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Captain's Cabin

Well, the summer has been flying by, and there have been a few picnics, and every once in a while I hear a discussion or two on station improvements and Dx-pedition plans. It is time to start folks. Right now...start to make a list of things that need fixing or updating. Who your ops are going to be, getting all the things done in time for the upcoming season, everything you can think of. The time is now! If you are an apartment dweller and suffer from 'antenna deficit disorder' then let's start looking for a multi-op station you can help out with. If you are 'antenna challenged' but can only get on from home, then that is great, keep your ears posted to the reflector and the 'Butt for hints on how to maximize your score for the club. The doctors will be around everywhere with prescriptions for success. We are going to need everybody to get on in some way, shape or form this year! What will your contribution be? Let's hear it! A post on the reflector, stand up during the introductions at a meeting, a packet post! We all want to hear what you are going to do to help the Club score.

I, as many may know, operate with the crew at KB1H. We have a huge to-do list to complete before CQWW SSB; I can't imagine anyone else who does not. Dick keeps the list on a white board in the shack, and we add and erase things as needed or as completed. Works out well, but you have to have the list, otherwise, if you're like me, you forget. Where is your list?

The IARU is in the log, and it was a good contest. I heard many YCCC calls on the air and working the boys. Some great signals, and also some visits by Mr. Murphy. It was a great contest to see just where the station is and to find out what is needed to get ready for the fall season. Of course we had a good crowd representing the YCCC at the WRTC. I think our guys made a good showing, and certainly deserve a pat on the back for their efforts. The Finn's did such a great job making the stations so equal, but the propagation was certainly a challenge. The

competitor's and organizer's all deserve a hearty round of applause for an outstanding effort.

Did you get on for IARU? Did the station check out well? Anything that didn't work quite right? Add it to your list.

The FRC/YCCC/PVRC picnic went off on Sunday July 21, and a good crowd of folks showed up for an outstanding time. I have not made it other years. I have to admit that I am sorry I did not make the effort. We had a great time! All in all there were eight YCCC-ers in attendance. Al W1FJ, Don K2KQ, Serge W2WB, Jonathan W1CU, Ira K2RD, Rich AA2MF, Ed NT2X and yours truly. And the call signs from the FRC attendees looked so familiar. These folks put on a great spread and there was enough food to go around with all the fixings. I enjoyed chatting with some of them, so familiar from SS contests and score tallies for the various contests. Already there was discussion on next years picnic. I plan on being there, how about you?

How about up the tower? Rotors need fixing, baluns replacing, fix up a loose element or boom? Add it to the list? Maybe you need a climber, get a fellow member who climbs lined up now, don't wait till the last minute, they may just be climbing their own towers.

Boxboro 2002 is fast approaching, and we once again will have meeting on Saturday afternoon. We have been working real hard on a great agenda for you, and I think it is come together nicely. I have to give Jack W1WEF a special hand for his help here with getting the agenda together. Thanks Jack! Mike K3RFI has had to back out for business reasons but we have managed to get the agenda complete. If you will be at Boxboro please stop in for the meeting, maybe bring a friend along to see what the club is about and maybe even join up! Look for the agenda elsewhere in the 'Butt.

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Every new member is a chance for more points for the YCCC! Have a friend who is interested in joining; add bringing him or her to the August, September or October meetings to your list! New members are always on the YCCC list!

I have not heard the results from CQWW yet, although a little birdie reported that the club totals are ready...as soon as I hear, you will to. It is going to be close gang, closer than perhaps ever before, and maybe, just maybe the ARRL will be closer. We need to get our ducks in a row and plan on getting in the chair this season. If we do not, we will not succeed. I once went on a white water rafting trip, the guide was a great guy. He referenced everything in a real simple relationship. "If you row, and row hard enough to pull your own weight, you will be pleased." He would quip sitting up on the back edge of the raft with his oversized paddle that he used very well to steer us safely. Finally at one point, someone asked him..."What if we don't paddle hard enough?" to which his simple reply was "Then you will not be pleased!" Shortly after that the raft ahead of us overturned in the rapids, and our guide simply said "They are not pleased."

