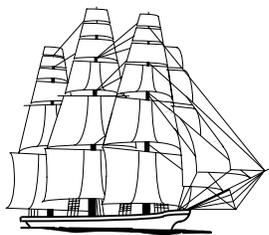

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Captain's Cabin

Don Toman - K2KQ

The general meeting on April 1 marks one year that I will have been president of YCCC. It also marks a year of retirement. Thanks to the former, I have hardly noticed the transition due to the latter.

I'm an old ham but a relative newbie to YCCC, and I've been getting to know YCCC and vice versa. I've tried to get to as many regional meetings and picnics as possible. It's been an interesting year.

The Worcester meetings move fast and I'm only able to meet a few of you personally each time. We've tried to pack good material into our regular meetings, and I hope you have enjoyed them.

We've seen quite an influx of new members and they have been strong contributors to our success.

Our Monday night 3830 sessions have been popular, with as many as 20 check-ins at times. Although we have a hard core of regulars, the total list is impressive. We've survived Monday Night Football, pig farmers, jammers and various psychopaths. The meetings pull together people from the far reaches of the club who wouldn't otherwise have a chance to get to regular meetings. Northern Vermont, Maine and Pennsylvania are frequently represented. We've reported station building activities and scores and we've solved more than one problem. The October 24 meeting even produced a pileup when started from J3.

The predictions I made about Cycle 23 back last summer mostly came true. Those of you who took part in the big four contests this fall and winter seasons were rewarded with marvelous conditions and an equally wonderful time.

The CQ WorldWide contests are probably ours again. Newcomers were a strong factor in getting participation in them and getting a winning score total. We easily broke existing world records with a raw total of near three

quarters of a billion points. The celebration we had last October may be matched by another one this year.

ARRL 2000 scores are still coming in. It looks as though participation is down but scores are up. Can we win this one again? It's still too early to tell. Everyone who participated...please send in your scores and make sure you are ARRL eligible.

Before we start a new year, I want to thank the many participants in YCCC...the invisible crowd that makes things happen without anyone noticing:

- Everyone who operated and contributed scores
- Team captains, who worked to get people on the air
- Area managers, who organized meetings to get people eligible and went out and found new members
- Club officers who kept things moving smoothly, kept score, managed the Challenge competition, put out the Scuttlebutt, kept our public face on the Web looking so good, and kept stirring the pot
- The previous officers, who provided encouragement, history and a legacy on which to build
- All those people who helped provide material for the regular meetings
- All those who helped and offered advice
- The solid core who have kept the on-the-air meetings fun
- The guys with the big stations who opened them to ops for contests and made them available for training
- The intrepid crews who joined me at Grenada and the other DXpedition movers and shakers
- All those who have found new members and brought them to meetings to join us

(See Captain's Cabin – p. 2)

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(Captain's Cabin from p. 1)

Now that the big four contests are history, it's time for station building, finding new members, improving skills and looking forward to new challenges.

We'll try to make the next few general meetings interesting and useful to members interested in station and skill building. In that regard, your suggestions and participation are welcome.

The ARRL New England convention at Boxboro will take place this year at the end of August. YCCC has a big presence at this meeting and I hope all of you will put it on your calendar and plan to attend, participate and sign up new members. Look at the Boxboro web site at <http://www.boxboro.org> ...and watch it for the latest information as it comes in. Our ideas for YCCC's contribution will appear on our reflector and the web site as they develop.

YCCC is a club known around the world., the one everyone would join if they were in our territory. We're big, we're good, and we stand for the very best in the contesting world.

We have a distinct personality and it's a pleasure watching it in action and being a part of it.

- Get Your Logs In! -

Your score only counts if it is in the ARRL database.

CW emailed or postmarked by March 21,2000

SSB emailed or postmarked by April 4,2000

Include: Log , summary sheet, Dupe sheet (> 500 qsos)

Be sure to include:

“Yankee Clipper Contest Club”

February Meeting Minutes

Charlotte Richardson – KQ1F

The meeting was called to order by club president Don, K2KQ, and began with introductions of the 68 members present and their guests. Art, W1RZF, then went over the club's CQ WW scores. He presented a list of members who joined since the 1998 CQ contests and their scores, pointing out that the club's big recruiting effort over the past year had a major impact on our winning club score. The new members accounted for 128M points, and our margin of victory was approximately 90M points. Art also showed lists of members whose 1999 scores beat their 1998 scores, and the percentage improvement for each.

