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YCCC General Meeting
Sunday, April 14th, 2019 - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center
Sturbridge, MA

CAPTAIN'S CABIN

Here we go. Less than 1 week before the next YCCC Meeting. I was hoping that this was going to be my last Captain's Cabin, but it appears that I may have the President's job next year by default. No one has surfaced (or I haven't twisted the right arm yet) to run for President, so I can be persuaded to serve another year. All the other officers have indicated they will run for re-election, so I have good people to back me.

Oh, did I say that Elections will be held at the April meeting? Yes they will! The meeting will be held on Sunday April 14 from 1-4pm at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. The meeting will feature speakers such as Marty NN1C on "Team Exuberance", Guy VE2BWL on his recent training of members of the Canadian Signals Regiment, and Bruce K1BG on Entry Level Licensing. Recruitment of new members, particularly youth members, is a way to keep Amateur Radio (and Contesting) alive!

I've been quite busy with different projects here. The CAC, HQ9X support, rehabbing a couple of old radios, and development of the Marty are all enjoyable projects I've been doing. Moving into spring, there is now antenna work that needs to be, and can be, done. My home 6BTV, which has been up since last November, still needs radials- I can finally get to the antenna to add them! Still, its been a lot of fun!

Did I mention that we still have the raffle going on? A new IC7610. Tickets \$25 apiece, we're committed to selling a set amount and we hold the drawing. We still need to sell about 30 tickets to meet our quota, and tickets will be available at the April meeting. I'd like to see this scholarship fund-raiser finished so we can hold the drawing at the April Meeting. If you want a ticket and can't attend the April meeting, let me know and we'll see what we can do to get you a ticket.

I've heard from a number of members that they would like more "Face Time" with other members at the meetings. Before the meeting, I'm sure there will be a number of members gathering at different restaurants- if you're doing so, please publicize it so that others may join you. Its better if we spread out among the different restaurants, so no one restaurant gets overwhelmed. While we have 3 presentations for the meeting, 2 of them are "less than 15 minutes", so that will allow more face time during the meeting.

The club officers are working on a spot for a June or July picnic- nothing yet to report, and it may not come off. Its difficult to find a good spot during that time of the year.

That's pretty much it for this month. Hope everyone had a good time in WPX SSB! *Contest Exuberantly!*

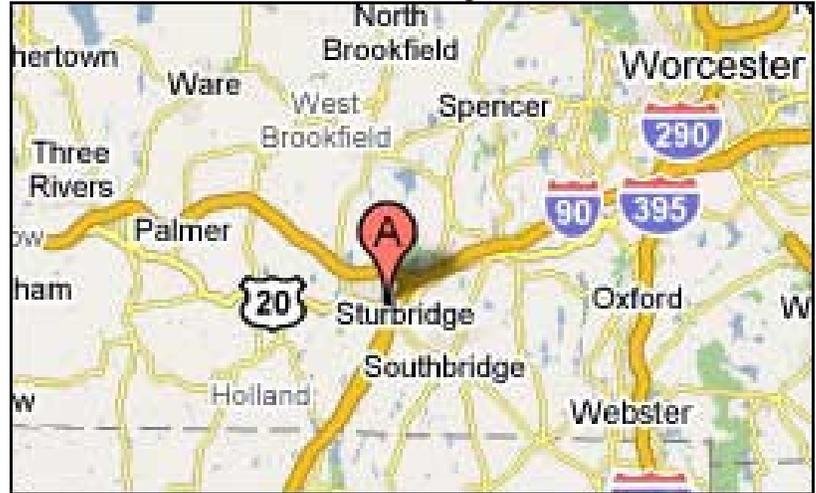
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YCCC President

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Directions to Sturbridge Host Hotel

366 Main St, Sturbridge, MA 01566



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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Silent Key

William F. Santelmann Jr. – N1AU – Peabody, MA – February 20, 2019



Age 92, longtime resident of Lexington, MA, died on Feb. 20, 2019, at Brooksby Village in Peabody, MA.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Jean, and is predeceased by his son, Stuart, KC1F (SK). He is also survived by daughter, Elaine and her partner Tom Zuppa of Littleton, MA; son, William Scott and his husband Richard O'Connell of Harwich, MA; daughter, Beth Ziegler and her husband John of Hartland, VT; and daughter-in-law, Leslie Minassian of Milford, NH.