Do you want to be pleased? Lets get working on that list! And if you don't have a list started, get on for a few of the great little contests between now and CQWW SSB, I am pretty sure a list will start. But nothing is less pleasing than sitting down at the start of a contest and finding that something is not quite right (or broke or...). I hope that about this time next year that we will all be pleased. Hope to see you all in Boxboro!

73 Chris N1XS

Flotsam & Jetsam

Jack Schuster W1WEFw1wef@arri.net

While getting rid of some junk in my boat recently, it dawned on me...this stuff is Flotsam & Jetsam!. I didn't throw the stuff overboard into the ocean...I was in my driveway.

IARU/WRTC is now history. I haven't had a chance yet to talk to anyone who was over there, but look forward to hearing about it at a future club meeting from some of the YCCC contingency who participated or visited Helsinki. The video being produced by W6AQ might be done by October and is something to look forward to.

I enjoyed the IARU test from home, operating CW only. Conditions were far better than expected and I met my goal to make top five US, at least from raw scores on 3830. I'm sitting at 5th with some close scores in the top ten that might change places when it's all over. Year after year in this contest, many stations send a different ITU Zone than my contest logging program says they're in. I decided this time to enter what they sent, rather than believe the computer. Hopefully the log checking will go by what the station submitted or was sending according to logs received.

Although I was going to resist chasing OJ WRTC stations, when I saw I only needed a few more, I couldn't resist searching for them. (I suppose if I REALLY wanted to resist chasing them I wouldn't have kept a check sheet!) Matter of fact, I should have searched and pounced more than I did, but I fell into my old groove of running too long when I was having fun with a good run. I did wind up working all OJ's at least once with 85 OJ Qs in all. I worked my first OJ within 2 minutes of the start, but believe it or not, he wasn't used to sending his newly assigned call yet and sent a busted call that wasn't on the list of assigned calls!

The next contest for me is my favorite CW Sprint. If you've never tried it, do it! It's only four hours long, and there's also a phone version, which I usually miss because I'm not at home.

Steve Rodowicz, N1SR, our hard working Scuttlebutt editor passes along a tip on a logging and packet software package by AA6YQ in Wayland Ma. The full package includes mapping, propagation, DXCC, and more. It can be seen at www.qsl.net/dxlab

Dave Clemons, K1VUT, thought of a couple things to pass along while working on his tower a few weeks ago. In order to allow a rotator to turn without destroying the feedline, he sets the rotor to the halfway point (usually North), and makes a coax loop long enough to go 180 degrees in either direction. However, Dave found that it

always seems to find a guy or something else to rub on and wear thru the insulation. To prevent this from happening, he wrapped the cables in a jacket made from an old inner tube cut into the right sized strip. Tape holds the jacket together. Scrap inner tubes can still be found in garages that service trucks.

Dave also advises that from his experience it pays to replace coax periodically. He has been doing this recently using fully buriable RG213 (Buryflex) from the Wireman. (a few years ago I did the same thing, using RG213 I got from the Radio Bookstore...Barnacle Jack).

Kurt Pauer, W6PH, emailed this tip from Italy! Kurt puts a male to male UHF adapter and a female barrel on the back of his rigs to make it easier to access the antenna connector and to avoid cross threading the radio SO239. Sometimes he just uses a right angle UHF connector to accomplish the same thing.

Boxboro is coming up shortly and promises to be better than ever with a DX banquet Friday night, a terrific agenda for our YCCC meeting on Saturday (see elsewhere in this issue) and a chance to see and visit with old friends and new. Don't forget the CW copying contest Saturday morning hosted by Whitey, K1VV with awards to be given out the same afternoon. Now that beats even WRTC for figuring out who the winners are right after the contest!!!