Don, K2KQ, then presented the results of his DX packet cluster survey, from about forty replies received so far. YCCC is seen as a technical leader as well as a contest winner. Most people are happy with their RF nodes. And people who use telnet are happy with it. There was not too much interest in joining a working group, and about twelve packet users were interested in becoming sysop volunteers. There is currently software available (AR Cluster) that allows filtering at nodes. Networking via internet is getting a lot easier. Some people, and new users, are moving to internet, but RF users aren't going to go away. Don believes we should phase out the RF backbone in favor of internet so that location does not matter, and add new nodes tied together by internet. We need a volunteer to organize this effort. Don promised to put the survey results up on the club web page.

Paul, K1XM, then talked about two-amplifier contesting. He emphasized that he was not talking about having two amplifiers, two radios, and two antennas, nor was he going to talk about having a small amplifier driving a big amplifier. Instead, his goal was to add a second amplifier so that either amplifier can feed any antenna by throwing just one switch, to enable faster band switching and so you can chase packet multipliers on other bands without losing your run frequency. The equipment needed to accomplish this is simple: your spare amplifier, a PL259 jumper cable, two phone-plug jumper cables, and one switch with phone jacks. Wire the output of the radio into amplifier one, and its output into amplifier two, which then feeds the antenna. Put the best amplifier on the output of the radio and the old, cheap amplifier on the antenna end. Most old amplifiers can take this because they have open-frame relays. Then wire up switch into the keying line so you can key either amplifier. Paul ran this way at K1AE's QTH for the ARRL DX CW contest using John's TL922 with his own MLA2500 as the second amplifier.

Ric, KV1W, then gave the treasurer's report, which

showed a balance of \$7307.57. Art, W1RZF, then presented the CQ WW club team status. On SSB, team 19 had 24M points, team 17 had 21M, and team 6 had 19M. On CW, team 24 had 23M, team 19 had 22M, and team 15 had 21M. Art noted that new team recruits have made the difference. The top team totals for CQ WW 1999 are team 19 47M, team 17 40M, team 15 39.4M, team 24 39M, and team 6 32M. Don, K2KQ, then talked about club awards. He is considering producing fewer but fancier club mugs, and plaques with space for medallion-type endorsements. Don also mentioned that the club needs volunteers for Connecticut Area Manager, Northeast Massachusetts Area Manager, West Massachusetts Area Manager, and Activities Chair. He has probably already found a volunteer for Club Vice President for the upcoming year. Election of officers take place at the April meeting.

The club welcomed five new members (see New Crew for details): Don Tanguay, NN1D, Dave Henderson, NR1DX, Dennis Shapiro, W1UF, Frank Cartier, W6EC, and Gwen Cartier, KD6YYW.

During the break, H44 DXpedition log-checking and cards were available, and K1XM demonstrated his log-checking program. Art, W1RZF, gave away remaining copies of the Contest Cookbook. After the break, Ken, K1EA, and Ed, K1EP, answered questions on CT.

After the second break, Art, W1RZF, spoke briefly about the duties performed by the Area Managers. Dave, NT1N, then presented the 4M7X DXpedition by Team Vertical. Despite many near-disasters, the team scored over 44M with more than 16000 QSOs.

Movers and Shakers

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(See Movers – p. 4)

(Movers from p. 3)

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New NE Mass area manager Harry Wilson, ex-AA1SI, is now W1AAX.

YCCC Team Challenge

Art Holmes – W1RZF

As we wrap up the current contest season, it is time to start the plans and strategizing for the next season. Today I would like to focus on our Team Challenge.

The team challenge has been in place for two years now. It has provided internal competition within YCCC. I think it has been a significant contributor to achieving Our club goal to be #1. The team concept also provides additional leadership and communications which are very important in a large club.

I would like to thank the current team captains for all their work this past year. You have made a difference! I have been coordinating the team challenge for a year

now. I would appreciate your critique, feedback and suggestions to aid in putting the team challenge in place for the upcoming season.

A common gripe among the captains is the lack of response to the messages that they send to you. I suggest you give some feedback and encouragement.

