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Captain's Cabin

Jim McCobb, WILLU

Well this is my first time writing in the Cabin. As some of you may recall, I volunteered to replace Chris as President on April 3rd and I must admit that I have gotten my boots wet during the past few weeks---its been both interesting and fun. Thanks for the opportunity to be of service to the crew.

It's time for maintenance and upgrade. Contest season has more or less come and gone for the 03/04. Many of us I am sure are looking forward to next season and maybe improved stations and higher scores--just like the Red Sox. During the next few months I intend to put my 160 meter inverted L back up, install a ground screen under my 80 meter vertical. install a new switching system (done), perform some tower maintenance, relocate some equipment on the operating table and probably a few more things that I have not thought of yet. Also, I will continue to practice the code and my typing and hopefully improve on both. Hope many of you will join with me in performing similar tasks, so you will be ready for the 04/05 season upon its arrival. Don't forget that **we are all crew members on the same ship.** so please don't hesitate to post something on the site if you need some help with projects this spring, summer or (early) fall. Also, your area managers may be able to help directly or indirectly as well. If we work together we will accomplish more and maybe learn a few things as well.

The First Annual Raffle Program produced very good results---Chris and Ed did a great job on this. We now have quite a few happy winners and about \$3,000.00 left over. These funds will be split in half and be used for two projects as previously approved. The first will be a **youth scholarship program**, which will be managed and administered for us by the American Radio Relay League Foundation (ARRLF). The other project is the **DXpedition Program** which will sponsor a person to go on a DXpedition/Contesting event. For further details on these programs please see my past messages to crew members in early May, News Release at various sites or contact me for full details and an application

form for the DXpedition (President@YCCC.org). For those of you that want to start saving your quarters, we will be having another raffle next April, hopefully with prizes similar to this years. If any of you would like to provide input on the Raffle please don't hesitate to do so. For all of us that did not win a prize don't forget as New Englanders we are well trained early in life to just rack it up to "better luck next year," except when it comes to YCCC contesting.

And speaking of contesting. I am receiving input that suggests that if we lose our championship record, it is probably going to be because of that other mode (of which I am a practitioner)---Voice. It certainly appears that we have lots of great operators, but the effort is skewed toward CW. **If we are going to continue our winning ways** some more of you CW op's must also help us on Phone and with a bit of luck maybe we can convince some of you that have been idle of late to pick up your mic to add to our score. **Think CW and SSB.**

We have had a few job openings during my first weeks in office. **Some volunteers have stepped forward,** but there are still a couple of jobs open which are, in my opinion, quite important; those being area manager position for NNY and NEMA. The latter is one of our larger areas (members wise) and thus I am a bit surprised nobody has stepped forward yet to fill that position. Please help us out and I will provide support to you in your efforts. New jobholders include Dave Arruzza, WICTN and Mike Loudides, WIJQ as co-area managers for CT (203) as well as Ed Sawyer, NIUR, the area manager for WNH/SVT. Also, we have a new publisher; that being, John KO1H. Thanks for stepping in guys. The crew and I thank you for taking on these positions. Also, lets thank Ric Plummer, KV1W, and Bob Rogers, KB1LN for jobs well done as Badge Maker and Publisher respectively. Same kudos' as well go to Chris, Joe and Don, thanks for your hard work.

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The PICNIC. I have made tentative arrangements to hold the summer picnic with FRC on JULY 31, 2004, a Saturday, in Lagrangeville (Unionville), NY. The location is Tymor Park (which has several pavilions) is located off Taconic Parkway and route 84 in Dutchess County. It is by the way near K1ZM's place in Hopewell Junction. How about as many of you as possible marking this on your colander and join us in Unionville. FRC supplies and cooks the food and YCCC pays for the use of the park. **For those of you that decide to go, please let me know no later than July 15th**, so I can give the head count to the food people.

