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Captain's Cabin

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Just came in after spending a good hour backfilling the new cable trench – one heaping shovel at a time. Finally, out there in the sun, I was able to find some words that I can only hope are worthy of this column.

The time has come. It's time to rally our people, to think about winning, to muster our massive, annual effort to reaffirm our position as the leading contest club in America . . . You know, every person in our club needs to fine-tune his station, prepare for maximum time in the chair, aim to perform at their very best – to deliver points to the club like they've never delivered before.

You've heard this speech before, haven't you? You hear it every year. Every October. As we start to gear up for the competition ahead, it's the same message.

But, something's different this year – very different – something much bigger than the contest season, bigger than CQWW, bigger than our competitive ambitions.

An attack on our people. It happened. It took our friends; it took our loved ones.



The idea of "going forward" takes on very new meaning this week. In the wake of September 11, discussion of expeditions, eligibility, antennas and operating tactics, etc, all seem to have become incredibly trivial. Our hobby and the sporting parts of ham radio seem so unimportant.

But, after this entire trauma, all this sadness and anger, what are we left with? While our friends and loved ones have lost their lives, and we grieve, WE still have our lives. What are we going to do with our lives? We have an

obligation to continue, and to do the best we can with what we have.

A number of our members have been personally very involved in delivering emergency support at the disaster site. I am aware of the following, who have given their time, equipment and efforts for this most important of causes. I am certain this is only a partial list:

N2NOV AA2MF W2XX KA2D N2GA N2TEE NY6DX
KC2AIY WR2I K2DO KC2FEE

This is a great thing. Your efforts have obvious immediate and long-term value, and we are proud to know you are contributing in this way.

Continuing as a contest club presents a different kind of challenge for all of us. How do we bring value to something as seemingly unimportant as making hundreds of QSOs and counting up our points? In light of current events, is it important enough to do it at all? If we take the same view of the coming contest season that we had prior to September 11, then it will be hard to find meaning in what we do. But there is a better answer. We can take this opportunity to add new value to what we do.

First, we can understand our obligation to return our lives to "normalcy". Returning to work and to school are not the only things we must do. Doing the things we enjoy is also part of that obligation.

Second, we can recognize that it is critical to show our own community that the amateur service is united and strong, and that it brings value and will continue to do so. We should make our presence known and do everything in our power to demonstrate the continuing commitment of amateur radio to the community. This includes direct emergency support as well as all the other things we do so well – including contesting.

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Third, we can demonstrate to the rest of the world that we are not going to be silenced by the work of evildoers. We should do more and better in the coming international contests to let the world know that we are here, that we are part of the international community, and that we continue to believe in international goodwill. We can show that we hold accountable only those individuals and groups who actually perpetrated, aided or abetted these acts, not any group associated only by nationality, race, religion, ethnicity, class or other irrelevant characteristic.

Fourth, we can create actual, tangible value from the operating events themselves. I am working on ways we can directly connect the coming contests to the relief effort currently underway. More on this later.

So, let's continue together, "going forward" to do the things that will make us feel again that amateur radio and contesting are important and valuable parts of our lives. I am confident that we will come together as a team to once again make YCCC a success – in ways we never before imagined.

Time to finish backfilling that trench.

73,
Jim Idelson K1IR

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Special Election Notice

A Special Election to fill the position of Activity Manager will be held at the next regular meeting on October 6, 2001 due to the recent resignation of J.P. Kleinhaus, W2XX. The relevant section of our club constitution says: "Art. II Sec. 4 - Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first Regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation."

If you would like to consider joining the current team of YCCC officers, please contact any of us to make your interest known.

Meeting Agenda

Saturday, October 6, 2001

Noon till 5:00pm

Worcester State College - Student Union, Worcester, MA

Agenda: General meeting, plus special keynote speakers.