73 Barnacle Jack W1WEF

FRC/YCCC Picnic

The 2002 rendition of the joint picnic went off on one of the nicest days of the summer so far! It was mid 80's, the location is super, and there was a breeze. You really could not ask for a better day. In all eight YCCC members met with probably the better part of 40 or maybe 50 FRC members. No one from PVRC made the trek unfortunately.



L to R Serge W2WB, Ira K2RD, Don K2KQ, Rich AA2MF, Chris N1XS, Jonathan W1CU and Ed NT2X. Missing Al W1FJ

The FRC crew brought plenty of hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages and all of the fixings you can imagine and they were there and cooking promptly. Alex W2OP (better known perhaps as V47KP) ran around urging that if you did not get enough to eat, it is your own fault.. He was right! I would highly recommend trying to make the picnic next year! It is a great time with people who seem to enjoy the camaraderie with us as much as the competition.

There were many folks who had been to Finland and they had many tales to tell of the Finn's efforts in WRTC, and some of the stations they had visited over there. Nestled in the conversations were their discussions of the "FRC filter" hard at work. They too are discussing their station improvements and brushing up on skills. And they were eager and willing to discuss their labors with us. These FRC folks are a great bunch of people. They are also great competitors, and although the topic never came up, it was apparently obvious that they are hoping that the final tally and post UBN summary tips the scales in their favor.

They are very proud to, several of them, together took their banner down at the end of the day, rolled it up nicely and placed it in the fancy carry case they have for it, and then they all went and took a moment to review our banner. I wondered what their thoughts were, for a moment, and then it occurred to me that there was a great respect that these folks had for the YCCC and what we have achieved, and that they were trying to remember this moment to inspire them to get in the chair, and do the best they can to regain what was once theirs. Let us not let that happen!

The YCCC Challenge 2002/3

The YCCC challenge is almost finalized! And after a lot of discussion, review and consideration we have decided to change a few things. You will note it is not a team challenge but a YCCC Challenge. The Team is the YCCC and we plan to recognize the members of the team who contribute to its success! We are going to recognize efforts by categories much the same as the contest categories are organized, but won't be limiting this to the categories of the contest itself.

We will recognize the usual categories of the contest (SO, SOA, M/S, M/2, M/M and the power levels) but will also recognize Rookie/Newbie efforts and Tribander/SE categories much as the WPX contests do. We are even creating a few categories of our own to recognize contributors like the Multi-op teams, Top Contributors, and maybe a few more.

In short if you contribute to the general welfare of the club, you will be recognized, and you will have an opportunity to win what we hope to be a few substantial prizes. Our goal is to recognize participation and support of the YCCC in its effort to achieve the stated goal of winning the major team competitions as a club. We are leaning toward recognizing you for your efforts in each contest, and we are discussing recognition for the aggregate of the four major contests. Maybe Sweepstakes, maybe WPX but definitely CQWW DX both modes and ARRL DX both modes.

It is also something that someone else once mentioned, I forget who, that one goal of the YCCC that if it's member wins a plaque that is un-sponsored that the YCCC sponsor that plaque. It does not matter what contest it is, but if you know of a YCCC member who wins a category that has a plaque that is un-sponsored, please let Chris N1XS, or Art W1RZF know and we will see that the plaque is sponsored.

We will have a formal announcement at the August meeting and will have more in future editions of the Butt. Please look for it, and if you are at Boxboro please attend the meeting and see what we have in store for you, the members of the YCCC Team to reward you for your contributions to the Team. It is as a Team that we win, and if we win, the Team deserves to be recognized. If you get out and support your Team, then we, your officers will see to it that those who have contributed are recognized!

A Contester's Dayton 2002 Report

Doug Grant, K1DG

Arrived in Cincinnati Thursday afternoon with K1AR. We flew there and rented a car to drive to Dayton since we both had enough frequent-flier miles on Delta to get from Manchester to Cincinnati. During the hour-long drive to Dayton, we had a small multi-multi going in the car. Both rigs were on 850 MHz (cell phones).

