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NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10

Captain's Cabin

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I have a mixed bag for you this month.

Our CQWW total is still being calculated. We're getting close to final numbers, but since the competition is so tight this year, we want to be sure we've got every score correctly recorded before we release our numbers. Standby for the final tally at the February 10 meeting in Worcester...this one may fall in the "too close to call" category.

Now is the time to be finalizing your plans for ARRL CW and SSB. Don't forget to put these weekends on your calendar:

CW	February 16-17, 2002 [Zulu Time!]
SSB	March 2-3, 2002 [Zulu Time!]

Still not sure what you're going to do that weekend? Attend meetings or post a message to the reflector to join up with another team as a multi, find a station where you can drop in and operate, or challenge a friend to a duel – there are plenty of ways to get motivated and generate a great score for the club. And remember, average temperatures these days are around freezing – optimum for construction and operation of HF antennas. Get out there and build or fix something!

Last night I attended the New Hampshire regional meeting in Nashua. It was an outstanding evening. Club members – old and new – gathered at Martha's Exchange Restaurant for food, drink and lots of contesting discussion. Every topic was covered, from operating techniques and plans for ARRL, to tower permitting and construction, to WRTC 2002 and the hot topic of QST contest coverage. These meetings serve a great purpose for the club – keeping us in close personal touch and building all kinds of ties amongst our members. Thanks to Glen Whitehouse, K1GW, for doing a great job of pulling the troops together for this meeting. And thanks to all the other volunteers who make these meetings happen elsewhere in club territory.

Have you been following this QST coverage issue? About two weeks ago, we learned that the League has plans to approve a plan to remove printed line scores from QST. In further communications with K1RO and K1ZZ, it was revealed that this decision, to be taken at the Board meeting on January 18-19, 2002, would be one element of a plan to move detailed contest results to the web and change the nature of League contest coverage in general. This was a huge surprise to the contest community, and although the shift of results to the web would not occur until sometime in 2003, the reaction from the contest community was, at least, one of overwhelming concern. In response to this news, the presidents of most of the major ARRL-affiliated contest clubs across the country got together and signed a joint statement in opposition to the planned elimination of printed line-by-line results. The statement also asked the BoD to instead accept an offer from the contest community to work toward a better contest coverage solution that will deliver a new and better product, yet still address the financial constraints that are really driving this issue. As I write to you today, the BoD is meeting in Dallas, and we'll let you know of any action or response they may pass along.

About two weeks ago, we kicked off our annual eligibility blitz. This effort is critical to making us competitive in both CQ and ARRL. In previous years, this was accomplished through the heroic efforts of several truly dedicated individuals. They were able to devote many, many hours to writing emails and making telephone calls to inform people of their eligibility status and to remind them to pay dues or attend required meetings.

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This year, we took advantage of technology, and used the club database to create a custom email message to every member who has an email address on file with the club. This message contained individual eligibility info and a friendly reminder. With only one exception, the overwhelming response was very positive. Our members were quite pleased to receive this kind of information, and many have taken the action necessary to stay eligible. A core group of people has continued to help make this happen [tnx KQ1F, KV1W, K1ZM, K1HT, et al], but the number of hours required to get the job done has gone down quite a bit. I don't think anybody's unhappy about that. There's a lesson here.

There is a great opportunity for us to improve the quality and efficiency of communication and administration of club business through the use of email, the web site and the reflector. I am firmly convinced that the club needs to move personal information, score collection and reporting, and a variety of other data and functions to the web. This will dramatically improve the quality of these processes, while reducing the effort required to get them done. It's a smart choice. Who's going to step up and make it happen?

With club elections coming up at the April meeting, I want to wish the next group of YCCC officers the best in the 2002-2003 contest season. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported our efforts this year; I have enjoyed my year in office very much.

The February meeting is coming up real quick - looking forward to seeing you all there!

73,

Jim Idelson K1IR

Ct (860) Area Manager

Due to health issues, I am stepping down as area manager. It is nothing life threatening, but I am confined to the house for the near future. I truly enjoyed the position, especially meeting all the members that I did over the last year. Thank you to all those that supported me and attended local meetings.

John Corini, KE1IH has agreed to take over as area manager. John will do a super job, he already has plans to hold several local meetings after the first of the year.

