

AA1QD suggested this on a recent Monday night YCCC 3830 On The Air Meeting. Before driving a ground rod, lubricate it first with liquid detergent!

At the ARRL forum in Boxboro on Sunday morning, Tom Frenaye mentioned a new web page that should be useful to members of the League. Among other things, we will be able to search past issues of QST/QEX on-line, search QST product review archives, and get an advance look at next issue contest results! Check it out at www.arrl.org/members/

And now, for those of you who read this far, the best from the best! I had lunch in Boxboro with K1AR and K1TO the other day, and they disclosed their secret to big scores. IAMBIC. Yes, learn to send IAMBIC! They both felt this increased their Q totals by 20% ! They even said it works on phone! Now, if we can get the competition to believe this and get them to all mess up their CW by going to Iambic keying, maybe we can beat them by 20%...hi.

Secretary's Report, August 1998

Charlotte Richardson, KQ1F

The August, 1998, meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club was held on Saturday, August 29th, 1998, at the ARRL New England Division Convention in Boxboro, Massachusetts.

Club president Jeff, K1ZM, called the meeting to order with introductions of the 187 members and guests in attendance. Treasurer Ric, KV1W, reported a treasury balance of \$4115.13. Jeff noted that the YCCC Club Challenge has attracted the interest of other contest clubs. Both proposed amendments to the club by-laws, to accept new members at regional meetings (note that this proposal was actually moot as a similar change was passed at the June meeting in 1996) and to introduce an honorary life membership category, passed unanimously. The club then voted in a record 24 new members (see details under "New Crew"):

Len, K1NU, then presented a proposal to move the club center, as defined for ARRL and CQ membership radius purposes, noting that a lot of the included club territory is in the Atlantic Ocean. Len proposes to shift the club center northwest to include more land area. The current club center is on the Massachusetts-Connecticut border near Wales. Len's proposal would move it to Erving, Massachusetts, on route 2 near Greenfield. Moving the center would not affect any current members. We would lose some territory in New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania where we have no current members, and gain the rest of Vermont and New Hampshire as well as more of Maine and New York. The proposal will be published in the Scuttlebutt [ed: see page 14] and will be voted on at the October meeting. Note that the club center has nothing to do with where club meetings are held.

(See Secretary p 5)

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That led to the next topic, a new meeting location for the club general meetings. The hotel in Sturbridge originally planned to charge us \$1100 per meeting next year, but was eventually talked down to a still-outrageous \$400, nearly three times what we have been paying. So the search is on for a new location after December. Average meeting attendance is 70-80 members, and the new meeting location needs to be easy to get to by highway.

Steve, AA1IZ, announced that he is going to Grenada, J3, for both modes of the ARRL contest next spring and is looking for operators. Operation will be from a hotel rather than from the J39A QTH. Contact Steve if you are interested. Don, K2KQ, still needs another op or two for his J3 operation from the J39A QTH for CQ WW CW as well.

Jeff then talked more about the YCCC Challenge. There are currently 26 teams of 15 members each initially but allowed to recruit up to 20 members. There are two challenges, one for CQ WW both modes and one for the ARRL DX Contest both modes. K1RO is designing winning team plaques for each team member as well as gold, silver, and bronze medals for members of the top three teams. We then broke up into individual challenge team meetings, at which the new members found themselves in great demand by teams recruiting new operators.

Randy, K5ZD, then gave the first part of his talk about two-radio contesting, covering the infrastructure issues, with part two to be presented at the October meeting. Randy noted that using two radios gives you several advantages: increased operating time, ability to do two things at once (CQ and search and pounce at the same time, or search and pounce on two bands at once), check for band openings more easily, make faster band changes, and keep an ear on the competition.

Using two radios introduces several new issues you must be concerned with. As a single op, you must not transmit more than one signal at a time. You need more complex antenna and accessory switching. You need to worry more about inter-station interference. Most of all, operating with two radios is mentally draining; make sure you can operate one radio well first.

Randy recommends setting up your two-radio station with the radios side by side, your keyboard in the center, and the monitor centered above the two radios. Randy is right-handed, so he puts the amplifiers above the radios, the rotator controls on his left, and the key on the right. His antenna switching box is between the radios. For accessory switching, he can switch either radio to either ear, as well as switch the keyer and mic on one switch. He uses isolation transformers for the mic lines to eliminate hum. He notes

that it is very confusing to do anything other than have the left radio in the left ear and the right radio in the right ear.

For two radio contesting, the more antennas the better. Use separate coaxes for each antenna back to the shack. Avoid antenna and coax combinations that block use of the second rig during productive times. Put as much physical distance between antennas as possible. The cheap, manual way to switch antennas is to bring each antenna to a 2-position coax switch and then use a multi-position switch for each radio to select an antenna. A more expensive, automatic system could use an Array Solutions SixPak (a two radio to 6 antenna relay matrix) or a Top Ten Devices radio/computer interface to relays.