He was a loving grandfather to nine grandchildren, William Alex Ogle, Abbi Courtemanche, Annalise Taber, Molly Ziegler, Corey Santelmann, Emma Santelmann, Richard White, Andrew White, and Ella Ziegler; and two great-grandchildren, Olive Courtemanche and Genevieve Ogle.

Bill was born and raised in Washington DC, the son and grandson of Directors of the United States Marine Band, which remained an important legacy throughout his life, and led to his lifelong love of music. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Cornell University in 1948, a Master's degree from MIT in 1951, and a professional degree from MIT in 1952, all in electrical engineering.

He was committed to pacifism and nuclear non-proliferation, and over the course of his long career refused to work on military contracts. A citizen of the world, he traveled broadly and was an avid amateur radio operator (N1AU). A long time YCCC member, Bill served as YCCC President from 1985-1987 and Vice-President from 1998-2000.

He was passionate about social justice and acted upon his beliefs through civil resistance. He was an active member of the Lexington United Methodist Church, where he chaired the Outreach Committee for many years and enjoyed singing in the choir.

He was rarely seen without multiple cameras around his neck to document important life events.

Most importantly, Bill was devoted to his children and grandchildren with whom he shared his values, his offbeat sense of humor, and ability to fix anything.

Bill is remembered by many YCCC members as a wonderful human being, a gracious gentle person, a true gentleman and an intrepid contestor.

A Celebration of Life was held on Sunday, March 24th, at The Brooksby Chapel, Peabody, MA.

Thanks to The Boston Globe, eHam.net (N2MG) and the YCCC Reflector



Stu (KC1F) & Bill (N1AU)

Photo: Doug Grant-K1DG

February 2, 2018 General Meeting Minutes

Vice President Charlie N1RR called the February 2, 2018 general meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club held at the Auburn Elks Hall Auburn, MA to order at 1:13 pm.

Vice President Charlie N1RR then announced the agenda for the meeting.

Vice President Charlie N1RR called for the Secretaries Report which was given by Brian NJ1F

A motion to accept the report was made by Paul K1XM and Seconded by Rich K1CC.

The Motion Carried.

Vice President Charlie N1RR then called for the Treasurers Report which was given by Chet N8RA.

Scholarship Raffle

Ticket sales at June meeting: \$900
Ticket sales at Boxboro: \$800
Ticket sales at October meeting: \$350
Other ticket sales (W1UE): \$ 75
Ticket sales at Dec. meeting: \$375

Balance Dec 2 : \$2500




Activity: Dec 1 2018 thru Jan 30, 2019

\$ 7800 (Nov 30)	Treasury balance →	\$8092 (Jan 30)
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TAKEN ONBOARD \$678 Dues paid \$675 Club badges \$ 3	OFFLOADED \$386 Sponsored Plaques \$150 Auburn holiday meeting \$236
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A motion to accept the report was made by Paul K1XM and Seconded by Bob KQ2M. The Motion Carried.

Vice President Charlie N1RR asked if there was any old business.

Ed K1EP gave an update on the raffle that 45 more tickets needed to be sold before the drawing.

Vice President Charlie N1RR then asked if there was any new business.

Vice President Charlie N1RR announced that the WRTC2022 qualifying rules were recently released and encouraged anyone wanting to qualify as a competitor to study them carefully.

Vice President Charlie N1RR announced that the April meeting is the clubs election meeting, and that President Dennis W1UE is not seeking reelection. Charlie announced that he would like to continue as Vice President. He then asked the other officers present for their intentions. Gerry W1GD said he would continue as Activities Manager, Chet N8RA indicated that he will continue as Treasurer, Brian NJ1F will continue as Secretary.

Paul K1XM made a Motion to nominate the current officers present whom have indicated that they are willing to continue in their present roles. The motion was seconded by Bob KQ2M. The motion carried.

Eric KV1J then made a Motion to adjourn the nominations until the April meeting. It was seconded by Will WC2L. The Motion carried.

Vice President Charlie N1RR then asked if there was anyone present wants to become a member.

Tom W1TC told the group about his station and recent operations.

John W1JMA who joined at a recent local meeting. He told the group about himself and his station.

Paul K1XM made a Motion to accept W1TC, W1JMA to the club. The Motion was seconded by Dave W1VEM. The Motion carried

Vice President Charlie N1RR then introduced Gerry W1GD who gave a presentation on low band receive antennas for small lots.

