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**Next Meeting-
Saturday, April 6th – 1 PM till 4:30PM
Sturbridge Host Hotel
Sturbridge, MA**

Captain's Cabin

Tony Brock-Fisher, K1KP

Well folks, the 2012-2013 Major contest season is a wrap! From the early indications, it looks like we have done a great job putting up big numbers, but we will have to wait as always for the final results to be published. ARRL DX is much tighter than CQWW. Scorekeeper Alec will have an update for us at the April meeting – but let me tell you I've had a sneak peek at the numbers, and its close enough that log checking and accuracy could very well make the difference as to which club wins. The bottom line is that scores are related to contest participation, and your officers think this is a great indication that we are on the right long-term track as a club. Our thanks to everyone for getting on, working together, and running up the scores. I'm sure we can look forward to a lot of awards being handed out at the October meeting!

Although the 'Major' season is over, there are still plenty of great contests to enjoy. WPX SSB is imminent as this is being written – so if you still have the hunger for the hunt, there are opportunities available. As the weather continues to get warmer, and New England's week-long season of Spring approaches, our thoughts turn to summer projects. Its time to start planning for those antenna upgrades and repairs to get ready for next year. As you work out your plans, feel free to use the YCCC reflector to bounce around ideas – chances are someone has faced the same problem and come up with a nifty solution.

Dayton is not too far away either, and that's a great chance to see what's new. It looks like the Kenwood TS-990 super-rig is almost actually available to mere mortals. I got to touch the one on display at HRO – I'm looking forward to an adventurous YCCCer taking the plunge – if you're the first, we'd love to host a show-and-tell on it at a meeting.

Looking farther into the summer, the full dress rehearsal for WRTC will be coming up on the weekend of July 13th and 14th. I'm sure many members will be 'out there', like myself, training to provide support for the Main Event coming next year. Be Safe, Have Fun!

April 6th meeting – Sturbridge Host

When planning meetings, it always seems to follow the same pattern. At first, a sense of panic sets in as I fear that we won't be able to find enough good interesting content. Then members volunteer to do some really exciting presentations, and by the time we put together the program, we have more than enough material to fill the 3.5 hours. The April meeting is no exception! In no particular order, here are some of the items that will appear at the Sturbridge Host on April 6th:

Mike Corey, K1IU, will give a presentation on the Azores 9 Island Hunt. This was described in QST recently – Mike was on the DXpedition and will give us full presentation. Brian Machesney, K1LI, recently traveled to V31 for the ARRL DX phone weekend, and in preparing for this trip, Brian designed an innovative Moxon antenna where he solves some problems to make the antenna work well on multiple bands.

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Directions to Sturbridge Host Hotel

Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center is located on Route 20.

- From the North, East and West, take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate 90) to Exit 9, Route 20 West.

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Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center is located on the shore of Cedar Lake, just past the first set of traffic lights.



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Yankee Clipper Contest Club Meeting Minutes

Enfield, CT - February 2, 2013

Tony K1KP called the meeting to order promptly at 1 PM.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given. K1XM made a motion to accept which was seconded by KQ1F and the motion carried.

Tony K1KP asked if there was any unfinished business. There was none.

Tony K1KP made the following announcements:

The YCCC has a very nice lead over FRC in the CQWW DX contests

There will be Contest University at the ARRL HQ on February 13th at 6:30 pm until 9:30pm. Tickets for the K-3 scholarship raffle will be available at this event.

Brian NJ1F talked about the possibility of a By-Law change which would simplify the dues structure, maybe eliminating the multi-year discount, and changing the dues year. Other changes would include changing the need for a former member who's dues have lapsed beyond the grace period from having to attend a meeting to rejoin. The reasons for these changes is that there seems to be confusion when a member who is in the grace period (one year behind), pays dues and takes a multi-year discount which they were not eligible because they are not "Current". One other problem is that both CQ and the ARRL require the Secretary to submit a list of eligible members. Every contest season we have several scores from members who are not eligible to be counted for the club. Chet N8RA, Tony K1KP and Brian NJ1F would like to hear ideas and suggestions from the members on these issues.

Chuck W1IHS gave a quick update on his propagation for the upcoming ARRL contest. Basically he expects it to be very good and will be posting to the reflector a URL to his complete forecast in the next week.

K1DG gave an update on the WRTC 2014. The three goals of the WRTC 2014 are. 1) Fair Competition, 2) Ensure that all participants and guests have an excellent experience, 3) Promoting Ham Radio to the public in the region and beyond. The judging Committee members have been announced. The YCCC's K1ZZ, will be joining K1TO, EY8MM, G3XTT and N6AA. They hope to be announcing the Headquarters hotel in the next month. The WRTC will be doing another test in this year's IARU contest and is looking for more volunteers to help with, Beam Teams, Site Setup and Operating. Doug also announced that there will be a "Training Session" sometime in April this is for anyone interested in help and will highlight the proper setup of the WRTC provided equipment. Those who attend this session will be entered into a raffle for one of the complete WRTC stations equipment after the 2014 event. Complete details, updates and to volunteer are at the WRTC website www.WRTC2014.org

Next Tony K1KP did Video Station Tour of his station. Tony has posted his video on YouTube for those members who were not able to attend. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSKig4Xb93U&list=HL1359026144&feature=mh_lolz

Jim W1EQO then gave a presentation with hands on demos of working with surface mount components. Jim's presentation showed that with a few special tools and practice you can easily work with SMT's.

