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Next Meeting: Sunday: April 12th – 1:00 – 4:30 pm
Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center
366 Main Street - Sturbridge, Massachusetts 01566

Captain's Cabin

Tony Brock-Fisher, K1KP

Open House!!

I can still remember the path that lead me to join YCCC two and a half decades ago. The first I ever heard of YCCC was after I worked a YL on 40 Sideband in the 1986 CQWW contest, I got a QSL card from Charlotte, KQ1F. It was a light blue card with a Clipper ship on it. So what is the Yankee Clipper Contest Club anyway? I wondered what they did?

This was just after the third rebirth of my personal ham radio career. I had been licensed at 14 in 1967 and because of a lack of CW interest, I parked myself on 6m phone for many years. Out of high school and into college, other distractions and lack of funds took their toll as I sold off my gear and went dormant. A few years later I had a professor in grad school whom I converted from CB to hamdom; he challenged me to take my Advanced and Extra; on a bet I crammed a few days for the CW exams, took them at the Customs House, and miraculously passed! Back into it again, I built a Heathkit HW-101 and had a bunch of fun. But a new career and a few failed marriages again put the old 101 and everything else on the block.

They say third time's a charm, and so it was with me. In the mid-eighties a ham friend from work invited me to come along to Hosstraders one spring, and the bug bit good and hard once again. I bought a used TS-520, threw up a dipole, and started chasing DX. But I wanted more! I wanted to learn everything there was to learn about HF, antennas, DXing. This was before the internet, and the ARRL Antenna book just wasn't enough. I needed more – more contact with real local hams who knew *stuff!*

So one Sunday I screwed up my courage, and my XYL and I snuck into the back of YCCC meeting in Sturbridge. Bill, N1CQ was giving a talk on how the twisting moment of large antennas could tear open tower legs. I had hit the mother lode! This was like the kid that tinkered with the pickup on the farm, wandering into the pits at Indy! I filled out the form, nervously introduced myself, and the rest, as they always say, is history.

So why this trip down memory lane? My point is that this was my path to YCCC. Everyone of us probably has a similar story to tell. Maybe some got a YCCC QSL card, or met the club on the air, or at another contester's station, or maybe even at Boxboro. To all our members: I'm glad you found YCCC, liked what you saw, and joined up. But there are more hams out there who haven't met us yet!

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DIRECTIONS to YCCC April Meeting:

Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center

366 Main Street

Sturbridge, Massachusetts 01566

Sunday, April 12th, 2015

1:00 – 4:30 pm



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. From the South, take either Interstate 84 or Route 131 to Route 20 West. 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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Announcing...



The Yankee Clipper Contest Club Open House

Sunday, April 12, 2015
1-4:30pm

Sturbridge Host Hotel
366 Main Street
Sturbridge, MA 01566

Yankee Clipper Contest Club, one of the largest Ham Radio clubs in the Northeast, is proud to open its doors to the general Ham population of the area! We invite all hams to come and experience one of our meetings. We will be presenting special material, of interest to all hams who operate the HF bands, relating to design and construction of your ham radio station.

Presentations will include:

"Whats the Best HF Transceiver for Me? -A Radio Selection Strategy"
– by Brian Machesney, K1LI and others

"Antenna Selection and Design- What's Important" – by Joe Reisert, W1JR

YCCC is a club of over 350 members who are interested in Contesting. As such, we have developed a high level of expertise in station and antenna system design and HF transceiver selection, and would love to share this with the general ham community in the region. Whether you are just starting to put together your first station, or are well on your way, we're certain you will pick up some great tips from these talks!

Please come and meet with our members, and hear some presentations that can have an immediate impact on the performance of your station!

We will also be selling raffle tickets to support the YCCC ARRL Youth Scholarship. Tickets will be sold for \$25 per chance to win an Elecraft K3/100 Transceiver. We expect to hold the drawing at this meeting* - a lucky ham will go home with a new Elecraft K3/100 kit!

*Cash or checks accepted, no credit cards. YCCC reserves the right to delay the drawing until sufficient tickets have been sold to cover the prize and the donation.

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YCCC ARRL Youth Scholarship Raffle!

Prize: Elecraft K3/100 Kit !

Street value: \$2150 !

Tickets are \$25 per chance (cash or check)

Tickets ONLY sold at meetings

Drawing at April meeting (assuming enough tickets are sold)

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ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY

CROSS-BAND MILITARY/AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS TEST

9-10 MAY 2015

The Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard are co-sponsoring the annual military/amateur radio communications tests in celebration of the 65th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day (AFD) and the 90th Anniversary of MARS.

Although the actual Armed Forces Day is celebrated on Saturday, May 16, 2015, the AFD Military/Amateur Cross-band Communications Test will be conducted 09-10 May 2015 to prevent conflict with the Dayton Hamvention (15-17 May 2015), which is the same weekend as the actual Armed Forces Day.