Directions: <http://www.yccc.org/Info/meetings.htm>

- * Hear what Riley Hollingsworth has to say about the current state of Amateur Radio and contesting
- * Hear Bob Heil describe some of the exciting technologies he's developing, and how they related to contesting
- * Learn more about the largest and most successful contest club in America - the Yankee Clipper Contest Club
- * Meet many other ops and station owners who are involved in contesting
- * Election of Activities Manager
- * 2001-2002 Affinity Challenge Competition Overview
- * Recognition Awards
- * September 11 relief activities
- * 2001-2002 Contest Cookbook
- * Induction of new YCCC members

DX Prefixes & U.S. Postage

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Seeing how it has been almost two years since I last researched an article on ham radio prefixes for U.S. Mail, and a review of postage rates, I thought that it was time to do it again. We have had two postal rate hikes since then, plus we have added many new members, who might be wondering how to get DX QSL Cards a little faster from some of those rare countries.

First we will review what are the places on Earth where one could send away for a DX QSL Card for a mere 34 cents and an SASE. According to a list from the Post Office, the RSGB Prefix Guide, and contest software updates from AD1C, here is a list of DXCC Countries and their Ham Radio Prefixes that qualify for first class postage.

"U.S. Territories and Possessions"

<u>Country</u>	<u>Prefixes</u>
American Samoa:	AH8, KH8, NH8, WH8, some KS6s
Baker & Howland Is:	AH1, KH1, NH1, WH1
Guam:	AH2, KH2, NH2, WH2, KG6ASO
Palmyra & Jarvis Is:	AH5, KH5, NH5, WH5
Johnston Is:	AH3, KH3, NH3, WH3, KJ6BZ
Kingman Reef:	AH5K, KH5K, NH5K, WH5K
Midway Is:	AH4, KH4, NH4, WH4
Navassa Is:	KP1, NP1, WP1
Mariana Is:	AH0, KH0, NH0, WH0, KG6SL
Puerto Rico:	KP3, KP4, NP3, NP4, WP3, WP4
U.S. Virgin Is:	KP2, NP2, WP2, some KV4s
Wake Is:	AH9, KH9, NH9, WH9

"U.S. Freely Associated States"

<u>Country</u>	<u>Prefixes</u>
Marshal Is:	V7, KX6BU
Palau:	T8, some KC6s
Micronesia:	V6

Also keep in mind that in today's world, QSL instructions differ from station to station. For instance, in a recent DX News from the ARRL, Mariana Isalnd, KH0 was listed has QSL to home U.S. call. This is because DXepiditions usually have to be mounted just to get the country activated. In addition to the countries listed above, don't forget that Alaska, KL7 and Hawaii, KH6 are also DXCC entities.

Sometimes, the QSL instructions ask you to QSL direct to the DX station. This leaves out the QSL Bureau, and the cheaper postage. Below you will find an updated list of postage rates. Keep this article handy, as you will never know when you might stumble across a country tht you need a QSL for, in a certain band and/or mode.

	<u>Canada/Mexico</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>USA</u>
Post Card	50 cents	70 cents	21 cents
1 ounce letter	60 cents	80 cents	34 cents
2nd ounce	23 cents	23 cents	23 cents

By the way, IRCs are now up to a whopping \$1.55! This makes the QSL Bureau very attractive. Some stations will actually prefer that you send a dollar, also known as a USD, or a Green Stamp. This can be much cheaper for you, but beware of sending currency overseas. It could be intercepted along the way and the QSL Card discarded. You might want to keep in touch with the station by e-mail to make sure that it is received.

For those of you wondering what and IRC is, it stands for International Reply Coupon. It is redeemable for one first class postage in the country that it is SENT to. For instance, it costs you \$1.55 to buy one at your local Post Office. You then send it out with your card and envelope, and the ham on the other end takes it to his/her Post Office for one stamp. But, if you receive one from a ham overseas, it is only worth 80 cents here.

