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YCCC Meeting – Picnic at Buffumville Lake
Sunday, June 30th, 2019 - 10:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Buffingville Lake, 229 Oxford Rd
Charlton, MA 01507

CAPTAIN'S CABIN

Just over a week from now, we'll be having the YCCC Picnic at Buffumville Lake. Remember, you want to go to the address that's on the YCCC website, and not the address you get if you google the above name. It should be a fun day of socialization, and a big drawing! After a little over a year, we've finally sold the 150 tickets for a chance at an Icom 7610! Ed K1EP, chef extraordinaire, has consented to prepare the food- hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and drinks. Some of us will be there at 10AM, but we don't plan on eating until Noonish. Remember, there is a \$5 charge for parking, so carpooling may be in order, and if you have one of those "America the Beautiful" senior passes the parking is free!

There will be another YCCC picnic, this one slated for Western Mass, at the end of July. Details are still being worked out, but watch the website! And, don't forget the upcoming HamXposition (used to be Boxboro) ARRL New England Division Convention the weekend of September 6-8! YCCC will be having a meeting on Saturday Sept 7 in the afternoon at Boxboro.

For those of you that attended Dayton this year, it was somewhat of a disappointment. The Crowne Plaza has still not been updated (at least not the room I stayed in). The food at the Contest Dinner was disappointing. The traffic was horrendous; coming back from Dayton on Friday night, we went less than a city block in 45 minutes; traffic was totally gridlocked. No room in the parking garage- we couldn't even get to the parking garage! We spent 45 minutes where we could see the parking garage entrance but had no chance to get there. We finally opted for the Crowne Plaza valet parking- but we were the last car they accepted! I don't know where the rest were able to park. Saturday traffic was bad, but not as bad, as Friday, but we were also a couple hours earlier in getting back.

Numerous ops were accosted on the street by locals looking for a handout. One op was attacked while leaving a bar at 2:30am and had the split lip to show for it. While the Hamvention in Xenia was a great show, the Crowne Plaza and Dayton were definitely a drag on the fun.

Is it time to relocate the Contest-oriented activities elsewhere? Is there an "elsewhere" to go? I stayed at the Marriott on Sunday night, and it was everything that the Crowne was not. The biggest disadvantage with the Marriott is that there aren't many restaurants in walking distance, but is that really a problem?

I applaud the efforts of K3LR over the years; Tim has been a rock, organizing the Contest University and the Contest Super Suite each night. I don't want this seen as any kind of negative on his efforts, or on the efforts of his crew, but is it time for a venue change for the Contest Activities?

Dennis W1UE
YCCC President

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Directions to Buffumville Lake

229 Oxford Rd, Charlton, MA

(Correct GPS Address)

From Worcester, MA,

South on I-290/395 to exit 4W, 2 miles on Charlton Street.

Or Take Charlton Rd west out of Oxford,

Or take Muggett Hill Rd East out of Charlton to Oxford Rd.

Or see location information at:

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Buffumville-Lake/>

<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/gateways/205>

NOTE: In the event of inclement weather (pouring rain &/or windstorms etc) Dennis, W1UE will cancel the picnic.

He will make the decision by 8AM on Sunday morning.

(The pavilion should be able to keep 40 people dry, unless the wind is blowing hard.)

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April 4, 2019 General Meeting Minutes

President Dennis W1UE called the April 14, 2019 general meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge MA to order at 1:05 pm.

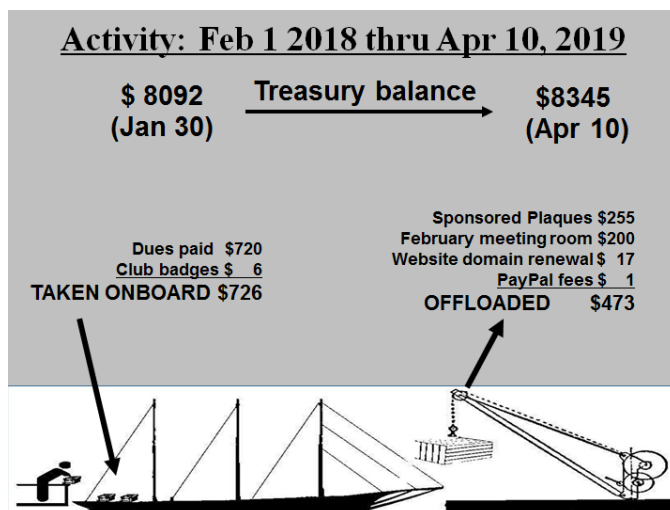
President Dennis W1UE then announced the agenda for the meeting.