Happy Holidays To All,
Joe Natale, K1JN

February Meeting Agenda

Leonard Kay, K1NU

The next general meeting of the YCCC will take place on Sunday, February 10 at Worcester State College, starting at 12 PM (one hour early). We've decided to bring back a returning favorite - the early start is for 2002's first YCCC Swapfest!

And there's lots scheduled for the business meeting, beginning at 1 PM, with awards as the highlight.

The agenda at press time includes:

- Presentation of 2000-01 CQWW *and* ARRL Team Challenge awards (K1NU)
- Presentation of gavel for the 2001 ARRL DX Competition (K1KI)
- Standings update on the 2001-02 Clipper and Schooner awards (K1NU)
- "So You're Going to Buy Land/a House/a Condo?" (K1VR)
- Planning for Boxboro 2002 (K1IR)

Plus some comic relief by K2WR + K1DG!

I'd like to get a headcount for the swapfest - please Email me or simply reply to the upcoming reflector post.

So, come and get psyched (and eligible!!) before ARRL DX - especially members of last year's Challenge teams 2, 3, 6, and 15, to claim your awards!

Participate in the YCCC raffle.

You could win the new Heil Pro-Set Plus!

Bob Heil has graciously donated one of the first Pro-Set Plus units off the production line. This is an outstanding new product. With its beefy mechanical design, tuned speakers, and both the HC4 and HC5 mic elements built-in, this new product will quickly become the new standard in contesting headgear!"



He is doing so in appreciation for the feedback we provided on the prototype that we viewed and tested last year. We provided lots of feedback based on tryouts at the June meeting and actual contest use in the June VHF and IARU contests.

New Crew

Please welcome this new member, who joined at the Connecticut local area meeting:

Steve Holton, N1NB
9 Alewives Rd.
Norwalk, CT 06850
email sholton@optonline.net

Joining at the Nashua, NH local area meeting on January 17, 2002: W1TQ, W2SUQ, and N1TRK.

Movers and Shakers

New mailing & residential address for K1RB is :
Robert F. (Bob) Burns, K1RB
27 George Street, Apt. 3
Whitman, MA 02382-2510
Home phone (781 447-5347) remains the same.
E-Mail is k1rb@arrl.net -or- k1rb@mediaone.net
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Flotsam & Jetsam

Jack Schuster - W1WEF w1wef@arrl.net

Here's wishing a Happy and Healthy 2002 to all, with plenty of new ideas to pass along and find useful!

Chet, N8RA, had a severe 40 CW RFI problem which caused his LPT keying interface to hang up. After trying the usual ferrites and bypass caps to no avail, he found that putting a 100uh RF choke in series with the collector and another in series with the base near the keying transistor, the problem was resolved. Miniature inductors are available from Mouser.

Glen, KB1GW sends along a description and photo of his limited space operating position. He covered his table top with a piece of glass which he had custom cut to size with beveled edges, and made a shelf just high enough to allow him to slide his keyboard out of the way when not in use. His monitor and 850 and other accessories sit on the 1x12 shelf, which is propped up by a couple pieces of 2 x 4.



Dean, N6BV, always keeps his audio at low level to save his eardrums and to make him work harder psychologically. Unfortunately, there are a lot of us ham oldtimers wearing hearing aids with hearing deficiencies that might have come from years of digging those weak signals out of the noise.

Speaking of weak signals, in the December ARRL Ten Meter contest I could tell there were lots of weak signals possibly calling me, but I just couldn't dig them out. My first thoughts, looking back after the contest were that if I had it to do all over again, I would have big monobanders instead of my three stacked TH6's. A few nights after the contest, upon seeing a lot of European stations spotted on top band, I turned on the amplifier, and while it was warming up listened to a few guys giving great signal reports and rave reviews about band conditions, while I could just barely hear stations like OQ4UN! When I worked John and asked for an honest report, I got a 579, but gave him a 559...although he was not even moving

the S meter. I decided to try my other radio, and hooked up an antenna switch so I could switch back and forth between the two radios, and found that signals on the other radio were 25 to 30 db louder!!! I found new meaning to SO2R. As of this moment, I haven't decided whether to send the radio to Yaesu or dig into it myself...but I wonder how many Qs I lost on ten because of this. Hmmm

In the Ten Meter Contest I proved an axiom that I've known for years, but never followed as well as I should have..."STAY IN THE CHAIR"! Since I was enjoying the contest, and really wanted to see how well I could do, I made more of an effort than usual to stay in the chair. I took no real off times during the hours the band was open, and wound up just ahead of K4BAI at W4AN, beating John by 60 points! That's less than one Q. Although I know John's reputation for golden logs...and I know my own less than golden logs, it felt good to come so close to a super op at a super station by staying in the chair.