A nice way to track down the QSL address of a needed station is to use the QSL Info Server. This is my personal favorite way of acquiring a needed address. It is a robot of sorts. You send it an e-mail with one call sign on each line; as many as you want. A few minutes later, check your e-mail, and you will have a reply. If the ham is on file, you will be sent a call sign of a QSL Manager, and sometimes even the name and address. In fact, if you get just the call sign, send out that call back to the info server, and it may send you back the address of the manager. The e-mail address is: qsl-info@datasync.com.

I hope that this will help some of you out with the sometimes confusing world of QSLing. It is a time consuming part of the hobby, but it can be worth it for those of you chasing your DXCC or some other award.

Goodness knows, there are a lot of awards out there.

The 2001-02 Regional Affinity Challenge Teams

Leonard Kay, K1NU and George Wilner, K2ONP

As you may remember, at the June meeting we proposed a new intramural challenge for the 2001-02 contest season and beyond, based on 'regional affinity' teams, to replace the random assignment from the old Team Challenge. This concept was proposed after considering much input from club members, which agreed with the idea that while the original Team Challenge did what it set out to do – *make us the #1 contest club in the world* – we need a new challenge moving forward *to keep us on top*, one that should include more of a 'local' flavor to encourage more support and camaraderie among club members.

We have had many discussions over the past couple months with K1IR, N2MG, K2XA and others to get this concept ready for prime time. In addition, the recent formations of the Albany Contest Club (ENY) and the Empire Contest Club (NYC/LI), as the first two YCCC Regional Teams, were great first steps. Beyond that, we have kick-started the Regional Challenge by pre-populating a set of default teams which are listed below. These teams were based on the following three criteria:

- A two-tier structure of 'Small' and 'Large' divisions to allow two levels of competition
- Both regional and multi-op affinity groups
- Combining multiple YCCC areas if necessary to create equitable teams

We have purposely *not* identified possible 'team captains' *on these lists*. Between now and the October meeting, we will be privately contacting some individuals in that regard, and any of you are certainly free to volunteer!

Also below is a description of the 2001-02 Regional Challenge Awards. Here, we have decided to follow the basic structure of 'the real thing' and have separate awards for CQWW and ARRL DX. However, to encourage team cohesion, the same teams will compete for both contests, so plan your team accordingly.

Remember that these are the *default* teams – i.e. if

no one tweaks/forms a team on their own, these teams will be the ones that compete, and through these default teams, every member is included. But we hope there's a lot of tweaking!

Now, it's in your court, members. Take a look and see what team you're on, and in the upcoming weeks before CQWW Phone, it's your job to:

- 1) Contact your team members. Decide if your team, and your category, makes sense. Pick a team captain.
- 2) Maybe break off with some buddies and form a 'Small' team of your own
- 3) Get everyone on the team *eligible*. As before, only eligible scores count.
- 4) Get team members who might not be planning to participate to get on the air! It'll drive up your score.
- 5) Challenge another team to a case of beer, help your guys & gals tweak their stations, and *have fun!*

We are happy to answer questions via email, the reflector, or at the October meeting. Moving forward, George will be taking charge of the day-to-day scorekeeping and reporting for this program. Please give him your suggestions and support.

The 2001-2002 Regional Affinity Teams

Listed below are the starting teams along with the total score, both modes (for reference) that each team contributed to the club score for CQWW and ARRL DX last year. Calls in not in bold submitted at least one log out of the 4 contests. **Calls in bold need to be contacted!** Keep in mind that the criterion for being a Large or Small team is based on *number of logs submitted*, not head count.

By the time you read this article, or shortly thereafter, we will have an Excel spreadsheet with this team list available on the club web site.