I am probably getting to the end of the space allotted to me, so I guess I better start wrapping it up. Since taking over I have received some **input regarding the club** and even some on my performance so far---good and not so good on both counts. How about some input from you---what are you happy about and what not? What are we not doing, what should we be doing more of? As a club, should we be operating in other contests, such as the SS or WPX? What do you think we can do to attract more contesters? What kind of topics would you like presented at meetings? We have lots of interesting people on our roster and of course we are known and respected enough to attract some very good outside speakers. So PLEASE let me hear what is on your mind. Your officers are anxious to accomplish some things, but we want to remain in tune with you, so please let us know what's on your mind. Ah, lets not forget that **Boxboro** is coming up on **August 14 and 15th** <http://www.boxboro.org> and please mark your calanders for **October 30 and 31 and again for November 27 and 28 for the COWWDX PHONE and CW respectively.**

73, Jim W1LLU

YCCC Regular Meeting April 3, 2004 Worcester, MA

This year's April meeting, normally the most heavily attended as it coincides with the election of officers for the coming year, produced the largest turnout in recent memory. With the Worcester State College Student Center unavailable, the meeting was relocated to the Holiday Inn in Worcester. A line of last-minute raffle ticket buyers snaked out the door of the too-small conference room and into the corridor, challenging Ed K1EP to manage the pileup (single-op, one cash box) so the regular meeting could get underway. Chris N1XS eventually called the meeting to order at 1:48pm with a round of introductions.

George W1EBI, secretary, reported that the club welcomed 18 new members during the previous 12 months. As of 31 March there were 424 active YCCC members, defined as members with dues paid up to at least 1 April 2003. As of the meeting date, members should have their dues paid to 1 April 2004 or later in order to remain in active status (and continue to receive Scuttlebutt). George also asked to be notified of any change in call sign, license class, email address, home address or phone numbers. Ed K1EP, treasurer, reported a balance in the club treasury as of 1 January of \$7,502. The raffle (more later) produced receipts of \$6,340 vs. expenses of \$3,299, for a net income of \$3,041 as of the start of the meeting. As previously announced, this income will fund the club's contributions toward youth DXpedition support and scholarships for young hams.

N1XS presented a huge fistful of "Drive for Five" award certificates to YCCC members who contributed points for operations large and small during the 2002-2003 contest season, and whose efforts allowed YCCC to successfully defend our position over FRC for the fifth consecutive year in the overall aggregate score for both ends of CQWW and ARRL DX. The top YCCC score producer was Dave NN1N, who contributed an astronomical 20,868,356 points while operating in all four major contests. Chris presented special YCCC Clipper and Schooner Awards to members contributing 10 million and 5 million points, respectively. These winners were:

Clipper Award (10 million or more points): K5ZD, K1AR, WC1M, W6PH, K1XM, K2KQ, K1DG, W1KM and W2WB.

Schooner Award (5 million or more points): W1WEF, K1ZM, KC1F, KM3T, K3NA, N1DG, KI1G, WA1S, W1UK, KM1P, K1KI, NB1B, K5MA, K2TE, AD1C, W1FV, K1CC, N7NG, W1FJ, N2MG, K7BV, KS1J, K1OA, K1JN, W1AO, K1EA, K1LZ, N1UR and N2GA.

Dave K1HT, scorekeeper, gave an update on the ARRL DX

2004 contest totals for our "Blitz for Six." YCCC aggregate for ARRL CW is 179 million-plus. Some ARRL SSB scores are still unreported, but total so far is 87 million-plus, for a total of 266 million. The CQWW 2003 totals show YCCC ahead of FRC, although we were outgunned on the phone side. Dave reminded us that we continue to be the Big Gun in CW, far less so in phone, so every point on phone is needed to be able to win the "Blitz for Six" and keep our bragging rights vs. FRC. Scores can be reported to scores@yccc.org or to 3830, and they will be captured by YCCC. Dave explained the score-reporting process, reminding all to spell out "Yankee Clipper Contest Club" in submitting logs.

Chris introduced a prospective new member, Peter Nordberg N1ZRG, who gave a brief bio and, in keeping with YCCC practice, was promptly voted into the club as its newest member.

Tom K1KI announced the upcoming Florida QSO Party in three weeks, a great warmup for the New England QSO Party one week later. There will be lots of prizes and plaques for this year's NEQP. Certificates for NEQP 2003 will be mailed prior to NEQP 2004, according to Tom. N1XS announced that YCCC was now sponsoring an FQP plaque formerly sponsored by K4OJ (SK), in memory of that outstanding contesteer and individual.