Several possible solutions exist for receiver protection. You can use coax stubs, but they are single band and must be switched. You can use ICE filters, one per band. Dunestar and ICE make single units containing filters for all bands. You can also use a fuse on the receiver antenna input, as Randy does.

All major contesting software supports two logging windows. Network two computers for maximum flexibility. You may need extra COM ports for connecting to two radios or for networking. Practice using the computers BEFORE the contest.

Is it all worth trying? Randy estimates that a second barefoot transceiver will produce about 50 QSOs and 30 multipliers. A second complete low-tech station can buy you 125 QSOs and 50 multipliers. A second complete automated station can produce 200 QSOs and 70 multipliers over a contest.

Dick, KB1H, then talked about the packet cluster system. No user donations have been required for three years due to frugal operation, but a letter will go out soon to users asking for donations. A packet cluster manual is available through your sysop, on the web page, or from Tom, K1KI.

Jeff then showed the professionally-produced WRTC 1996 video, where KROY and K1TO took the gold medal. This was followed by a video of the WW2Y seven operator multi-single 160m contest station.

The meeting adjourned around 5 PM.

1998/1999 YCCC Awards Program

Mark Wilson, K1RO

For the upcoming contest season, in addition to the YCCC Challenge, we'll be offering achievement awards to club members who contribute toward our club score. We'll be offering certificates the 1998 CQ WW DX Contest, the 1999 ARRL DX Contest, and the 1999 CQ WPX Contest. We'll also have mugs for CQWW and ARRL DX. In addition, we'll have a special pin for each YCCC member who contributes a minimum score for all four weekends of CQ WW and ARRL DX.

Getting on the air and racking up points is only part of the challenge. The other (boring) part comes after the contest – printing out your log, completing a summary sheet, sending the package to the contest sponsor and notifying the YCCC scorekeeper (Dave, K1HT) of your score. YCCC awards are only for scores that count for the club's effort. To be eligible for the awards described here:

* The operator must be a current YCCC member at the time of the contest (must pay dues and make meeting requirements for ARRL contests). If you haven't taken care of this already, come to the October meeting and get fired up for CQWW.

* Logs must be submitted to the contest sponsors, with a copy to YCCC Scorekeeper K1HT, on or before the log due date. Awards will be based on K1HT's score summaries published in the 'Butt or on the YCCC Web site.

* Your score must be submitted for YCCC. (Examples: If you belong to YCCC and Murphy's Marauders, your summary sheet must indicate YCCC. If you operate at a multiop, the operation must meet the contest sponsor's eligibility requirements and the summary sheet must indicate YCCC. In cases where score splitting is allowed -- for example CQWW DXpeditions -- the summary sheet must clearly indicate that your portion of the score counts for YCCC.)

Propagation conditions are rapidly getting better, so we've raised the bar a little bit for awards this year. Here's what is required for the various awards:

Certificates

YCCC will award one certificate per operator per mode for the CQWW, ARRL DX, and CQ WPX contests.

To qualify for a certificate, single ops must make at least 400 QSOs. All operators at multiops with 1 meg or more will receive certificates (if the score is less than 1 meg, 400 QSOs per operator is required).

Endorsements for 250k, 500k, 750k, 1 Meg, 2 Meg, 3 Meg, 4 Meg or 5 Meg+.

Mugs

YCCC will award one mug per operator per contest (regardless of mode) for the CQWW and ARRL DX contests.

To qualify for a mug, single ops must make at least 750 QSOs on either mode, or 1200 QSOs combined between the two modes. All operators at multiops with 1 meg or more will receive mugs (if the score is less than 1 meg, 750 QSOs per operator is required).

"YCCC Top Gun" Pin

For the 1998/1999 contest season, we're continuing the YCCC Top Gun pin. (Yes, I know that you haven't seen the 1997/98 season Top Gun pins yet... I'm working on it.) This award is for YCCC members who make a significant contribution to our club score in all four weekends of the 1998 CQWW and 1999 ARRL DX contests.

To qualify, single ops must contribute a minimum of 750,000 points to the club effort each weekend. Operators at multiops qualify if the score is 750,000 points or more per operator.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please drop me a note at k1ro@arrl.org.

1998 ARRL DX Contest Awards

Mark Wilson, K1RO

At the October meeting, we'll have certificates and mugs for club members who contributed toward our 1998 ARRL International DX Contest score, as well as uncollected awards from the 1997 CQ WW DX Contest. The awards are based on the YCCC claimed scores collected by Dave, K1HT, our YCCC scorekeeper. To be eligible, you had to be a current YCCC member at the time of the contest and you had to submit your score to ARRL or CQ for YCCC credit before the log due date.