Got checked into the hotel after a small delay ("your room isn't made up yet, sir." "OK...give me another room, then"), then headed out to dinner with AR, N2AA, N6AA, G3SXW, PY5EG, and K2RED of CQ. We ate at the Spaghetti Warehouse, where there is a sign hanging on the wall advertising "Four-Square Lumber". When I pointed that out to the boys, N2AA began a speech ("Four square and seven years ago..."). According to Gene, the WRTC Team of N6AA and N6TJ was selected because both Maxwell and Edison are dead. The combined age of AA and TJ is 124, and they still can work 'em.

Back at the Crowne Plaza, K3ZO introduced us to K3RFL, who works for the local utility in Maryland, and fixes Fred's line noise problems. I asked how much he would charge to NOT fix the noise, and give the rest of us a chance against Fred. Many of the conversations Thursday night were "catching up" social discussions, with not much about ham radio. Layoffs, retirements, grandchildren, and college-shopping for upcoming graduates seemed to dominate the conversation.

Friday morning, John and I stopped at a McDonald's for breakfast en route to the arena. There was a sticker on the bag stating that our order had been "double-checked for accuracy". We wondered if N6AA or N6TR was moonlighting there.

At the arena, I toured inside a bit. The Kenwood area, usually very busy, was very empty. The Icom booth, on the other hand, was jam-packed, and had a slide show of the TI9M operation (which used IC756 Pro2s). GAP had a neat thing if you are a low-band antenna guy...they call it the "Justa Spreader", which is an adjustable gadget for holding two wires apart at a fixed distance. Perfect for multi-wire antennas or homebrew open-wire line. Then it was out to the flea market.

Cold and windy, this is where I think I caught the headcold that kicked in right when I got back home. I was surprised at the large number of people riding on motorized carts. Usually there are a few, but there seemed to be dozens. Later I noticed a booth inside renting them. Someone wondered if we will all be riding in them in 20 years, and maybe even operating mobile on them.

I've been looking for a cheap amplifier to put on 6 meters, since I've been bitten by that bug in the last year. I had in

mind an SB-200, which I expect to see for \$200 or so. At the Hosstraders flea market in May, there were several in the \$350-400 range. At Dayton, the going price seemed to be \$450-500. Now I regret selling the one I had 20 years ago.

Back inside, I found the "Alfa-Spid" rotator, being sold by AlfaRadio in Canada (www.alfaradio.ca, not affiliated with K1AlfaRadio). It's a rugged-looking unit, with worm-gear drive, and at least one has been holding a 3-element full-size 40 for most of a year, with no problems. It mounts to a standard T2X or similar plate, and accepts up to 2.1-inch pipe mast, with 8 bolts to hold it. Control box includes presets, etc., and only uses a 4-wire control cable. One warning - the rotator, built in Poland and sold by a Canadian company, uses metric bolts, so if you buy one buy some metric wrenches. Looks like a nice T2X upgrade, for \$530.

The inside and outside booths still include all the usual ham stuff, but a lot of non-ham stuff has now infiltrated even the indoor exhibits. It was sort of OK when the Beanie Babies showed up in the flea market, but this year, I found myself at one point turning 360 degrees, and seeing the following products for sale around me: cell-phone pouches, inkjet refills, Vidalia onions, Toshiba digital cameras, and cyanopoxy glue. No ham stuff. Hmmm.

Force 12 had a strange-looking antenna on display. It was a vertical, with something that looked strangely like a TV antenna for the top-loading. This is their "CC&R-friendly" vertical. Turns out there is an FCC rule regarding "Over-the-Air-Reception Devices" that permits an individual to install an antenna and mast for TV reception up to 12 feet tall, even if there are CC&Rs in effect. The New "Sigma-SV5" antenna will definitely receive TV signals, and is 11 feet, 11 inches tall. If you are stuck in a CC&R situation, check out www.force12.com for relief.