Vice President Charlie N1RR then asked for a roll call of members present and what their plans are for the upcoming ARRL DX contests.

Vice President Charlie N1RR then announced a 10 minute break to buy raffle tickets and socialize.

Vice President Charlie N1RR called the meeting back to order at 2:21

Vice President Charlie N1RR introduced Bill NE1B who gave a presentation on DMR radios. He explained how DMR works and that there is a network of 92 DMR repeaters which cover the entire YCCC territory. Bill is the organizer of the 8 PM local Wednesday evening YCCC net that takes place on DMR Talk Group NETAC1. Bill explained that you do not need a DMR radio to join the net. Contact Bill NE1B for help setting up a DMR radio or getting on via Echolink.

Vice President Charlie N1RR then introduced Jim W1EQO who gave a presentation and shared his tip on phone contesting.

Vice President Charlie N1RR then introduced a panel of contesting experts N1RR, KQ2M, WC4E and KM1P to share the top things you can do to improve your score. (The following has been posted to the reflector)

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm

Submitted
Brian Szewczyk NJ1F
YCCC Secretary

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NY CAPITAL REGION MEETING

March 14, 2019
Amsterdam, New York

A NY Capital area local meeting was held Thursday March 14th at Shorty's Southside Tavern in Amsterdam NY.

7 members attended:

Will WC2L John KE1IH Dave KJ4IZW Chuck N8CL Mike N2MG Brian NJ1F Ray NM2O

Mike, KJ4IZW was inducted as a new member and dues were collected from Chuck N8CL.

The general topic of discussion was about how bad band conditions were during the recent ARRL DX phone contest. We also discussed how good conditions were on 80 and 160 meters.

Like normal, Mike N2MG told some great stories.

Our next local meeting will be in the fall.

73 - John KE1IH

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Central CT Area Lunch

Bear's Smokehouse - Thurs Feb 21st

Attendees were: K1RM, K1EBY, N1MM, K1ZE, K1KI, W1VEM, W1WEF, N1IMW, N1JW, W1TJL, N1IXF

Besides good BBQ and casual conversation:

Tom - N1MM demonstrated the effectiveness of the Bose QC25 headset noise cancellation and passed around the Antlion detachable boom mic that mates with a magnetic mount... very lightweight.

Discussed the Radiosport & Field Services Manager opening at the League; Results, issues and memorable events from ARRL DX CW weekend; Amplifier issues; Future meetings and summertime work parties. And many more one-on-one topics.

It was fun and we'll have another get together later this spring.

Rich N1IXF

February Meet Contesting Panel Discussion Highlights

N1RR, KQ2M, WC4E & KM1P

N1RR: Let's discuss the most important things that contribute to an SSB DX contest effort. Butt in chair time. Maximize your operating hours. If you operate at a multi-op, and you do go home and have time to operate from home – DO IT.

N1RR Sleep: Prepare an operating plan and plan your sleep times. -Thursday night into Friday. I try to go to bed at regular time and plan to stay in bed until about Noon Friday. Then I take a nap before the contest from 2 or 3PM until 6PM. During the contest: SLEEP WHEN EUROPE SLEEPS. 00-06Z or sleep when slowest which is traditionally 07Z or 08Z to 10Z. GIVE SOMEONE in the house ANYTHING THEY WANT to make sure you get up. Use two alarm clocks.

KQ2M: Organize your operating position, Print out List of DX-peditions and note if they are S/O or M/S, Create of list of band opening times.

WC4E: Know your stations limits and capabilities and plan your operating around its strengths, know when to Run and when to CQ.

KM1P: Try using different phonetics.

N1RR: Pick your category to achieve your goal. Go assisted to maximize your contribution to the clubs score. Plan a multi-op (M/S) or a M-2. Go M/M if you want to go to any band at any time.

KQ2M: Frequency selection is important, fastest rates are at the bottom of the band, however if you don't have a clear frequency you won't be heard and you will have a hard time hearing stations calling you.

WC4E: DVK Setup your call on several F keys saying it at different speeds. Save one key/memory for lowband CQing with the freq you are listening to.

KM1P: Be flexible on frequency selection especially on 40 and 75 meters when you might want to alternate between Split and Simplex.

W1EQO: Single ops with a single radio when the rate is slow, dial around on the other VFO between CQ's. (Tune all the open bands, call CQ on any open freq after asking if in use. – Ed.)