Single ops needed at least 300 QSOs per mode to qualify for a certificate for that mode. All operators at multiops that contributed 1 meg or more will receive certificates (if the score is less than 1 meg, 300 QSOs per operator is required). The following YCCC'ers have a certificate coming for one or both modes in the ARRL DX Contest:

(See 1998 Awards p 7)

(1998 Awards from p 7)

AA1CE AA1IZ AA1QD AA1V AD1C AI3E K1AR
 K1BV K1CC K1DG K1EBY K1EF1 K1EP K1EPJ
 K1GW K1HT K1KI K1KNQ K1KP K1KU K1LZ
 K1MBO K1MO K1NG K1NU K1OA K1OZ K1PI
 K1RO K1RX K1SD K1SM K1TH K1TWF K1VR
 K1VSJ K1WD K1ZE K1ZR K1ZZ K2BX K2EP K2KQ
 K2ONP K2RD K2SX K2TE K2TR K2WE K2WR
 K2XA K2ZP K5FUV K5MA K5ZD KA1CI KA1CLX
 KA1GJ KA1WIG KA1YTR KA1ZD KB1H KC1F
 KC1XX KD1KI KD1YN KE1EO KE1FO KF1V KM1P
 KM3T KS1L KT1M KV1W N1BB N1CC N1DD
 N1DG N1FIY N1GA N1IWV N1LYA N1NQD N1PFC
 N1PGA N1RHY N1RL N1RR N1SP N1TB N1TM
 N1TYF N1XYR N1XYS N2LBR N2TX N2YHK N2ZX
 N4XR N6BV N6RFM NA2NA NB1B NB1U NF1A
 NJ1F NK1F NZ1Q W0MHK W1AX W1AZ W1BIH
 W1BK W1BR W1CSM W1CU W1EQ W1ES W1FJ
 W1IA W1KM W1MA W1NA W1NR W1NT W1OJ
 W1RH W1RM W1RY W1RZF W1TE W1TQ W1WEF
 W1WFZ W1ZS W1ZT W1ZZ W2GDJ W2XX W3TB
 W6PH WA1KKM WA1QGC WA1S WF1L WK2H
 WN1V WO1N WS1M WT1O

To qualify for a mug, single ops needed to make at least 600 QSOs on either mode, or 1000 QSOs combined between the two modes. All operators at multiops that contributed 1 meg or more will receive mugs (if the score is less than 1 meg, 600 QSOs per operator is required). The following YCCC'ers have earned a 1998 ARRL DX Contest mug:

AA1CE AA1IZ AA1QD AA1V AD1C AI3E K1AR
 K1BV K1CC K1DG K1EBY K1EP K1EPJ K1HT
 K1KI K1KNQ K1KP K1LZ K1MBO K1MO K1NG
 K1NU K1OA K1OZ K1PI K1RO K1RX K1SD K1SM
 K1TWF K1VR K1VSJ K1WD K1ZR K1ZZ K2BX
 K2KQ K2ONP K2RD K2SX K2TE K2TR K2WR
 K2XA K2ZP K5FUV K5ZD KA1CI KA1CLX KA1GJ
 KA1WIG KA1YTR KA1ZD KB1H KC1F KC1XX
 KD1YN KE1EO KE1FO KF1V KM1P KM3T KS1L
 KT1M KV1W N1BB N1DG N1FIY N1GA N1IWV
 N1LYA N1NQD N1PFC N1RHY N1RL N1RR N1TB
 N1TYF N1XYR N1XYS N2TX N2YHK N2ZX N4XR
 N6BV N6RFM NA2NA NB1B NB1U NF1A NJ1F
 W0MHK W1AX W1AZ W1BIH W1BR W1CSM
 W1CU W1EQ W1ES W1FJ W1IA W1KM W1MA
 W1NA W1NT W1OJ W1RH W1RM W1RZF W1TE
 W1TQ W1WEF W1ZT W1ZZ W2XX W3TB
 WA1QGC WA1S WF1L WN1V WO1N WS1M WT1O

Please come to the October meeting and pick up your mug or certificate!

Maine Area Meeting - 9/11/98

Mike Russo, K1EU

A local meeting of the was held on Sept. 11th at the Village Cafe in Portland, Maine. In attendance were:

K1EU, KB1CHS, N1ZPC, N1AO, N1RLI, K1OW, K1MV plus non-members KN1M and KB1U.

A discussion was held on the upcoming WAE contest which was to be run at K1MV's as a multi-single.

K1EU and K1MV spoke on the upcoming multi-single Zone 2 operation from Sept Iles Quebec for CQWW Phone. K1JB, K1MV and K1EU will take a 40' portable tower with an A3 tribander , a 40 meter vertical and a loop for 75 meters. The operation will be running full power and 160 will be attempted as well.

It was announced that W1DEO's station will be available for both CQWW and ARRL.

Another local meeting will be held prior to CQWW.

WA1S Wins CQ WW Phone Low Power

Hearty congratulations are in order to Ann Santos, WA1S, for winning the 1997 CQWW SSB competition in the single operator/unassisted LOW POWER category.

This represents the FIRST time ever that a YL contester has achieved this level of win in the USA and it is a MAJOR accomplishment!

BAND	QSO	PTS	ZONES	COUNTRIES
160	12	24	4	7
80	33	74	8	19
40	54	140	15	44
20	313	884	30	98
15	325	914	28	105
10	157	430	17	48
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Totals	894	2466	102	321 => 1,043,118

(See WA1S p 8)

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And you don't need a Mega-Station to do it...