LARGE category

Boston (41M CQWW/ 29 M ARRL DX)

AA1V K1AJ K1CN K1LZ K1NU K1RV K1TW K1VR
KM1P N1AU N1DG N1DS N1SOH N1ZZN NC1N
NG1A W1AX W1AZ W1FJ W1FM W1MA W1PL
WA1QGC WC1D WM1K K1YL K2AJY K3TD
KA1GJ KA1R KD1HN N1BB N1EDM N1QMM
N1UEQ NB1Y W1LRY W1UF W1UQ WB1S WK1O
WW1E

Eastern CT (61M CQWW/ 27 M ARRL DX)

AK1N K1CC K1EBY K1JN K1KI K1RM K1RO K1ZZ
KA1VMG KE1IH KE1LI N1XF N1JW N1MD N1MM
N1ND N4XR N7NG NQ1K NT1N W1BIH W1DAR
W1EQ W1RM W1UK W1WEF W3TB WV1M KG1D
KM1A N1LJA W1JAD WA1FJ

Eastern NH (106M CQWW/ 76 M ARRL DX)

AA1CA AA1QD K1AR K1BD K1BX K1DG K1EPJ
K1GQ K1GW K1HI K1LD K1MOM K1RX K1TR
K1WD K1ZR K2TE KB1SO KB1T KC1F KE1KD
KR1G KW1DX N1SNB NF1D NM1W NR1DX W1DAD
W1GQ W1JR W6FC W6PH WA1S WC1M K1CA
K1MA K1OX K1PTF K1TI K3QIO K7CTW KA1UC
KA2EYP KD6YYW KE1GQ KE1Z N1HKO
N1MWW N1RD N1SMB N1TZW T93M W1RR
W1SU W1WMO WQ1H

NE Mass (92M CQWW/ 43 M ARRL DX)

AD1C AE1B A3E K1EA K1EP K1GU K1HT K1IR
K1JE K1MBO K1OA K1TWF K1UQ K1XM KB1AWE
KD1EA KE1FO KF1V KK1DX KK1H KM3T KV1W
N1CPC N1CX N1DD N1RC N1SV N1TT N1VI NZ1Q
W1AAX W1BK W1CSM W1ES W1FV W1LLU W1MK
W1OHM W1RY W1TE W1WAI W1ZT W1ZZ WN1V
K1AE K1BB K1EO K1KMD K1KP KB1EKJ KB1FJ
KQ1F N1IO N1KO N1RWM N1XJA NF1A W1ABC
W1BR W1CB W1DYH W1GDW W1HNZ WB1H
WR1X

SE Mass (72M CQWW/ 44M ARRL DX)

AA1IZ AA1ON AG1C K1BFD K1DC K1ST K1TH
K1VUT K1VV K1WCC K5MA K5ZD KA1VWX
KB1BCF KC1YR KV1J N1BSO N1GR N1RR N1TB
N1ZE N3KCJ N6RFM NB1B W1CC W1KM W1KT
W1NA W1NR W1RH W1RZF WA1OFR AA1AA
K1SF K1SG K1TEX KA1ERF KA1JJR KM2P KZ1M
N1CP N1FIY N1HOQ N1IUN N1KRT N1NVX
N1PGA N1TZ N1UVA N1XYU NN1D NY1L W1AY
W1JI W1LP W1SBD W1VB WB1FLA WR1P WS1M
WT1O

NYC/LI/SNYNJ (82M CQWW/ 28M ARRL DX)

AE2F K1ZM K2DO K2EP K2KQ K2LE K2SX K2UW
K3BU KD2RD KE2TR KF2O N2FF N2GA N2GC
N2KIM N2TX N2UN N3MV W2AX W2II W2LK
W2WB W2XX W2YG WA2RF WM2V WR2I K2BHX
K2LS KA1NCN KD2TT KI6EZ NT2A K2XW

N2DVQ N2TU W2ASS AA2DY K2EK NA2M

SMALL category:

Western CT/Western MA

(48M CQWW/ 16M ARRL DX)