A new member Phil N1DN told the group about himself and his goals in contesting. K1XM made a motion to welcome Phil to the club which was seconded by N1JW the motion carried.

Dennis W1UE then gave a presentation on his experience building and operating a remote station as well as a live demonstration. Dennis began this remote operation by just controlling a K-3 on a single band and antenna. However during the following months it has grown into a full remote control of the W1KM Super Station, Including 7 rotors, All antennas and the Amps. The upcoming YCCC MOAS project is at the heart of the remote operation. As a side note the MOAS allows W1KM to quickly reconfigure the station from Multi Multi to a Single Op 2 Radio in minute's vs hours. Dennis results from operating the station remotely in the contest. ARRL 160 over 500 QSO's, StewPerry 500 QSO's, and NAQP CW 700 QSO's.

Next Chet N8RA gave a very informative presentation on wind torque balancing your antennas. If you suffer with broken rotors, and beams twisting on the mast then this was a presentation for you. Chet shared with the group several techniques he has employed to eliminate the before mentioned issues from his station.

Next another Video Station Tour of N7GA was given.

Terry W1TR then gave a presentation about his purchase of a whole house generator. The purchase of this was prompted by the Halloween 2011 storm that left Terry without power for over a week. Terry outlined how he selected the unit based on the current draw of the house, types of fuel, and transfer panel. One other factor for Terry's choice was can his XYL and family operate the generator when he is out of town?

A motion was made by K1XM to sponsor another tent at the WRTC-2014 and was seconded by NF1L and the motion carried.

Tony K1KP adjourned the meeting at 4:55

Submitted
Brian NJ1F

YCCC Secretary

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Proposed Constitution Change

Proposed changes in Red bold	Change reason
<p>Constitution Article VI [as amended 07 February 1999] [as amended 05 February 2005] The Club, by majority vote of those present at a Regular or Special meeting and with a super quorum present and voting, may levy such dues as are deemed necessary for the operation of the Club.</p> <p>Payment of current dues shall be a pre-condition for delivery of the YCCC Scuttlebutt (in either paper or electronic form), participation in the Club's e-mail reflector, and shall also be a precondition for participation in the Club's various awards programs, e.g.: YCCC Challenge, general awards programs (mugs/certificates/top gun pins/etc.).</p> <p>A lapsed member can reinstate their lost privileges by paying current dues.</p> <p>Payment of dues shall not be a precondition for submission of member scores to the YCCC Club aggregate in competitions.</p> <p>Lapses in member dues payments exceeding twelve months shall cause the member to be dropped from the YCCC active roster.</p> <p>However, any former member may again stand before the Club at any meeting for re-election to active status as prescribed in Article I.</p>	<p>Started new paragraph for clarity. Added current dues as a prerequisite for participation in the Club e-mail forum. Deleted redundant words.</p> <p>Added sentence to define the way to regain full Club benefits.</p> <p>Made this sentence a separate paragraph for emphasis.</p> <p>Deleted sentence. Effects of dues lapse are spelled out above.</p> <p>Deleted sentence. The practice of standing again before the Club after a dues lapse is seldom followed and is often impractical. Reinstatement of member privileges is now defined above.</p>

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<p>By-law 2. Membership New members shall be enrolled after attendance at a Regular, Special or Local Area meeting, presentation of an application for membership, election into the Club, and payment of current dues.</p> <p>After joining, members are expected to keep their dues current and are highly encouraged to contribute to the Club aggregate scores in the major contests listed in Article VII.</p>	<p>Add words: for consistency with Article I of the Constitution</p> <p>Added paragraph to define what is expected of Club members.</p>

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<p>By-Law 6. Dues</p> <p>An annual dues assessment covering the period 1 April – 31 March (defined as the YCCC Contest Season) calendar year is hereby levied pursuant to Article VI of the Constitution to meet current Club operating expenses. Being current with Club dues is a precondition for delivery of the Club newsletter in either paper or electronic form and is also a precondition for participation in the various Club awards programs that shall be offered to members.</p> <p>The dues assessment schedule may be modified from time to time by a majority vote of the membership, with a super quorum present and voting, resulting in the automatic amendment of the applicable By-Laws.</p>	<p>Simplify the dues structure and change the amount for receipt of paper newsletter to reflect current costs.</p> <p>Change to the calendar year to eliminate confusion in what period is current or lapsing.</p> <p>Deleting redundant statement already in Article VI.</p>