N1RR: Consider setting a SO2R on a couple of bands. Being able to work a low band and high band at the same time is especially handy at sunrise and sunset.

KQ2M: Learn your receivers features and how to use them well before the start of the contest! Especially filters, Notch Filter, Noise Blanker, Noise Reduction, Band Pass Widths and diversity reception.

WC4E: Remember to alternate between running and S&P.

WC2L: for smaller stations try a band next to the "PRIME" band. Everyone's on 20 meters but 15 meters is full of mults and Q's.

KM1P: If someone tries to steal your frequency or starts calling CQ to close to you, you have to be very fast to let them know they cannot stay and they have to move. Especially on SSB because once they get 2 or 3 CQ cycles in & if stations start coming back to them, they will not move.

Someone mentioned that you actually call the intruding station operator by name. If you don't know their name, look them up on QRZ.com.

N1RR: On the low bands, try alternating from working split as a runner, to S&P Split, then go to transceive as a runner and transceive S&P. If you find a clear freq, ask if in use and then call CQ. Try running for 3 -to- 5 minutes. Once you get answers – keep calling CQ.

KQ2M: Operate with a sense of urgency, especially when calling CQ. Make a station tuning past you want to call you.

KM1P: If you are operating at a Multi Transmitter operation and calling on a slow band make sure to announce your 2nd station's CQ frequency. "Thanks, We're also on 21.444, QRZ contest K1KI."

Thanks to Brian, NJ1F (YCCC Secretary)

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VE2BWL: A Short Story with a Happy Ending

Guy Lemieux - VE2BWL

Last fall, I was approached a Squadron Quarter Master of the 35th Signals Regiment based in Sherbrooke, QC about an upcoming military HF worldwide competition (36 hours) amongst friendly armies. He was looking for antenna suggestions, to be erected 'Field Day' style by a group of reservists. The competition was held a few days after CQWWSSB in October and they won a 3rd place in their category, their best score in years.

Following the contest, I discovered real enthusiasm about contesting from about a dozen squadron members. By mid-December, the Canadian Armed Forces decided to organize a two weeks, full time ham radio course which culminated (last Friday Feb 8th) in the Basic Ticket where 9 out of 9 reservists obtained their full HF privileges and call signs. This is the basic licence; the next step is Advanced, equivalent to the Extra Class.

Our group of Canadian YCCC members will now get those guys to operate in our contests and Elmer them individually. A next step will also be to introduce them to YCCC meetings and membership. How about that for bringing new blood in our great hobby?

Guy - VE2BWL
Canadian Area Manager
Yankee Clipper Contest Club

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YCCC APRIL MEETING AGENDA

Presentations: **NN1C- "Team Exuberance"**
 VE2BWL- "Canadian Signals Regiment Training"
 K1BG- "Entry Level Licensing"
 Elections!
 Face Time!

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YCCC NAME BADGES

YCCC members needing a YCCC name badge should eMail Tony, K1KP, (barockteer@aol.com)
Tony will be at next Sunday's meeting and can deliver badges and lapel clips.

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Seacoast Flea Market

Saturday April 13 from 8 AM til 12 noon.

Sponsored by Port City Amateur Radio Club
(22 Tables Indoors & 10 Outdoor Spaces)

A VE session follows at 1230.

Entry is \$5 per person.

Address: 77 Tide Mill Rd, Hampton, NH

Web: w1wqm.org for details.

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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. **Mail your dues to the club treasurer, Chet Slabinski, N8RA, 200 Mount Parnassus Rd, East Haddam, CT 06423.**

SCUTTLEBUTT ARTICLES should be sent to the Scuttlebutt editor, Steve Rodowicz N1SR, by E-mail at n1sr@arrl.net The deadline for each issue is the 10th of the preceding month..

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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/nlik>

QSL CARDS are ordered through Tom, W1TO. To order, complete the QSL form from the YCCC website, send it to W1TO who will verify all information is included and send to UX5UO after resolving any issues. You will receive a proof copy directly from UX5UO. Approve the proof after resolving any issues with UX5UO. Email acceptance to UX5UO with copy to W1TO. Current price is \$45/thousand (matte) and \$49/thousand heavy matte. Payment to UX5UO representative, KD4POJ at Mr David Lipscomb, KD4POJ, 4201 13th Street NE, Minot, ND, 58703. eMail: kd4poj@srt.com

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