K1LOM K1RU K1VW K1YR K2RD K2SS KS1L NIIC
N1TM N8RA W1CU W1NG W1QK WA1FCN K1TS
KX1X W1NT W3SM AA1MY AK1O K1EC K1KRY
K1ZN K2RPM KA1YED KD1DD KF2XK N1GS
N1NQD N1TXM N1IJ W1NHS W1QJ W1XF W1XK
WB8IMY K1BW N1RL NC1I W1JK W1QA

Rhode Island (29M CQWW/ 23M ARRL DX)

K1AM K1SD K1VSJ KB1LN KIIG KS1J N1HRA
AB1BX K1FTA K1MD K1MO N1LYA N1ZRD W1HI
W1WFZ WF1B

Northern NY/Northern VT

(12M CQWW/ 7M ARRL DX)

N2QW WZ2T K1KD K1LI KK1L N2YHK W1ZK WJ1Z
AA1SU AB1T KT1J N1PEA W1BHL W1CX W1EAT
W1SJ W1US

Team Albany (40M CQWW/ 29M ARRL DX)

N1EU N1JP WA1KKM WF2B K2BX WE2F W2GDJ
WK2H N2LBR N2MG NA2NA K2ONP W2UV K2XA
K2XF W2ZU W2PS WB2KLD K2EP K2TR K2ZP
N2ZX

Empire Contest Club

(18M CQWW / 9M ARRL DX)

AA2FB K2QMF NY6DX NT2X AA2MF K2WR
KC2FEE NT2A

Maine/West NH/South VT

(35M CQWW/ 24M ARRL DX)

K1EU K1JB K1MV K1MY KT1O N1AO N1LW
N1WEZ W1AO W1EL W1GF K1BV K1KU K1XX
W1ECT W1JCC W1MD W1VE W1ZS WA1ZYX
K1IK K1ZO N1KWF N1SP WK1P WS1A K1RQ
K1TEV KA1KIX N1RY NT1R NY1E W1DEO
W4ZGR W9WBA

K1TTT multi group

(22M CQWW/ 15M ARRL DX)

N9KAU KC2AIY KC2FEE NJ1F N1SR W1TO K1TTT
KB1W WA1ZAM NF1D K1WD W1IA WO1N N2NI
K1MK N1GA N1NK NU1P

KB1H multi group

(18M CQWW/ 10M ARRL DX)

KB1DFB K1EBY KB1H AA1CE NB1U N1XS W1TJL
N7PRD N1BU

Flotsam & Jetsam

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Please send your ideas to w1wef@arrl.net. Remember, the other name for this column is NIH...not invented here! The object is to pass along useful contest related ideas, whether original or not. When possible we will give credit where due.

I've been using a slingshot to put wires in trees for years. At a lunch get together recently I mentioned how I was having alot of trouble with the 2 oz sinker just wrapping itself around the slingshot half the time.ing off. Dave, NT1N said that 2oz was too heavy, and he was right. Switching to 1oz I haven't had that problem, but I'm not getting quite the height I'd like. I think about 1.5 oz with my 8 lb test mono fishing line will be just right. For those not familiar with the technique, W1UK had an article in QST a number of years ago describing how he uses a closed face reel (like a Zebco) mounted on one leg of a slingshot available at Kmart (in Ct anyway...outlawed in some states).

Speaking of Jim, W1UK, when he stopped by my house recently I showed him my new 80m 4 sq in the woods and asked for any suggestions he could offer. I consider Jim a foremost authority on 4 squares, ever since Willy Umanets, UA9BA wrote his UN2L 80M story on the contest reflector in 1994. Excerpting from what he said...W1KM was his first W signal worked, S5 to S6. He heard W3LPL and N2RM but they couldn't hear him.Later, when the band started peaking at 2200 , he worked N2RM and K4VX easily. "Right then KC1SJ called, boy what a signal! Who is this guy? K1AR called shortly after, down at least 2 s units from SJ, . K1TR followed AR, about the same strength as AR. K1IU about 1 S unit weaker than KC1SJ. KY1H a little weaker than K1IU, then K1K? called. Was it K1KP or K1KI? No QSO"