N1XS opened the matter of two suggested amendments to the club ByLaws. Chris mentioned that a typographical error had been discovered in Article VIII of the ByLaws, and that Mike K1TWF, an attorney and YCCC member, had advised that the club Constitution and ByLaws should be accurately worded. The article is presently worded as follows:

This constitution or the Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members attending a Regular meeting. Proposals for attendance must be submitted to the general membership prior to a regular meeting; proposals for amendments must then be submitted to the Secretary in writing at a Regular meeting and voted on at that meeting.

K2KQ proposed to amend the article to read as follows:

This constitution or the Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members attending a Regular meeting. Proposals for *amendments* must be submitted to the general membership prior to a regular meeting; proposals for amendments must then be submitted to the Secretary in writing at a Regular meeting and voted on at that meeting.

Chris also read a proposed amendment to the Bylaws that was submitted by Jim K1IR and published in the April issue of Scuttlebutt and which involved a new requirement that the club president present a line-item budget for the operating year, and that the membership approve the proposed budget by a 2/3 majority vote at a regular meeting. K1IR disagreed

that the proposed amendment (by K2KQ) correcting the typo in Article VIII conforms to Roberts Rules of Order, and he said that the amendment is coincidental with his proposed amendment, which he further said he has temporarily withdrawn. Jim felt that his proposal had been subject to significant obstruction by the club officers before it was eventually published in Scuttlebutt.

A lengthy and spirited discussion ensued on the subjects of ratification of previously discussed proposals; the absence of a defined "quorum" in the club Constitution/Bylaws; whether proposals should be published in Scuttlebutt prior to a meeting at which it is to be debated (K1VR); whether a special issue of Scuttlebutt is needed to inform membership of such proposals; the potential for lengthy periods between proposals and a formal vote; the relative degree of difficulty to amend the Constitution (hard) or Bylaws (less hard). K2KQ withdrew the motion for clarification of Article VIII of the Bylaws, and suggested addressing the quorum issue.

N1XS reminded the meeting that there will be an ARRL New England Division Convention and Hamfest in Boxborough (MA), August 14-15. Dave K1NQ will be coordinating YCCC activity at Boxboro 2004. Dave is also arranging the June regular meeting, tentatively scheduled for a Nashua (NH) location. It was noted that this would be two consecutive meetings in the northern part of YCCC territory.

Chris mentioned that part of the income from the Orion raffle would be used to fund DXpedition participation by young hams. Dennis NB1B and Joe K1JN volunteered to form a committee to select possible recipients. Chris mentioned the joint YCCC-FRC picnics, which have seen very light YCCC presence in recent summers. Approximately 15 members expressed interest in attending this year if the event were held in the Newburgh, NY, area off I-84. Chris will communicate with K3NM, FRC president. There was a strong show of hands favoring another YCCC picnic this summer, at the facilities at Southborough Rod & Gun Club or perhaps at Boxborough.

As this was the annual election of officers meeting, nominations were opened for three positions being vacated. Our newly elected officers for 2004-2005 are:

- Jim McCobb W1LLU, president
- Mark Olsen KF1V, vice president
- Dave Jordan K1NQ, activities manager

Both treasurer Ed Parish K1EP and secretary George Harlem W1EBI agreed to continue in those positions for the coming year.

Following the elections, Chris Terkla N1XS received a standing ovation for his outstanding contributions to YCCC as our president for the past two years.

After a break, Fred K1VR gave a presentation on successfully negotiating with local town and municipal zoning boards to obtain approvals to erect antennas. Fred laced his excellent talk with droll humor, illustrating with photos some examples of "good" and "bad" methods of supporting zoning variance applications. The key watchword, according to Fred, is "benign." He emphasized the importance of showing a typical tower-mounted antenna as part of the landscape (=good), and not, beautiful though we hams consider them to be, as close-up portraits (=bad). Fred advised not to portray what the public cannot see and not to take photos from locations where the public will not go. He touched on issues of grandfathering, certificates of completion (obtain them), and building code interpretations by town building inspectors (be prepared to challenge them).