WX0B (www.ArraySolutions.com) had an expanded booth, and is now handling even more product lines of interest to contesters. One product is a full-size 80 meter vertical (\$1200). He also offers W7EL-design phasing systems (LC, not hybrids like the Comtek box), ProSisTel ("Big Boy") rotators, and the full line of K9AY receiving loop, preamp, and matching transformer products. The SO2R Master is still going well, with several modifications as people adapt it to their needs.

Thinking of operating portable? I saw a really cool little beam in the Yaesu booth. It's not a Yaesu product, but W6MMA (superantennas.com) makes it. At 7 pounds, and covering 20-6 meters (loading coils for some bands), this teeny 2-element beam might be very handy for a suitcase DXpedition to the Caribbean. Not sure I'd install one at 100 feet on a windy cliff, but I suspect that it would work just fine on 25 feet of light tubing tied to a post on a Zone 8 bungalow. About \$400.

Found an interesting product tucked away in a corner of the inside exhibits. It's called the "Time Machine", and enables you to record most of a band for hours at a time using a VCR or a PC sound card to record, and an HF receiver to listen to the playback (allowing you to tune around the band). The developer (www.expandedspectrumsystems.com) was playing back the 40M band as recorded in Florida during the ARRL DX Test. I bought one of these (about \$150 in kit form, takes 2 hours to build, or \$180 assembled), and have been playing with it a bit. I set it up on 40 meters, and went off to watch TV for a while. I came back an hour later, re-wound the tape, and listened on my 781 to various QSOs around the 40 meter band that had taken place. I have arranged for my Time Machine to be set up here in W1 during the WRTC contest, so I can play it back afterwards and compare our signal to the other stations (and see who was QRMing us, and what multipliers we missed on the band, etc.).

Dinner Friday was at the Pine Club, home of the best steaks in Dayton. Really. During the ordering process, N2NU requested Thousand-island dressing on his salad, to which K1TO commented "I didn't know you were an IOTA guy!". When we all arrived back at the Crowne Plaza, K1TO was wearing his Boston Red Sox hat. K2WR pondered the 'B' on the front, and asked Dan if he knew that the Dodgers had moved to Los Angeles (see, they used to be in Brooklyn a long time ago, when K2WR was young...).

The traditional YCCC Pizza-at-Midnight was once again a big success. Amazing how fast a half-full room fills up between 11:45 and midnight, and how fast 40 pizzas can disappear. Great publicity for the YCCC, and much appreciated by the couple hundred folks in the Contest Super Suite.

Saturday was more flea-marketing time. I didn't buy much that I can recall, but somehow the \$200 in my pocket kind of evaporated. Guess I bought some connectors and stuff. The Contest Forum in the afternoon included RSGB President and long-time contester G3PJT promoting the RSGB Contest Programme (including the Jubilee Contest); OH2BH and K7BV talking about WRTC preparations; N7NG handing out the SS gavels to the top Local, Medium, and Unlimited clubs, as well as a few comments on the controversy of earlier this year regarding possible reduction in contest coverage in QST; N5OT on operating console design ideas; and our own K2WR (and yours truly) with some humorous routines ("Next on the Hiram Percy Springer Show - Operators who spot themselves, the people who work them, and the people who spot the people who work the people who spot themselves").

The Contest Dinner Saturday included the induction of OZ1LO into the Contest Hall of Fame. Leif is probably every YCCer's Denmark multiplier in every contest on every band. The guest speaker was Dr. Joe Taylor, K1JT.

In addition to developing the WSJT series of weak-signal VHF modes, Joe has been a VHF contester off and on for about 40 years. Professionally, Joe was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for discovery of a new class of pulsars. He played a tape recording of the received signals from these things - one sounded like an electric fence, another sounded like the "Woodpecker" HF radar, and the last one (fast-rotating) sounded like a 1 kHz tone with some fading. He mentioned some of his other work in radio astronomy, including experiments at the Arecibo dish. According to Joe, the dish has enough gain to hear the echoes off the moon from a 440 MHz HT. Yep, even a Ph.D. physicist needs to play sometimes. But "kerchunking" the moon???