My apologies for repeating this story, but I love it. KC1SJ is W1UK, and Jim had some good suggestions for my 4 sq. The Wireman sells RG142A and type 73 ferrite beads at 15 cents each in quantities of 100. Jim suggested two feet of this coax with about 25 beads, plus 8 type 43 beads at each feedpoint. He had made actual measurements along his phasing lines and found a surprising amount of RF on the outside of the coax until he installed these chokes.Jim also suggested ground screens under each vertical, independent from the elevated radials over about a 30 ft radius. Jim's latest 4 square uses 8 ga wire for the vertical. I used 12 ga insulated wire.

When I returned from the Cape recently I found my modem had been zapped by a static discharge. My surge suppressor had blown fuses in it, but the MOV's were protected! I have since routed the phone line to an in-line

coupler which I can easily disconnect when going away during periods with possible thunderstorms. I think disconnecting is the best surge protection.

At the same time, I found that my AL1500 was tuning funny. The plate loading had little effect, and grid current was 150 ma instead of the usual under 50 ma, but I still could get 1500W output. It turned out that a diode had shorted between HV minus and ground. After posting my find on the contest reflector, I learned that others had the same failure, even in different amplifiers. I passed the word to N1MM who had described similar symptoms in the AL1500 he had recently acquired, and sure enough the diode was shorted in his.

Yesterday, I was working a few guys while checking out the station before the CW Sprint, when I noticed an odor and discovered that the fan in the amplifier wasn't running! The paint on top of the cabinet above the tube was bubbling. I found an intermittent connection at one of the fan motor leads, and was thankful that I didn't lose the 8877. I still get full output. 73

JACK

PS: I recently volunteered to do an initial sort after reading the note from someone on here. Just want to report that it was less painful than I thought it would be! Per Art's advice, I went to a liquor store and got a couple of wine cartons with 12 dividers each, labeled them with masking tape A-X and put Y and Z in separate piles atop the boxes, and had 20 lbs of cards sorted faster than I ever thought I would. I didn't just do it in one sitting.I found it was a good way to pass the time while waiting for my wife, while watching the news or other TV, etc.If you want to lend a hand once in a while with YCCC W1 Buro sorting, let Art, W1RZF know! - JACK

CTRI Contest Group Affinity Team

The CTRI Contest Group has formed a regional affinity team for this year's contest season. They are a local club with most of the membership located in SE CT and SW RI. Members so far include KB1LN, N1HRA, KA1VMG, WA1MKS (new YCCC member) and K1JN. They invite other YCCC members in the area to join them!

2001-02 Regional Challenge Rules

(Summary of important rules; full rules will be posted on the YCCC Web site)

- 1) **Eligibility.** Only those YCCC members who have met eligibility requirements for the CQWW and ARRL DX contests are eligible to have their scores counted for the Regional Challenge.
- 2) **Scope.** Two separate challenges will be run: one covering both modes of CQWW and one covering both modes of ARRL DX. However, the teams will stay the same throughout the contest season. Teams other than the defaults above, or changes to the defaults, must be finalized in writing to K2ONP at least 1 week before CQWW Phone. There will be a recruitment period *for adding new members only* running from after CQWW CW to 1 week before ARRL DX CW.
- 3) **Entry categories.** SMALL Team. Any team with 50 or fewer total logs submitted for both modes of a contest is a Small team. For purposes of this rule, every member's share of a multiop team counts as a separate log. NOTE: It is possible for a team to be Small for one contest but Large for the other. Examples: (a) Team A submits 19 logs for ARRL DX CW, 25 for DX Phone, 27 for CQWW CW, 34 for WW Phone (all single op logs). Team A is a Small team for CQWW but a Large team for ARRL DX. (b) Team B (a 'multiop' team) submits one multiop log for each contest, with 9 ops for each mode (total 18) of ARRL and 12 for each CQWW (total 24). Team B is a Small team for both contests.
- 4) **Awards.** The following awards will be presented twice each year, once for each of CQWW and ARRLDX. Each team member will get an identical award, in addition to one larger team award given to the team captain.
 - Overall Champs, Small category. Total aggregate score for both modes.
 - Overall Champs, Large category. Total aggregate score for both modes.