The meeting closed with the Main Event—the raffle. There had to be some winners, so here are the lucky members:

Ten-Tec Orion	W1QA	
Icom 706MkIIIG	K1IR	
Radioware Bury-Flex coax		AK1N
Bencher BY-1 paddle	N1DC	
Heil Pro Set Plus	W1VE	
ARRL books	KX1X, K2KQ,	
	KV1J, N1RR,	
	N2GC & K1EO	

Congratulations to all the winners, including the future winners of the other benefits of the raffle—the young hams selected for DXpeditions support and college scholarships.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
George Harlem W1EBI

2004 WRTC-Style Team Competition

The WRTC-Style Team Competition will be held again this year, during the IARU-HF Championship on July 10 and 11. The rules are identical to last year and can be read at www.wwdxc.org/wrtcrule.htm.

Last year there were eighteen teams from three continents and everyone had a lot of fun. (The results were written up in the Nov/Dec 2003 issue of the National Contest Journal.) If you are looking for a new challenge this summer, why not put together a team and join the fun?

(Thanks to Ward, N0AX)

Flotsam & Jetsam

Jack Schuster W1WEF w1wef@arrl.net

Here's an interesting story from George Harlem, W1EBI. George writes: I was rummaging around in my old box of QSL cards from the 50's and 60's when I was (a much younger) W3CMN, found a card from a 1956 QSO on 40M CW with Douglas Wooley, K4EZL, in Vienna, VA. The name looked familiar. Doug is now familiar DXer ZP6CW, whom I (and probably most or all YCCC members) have worked several times. We have since emailed each other about our early days in ham radio as kids in junior high school over 47 years ago. Unlike me, Doug said he has remained active throughout the last near-half-century, on the air virtually every day--and always CW! Doug retired 14 years ago from his Foreign Service job as a communications officer at U. S. embassies around the world. His xyl is a Paraguayan (and a ham, ZP6CU), so Doug has settled in ZP where, he says, he gains an automatic 5dB. His hilltop QTH doesn't hurt, and while he says he doesn't have telephone service at the house, he does enjoy 24x7 3.5GHz Internet connectivity! I sent Doug his original QSL, which he plans to frame for the shack.

Good news from Rohn! The Canadian company that bought them last year is restarting manufacture in Peoria IL. A good source BTW for Rohn at good prices is Hill Radio which is located about twenty miles from Peoria. Thanks Dave Patton , NN1N, for this info.

Speaking of Rohn, I just finished painting my 108 ft Rohn 25 tower. If I ever had it to do over, it would be Rohn 45, but I decided it was too much work to rebuild the whole thing with new 45 now, and settled for a paint job. After asking on the Reflector what others have used, with several recommendations for a product called Zero Rust available on the Internet, I decided to use a paint that was available locally at Lowes. One quart of Professional grade Rustoleum covered the whole tower. I first used steel wool on the surface rust, and then used a Loctite rust reformer called "EXTEND", sold under the Duro label on the rusty surfaces. I applied it with a brush, and strongly suggest not using the version sold in a spray can. It is almost ALWAYS windy on the tower, and most would be sprayed into the air or your eyes. When the reformer dries, it turns the rusty surface black and inhibits further rusting. It can be painted after a few hours. To paint the tower, I dumped part of my quart can into a gallon bucket, and used a painting mitt that I found in Home Depot. The mitt is a simulated lambs wool, and made the job real easy with excellent coverage. My only complaint was that the mitt (Tufpro) fit poorly and the built in plastic liner and cuff didn't cover my wrist. I would find a good rubber glove to wear under it if I did it again. The mitt was only about \$2.50, and I did 50 feet of tower in about two hours.

Before painting, I took all the coax off the tower. I had used LMR400 on the three TH6's, and where I had splayed the end to attach to the antennas, the foam insulation had just crumbled from the sun. On my 40-2CDs where I did the same thing with RG213, the polyethylene insulation stood up just fine. I decided to get a new roll of RG213 (good deal from Craig at Radioware in NH) and brought down three equal lengths to my remote switch box at the bottom of the tower. Previously I had the box at 75 ft. My homebrew control box lets me pick any of the three antennas individually or any stack (paralleled) combination without special matching. SWR isn't much over 2:1 in the worst cases. A reminder re stacking...watch the phasing of your coax connections. If the center conductor goes to the left side of the driven element on one antenna, make certain you connect the center conductor to the same side on the others!