<p>The dues assessment schedule is as follows:</p> <p>Full Member (FP) \$15 (Eligible for YCCC awards programs and electronic “Ebutt” delivery of Club newsletter) \$20 \$30 (Eligible for YCCC awards programs and paper delivery of Club newsletter) Full Member (FE)</p> <p>Family Member (FM) \$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.)</p> <p>Student Member (ST) \$10 (Grants full membership to students at a reduced level. Eligible for YCCC awards programs and paper or electronic delivery of the Club Newsletter.)</p> <p>Subscription (SU) \$** (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 \$10 for electronic “Ebutt” delivery domestically or overseas \$20 for overseas paper delivery, or \$15 \$25 for domestic paper delivery.)</p> <p>A former member who has moved out of the Club area may continue to participate in the Club’s e-mail reflector and receive the electronic newsletter at no cost.</p> <p>Term Membership (TM) A member may choose to pay multiple years in advance. For electronic/paper Scuttlebutt, two years will be \$25 and \$35 respectively; three years will be \$40 and \$50 respectively and for five years \$60 and \$80 respectively. [as amended 19 January 1980] [as amended 06 February 1988] [as amended 29 July 1995] [as amended 07 February 1999] [as amended 05 February 2005]</p> <p>6A. When circumstances warrant, and upon the approval of a majority of the Club officers, payment of dues for an individual member may be waived for a period of two years. [as amended 03 April 1993] [as amended 05 February 2005]</p>	<p>All dues already paid will be honored.</p> <p>Encourage Ebutt option by listing it first. The cost to the Club for sending a paper copy of the newsletter is now greater than \$11 per year, with further increases in mailing and publishing costs anticipated.</p> <p>Note: During phase-in, a Full Member paid thru March 2013 or a later year need only pay \$20 (if FP) or \$10 (if FE) to be paid in full for the remaining 9 months of that calendar year.</p> <p>No change.</p> <p>No change. Note: A Student Member paid thru March 2013 need only pay \$5 to be paid in full for the remaining 9 months of 2013.</p> <p>Encourage Ebutt option by listing it first. Eliminate overseas paper mailing option due to rising cost to Club. Change differential for domestic paper delivery to be same as proposed for full membership.</p> <p>Note: A Friend of YCCC paid thru March 2013 need only pay \$15 for paper or \$5 to be paid in full for calendar year 2013</p> <p>Sentence added to recognize former members and keep them informed.</p> <p>Delete option. Paying in advance offers no financial advantage to the Club, presents ambiguity, and causes confusion about what amount to send in or what years to credit.</p>
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Our new concept, the Video Station Tour (VST) has caught on, and we will have VSTs from Jack, W1WEF and Jeff, VY2ZM.

We have two items of club business to attend to: First is the election of Officers for the coming year. I am very pleased to announce that the entire slate of Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Activities Manager) will be running for re-election. I could not ask for a better team! Also, we have a proposed amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws pending for a motion and vote. The proposed amendment is published on the club website and also in this issue of the Scuttlebutt. In brief, this amendment was developed by the officers to streamline and simplify the administration and processing of dues – I hope it will gain your support.

Finally, the moment I know many have been eagerly awaiting – the drawing for the YCCC sponsored Youth Scholarship Raffle prize – an Elecraft K3/100! This will occur as long as we sell enough tickets to meet our break-even point. Historically, we sell many tickets at the April meeting just before the drawing – I hope you will remember to bring your cash or checkbook to support this great cause – you might ride home with a new K3!

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YCCC Contest University at ARRL Head Quarters Report

A contest university was held at that ARRL HQ on Wednesday evening February 13, 2013.

There were 19 members, Professors and one FRC spy in attendance.

Tony called the university in session at 6:30 and one of the first orders of business was by Sean KX9X the ARRL contest director who presented to Tony the gavel for winning last year's ARRL DX contests.

The professors K1DG, N1MM, W1RM, K1KP, NN1N and W1UE gave interactive presentations and discussions on all phases of the contest. The number one rule of contesting is to have fun. The university graduated at 9:30 PM.

Thank you to KX9X, NN1N and K1ZZ for hosting the Contest University.



KX9X Presenting the Gavel to Tony K1KP

Submitted
Brian NJ1F
YCCC Secretary

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YCCC Sponsored ARRL Youth Scholarship Raffle!!

Drawing to be Held at April Meeting (pending sufficient ticket sales)

Tickets \$25, Grand Prize is an Elecraft K3/100 Kit!!

This is your last chance to buy tickets this year – please remember to bring cash or check for tickets!

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 (\$35/2 yr) (Eligible for YCCC awards programs and paper delivery of Club newsletter)

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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, Chet Slabinski, N8RA, 462 W. Hill Rd, New Hartford, CT 06057.**

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CLUB GOODIES

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YCCC LOGO ITEMS <http://www.cafepress.com/n1ik>

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MEMBERSHIP ROSTER is posed on the YCCC website. Updates are published in 'Movers and Shakers' when members move or change call signs.

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