"The station here is a Yaesu FT1000D, TH7DX up 100 Feet and a G5RV Senior strung up as an Inverted Vee with the Apex at about 75 feet. For this year I have also strung up an 80 meter inverted Vee so we'll see if it helps my 80 meter totals. I really need to improve on 40, 80 and 160." - Ann

Submitting CQWW Scores/Logs

Dave Hoaglin, K1HT

This fall, in addition to the usual lists of claimed scores, we'll be tracking the progress of the YCCC Challenge. Some details have changed from last year, and I'd like to review the procedures.

Claimed Scores. As soon as possible after the end of the contest, send me your claimed score (preferably the whole summary sheet) --- by e-mail, packet, or U.S. mail (see the Club Resource Page in any 'Butt). Please include your team number for the Challenge; I'll have a list of team scores.

Send Logs by E-mail. The easiest way to send in your log is by electronic mail. You send an e-mail message to ssb@cqww.com (SSB logs) or to cw@cqww.com (CW logs). Your message should include two plain-text ASCII files: your summary sheet and your log file. Acceptable formats for the log file include the .ALL file from CT, the .DAT file from TR Log, and the .PRN file from NA. The name of the log file should be your callsign, followed by the appropriate extension; for example, K5ZD.ALL or K1HT.DAT. You may name your summary file in a similar way, using SUM as the extension (e.g., K1HT.SUM).

If you have to send the summary sheet and log in separate messages, the subject line of the message should contain your callsign and the mode (SSB or CW).

In return you'll receive an automatic message, acknowledging receipt of your log.

IMPORTANT. Please send me a copy of your e-mail message --- for example, by putting dave_hoaglin@abtassoc.com in the "cc:" field. Then I can help to make sure that all our logs are submitted on time and credited to YCCC. (If you want to send me a preliminary claimed score earlier for the list that I post on the YCCC Reflector and on packet, that's fine.)

Diskette and Paper Log. As in the past, you may send in (via U.S. mail to CQ Magazine, 25 Newbridge Road, Hicksville, NY 11801) hard-copy versions of your summary sheet, your log, and your dupe sheets (by band).

Instead of a paper log you may submit an MS-DOS-compatible diskette containing your log file; the acceptable formats are the same as for logs submitted by e-mail. (A paper summary sheet must accompany the diskette.) The CQWW Committee would like to have all log files in electronic form, and it requires them for entries that are potentially high-scoring.

If you're submitting a diskette or a paper log, please send me a copy of whatever you send in (including the diskette): 73 Hickory Road, Sudbury, MA 01776.

The Club Score. We need your cooperation in making sure that your score counts toward the YCCC club score. The Secretary sends in a list of Club members who are eligible to have their scores counted, and you must indicate on your summary sheet that you want your score credited to YCCC. If you don't assign your score to YCCC (either on the summary sheet or in a subsequent e-mail message or letter), the Club doesn't get your points.

If you're a single-op entry, that's all it takes. For multi-op entries the CQWW Committee requires more information. The summary sheet must (as usual) list all the operators. It should also indicate which operators are members of YCCC (and are assigning their share of the score to the Club). Importantly, the summary sheet is supposed to allocate the score (by fractions or percentages) among the clubs to which the participating operators belong. This last step is essential if most of the operators belong to some other club - if the summary sheet doesn't show the allocation, YCCC won't get credit for your share of that big expedition score! (If you're in doubt about this, it's all right to let the CQWW Committee know that your share of the score goes to YCCC. You may send an e-mail message to Bob Cox, k3est@cqww.com.)

Deadlines. SSB entries must be postmarked no later than December 1, 1998; and CW entries, by January 15, 1999. Please get your log in early!

Rules. Before the contest and again before you send in your log, you should review the rules in the September issue of CQ Magazine (pages 92 and 93).

Single-band Entries. If you're competing as a single-band single-operator entry in CQWW, you may still operate on other bands and contribute your all-band score to the Club. (You may not do anything on the other bands, however --- such as moving multipliers --- that would help your score on your entry band.) Show both your single-band score and your all-band score on your summary sheet, and request that your log on the other bands be considered as a check log. This way you can maximize your contribution to the Club score.

1999 and Beyond - A New Meeting Site

Jeff Briggs, K1ZM

Thanks to all of you who took the time to write yesterday with respect to the proposed move to Worcester. The input I received was about 99% favorable. We are talking about moving a modest distance to the EAST here - and I think most folks will be pleased when they hear the terms of the deal we are getting.....

Here they are:

Effective with the February 7, 1999 meeting, YCCC will be holding its GENERAL meetings in the STUDENT UNION on the campus of WORCESTER STATE COLLEGE in Worcester, MA.

The college is located 2.5 miles NORTH of I-290 exit #13 on ROUTE 122/122A which is also called Chandler St. The exact address is 486 Chandler St.