The annual celebration is a unique opportunity to test two way communications between Amateurs and military communicators authorized in 47 CFR 97.111, and features traditional military to amateur cross band SSB voice, Morse Code, practice using legacy interoperability waveforms, as well as an opportunity for Amateurs to utilize more modern military communications modes such as MIL-STD Serial PSK and Automatic Link Establishment (ALE). Participating military stations will transmit on selected military MARS frequencies and listen for Amateur Radio stations in the amateur bands. The military station operator will announce the specific amateur band frequency being monitored. Duration of each voice contact should be limited to 1-2 minutes. The annual Secretary of Defense message will be transmitted via digital modes, including RTTY, PACTOR, AMTOR, PSK-31, MFSK and MT63 from certain stations.

These tests give Amateur Radio operators and Short Wave Listeners (SWL) an opportunity and a challenge to demonstrate their individual technical skills, and to receive recognition from the appropriate military radio station for their proven expertise. QSL cards will be provided to those stations making contact with the military stations.

THE 2015 Annual Armed Forces Day package with th eschedule of events and frequency plan can be ddownloaded from the link found at <http://www.usarmymars.org/home/announcements> or at

http://www.n2ckh.com/PC_ALE_FORUM/2015%20ARMED%20FORCES%20DAY%20V2.pdf

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That's pretty much what this upcoming meeting is all about – letting the local ham population know that YCCC is here, what YCCC is, who we are, and what we can do for them. It is my hope that through an email campaign silently waged over the past month, all hams within the 175 mile circle have heard about our Open House. I have commissioned two excellent, general interest presentations that should provide universal appeal, making it worth the trip to come and meet us. Even though intended for broad appeal, these talks are nonetheless high-level and will contain some excellent technical data for all of us to apply in our stations.

We will have updates on the most recent contest season (yes, we are CONTESTERS), and hold our annual elections (yes, we are a CLUB). And with luck and sufficient ticket sales, we will hold the drawing for the K3/100 kit, and send some lucky ham home with a new rig!

Earlier on the day of the Open House, VP Dennis and I will be manning a table at the Framingham Amateur Radio Association Flea Market. We will be doing a 'show and tell' on many of the various YCCC projects, selling raffle tickets, and directing folks to the Open House later that afternoon. If you're at the Flea, stop by and say hello.

With good luck and good weather, we hope to see many new faces at our Open House. This isn't specifically intended to be a recruiting effort – more, it is meant to let our neighboring hams know that we are here, and who we are, and what we can offer them. If you have any non-member ham friends, this is a great chance to bring them along and show them what the club is all about. If you see someone at the meeting you don't recognize, maybe someone not wearing a YCCC name badge, please go up to them, introduce yourself, and give them a warm, friendly welcome to our Open House. This is your chance to introduce another ham to our great club.

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Yankee Clipper Contest Club

will present:

Introduction to Contesting

at 1:30 pm on Friday, May 1, 2015

in the 'Ham-Jam' Log cabin

(Southwest corner of the Flea Market)

at Nearfest XVII in Deerfield, NH

This will be a Local Meeting of YCCC, and New Members are welcomed to join the club.

Lost Crew

KB1H (SK) Richard R. Pechie, Jr., 66



Richard Roland Pechie, Jr. "Dickie", 66 of East Killingly, died unexpectedly, February 23, 2015 at Day Kimball Hospital.

Beloved husband of Mary C. Pechie. Born December 5, 1948 in Putnam, son of the late Richard R. and Beatrice (Duso) Pechie. He graduated from Killingly High School in 1966 and joined the Air Force as an Electronics Technician. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in 1970 with the rank of staff sergeant. He was a member of the VFW Post 4908, East Killingly.

He met his wife while stationed in Omaha, NE. They were married August 1, 1969. Dickie worked at Glass Container in Dayville as a maintenance mechanic while attending QVCC and received his Bachelors of Science Degree in electrical engineering from the University of Connecticut.

He was employed as Vice President and Regional Sales Manager at Vollmer America of Canaan.

He enjoyed participating in radio contests with the Barnstormers Ham Radio Club which he founded.

He loved his Springer Spaniels, Kolby and Piper, who were shown in many shows.

Dickie and Mary traveled with their friends, Jack and Kathy Richie to Canada quite often for Formula 1 Racing and he was an avid hockey fan, especially for the Montreal Canadiens, to the dismay of his brothers, Boston Bruin fans.

In addition to his wife Mary, he leaves his sons, Jean-Philippe Pechie and his wife Tanya of Sterling, Alain Pechie of Sterling, his brothers, Gary Pechie and his wife Ann of Danielson, David Pechie and his wife Rhonda of Dayville, his sister-in-law, Sophie Charron and her husband Mark of Brooklyn, his niece Kaitlyn Whitney, Esq. and her husband Ryan of Longmeadow, MA, his nephew Geoffrey Pechie of Vienna, Virginia, his aunt, Frances Pechie and the late Robert Pechie, Sr. of East Killingly, uncle and aunt Donald Hubert and his wife Anita of Danielson, many cousins and friends. Predeceased by his brother Kevin.