Tom, K1KI, passes this along from the contesting.com reflector where a question was asked for suggestions on pcmcia ethernet cards to use in a laptop with a CT ethernet network. Several replies including one from Dennis, NB1B recommended a Linksys Combo PCMCIA Ethernet Card, model EC2T available from Comp USA for \$20 each (on sale!). Dennis said they used these in four different model laptops at VB2B, and they were easy to set up. The V26B gang also uses these cards.

Don't overlook the use of our Club Reflector as a resource for answers to your questions! I recently posted a question about DX4WIN and had more than 20 replies within 3 hours.

I just had a funny thing happen. I sold a Daiwa SWR meter to a guy in Colorado, and he told me it was acting flaky until he wrapped it in a wet towel! What on earth made him wrap it in a wet towel I don't know, but it then dawned on me that he was seeing the effects of static electricity in a low humidity environment. Ever rub the face of any sensitive analog (D'arsenal movement) meter in low humidity? It might jump around, remain upscale or read wrong. I told the fellow to wipe the face with eyeglass cleaner, or any antistatic solution (my eyeglass cleaner said "anti static") and that resolved the problem.

BTW: Last month I mentioned that the common 8 pin DIN connectors as found at Radio Shack do not fit Yaesu radios. Whitey, K1VV passes this along: Break-off the unused pins on the Radio Shack connector, it fits fine!

73 JACK W1WEF

YCCC Reflector Performance Hints & Kinks

Michael Keane - K1MK owner-yccc@contesting.com

-- Send Plain Text Format Messages Only

Do not send messages to the reflector that have file attachments, HTML formatting, use boldface or other fancy fonts, etc.; such messages won't be passed on by the reflector, only plain text format will make it through without the List-Owner having to intervene.

-- Cut & paste your summary sheet when reporting to the Reflector

After a contest, do not send your .SUM file to the reflector as an attachment (see above). Rather, cut & paste your summary information into the body of a plain text format message. Yes, logs should be sent to contest sponsors as attachments, but then you have to also remember to use cut & paste when reporting your score to the reflector. (Yeah I know, but sometimes life is just complicated...)

-- Microsoft Outlook

Users of Outlook & Outlook Express need to be aware that the default behavior of these programs is to send messages that include both a plain text version AND an HTML formatted version. Messages containing HTML won't be passed on by the Reflector (see above).

If you're using Outlook straight out of the box, make sure that you are using plain text format (only) when sending messages to the YCCC Reflector; particularly if you've never checked on this before. (Also remember to check this if Santa leaves a new PC under the tree).

In Outlook Express there are ways for the user to specify plain text format be used for the current message, for all messages sent to an address book entry or for all messages.

If you have questions about setting up your e-mail program, be it Outlook or some other program, you can ask here. There's sufficient expertise resident on this Reflector that someone should be able to provide a helpful answer.

-- Send Messages From An Address That's Subscribed

The From: address in messages you send to the Reflector must match the address you used when signing up for the reflector, the address at which you now receive mail from the reflector.

Only subscribers are allowed to automatically post to the YCCC Reflector (This restriction really does help to keep the junk e-mail off the Reflector).

To check that a message was sent by a subscriber, Majordomo checks that the sender's e-mail address appearing in the header of the message is also in the list of subscribers. If a message is sent to the Reflector from an unsubscribed address, Majordomo considers the message as coming from a non-member of the mailing list and the message is bounced onto the list owner for approval. This is true even if the unsubscribed address happens to belong to a user subscribed under another address.

If you subscribed to the Reflector using an e-mail forwarding address such as k1mk@arrl.net or k1mk@qsl.net, then your e-mail program needs to set the From: address in your messages to match your forwarding 'alias' when sending messages to the Reflector.

If you post a message to the Reflector from a "unsubscribed" location such as a computer at your work or school, you also need to make sure that your e-mail program sets the From: address in your messages to match your "subscribed" address.