When exiting I-290 at Exit 13 (Vernon St exit), one turns LEFT if traveling up I-290 from the South or RIGHT if coming from the North on I-290.

You then get onto Route 122/122A NORTH (CHANDLER ST.) and proceed through a series of lights (at least 4-5 sets) staying on Route 122/122A. As you begin entering what is clearly a residential area of Worcester at the 2.5mi marker on 122/122A there is a TEMPLE EMANUEL on the LEFT.

Just AFTER Temple Emanuel, on the LEFT you will see the campus. The entrance is actually made via a LEFT turn onto May Street (comes up just after Temple Emanuel) and then a quick RIGHT into the College Entrance.

The STUDENT UNION is in the REAR next to a LAKE. There is ample parking - especially so on a weekend when the students are elsewhere.

The STUDENT UNION is a large red brick building and we will have the C-104 NORTH and C104A SOUTH AUDITORIUMS (combined) as our meeting room. This is a large, modern facility suitable for accommodating at least 125/150 people - even more I would guess could be squeezed in if we ever turned out that many for a meeting.

There is an ON-SITE (in the building) cafeteria which will be open on the weekends - including those times when YCCC meetings are in session. This is a FULL SERVICE establishment (with burgers + hot/cold sandwiches available, soft drinks, coffee etc). Prices are very reasonable and we may bring stuff back to the room if we wish. The

cafeteria is located up one flight of stairs - less than 30 seconds from the actual meeting room. His and her rest rooms are located on either side of the auditorium near the entrances.

Due to the relationship that exists between YCCC member Gary Young, K2AJY, (on the WSC faculty) and the Manager of Facilities of WSC, we are getting the use of the room PLUS the use of A/V equipment for the all/in price of \$40 per meeting.

Yes, that is right - not a typo - \$40 per meeting - COMPLETE!

Arrangements have been made to set the room up as follows:

Set up each meeting with 120 chairs
Projection Screen installed
Overhead Projector set-up
Kodak Carousel Slide projector set up
VCR Player with 24-30" Monitor set-up
(sizes vary here - I saw several and requested the LARGEST size they had for our meetings)

Naturally, I recognize I cannot possibly make EVERYBODY in YCCC feel totally comfortable with this move to Worcester. And you are not gonna like catching the 4-6 stoplights between I-290 and the College (I caught MOST of them TWICE as I tested the route two times!), but if we step back and RATIONALLY evaluate this site and its COST SAVINGS vs. Sturbridge, I think MOST guys and gals will have to agree that this is a GOOD DEAL!

Even at our former price at HOSTS, we would be saving \$110 per meeting with this move! At the proposed price they now wanted of \$400 (re-confirmed today by K1EP who knows the Convention Manager PERSONALLY) - this represents a \$360 per meeting savings to YCCC.

Hell, if this continued at this rate for a year or so, we might even be able to REDUCE DUES again to \$15 per annum. KV1W will have to take a look at it for us, but it would seem a distinct possibility.....

Again, I wish to thank K2AJY, Gary for landing this one for us. He made the initial contact and basically made my job today an easy one - thanks Gary!

There is also more good news - I also made a trip over to W1YK at WPI (about 3 miles away to the North) and met with YCCC member John Rugiero, N2YHK and Bob Taylor, NA1Q, trustee of W1YK.

(See Worcester p 10)

(Worcester from p 9)

Should we run into problems at WSC, we have made arrangements IN PRINCIPLE ONLY for an alternate site at RPI in the HIGGINS LAB building.

There are a number of rooms available - two of which are BRAND new and have set ups similar to the CLASSROOM setting we usually have had in Sturbridge.

So we will have a backup available - should we need it. We MIGHT have to pay \$120 in union fees to use this room - or we may be able to wing it and "call it a W1YK Club Meeting" and get it for nothing if we do not abuse the privilege!

Anyway, I trust most YCCC'ers will be happy with this move.

But remember, we DO NOT make this move until Feb 7, 1999. Our October 11 and December 5, 1999 meetings will continue to be held at STURBRIDGE - then it is SAYONARA!!

Comments pse?

Improve Your TS-850

Jeff Parker, KA1GJ

I have recently made two improvements to my Kenwood TS-850 for the up coming contest season and I wanted to pass them along. Both modifications are described on the WEB so I can not take credit for either. The first modification was to add a second RX antenna so that I could hook up a Beverage and the second was to allow external keying by a computer while still using the internal keyer. This allows me to key using CT but still have my keyer ready when necessary. Both mods were very straight forward and posed no problems. The whole operation took a couple of hours.

I am including edited copies of instructions for adding the second RX antenna by N6TR and for "external keying while using the internal keyer" by N7EX.

I will be happy to answer any questions. Feel free to EMAIL me at parker@ll.mit.edu or call (781) 275-9609.

KENWOOD TS-850: MODIFICATION FOR A SEPARATE RX ANTENNA INPUT

This mod was developed by N6TR with credit to OH2MM
Edited instructions by KA1GJ.