Burial will be in the Spring in St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club, c/o Adam Lester, Treas., 46 Hidden Hollow Trail, Gary, ME 04039.

Published in Norwich Bulletin on Feb 24, 2015.

Dick was everyone's guy, a recognized "doer" and instantly likable who had a really good sense of humor. He was one of the pioneers of PacketCluster and spent a lot of time and effort in maintaining his node including a unique 9600 baud packet link to WIRM for many years. He consistently gave unselfishly to the hobby, as most recently exhibited during the 2014 WRTC effort, and was a huge contributor to YCCC. He will certainly be missed.

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W100 (SK) Landean H. Bailey, 68



W100, Landean "Lanny" H. Bailey, has become a Silent Key.

"Lanny" was a member of the A1 Operators Club and had 271 confirmed in the ARRL DXCC 160 Meter standings.

WOODBURY, Tenn. - Landean H. Bailey, 68, formerly of Scarborough, passed away on, March 13, 2015, at the St. Thomas Midtown Hospital. He was born in Portland, on June 6, 1946, the son of the late Harold and Mae (Landean) Bailey.

He graduated from Deering High School in 1964. "Lanny" served in the Army National Guard as a communications chief and achieved the rank of specialist 5.

He was employed for a few years at Fairchild and Bicknell Photo, he also worked several years as a video repair technician for Sears Roebuck and Co. Lanny received his amateur radio license in his early teens and it became his lifetime passion. His call sign was W100. He was an Honor Roll DXCC member, having contacted over 365 countries. He was a past member of the Portland Amateur Wireless Association and Yankee Clipper Contest Club.

He is survived by his companion of 22 years, Cynthia A. Small of Woodbury, Tenn.; his two daughters, Karen L. Bailey of Hollis, and Lisa M. MacMillan of Gorham; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all his ham radio friends for their help during this difficult time.

Interment was held on March 30, 2015, at Brooklawn Memorial Park, 2002 Congress St., Portland, ME. Guestbook available at www.advantageportland.com.

See more at: <http://obituaries.pressherald.com/obituaries/maintoday-pressherald/obituary.aspx?n=landean-h-bailey>

Published in Portland Press Herald/Maine on March 25, 2015,

Lanny's daughters have a gofundme account <http://www.gofundme.com/pf21y0> to help with the funeral expenses.

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Your Solar Weather Report.

<http://spaceweather.tv/>

From a real astrophysicist.

Dr. Skov is a regular on the Hamnation webcasts (twit.tv/hn)

Tnx to John, K1AE & Doug, K1DG

YCCC CLUB RESOURCE INFORMATION

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP STUFF Dues for the year are payable as of January 1st. 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 - \$15/yr (Eligible for YCCC member benefits and electronic "Ebutt" delivery of Club newsletter)

Full Member - \$30/yr (Eligible for YCCC member benefits and paper 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 member benefits.)

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 "supportive friend of YCCC" - not a member but a possible candidate for future membership. Only receives club newsletter in paper or electronic form. \$10 for electronic "Ebutt" delivery domestically or overseas or \$25 for domestic paper delivery.)

Club members who move out of club territory and so are not eligible to contribute to club aggregate scores can continue to participate in the Club's e-mail reflector and receive the electronic "Ebutt" delivery of newsletter at no cost.

You can tell if you owe dues by checking your 'Butt mailing label or the Club roster in the Members Only section of the website.

NOTE: If your dues are paid to a March 31 date, then you now need to synchronize to the calendar year. Please see the "Dues" area on the Members Only section of the website for the pro-rated dues amount for a partial year.

Mail your dues to the club treasurer, Chet Slabinski, N8RA, 462 W. Hill Rd, New Hartford, CT 06057.

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CONTEST SCORES should be sent to the club scorekeeper, Alec Berman, W2JU, preferably by E-mail at scores@yccc.org. 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 Tony, K1KP. Send \$3, name and call desired on the badge, and your mailing address to Tony.

APPAREL Contact Richie, W1STT. Email: richd1313@aol.com

YCCC LOGO ITEMS <http://www.cafepress.com/n1k>

QSL CARDS are ordered through Dennis Egan, W1UE. To order, send Dennis an email at egan.dennis88@gmail.com, detailing card information per "QSL Request" form available at http://www.yccc.org/members/yccc_qsl.htm. You will receive a proof by email. Approve the proof, making any corrections, and return to Dennis *with payment* (make checks out to Dennis, not YCCC). Current price is \$50 (delivered) for 1,000 cards. Also available is the glossy version for \$70/1000.

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

COMPUTER STUFF INTERNET REFLECTOR There is an Internet mailing list for YCCC members. To subscribe, send mail to yccc-REQUEST@yccc.org. Insert only the word "subscribe" in the subject 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 Lyn Glagowski, WB1CCL.

ADMINISTRATIVE STUFF The W1 QSL BUREAU is sponsored by the YCCC. More information at: www.w1qsl.org Address: W1 QSL Bureau, PO Box 7388, Milford, MA 01757-7388. Email address: w1qsl@yccc.org

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