There will be a need for some new captains in the coming season. You don't have to be the best contender. You need to be someone who is willing to provide some leadership, encouragement, and communications. Here is an opportunity for you to play a little bigger role in YCCC's future.

New Crew

Please welcome the following new members who joined at various General or Area Meetings

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(New Crew from p. 4)

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Things To Do At Dayton

Fred Hopengarten - K1VR

Whether you've been to Dayton in the past or not, here are some ideas for a contester traveling to the Dayton HamVention™.

Heil clips. Buy five of those little plastic clips used on the older (BM series) Heil headsets, from the Heil booth (usually in the corridor between the cafeteria and a main exhibit hall). These little clips hold the microphone in place and break easily. If you order them by mail, the shipping and handling costs more than two or three of those clips.

Abandon “wall warts.” Shop for a serious power supply to replace the one, two or five wall mounted plug-in transformers you are now using to power things in your shack. You may need a 12 (13.8) VDC and a 24 VDC power supply.

Distinguished Dining. Go to the Contest Dinner and sit with guys you do not know. You can eat with YCCC guys anytime. Be an ambassador for the YCCC. Better yet, sit with a DX visitor, and impress him or her with what great folks belong to YCCC. Impart reasons to QSY to another band when asked by a YCCC member station.

Single Op Two Radio (SO2R). Buy panel mount 8 pin microphone jacks, and 8-pin in-line microphone plus. In addition, but panel mount ¼” stereo jacks. When you get around to building your single operator two radio box, these will be essential. Especially the 8-pin panel mount microphone jacks are hard to find locally.

DX'pedition power supplies. Think really hard about buying a 13.8 VDC lightweight switching power supply. These have become required for DX'pedition rigs, and the best variety and prices will be found at Dayton. You aren't going to die without going on a contest DX'pedition, are you?

Geegaws. Find “the K3LR booth” and “the CT booth” and see what they are selling that you just can't live without – such as voice cards, software, and so forth.

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Rotator problems? Find “The Rotor Doctor” booth, and see if “Norm’s” is there. These are two good commercial repair services for Ham IV (or previous) and Tailtwister (T2X) rotators. There are two kinds of people. Guys who have opened up a HyGain Telex rotator bell and chased ball bearings as they fell on the floor, and those who have never opened up such a bell housing. You may wish to get to know a commercial repair service, because with the HyGain Telex design, the question is WHEN, not if you will ever need to pull it out of service and get it refurbished.

Travel. Find the DARC (the Deutsche Amateur Radio Club) booth to learn about their hamfest in Friedrichshafen, Germany. At Dayton, you may never meet all those interesting guys from T9, HA, UB5, S5, TA, and other places you may never visit – but they will be at Friedrichshafen (“the Dayton” of Europe).

Computer parts. Unless you attend local computer shows, buy a spare keyboard, because if you haven’t yet spilled a cola or coffee on your keyboard during a contest, it is only a matter of time. Similarly, you really do need a spare mouse or two. Most important: a board for COM3 and COM4. Dayton is also a place to get a wrist rest so your hands won’t cramp up during a 48-hour contest effort.

A muffin fan. Dayton is also a good place to buy a five inch 24 VDC muffin fan. When run at 12 VDC, such a fan will be very quiet and will keep your SB-220 or other amplifier cool. Put it over the transformer.

Multi-color tape. Keep your eyes open for electrician’s tape in different colors. These will help you identify coaxial and other types of cables when you have only two hours to rewire your station from multi-single to SO2R. Sometimes you can find a pack of five or six colors for one or two dollars.

Ropes. The warm weather is coming. Replace your old ropes with the good stuff available at a booth run by some FRC guys who sell rope. They are usually out in the tent, as far from the main buildings as you can get.

Some of the things mentioned above can be found at a big New England or New York hamfest. That’s nice too. But if you don’t find several items at Dayton on which you can save at least five dollars cumulatively, you simply cannot justify your multi-hundred dollar investment in airfare, hotel and meals. See you there!

Area Meeting Notes

NLI – 1/23

Mike Anderson – N2TX

Last Sunday 1/23 the NLI Section of the ARRL hosted a very impressive event called Ham Radio University 2000. The event was full of seminars aimed to bring in new and even seasoned hams.