1. Remove the top panel - you don't need to take off the bottom one.
2. Remove the antenna tuner. There are 2 screws in the back and front (you will need a magnetic screw-driver) and one on the side. You will need to carefully unplug two wire harnesses and one coax connector.
2. Drill two holes for phono jacks on the back of the radio. Be careful not to obstruct the screw hole for one of the screws in the back of the antenna tuner. (ed. I added two phono jacks, side by side, between the ground lug and the right side of the rig. When the antenna tuner is removed, there is actually a lot of room to add the phono plugs. I found my phono plugs to be a bit long so I cut the solder lug (hot side). Be careful that the hot lug does not short against the back of the antenna tuner when it is reinstalled. I recommend someone help you do the drilling by holding a vacuum cleaner over the hole as you drill. This will keep any metal chip out of the rig.)
3. Remove the horizontal plate which sits between the fan and the back of the radio. This covers the output filter PC board.
4. Unsolder the connections to the SO-239 output connector.
5. Remove the three cables from the PC board next to the SO-239. This includes two coax and one 3 conductor harness.
6. Remove the two screws holding in the PC board and remove it.
7. Locate the trace that goes from the relay's normally closed contact. You can use an ohm-meter to find it - probe from the wire that went to the SO-239. You will find a short trace on the back of the board which runs to a chip capacitor. Cut this trace and solder some very small coax to each side of the cut - connect ground to the nearby ground trace. (ed. Cutting the CB trace on the RX/TX relay board is not a big deal since there is plenty of room once you get the RX/TX relay board out. Use an exacto knife to carefully cut the trace. I would recommend running the small coax cables from the phono plugs to the CBs before you cut anything so you can get an idea of how it will all fit together and how to best solder the center and grounds.)
9. Solder the phono jacks to the RX/TX relay board. Carefully inspect all solder joints for shorts, etc. Replug the wire harnesses unplugged in step 5 above and reinstall RX/TX relay board, output filter PC board cover and antenna tuner.

(See TS-850 p 11)

(TS-850 from p 10)

10. You will need a jumper cable to make your receiver work again. (ed. In order to get an external RX antenna to work properly, an external switch box is required. This box does two things: disconnects the receive antenna input when transmitting and allows selection of the transmitting antenna or the Beverage antenna when receiving. Please see my description of a two wire Beverage and the associated control box which appears elsewhere in this news letter.)

**KENWOOD TS-850:
MODIFICATION FOR EXTERNAL KEYING WHILE
USING THE INTERNAL KEYS**

This mod was developed by N7EX (ex-N0DH)
Edited instructions by KA1GJ.

One of the minor draw backs to the TS-850 as a CW contest machine is the inability to use the internal keyer in conjunction with an external keying circuit such as a personal computer. As designed you must manually throw a switch from internal to external keying to switch between one or the other. To make matters even more inconvenient this switch is on the back of the unit and is not readily accessible during normal operation. Simply said this modification involves running a new keying line from the junction of S1 and D51 on the IF Board.

- 1) Turn the unit upside down with the back of the TS-850 toward you.
- 2) Remove the bottom cover.
- 3) In this position the IF board is on your left.
- 4) Remove all the screws holding the IF board to the chassis.(put them in a jar or something for safe keeping).
- 5) Unplug enough of the cabling to allow you to tilt the board up so that you can access the bottom side of the board underneath S1 the "External/Internal" keying switch. (ed. I recommend labeling all to the wires and cables that you disconnected so you are sure to put them back in the right place. Use care when removing the ribbon cables. Mine were fairly tight and need to be pulled straight out.)
- 6). Drill one hole for a phono plug through the back of the radio next to the key input. Be careful that the hot lug does not short against the IF board when it is reinstalled. I recommend someone help you do the drilling by holding a vacuum cleaner over the hole as you drill. This will keep any

metal chip out of the rig.)

- 7) On the bottom side of the board directly underneath S1 you will see 6 solder pads arranged in two rows of three pads each.
- 8) The middle pad on S1 nearest the back of the radio should be GROUND, solder the braid of a small piece of coax to this point, being careful to dress the coax so as not to short to other circuitry.
- 9) The middle pad on S1 in the next row up of three pads is the keying line. Solder the center of the coax to this point.
- 10) Route the other end of the coax to the phono plug.
- 11) Carefully inspect all solder joints for shorts, etc. Replug the wire harnesses unplugged in step 5 above and reassemble the board to housing. Reassemble the bottom cover. Switch S1 to INTERNAL keying. You should now be able to key the unit via the internal keyer (standard key input jack) or a computer via the phono jack .

New Crew

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Days Of Future Past

Doug Scribner, K1ZO

Welcome to a new regular feature in The Scuttlebutt. In each issue we will highlight items from the pages of past newsletters. I hope that you enjoy the "walk down memory lane".

Thanks to Len, K1NU for the inspiration and the resources for this column.