We left the Cape at just about 4PM on Saturday of the New England QSO Party. My navigator (aka Natalie) figured out what counties we were in, and gave me the abbreviations from the list I had brought to the Cape. When I worked Rick, KIIG in RI I wondered why he gave the abbreviation KEN when I was using KNT RI. I knew I was close to Rick's QTH, and later found out there was a choice of a 5 or a 3 letter abbreviation. I hope everyone I worked figured out where I was! I operated from 8 counties on the trip home, all on 20 CW.

A friend on the Cape, WV1K, bought Ward Silver's (N0AX) new book "Ham Radio for Dummies". Matt said he opened the book and guess whose picture was there? Well, I don't really think Ward was using me as an example of a dummy...was he? Hi

I passed a tip along in an earlier Butt regarding cleaning tarnished copper. In replacing my boat trailer lights (an annual chore... LED lights are not yet available to fit my trailer) ...I found that the copper was just unbelievably black on the trailer wiring when I cut and stripped it to connect to the new lights. I am sorry to report that the solution of salt and vinegar did not touch it in this case, because it wasn't just tarnished copper from oxidation, but contamination from the wire insulation! That trick DOES work well for tarnished pennies though.

73, Barnacle JACK
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**June General Meeting
Saturday, June 5
Nashua, NH
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

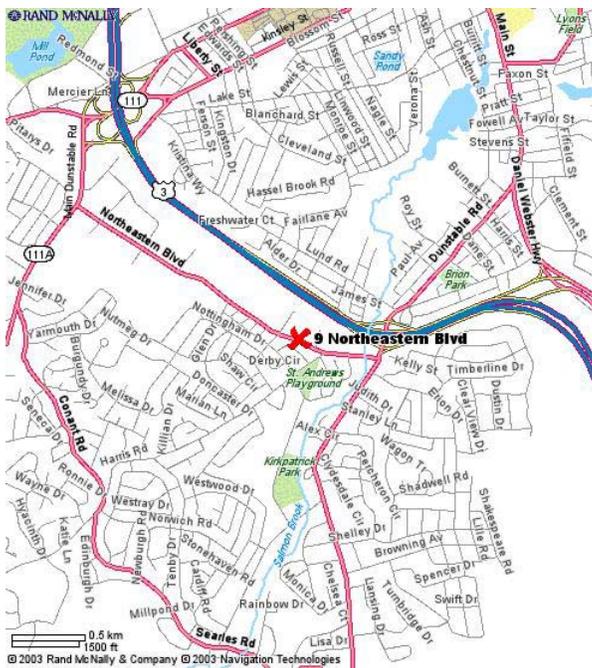
Date: June 5, 2004 , 1:00PM to 5:00PM
Where: Holiday Inn, 9 Northeastern Blvd., Nashua, NH
Directions: Exit 4 from US 3

Contact: David Jordan, K1NQ jordand@tycoelectronics.com

On the agenda:

Mike Bernock, N1IW, MicroDem and HFTA - How to use HFTA and MicroDem to analyze your antennas

Dave Jordan, K1NQ- What you logs are telling you, an introduction to analyzing you log and station capability See PPT article at: <http://www.yccc.org/Articles/articles.htm>



**5th Annual YCCC & FRC Joint Picnic
Saturday July 31, 2004 - Noon to 7pm
Tymor Park,
Lagrangeville, NY 12540**

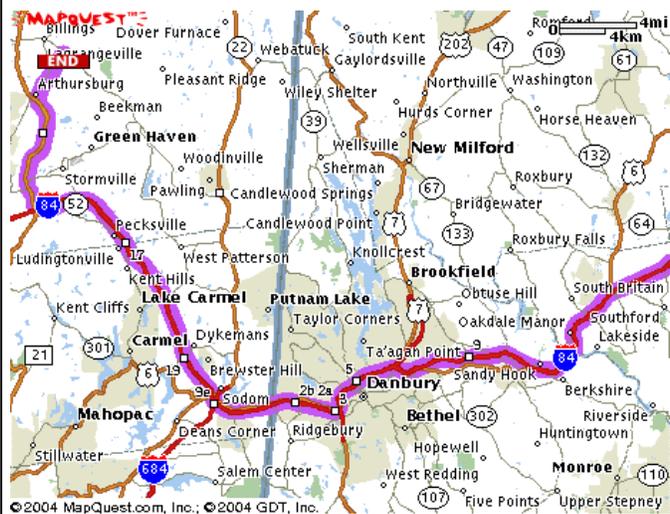
Detailed directions will be on the YCCC Website. It is off the Taconic State Pkwy, which is off Route 84.