Most e-mail software has provisions for using an alternate "identity" for just this purpose.

Now, if you mess up and run astray of any of these guidelines... Don't worry about it. Hey, we all make mistakes, and we've got you covered.

Majordomo will bounce all of its rejected messages on to the List-Owner (that's me). Typically I can either approve a message from an "unknown" sender (see above) or quickly "fix" many other simple problems and re-send the message right back to the list.

So, if you forget and attach your .SUM file or use your work e-mail address to dash off a quick note to the reflector, your posting will eventually appear on the reflector; it might just take it a day or two before it does appear because of the human intervention that'll be required.

If you ever experience problems with the YCCC Reflector, contact me at owner-yccc@contesting.com

73, Mike K1MK

Web Listing of Area Meetings

http://www.yccc.org/Info/Meetings/area_meetings.htm

Connecticut Area Meeting

Date: Friday 08-FEB-2002

Time: 6:30PM

Where: ARRL Headquarters, Newington, CT

Directions:

Contact: John, KE1IH ke1ih@arrl.net or

Jcorini@snet.net

There will be a presentation by K1ZM on his budding superstation in PEI, VY2ZMM. Pizza and soda are planned.

Connecticut Area Meeting

Date: Monday, 11-FEB-2002

Time: Breakfast

Where: Olympia Dinner in Rockyhill, CT

Directions: Contact: John, KE1IH ke1ih@arrl.net

Western Massachusetts Area Meeting

Date: Saturday, 16-FEB-2002

Time: 1 PM

Where: The home of Dave Robbins, K1TTT, Peru, MA

Directions: <http://www.k1ttt.net/overview.html>

Contact: Tom, W1TO w1to@adelphia.net

or: Dave, K1TTT k1ttt@arrl.net

The purpose of the meeting is to provide exposure to contest operation for those desiring more contest experience or new to contesting, under actual contest conditions. The ARRL CW Contest will be in process at the time of the meeting.

Western Massachusetts Area Meeting

Date: Saturday, 02-MAR-2002

Time: 1 PM

Where: The home of Dave Robbins, K1TTT, Peru, MA

Directions: <http://www.k1ttt.net/overview.html>

Contact: Tom, W1TO w1to@adelphia.net

or: Dave, K1TTT k1ttt@arrl.net

The purpose of the meeting is to provide exposure to contest operation for those desiring more contest experience or new to contesting, under actual contest conditions. The ARRL SSB Contest will be in process at the time of the meeting.

Central VT-NH Meeting

Date: Monday, 4 February 2002

Time: 6:30PM

Where: "Everything But Anchovies" Restaurant, Hanover, New Hampshire.

Directions: Reach Hanover, N.H. via Interstate 91, Exit February 2002

13. Turn right at the foot of the off-ramp. Travel across the Connecticut River and uphill into the village of Hanover. At the top of the hill turn right at the traffic lights onto Main Street, then take the next right turn onto Allen Street. Opposite the front of the "Everything But Anchovies" restaurant turn left into a parking lot. Talk-in on the 145.330 W1FN repeater.

Contact: Mill Moore, K1IB

Agenda:

--plans for upcoming contests

--boasting about recent contest exploits

--discussion of proposed reduction in QST contest coverage

--thoughts on a new YCCC area manager for our region

Patriot DX Association /YCCC Joint Meeting

Date: 25 -MAR-2002

Contact: N1DS - dennisl1ds@juno.com

Compare viewpoints-

-Mining DX vs S&P

-DXer's CQing vs Run Station

- Pileups & much more

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W1GQ Node Upgrade

The W1GQ Node has been upgraded with two new Kantronics KPC3+ packet controllers. The old TNC (AEA PK-900) was getting a tired and I was dropping connections without any good reason. Please let Bruce, NV1J know if you have any problems connecting and/or staying connected.

Node: W1GQ

Location: Londonderry New Hampshire

Telnet: [dx.w1gq.net](telnet://dx.w1gq.net)

RF Port1: 144.970, Vertical at 150 feet, 70 watts

RF Port2: 144.920, Vertical at 100 feet, 70 watts

Running: AR-Cluster 4.1.14

ARRL DX CLUB COMPETITION

As we head into ARRL DX next month, it is time to check your membership eligibility for these two upcoming events:

1) Have you paid your CURRENT season dues (4/1/2001 - 3/31/2002)? Many, as of this date, have not - and K1IR plans to write to you individually as a gentle reminder within the next few days. Please do send your dues into KV1W this week - they are \$15 for EBUTT and \$20 for paper - and Ric's address is in any BUTT or can be found in the YCCC membership roster.