25 Years Ago... Issue # 12 - Boxboro Meeting Announcement * Pile-Up Madness - Who's doing what in upcoming contests * Party at W1RR * 1978 Awards Program

10 Years Ago... Issue # 77 - Captain's Cabin by K2TR * TS-930 vs TS-940 by K1EA * On The Streets Where We Live by K1DG * 160 Receiving Loop by WB8JKR * Preset Rotor Control by W8FN

5 Years Ago... Issue # 107 - Captain's Cabin by K2WR * Part V of YCCC History by K1ZM * Getting Your Computer Ready For Contest Season by AD1C * 1993 CQ Magazine Contest Survey by K1AR

Jeff, K1ZM Announces The Winners Of The K1AR Look-Alike Contest



Randy, K5ZD - Ken, K1EA - Doug, the other DG

Scuttlebutt Publisher Needed!

Leonard Kay, K1NU

Last week, I gave my notice to poor K1ZM that this issue will be my last as Scuttlebutt publisher. I'd like to devote more time to the CD project and upcoming station improvements, and I decided I just need a break.

So Jeff needs a publisher! He asked me to come up with a job description to show just how simple this job is, now that we've separated the editing and publishing duties, Here it is:

Things needed:

- 1) A PC with MS Word, Email capabilities, and access to a decent printer (either laser or inkjet, I've used both)
- 2) One evening, preferably with a helper or two, and a tasty beverage.
- 3) An electric stapler (I will provide; it's the club's)

Steps to publishing:

- 1) K1ZO E-mails you the Butt master (as a Word file) usually 2-3 weeks before upcoming meeting.
- 2) Print out master, check for typos, etc. Take to Staples and have copies made. (turnaround of 0-1 days)
- 3) Buy stamps from P.O. (Self-adhesive is the only way to go!)
- 4) Spend an evening folding, stapling, and attaching address labels (which KQ1F will mail you) and stamps to the Butts. I have had enormous success getting my 2 daughters to do most of this for a few cents per Butt. (see "Things Needed", #2, above).
- 5) Drink beverage (during #4 is OK)
- 6) Drop finished pieces at P.O.
- 7) KV1W will reimburse you for costs (very promptly, I might add).

That's all there is. Total time per issue is 3-5 hours. Contact K1ZM if interested! I will even handhold the new guy (gal) through the first one. But act soon! Otherwise there's no paper Butt in December!!!

New Club Center Proposal

Leonard Kay, K1NU

As discussed at the August Boxboro meeting, a proposal is now before the club to change the geographic club center from its present position near Wales, Massachusetts, to Erving, Massachusetts. This shift, approximately 50 miles to the northwest, will gain us significant club territory in New York and northern New England, while not excluding any existing members.

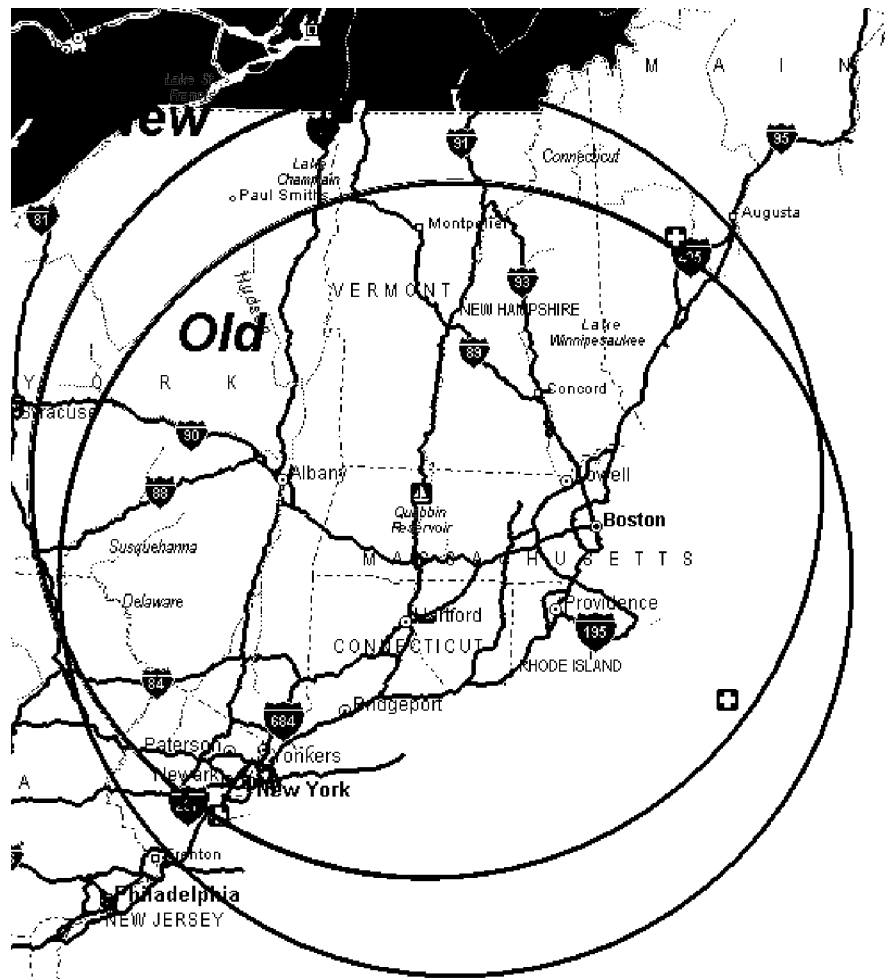
A summary of my presentation to the club can be found in the Secretary's Report on page 4 of this issue.