The following awards will be presented once for the whole contest season.

- **Team 'most improved' , Small category**
Largest increase in aggregate team score.
(no award first year).
- **Team 'most improved' , Large category**
Largest increase in aggregate team score.
(no award first year).
- **Outstanding Challenge Contributors (TBD).**

The 2001-02 Awards Program

Leonard Kay, K1NU

After presenting my awards plan for the upcoming season at the June meeting, I learned 3 important things:

- 1) Everyone still wants certificates – and no more mugs (well, not for awards).
- 2) Everyone likes plaques too.
- 3) The 'Merit Badge' plaque program is a good idea too, but I think it needs to bake a while longer. It also requires a multi-year commitment, or else everyone winds up with an empty plaque with nothing much on it.

So as a result, and with some suggestions from K2TE and others, the 2001-02 individual awards will focus on plaques and certificates for the 4 major contests as follows:

Plaques: These would be the small, roughly 5"x7" plaques with the YCCC logo on them, similar to the 'Recognition Awards' debuted at the June meeting. They will be inscribed with call, contest, and score. They will be awarded to the first place winner within YCCC in each of the 'big 4' contest weekends in the following categories:

ARRL DX (CW and SSB):

SOLP, SOHP, SOALP, SOAHP, M/S, M/2, M/M

CQWW (CW and SSB):

SOLP, SOHP, SOALP, SOAHP, M/S, M/M

A total of 26 plaques in all.

Certificates: Quality laser-printed certificates as we have handed out in the past, on the blue-bordered 'certificate' stock. Certificates will be awarded to YCCC single ops for each of the 'big 4' at the 500k and 1M score plateaus, and for multis as seems appropriate given the scores.

In the meantime, I will continue to collect input and advice on the 'Merit Badge' concept.

Good luck to everyone - let's keep kicking butt!

WRTC2002 press release #7 (US teams & Team UK)

The ten US team captains have chosen their partners. The WRTC2002 organizing committee is pleased with the enthusiasm of the U.S. contesting community and wants to thank the leading U.S. contest clubs for their support in the selection process. We are also glad to be able to state that the selections of the clubs were honored to the letter.

The following 20 world class testers will represent the US in the WRTC2002 in Finland. (Teams are listed in the alphabetic order of their captains)

Ralph Bowen, N5RZ / Rus Healy, K2UA
Doug Brandon, N6RT / Andy Blank, N2NT
Daniel Craig, N6MJ / David Mueller, N2NL
John Dorr, K1AR / Doug Grant, K1DG
Bill Fisher, W4AN / John Laney III, K4BAI
Trey Garlough, N5KO / James Brooks, N1YC
Steven London, N2IC / David Hachadorian, K6LL
Dave Patton, NT1N / Mark Oberman, AG9A
Robert Shohet, KQ2M / Daniel Handa, W7WA
Randy Thompson, K5ZD / Tom Frenaye, K1KI.

Team UK:

The following two experienced testers will represent the UK:

Andy Cook, G4PIQ / Fred Handscombe, G4BWP.

73 Ari, OH1EH

Webnotes

Milk Gilmer, N2MG

The current YCCC Constitution has been added to the club web site.

<http://www.yccc.org/Info/constitution.htm>

If there are any more "official" (or not so) club documents any of you would like to see posted, let me know (and send them to me!)