This is a program that is now in its 5th year and hopefully counting into the future. We have chosen this location because of its proximity to major highways (84, MA Pike, etc.) and it's in our territory. As a matter of fact K1ZM is close by and so is W2RE. Hopefully they will both be able to drop over and join us.

Here's how it works. We get the location and pay for it. They in turn obtain the food and do the cooking. It's as simple as that. I am told by those in the area that this is a great place to have a picnic. It has a pavilion which will cover us should the rain join us. The park provides bathrooms, parking and a large portable grille.

By the way, I thought that is was important to give you this flash for your calendar and I promise to fill in with more details on the facility and directions soon and let you know if electricity will be readily available.

As far as I know, this is not a contest weekend. Hopefully many of you will attend. As in the past, bring your own deserts and beverages. It probably won't hurt to bring along gloves, balls and other sports equipment for those of you (like me) that can't sit still too long and want some exercise. Yes, I will be going. So please make an effort to meet and rub shoulders with some of our competition. It will be fun if you show.



Movers and Shakers

New Callsign

John, KD1IA is now KO1H

New CT(203) Area Co-Managers

Dave, W1CTN darruzza@snet.net
& Mike, W1JQ mikel@oreilly.com

New WNH/SVT (Rural VT & NH) Area Manager

Ed, N1UR sawyer@earthlink.net

New Scuttlebutt Publisher

John, KO1H

New Publisher

Please join with me in congratulating John in his new position as Publisher of the Scuttlebutt and wish him well. Also, I want to take this opportunity to thank Bob, KB1LN, for having filled the position in the recent past. I wish him well as a newly "retired" volunteer to YCCC. Hopefully we will again see him as a volunteer some time in the future. - Jim, W1LLU

Dayton 2004 Antenna Forum

"The Basics of How Antennas Work" Bill Parker, W8DMR

"Selected Terrain Studies for Optimum HF Station Performance" Dean Straw, N6BV

"SlippNott Rotator Enhancements" Tom Taormina, K5RC (presented by K3LR)

"The W8JI Antenna Notebook" Tom Rauch, W8JI

"An Investigation Into Ground Systems for Best HF Performance" Rudy Severns, N6LF

"W6NL 40 meter Moxon Yagi" David Leeson, W6NL (presented by K3LR)

"Propagation Software Review" Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA

Presentations online at: <http://www.kkn.net/dayton2004/>

Area Managers Wanted

Locations Available---

Northeast Massachusetts (NEMA)

Northern New York. (NNY)

The compensation--- you will make me look good at my first attempt to do something (this is very important). Will be very rewarding for you, your area and the yccc. Will look good on your resume. You will feel needed and appreciated (this is very important for all of us). You will be able to help and guide your area group. Will add to your experience in working with and guiding your peers. You will be both teacher and student at the same time enhance your leadership skills. Will better prepare you to run for office in the yccc.

Job description--- you will be tasked with encouraging and assisting club members in your area.. Conduct "local" meetings for such purposes as contest university. You will recruit new members. Get your members ready for contests. Keep them apprised of major events. Represent the yc cc in your area (very important). Help coordinate antenna parties. Help and guide the newbies. Find stations for them to operate at and get some experience. Attend ;local club meetings and make presentations on contesting and the yccc. And more--- its what you make it into. A very self-satisfying kind of opportunity.

Hours/time--- honestly, i don't know because i have never done it, but many others have so give them a call and find out. But again, my guess is that it will turn out to be what you want it to be time wise.

Support--- we have more than 400 members and growing, many will be willing to give you assistance and guidance and will pitch in when asked. Your peer area managers will provide advice and guidance. I promise that i will help in any way possible---honest.