The KCDXC had their usual CW pileup competition going. The results were a bit surprising. The winner with 56 calls copied was fist-time player Yuri, VE3DZ (ex-VA3UZ, UT4UZ). Second was frequent winner W9WI (according to one observer, "he's just not right"), and third was Lali, VE3NE (ex-VA3RU, HA9RX). I am considering moving to Canada - there must be something in the water. I ended up in a tie at 10th place with K1AR, NCJ editor K9LA, and just-back-from-K1B S56A. Not bad company to tie with. YCCer K1VR placed 15th with a very respectable 43 calls copied.

For many years, I saw the same two guys from the Boston area at Dayton, sometimes even on the same plane. I never found out their calls...they're VHFers, and up until about 5 years ago, I always saw them together. Then the larger of the two disappeared, and I only spotted the skinny guy occasionally. It has become an ongoing search and now every year at Dayton, several people who read my annual Dayton report (including a couple of JAs, OH1EH, and numerous Ws) ask if I've seen "those two guys". They have no idea how famous they have become. I did not see either of them at Dayton this year, but I *did* see the skinny guy at the Hosstraders flea market. And all's right with the world.

Boxboro Meeting

The Boxboro New England division convention is around the corner. Our YCCC meeting will be on Saturday, Aug 24 at Boxboro, with the following terrific lineup:

- 1:00 PM Chris Terkla, N1XS President
1:30 PM Dean Straw, N6BV
"New Developments in Terrain Analysis and Easy Creation of Terrain Profiles"
2:15 PM Rich Gelber, K2WR
"Dr Schmendrick's New Products for Contesters"
Break
3:00 PM Chris Terkla, N1XS President
3:15 PM Tom Wagner, N1MM
"Windows Based Contest Logger Freeware"
4:00 PM Harry Wilson, W1AAX
"The Four Square...Build One!"

N1MM will have free copies of his software. Whitey, K1VV will award some handsome plaques to the winners of the CW copying contest which will run continuously Saturday morning. Stop in ...it will only take a few minutes and you may be a winner. Download RUFZ and PED (see the YCCC web page) and start practicing!

We may have a surprise guest!

Look forward to seeing you all there. JACK - W1WEF

New London Meeting Saturday, September 14th

We will have a special meeting on September 14th. It will be held at the US Navy Submarine Museum in New London, CT.



Ted, W3TB was able to arrange for us to get a room for a short business meeting and a short program stressing CQ WW plans. Most of the meeting will be for socializing, touring the museum and going aboard the Nautilus (SSN571).

Long Islanders can come over on the Orient Point Ferry.

(Contact W3TB, K2KQ or K1VV for more info)

Meeting Schedule - 2002/2003

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend! And while you're at it, bring a friend and a prospective member.

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October 5: Worcester, MA (Worcester State)
(W1RZF, K2KQ and N1XS)

Pizza party, awards, small pistol operating, warmup for CQ WW

Dec. 7: Worcester, MA (location TBA)

K1GW manager

ARRL Awards plus other topics

2003

Feb 1: Milford, CT

K2KQ manager

Antennas and propagation.

This location is accessible from I-95, I-91, Merritt Parkway and New Haven RR. Long Islanders can walk on the Port Jefferson ferry and get picked up at Bridgeport.

April 6: Worcester, MA (Worcester State)

N1XS manager

Elections and other topics

June 7: Portsmouth, NH

W6FC manager

Topics to be announced.

Please advertise the dates and places at your local clubs, we want to attract prospective new members. The area managers are encouraging joint meetings with local clubs.

Good examples are the Albany area, CARA in Connecticut and PCARC in New Hampshire.

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, Ed Parish, K1EP, 9 Spoon Way, N. Reading, MA 01864**

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