I represent the NLI section as the SGL and held a 45 minute presentation of how to go about erecting a tower and dealing with the tactics of presenting this to a local planning board. Of course my recent case gave me the ability to reflect on my own experiences. I’d estimate there were about 50 hams in the audience so maybe we had some future contesters considering erecting a tower. Overall I’d say this was excellent event and all areas seemed very busy.

After the event we headed over to the local TGIF’s for a couple of drinks and eats. In attendance were, N2TX, WM2V, N2TX, K2LS, AA2MF, W2LK, AA2FB, K2QMF and NY6DX. We had one new application from Lou N2TU. Over lunch we had extensive discussions in regard to the new AR-Cluster software that my node is now running. Everyone seemed quite intrigued by this technology and we spoke about how these types of spots will influence their tactics in the upcoming ARRL contests.

N2TU, Lou Dietrich is a seasoned ham. He is a DX’er mostly making honor roll on a few different modes including RTTY. He has a TH-11 @ 55 Feet with a Yaesu 1000mp, Alpha 87a,+ 99b and has told me he’s looking forward to play contests with a little more time in the chair. I look forward to seeing Lou go at it from he seaside location.

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SNY/NJ – 1/24

Hank Kiernan - KF2O

The SNY/NJ area held a local meeting at Nat's Place in Elmsford, NY on Monday, January 24. In attendance were 12 members, K2KQ, K1ZM, KF2O, N2FF, K2SX, W2AX, W2LK, W1CU, K2RD, W1NG, WR2I and AE2F, including several who were satisfying their meeting requirement for ARRL. The area is now set to Kick Butt in ARRL. There was a roundtable discussion about the packet network, Telnet, etc., and some preliminary observations from the questionnaire sent out by Don Toman on the subject. Also, Frank Fallon filled us in on the events in Tennessee leading to a new ARRL President and 50% turnover among directors. Finally, Nat's Place has recovered nicely after the flooding which resulted in moving the last area meeting to a local diner, and sports a remodeled dining area.

SEMA – 1/29

Greg Cronin - W1KM

We had 22 members show up for the breakfast meeting last Saturday in Middleboro:
K5MA, K1DC, K1WCC, AB1BX, AA1V, W6ZEN (ex-AA6PN), N1ZE, N1EDM, K1TH, K1VV, NC1N, K1VUT, WA1QGC, W1NA, NB1B, W1CC, N1BSO, N1DS, W1SBD, N1HOQ, KF2O, and W1KM. IT sounded like a crew ready to do some serious damage in the ARRL contests!

LI – 2/12

Mike Anderson – N2TX

Meeting took place at local TGIF's in Bay Shore, New York. We had 12 guys show up and two of them were new sign-on's to the YCCC. Attendee's were N2TX, KD2TT, KC2FEE, NT2X, K2CIW, KE2TR, W2ASS, NY6DX, W2XX, KA2D + W2FX. We all enjoyed a few rounds from the bar and a good afternoon lunch. The topic of our meeting was to get everyone motivated to the upcoming ARRL contests. It seemed as though everyone here was going to put some kind of serious effort into at least one of the upcoming contests.

Tom KA2D is a long time DX'er and has recently started playing in some of the BIG contests. At the present time Tom is equipped with a Yaesu 1000d, 922 Amp, and a tribander with assorted low band wires. Tom has very heavy computer literacy as he serves as webmaster for various ARRL web-sites on Long Island.

Len W2FX is an avid CW-Man. I have heard Len operating in a few recent Field Day events and he's Morse conversational in the 50 wpm+ category. I pressed Len to lend this talent to the world of WW DX contests. Now that Len is going to get behind some radios we need to teach him more about the world of CT and computerization. Len has a host of radios, amplifiers and antennas so now we need to get him on for the real contests!

KV1W Chowda Fest – 2/23

Ric Plummer – KV1W

The meeting was opened at 7:30 PM with the introduction and acceptance of two new members: W1GDW, Sallann King of Bolton, MA (XYL of W1CSM) & W1ZC, Dick Wilborg of Mason, NH who lives in the near field of KC1XX, sometimes a challenge.

The more formal part of the meeting focused on items we might do to enhance our ARRL DX SSB scores in the next week, the Friday before and during the event. A special focus on the break down sheets from a couple of high scoring stations in the CW event was given by K1IR, as this will give some hints toward the SSB event.