Skills required--- ham radio license, a sincere interest in contesting and enthusiasm.

Apply to--- Jim McCobb, W1LLU@verizon.net or 978-363-1619 (voice) or 978-363-2430 fax.

A few volunteers will be greatly appreciated by me, the members in the areas needing a manager and the club in general. Thanks.

73, Jim W1LLU

YCCC DXpedition Program

The purpose of this program is to encourage youth and new amateurs to participate in contesting.

The source of funding is one half of profit derived from the Yankee Clipper Contest Club's (the "Club") Annual Raffle Program. Should the amount allocated to this program exceed \$1,500.00, the Board may make a second award or roll any excess funds into the following year's DXpedition Program.

Youth is defined to be between 14 and 21 years old and a new amateur, 22 or older, is defined as one holding a first time license for less than one year.

The award will cover costs up to \$1,500.00 (for 2004) for the winner to participate in a DXpedition/Contest for up to one week. The award is for airfare, lodging and a stipend for \$150.00. The award must be used within 12 months of being announced.

Applicants must live within the Club's territory and submit a copy of his/her license (General Class or higher only) in their application package, which would also include a resume, if under 21 a letter from parents, and an essay as later described. Package would be submitted to the DXpedition Program Committee of the Club.

Applicants under 21 years old must have written approval from their parents. The winner if under 21, must submit written parental consent and release the Club from liability. A winner 21 years or older will also be required to sign a release of liability.

Applicants must submit an essay comprised of not more than 300 words describing "Why I would like to go on a DXpedition" or "Why I enjoy contesting."

The application period will be from May 1st to July 15th.

Final decisions regarding the winner will be made by the Board of Directors of the Club based on a recommendation from the DXpedition Program Committee and be announced no later than August 31.

The winner will receive a free one-year membership in the Club.

The winner must join a Club authorized DXpedition to participate in one of the four major contests---ARRLDX or the CQWDX (CW or Phone).

There must be current Club members in attendance on the DXpedition and resulting contest scores must be credited to the Club.

The Treasurer will be responsible for distributing the money.

The winner will not qualify for a second trip.

May 1, 2004

Yankee Clipper Contest Club, Inc. Youth Scholarship Fund

The Youth Scholarship Fund (the "Fund") will be in "Memory of past and future Silent Keys of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club" (the "Club").

The American Radio Relay League, Inc. Foundation ("ARRLF") will administer the program based on a written agreement with the Club, which may be modified from time to time by the Club's Board of Directors.

The source of funding for the Fund will be one-half of the profit derived from the Club's Annual Raffle Program.

Each year the money allocated to the Fund will be delivered to the ARRLF via check as soon as practical after the raffle has been completed and all expenses paid.

It is the desire of and directive from the Club that the amount of the annual scholarship awarded be no less than the amount donated to ARRLF, plus any interest earned; and it is to be awarded to one candidate. If the amount so allocated in any given year exceeds \$2,000.00, the excess will be rolled forward for the following year's award.

The award shall be made to a student enrolled in a 2 or 4-year degree program at an accredited College or University.

It is expected that the funds provided to the ARRLF in any given year will be awarded within a period of one year from the date of receipt.

Awards will be made only to a holder of a current General Class (or equivalent) or higher Amateur License.

How the person is chosen by ARRLF is solely up to that organization as long as the terms of reference supplied by the Club are adhered to.

The person to whom the scholarship is awarded must reside or attend college or university within a radius of 175 miles from the Club's center, which is, according to its By-Laws, Erving, Massachusetts. See "radius" map attached.

May 1, 2004

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 or 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**

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 MS-Word 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.

Advertising in Scuttlebutt: Nominal Business Card sized ad, \$50 per year (6 appearances)

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 Bob Rogers KB1LN@yahoo.com

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 posed on the YCCC website. 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 **Hudson** John Crovelli, W2GD **Atlantic** Rus Healy, K2UA
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ARRL LIAISON: Tom Frenaye, K1KI.

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Type	Place
June 5 th	http://www.yccc.org	Holiday, Inn Nashua, NH

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Next General Meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club

Saturday, June 5th – 1:00PM - 5:00PM

Holiday Inn, 9 Northeastern Blvd - Nashua, NH

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