2) The next part of ARRL eligibility is a 2 meeting requirement between the period 4/1/2001 to 3/31/2002 inclusive. To be eligible for ARRL DX 2002, existing members must attend two meetings (local or GENERAL) - and this could be our downfall in ARRL DX if folks don't pay attention to their status at this time - and then take advantage of all these various local/regional meetings that have been announced in your general areas to get ELIGIBLE.

The guys who are hosting all these meetings are making it as EASY for you as possible to get eligible - so, please do so and take advantage of them as they occur. Tks.

Lastly, if you don't think this applies to you or if you don't think this is necessary - consider this.

In 1999 we won CQWW by something close to 300 million points.

Fast forward to CQWW 2001 - YCCC barely leads FRC in CQWW 2001 (at least as far as we know) by about 3MM points!

Where did we lose 300MM points?

- 1) Quite a few folks elected to sit CQWW out this year
- 2) Folks spent LESS time in the chair
- 3) Some folks did not pay their dues on time - and just decided to stay off the air as a result

If we continue on this path, YCCC will quickly become the AVIS of club contesting by CQWW 2002. And that's a fact!

If you want to stay on top, then it is time for YOU to check your status and please do what is necessary to keep us on top.

FRC has been working vy vy hard to reclaim the top spot and if we don't start paying attention to detail in YCCC territory, then AVIS is what we soon shall be (again!)

Thanks to all those area managers who have scheduled all these meetings. You folks have done your job. Now it is up to the membership to do its part.....

I respectfully ask that you check your status, pay ur dues and get out to these meetings and the upcoming GENERAL meeting - there is still time to get in your two meetings (& relatively painlessly too).

Thanks - and let's stay on top here in YCCC - the choice is yours.

Remember, don't assume that "George will do it for you!" Every YCCC member is important - and, "George doesn't live here anymore!"

73 and HNY & Kick BUTT!
Jeff - K1ZM@aol.com

Cape Cod DX Cluster back

Cape Cod has a DX Cluster again.

Call: K1RK (Falmouth Amateur Radio Association)
Freq: 145.750 (same as old N1HOQ node)
Location: Woods Hole in Clark Labs (WHOI), 100' ASL
Alternate RF connect for those up in the Bourne area, some areas of Sandwich, and the north shore of the Cape may need an alternate to reach node.
Alt. Route: conn YCCCWF (KA-Node) on 145.750
C K1RK

KA-Node is close to 200' ASL in N. Falmouth at K5MA QTH. It should cover those areas in SE Mass that can't hear K1RK.

Fixed IP address for telnet connects coming soon. Have to do a bit more testing before we go wild on generating traffic on our host's system. Our host is Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute and they have generously gave us space and power in their building along with a fixed IP address.

The node got its first workout from K1ZM during the 160m contest. They were tickled pink with its performance.

Please send signal reports and connection reliability reports to me sdinman@gis.net Especially like reports from SE Mass, RI, Plymouth, and the North Shore of the Cape.

73, Saul Dinman, K1BI
Sysop, K1RK

So You'd Like to operate at 4U1UN!

by Don Toman, K2KQ

The subject of operation at 4U1UN comes up frequently. There is a lot of conjecture and misinformation connected with the subject. Since I was probably the last non-UN staffer to operate the station (certainly the last YCCCer), and I have been working the problem for nearly three years, I'm in a pretty good position to advise you about your chances of operating, which, under the current circumstances are virtually nil. Here are a few facts you should know:

1. 4U1UN is the radio station of the United Nations Staff Recreation Council's Radio Club, which is under the jurisdiction of the UN Recreation Council.
2. Operation of 4U1UN is reserved for members of the above Radio Club.
3. There are three classes of membership;
 - a. Active
 - b. Associate
 - c. Honorary
4. Active Club membership is limited to:
 - a. Staff of the UN
 - b. Former members of UN staff who were members during their tenure
 - c. Members and staff of Missions to the UN
 - d. Staff of affiliated agencies
 - e. Persons working on UN premises whose work is primarily concerned with the UN
 - f. Members of families of the above.
5. Active members, assuming they conform to the above restrictions and are over 18 years of age must apply for membership, pay dues and sign the code of ethics.
6. Persons who are ineligible for active membership but who are in some respects related to the UN may become Associate Members without the right to vote or hold office upon approval of 2/3 of the Executive Committee.
7. Persons who have rendered distinguished service to achieving the purposes of the Club may be elected Honorary members or Patrons by a 2/3 vote of the executive committee.
8. The executive committee consists of the seven following officers of the Club: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Station Manager/Engineer, Librarian and Public Relations Officer.

The current politics of the UN Radio Club being what they are, without very tight inside connections, your chances of operating the station are virtually non-existent. That is not to say that the situation will always be that way, but at present, and for the foreseeable future, that's the situation. I have been actively looking at ways to modify the club charter (with the acquiescence of the UN Recreation Council) to open up possibilities for outsiders

to operate the station, and have consulted with Peter Casier (ON6TT, 5X1T) on the subject. Peter is a very prominent UN staffer, probably the hottest operator in the UN, and definitely a world-class contester and DXer. He was one of the guiding lights behind the last Heard Island expedition. Peter doesn't think much of the chances to modify the charter...and...more importantly...doesn't think that, even if the charter should be modified, the practical internal situation would permit new provisions to be implemented.

So, how did I get to operate?

Back in 1998, at about this time, (as a result of a post-IARU NU1AW contest crew breakfast discussion) I took it upon myself to find out what it took to operate the station. At that time, a very good FRCer and friend (Gerry Smith, W6TER) had a close friendship with the station manager and brought me in to meet with him, and a situation developed that offered a window of opportunity for me. Piero Calvi-Pariseti (IK2BHX) a high-ranking UN staffer and active contester was assigned to New York at the time. Piero, as a member of the UN Club, was willing to sponsor me as a "special guest," and with no immediate objection, he and I were able to operate in the CQ WW SSB contest in 1998. We didn't have actual clearance to operate until the Saturday of the contest, and we spent most of the morning stringing an 80M dipole (a G5RV) on the roof. Subsequently, he and I operated the station on a few weekends extending into January, 1999...with particular emphasis on the WARC bands and 160 meters.

I say "with no immediate objection" because Piero, in spite of his high-ranked position began to take heat from the hierarchy, and our joint operations ceased in January, 1999. The Byzantine internal politics resulted in changes in attitude plus a change in the station manager.

As a result of our joint operations, which were all logged electronically on DX4WIN, I took QSL responsibility for October, 1998 to January, 1999, and actually picked up everything from April, 1997 as well (since Gerry had those logs in DX4WIN as well).

As you may know, I helped Piero obtain his US license (K2BHX) and brought him into YCCC. Although Piero now lives in Geneva, he's still eligible to maintain his YCCC membership. Even though he no longer works at the UN, he's still eligible to operate 4U1UN as a past Club member.

The station is located on the 41st floor of the UN building, in the center of the west face. Its location is part of the reason behind the difficulty of operating, since it's located two stories above the office of the Secretary General. Security is a problem, but that's not the half of it!

The station has two Kenwood rigs, a TS-940 and a TS-950SDX plus two Kenwood (TL-922) amplifiers. The primary antenna is a multi-band vertical, which is the same antenna used by the NCDXA International Beacon Project. When 4U1UN is operated by a Club member, the beacon is taken off the air. The beacon transmitter is a TS-50 and is completely separate from the other rigs. There were plans to erect a multi-band Yagi on a new tower on the southeast corner of the cupola, but nothing has happened in three years.

When you hear the station on the air these days, it is operated by a Club member. Officially...there are no exceptions.

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. (Do not send messages to the reflector that have file attachments, HTML formatting, use boldface or other fancy fonts, etc.)

WWW HOME PAGE Come visit us at <http://www.yccc.org>. Our Webmaster is Mike Gilmer, N2MG.

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
Feb 10, Noon- 5 PM	SwapFest & General Meeting http://www.yccc.org	Worcester, MA

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Operate 4U1UN	Don Toman – K2KQ	8

Next General Meeting & Swapfest of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club

Sunday February 10th - Noon to 5PM

Student Union on the campus of Worcester State College.

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