A social time followed, with good times and good food had by all.

The customary testing of the 4 square on 80M CW was performed by the Wizzer and shack tours given by your truly.

Those attending were: KV1W, W1ZC, N1CX, W1BK, NZ1Q, W1RZF, W1NR, NB1B, K1ST, K1EP, K1IR, AD1C, W1CSM, W1GDW (New, XYL OF W1CSM), AI3E, W1ZZ, N1PGA, N1RR, AA1ON

Days Of Future Past

Doug Scribner – K1ZO

Highlights from past issues of The Scuttlebutt

20 Years Ago #23 – NCJ/CAC ARRL DX Questionnaire. Tricks with Coax by K2TR. Club had approx. 120 paid members.

10 Years Ago # 86 – K1EA reviews the IC781. Fall 1989 OMARC Midnight Special results

5 Years Ago #116 – Captain's Cabin by K2WR. PacketCluster Nodes list by K1KI. ARRL DX Score Rumors

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- all-time contest records
- a fancier integrated viewer/browser
- more shareware, perhaps "unlockable" production versions of popular ham software titles
- photos of members and/or stations
- and anything else you can think of.

Len always needs volunteers to help out with new features. All members of the editorial staff get a free copy of the CD. Email K1NU at k1nu@mediaone.net if interested.

Northern Vermont Meeting – 2/26

Paul Gayet - AA1SU

An area YCCC meeting was held in conjunction with The Northern Vermont Winter Hamfest & ARRL State Convention. Or, as we lovingly call it, The Milton Hamfest. Our featured guest speaker was our Club President Don Toman K2KQ/J37ZA. Don was fresh from his trip from working the ARRL CW DX Contest in Grenada, and had to endure a major temperature change, in just a few days time.

Don covered 3 topics during his visit. The first was a general overview of the club itself. Among the many things that he covered, were the goals of the club, and the radius of the club area. It was determined that a prospective new member was probably within the limits and he later informed us by e-mail that he had checked the website and confirmed that this was indeed the case. Good thing too, as he had already paid his dues, by this point (tee hee).

The next topic was one of Don's favorites: The Beacon Project. I had thrown up a 20-Meter dipole just before the meeting and we got to hear many of the beacons that are located around the world. The Northern California DX Foundation has set up several sites around the world with identical TS-50's and Cushcraft R5s; soon to be R7000s. It was a very enlightening talk, and it showed us that the band might be open to say Australia, even though you might not hear anyone else from W1 working that part of the world. You can visit www.ncdxf.org and www.toborsoft.com for even more detailed info on this great project.

The final part of the talk concentrated on the antenna modeling software called YT. Don showed off several features of the program, including detailed analysis comparing his set-up and terrain conditions to Jeff Briggs K1ZM. It was a complicated program, with many settings, but Don made it sound so easy to operate. Thanks Don for a great presentation!

Members present were:

W1JCC, N1PEA, KK1L, AB1T, K1KD (ex N0ICI), W1ZK, AA1SU, K1KI, K1TWF, W1SJ, & K2KQ.

New members joining were:

WZ2T Rick Sherman of Malone, NY
WA1LIR Brian Machesney of Burlington, VT

YCCC CLUB RESOURCE INFORMATION

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP STUFF Dues are payable as of the April election meeting, which begins our club "contest year". The YCCC has adopted a multi-tiered membership format as follows: Please note that payment of dues IS NOT a prerequisite for contributing scores to the Club aggregate, but IS for the various YCCC Awards Programs

Full Member - \$20 (Eligible for YCCC awards programs and paper delivery of Club newsletter)

Full Member - \$15 (Eligible for YCCC awards programs and electronic "Ebutt" delivery of Club newsletter)

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ARRL COMMITTEE REPS are **CAC New England** Dave Hoaglin, K1HT; **CAC Hudson** Rich Gelber, K2WR; **DXAC New England** Ken Bolin, W1NG **DXAC Hudson** Rich Wujciak-K2RW. **ARRL LIAISON** is Tom Frenaye, K1KI.

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Type	Place
Mar 22 (Wed)	Area	Keene NH K1ZO
Apr 1 (Sat)	General	Worcester MA
Jun 4 (Sun)	General	Worcester MA

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The next general meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club will be held Saturday April 1st,
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