New Crew

Please welcome the following new members:

Joining on September 13th at the joint meeting with the Empire Contest Club:

Frank Grossman, WB2BXO
9519 Ave M
Brooklyn, NY 11239

Eric Hansan, K2WX
30 Burton Court
Staten Island, NY 10306

Charles Hargrove, N2NOV
723 Port Richmond Ave
Staten Island, NY 10302

Joining on September 13th at the local meeting in Mystic, Ct:

Walt Lototski, WA1MKS
34 West View Dr.
Wakefield, RI 02879
home phone: (401)783-9258
email: walmks@aol.com

Movers and Shakers

Bernie Gardner W1AZ
P.O. Box 588
North Pembroke, MA 02358
(781) 829-0932

K8UR/1?

Does anyone know of a job for me on the East Coast? Any leads appreciated that will help me get back. Resume can be found at

www.eHarbor.org/dmresume1.pdf
or www.eHarbor.org/dmresume.doc

Thanks to all,
Dennis K8UR
734-475-3242 k8ur@ieee.org

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)

Family Member - \$0 (Grants full membership to all amateurs residing at one domicile on payment of one member's "Full Member" annual dues and entitlement to one Club Newsletter sent to one domicile or email address. All members of said family are eligible for YCCC awards programs.)

Student Member - \$10 (Grants full membership to students at a reduced level. Eligible for YCCC awards programs and paper or electronic delivery of the Club Newsletter.)

Subscription - \$** (A "friend of YCCC" - not a member but a possible candidate for future membership. Receives club newsletter only in paper or electronic form. Fee basis is \$20 for overseas paper delivery, \$15 for domestic paper delivery and \$10 for electronic "Ebutt" delivery domestically of overseas.)

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. **Mail your dues to the club treasurer, Ric Plummer, KV1W, PO Box 1158, Berlin, MA 01503-2158**

SCUTTLEBUTT ARTICLES should be sent to the Scuttlebutt editor, Steve Rodowicz N1SR, preferably by E-mail at n1sr@arrl.net or on 3½" disk (in MSWord format or text file) by snail mail to Steve Rodowicz, 809 Pendleton Avenue, Chicopee, MA 01020. 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** Contact Brad, W1NT bradld@bellatlantic.net **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 \$68 (delivered) 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 callsigns.

COMPUTER STUFF INTERNET REFLECTOR There is an Internet mailing list for YCCC members. To subscribe, send mail to yccc-request@yccc.org. Include the word "subscribe" 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 Internet: <http://www.k1lea.com>. 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 web site is the best way to get CT country file updates, which are regularly announced on the reflector. These updates may also be obtained by sending 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 by sending a check. Stamps are sold at face value, envelopes are 10 cents each. Address: W1 QSL Bureau, PO Box 7388, Milford, MA 01757-7388. 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 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
October 6 Noon - 5	General Mtg Riley Hollingsworth	Worcester, MA
Sep 30 1:00 PM	WMA Contact W1TO w1to@adelphia.net	K1TTT, Peru MA
Oct 12 7:30 PM	NNY Area Contact: K2ONP K2ONP@aol.com	Colonie CC, Albany, NY

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Regional Affinity Teams	Leonard Kay, K1NU	4-5
	George Wilmer K2ONP	
Flotsam & Jetsam	Jack Schuster - W1WEF	6
Awards Program	Leonard Kay, K1NU	7
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**The next general meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club will be held Saturday October 6th,
From Noon to 5PM** in the Student Union on the campus of Worcester State College.

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| * Riley Hollingsworth - Amateur Radio and contesting | * Election of Activities Manager |
| * Bob Heil - exciting technologies & contesting | * 2001-2002 Affinity Challenge Competition Overview |
| * Learn more about the largest and most successful US contest club - the Yankee Clipper Contest Club | * Recognition Awards |
| * Meet ops and station owners involved in contesting | * September 11 relief activities |
| | * 2001-2002 Contest Cookbook |
| | * Induction of new YCCC members |

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