This proposal will be voted on at the October meeting. Here is the official wording of the change:

Proposal: Bylaw #1 shall now read as follows:

1. Club Jurisdiction. The center of the club shall be located at Erving, Massachusetts. The jurisdiction of the club shall encompass an area within a radius of 175 miles of the above location.

Below is a map similar to the one I presented at Boxboro, showing the old and new club boundaries.



Map of NE US showing old and (proposed) new YCCC boundaries.

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, 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.

SCUTTLEBUTT SUBSCRIPTIONS Anyone may subscribe to the club newsletter, the *Scuttlebutt*. The subscription year begins in April. Subscribers who sign up between December and April are considered paid-up for the upcoming year. You can tell if your subscription is current by checking your 'Butt mailing label. The grace period for late subscriptions is the same as for late memberships.

SCUTTLEBUTT ARTICLES should be sent to the Scuttlebutt editor, Doug Scribner K1ZO, preferably by E-mail at thecomshop@monad.net or on 3½" disk (in MSWord format or text file) by snail mail to Doug Scribner, 52 Manchester Street, Keene, NH 03431. The deadline for each issue is the 10th of the preceding month. **CONTEST SCORES** should be sent to the club scorekeeper, Dave Hoaglin, K1HT, preferably by packet or by E-mail at dave_hoaglin@abtassoc.com. Please include details such as numbers of QSOs, QSO points (if appropriate), and multipliers (all types); entry category; and power.

CLUB GOODIES **BADGES** YCCC badges are available from Ric, KV1W. Send \$2, name and call desired on the badge, and your mailing address to: Ric Plummer - YCCC Badge, PO Box 1158, Berlin, MA 01503-2158. **APPAREL** Len, K1NU, has stepped down after four years as Apparel Coordinator. We need someone to take over this important position. Contact K1NU if interested.

QSL CARDS are ordered through John Dorr, K1AR. To order, send John packet mail, or E-mail at k1ar@contesting.com, detailing exactly what you want the card to say. There are 2 lines of text available for awards, etc. You will receive a proof by return mail. Approve the proof, making any corrections, and return to John *with payment* (make checks out to John, not YCCC). Current price is \$54 for 2000 cards. Normal turnaround is 30 days after approving proof. **MEMBERSHIP ROSTER** is mailed annually with the August issue of the Scuttlebutt, and to new members when they join. Updates are published in 'Movers and Shakers' when members move or change call signs.

COMPUTER STUFF **INTERNET REFLECTOR** There is an Internet mailing list for YCCC members. To subscribe, send mail to yccc-request@yccc.org. Include the words "subscribe yccc" in the body of the mail message. **WWW HOME PAGE** Come visit us at <http://www.yccc.org>. Our Webmaster is Doug Scribner, K1ZO. **CT CONTEST LOGGING SOFTWARE** is available from Matt, KC1XX. Orders: 603-878-4600. Support: 603-878-4200 CT-BBS: 603-878-1900 (28.8k, 8,N,1). As of this writing there is no E-mail address, but Matt says something is coming. There is an Internet mailing list for CT users. To subscribe, send email to CT-USER-REQUEST@contesting.com, and put only the word SUBSCRIBE in the message body. The CT reflector is also the best way to get CT country file updates. These updates may also be obtained from the CT BBS, or send a blank formatted disk and \$1.00 for postage to Jim Reisert, AD1C, 7 Charlemont Court, North Chelmsford, MA 01863-2306.

ADMINISTRATIVE STUFF **The W1 QSL BUREAU** is sponsored by the YCCC. Keep your account up to date with SASEs, or send a check. Stamps are sold at face value, envelopes are 10 cents each. Address: W1 QSL Bureau, YCCC, PO Box 80216, Springfield, MA 01138. Email address: w1qsl@yccc.org. **PACKET NETWORK** information is available from Charlie Carroll, K1XX, Candlelight Rd., Rindge NH 03461. **ARRL COMMITTEE REPS** are **CAC New England** Kurt Pauer, W6PH; **CAC Hudson** Rich Gelber, K2WR; **DXAC New England** Jim Dionne, K1MEM; **DXAC Hudson** Bill Hellman, W2UD. **ARRL LIAISON** is Tom, K1KI.

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Type	Place
October 11 (Sun)	General	Sturbridge, MA
December 5 (Sat)	General	Sturbridge, MA
February 7 (Sun)	General	Worcester, MA
April 3 (Sat)	General	Worcester, MA
June 6 (Sun)	General	Worcester, 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 Sunday Oct. 11th, 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.

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