President Dennis W1UE then asked for a roll call of the members present and what their plans are for the upcoming contests and station improvements.

President Dennis W1UE then called for the Secretaries Report which was given by Brian NJ1F

A motion to accept the report was made by Eric KV1J and Seconded by Bruce K1BG. The Motion Carried.

President Dennis W1UE then called for the Treasurers Report which was given by Chet N8RA.



This Period Sponsored Plaques

CQ World Wide WPX Contest
2018 Single-op USA 7 MHz SSB

Single Op 7 MHz High Power	
AG4W	1,181,154
W6AFA	1,084,941
KMSVI	950,075

NEQP
New England Club: CT/RI Contest Group
New England Single Operator: AA1ON
USA Single Operator: N4PN
DX Single Operator: DL3DXX

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
 Ticket sales Feb meeting + 5 by W1UE: \$ 400

Total as off Apr 10 : \$2900

Icom IC-7610



A motion to accept the report was made by Charlie N1RR and Seconded by Ed N2HX. The Motion Carried.

President Dennis W1UE asked if there was any old business. There was no old business.

President Dennis W1UE then asked Alec W2JU the clubs score keeper to give an update on the early scores from the ARRL DX contests. There was a discussion about how the FRC seemed to do a much better job of spotting fellow club members especially in the SSB contest. Bruce K1BG suggested that perhaps an award is given to the member who spots the most YCCC members during the contests.

President Dennis W1UE asked Ed K1EP for an update on the raffle, 25 more tickets need to be sold before the drawing.

President Dennis W1UE then asked if there was any new business.

President Dennis W1UE asked if there was anyone present who wished to join the YCCC. KE3KK, KB1B, VE2ATB and KW1DX were welcomed to the Club.

President Dennis W1UE then gave an update on several things that the CAC is working on and looking for input.

The November Sweepstakes contests. Should you be able to work the same station on different bands? Change the start and end times? Change the dates?

Should the ARRL have a separate contest for new digital modes like FT-8 from the RTTY contest?

What changes need to be made to the club competition? Expand the club circle to match CQWW's? Apportion a DXpeditions score like CQWW? Split the Canadian Scores from the US score in DX contests?

President Dennis W1UE announced it was time to hold the election. Brian NJ1F the Secretary confirmed that a super quorum of membership was present. Brian NJ1F then announced the current officers were nominated for reelection at the February meeting and opened the floor to any further nominations. There were no additional nominations. Bob KQ2M moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Ed N2HX. The motion carried.

2019-2020 YCCC Officers

President	Dennis W1UE
Vice President	Charlie N1RR
Activities Manager	Gerry W1GD
Secretary	Brian NJ1F
Treasurer	Chet N8RA

President Dennis W1UE then asked for a vote by show of hands of those members present for the slate of nominated officers. The slate of nominated officers was unanimously elected.

President Dennis W1UE introduced Marty NN1C who gave a presentation about his experience as a member of Team Exuberance. Team Exuberance was a group of young contesters from around the globe that operated the WPX SSB from the K3LR superstation.

President Dennis W1UE then introduced Guy VE2BWL who gave a presentation titled reinventing HF Contesting

President Dennis W1UE then introduced Bruce K1BG who gave a presentation on the history of entry level licensing through the years.

Ed N2HX made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Joe K1JB.

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm

Submitted
Brian Szewczyk NJ1F
YCCC Secretary

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Dennis, W1UE with the results of another successful YCCC sponsored Hamvention Saturday Evening Contest SuperSuite Pizza Party (Tnx – Brian, NJ1F)



Ellen White, W1YL 2019 Inductee into CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame

First licensed in 1946, White served for more than 25 years (1952 – 1978) on the ARRL Headquarters staff, at one point heading up ARRL contesting activities. She retired as Deputy Communications Manager and became *QST* “How’s DX?” editor. On her own time, she recorded *QST* on tape for the vision impaired through the US Library of Congress talking book program. She recently was named as a recipient of the E.T. Krenkel Medal for outstanding global contributions to Amateur Radio

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Ellen White, W1YL Awarded Russian E. T. Krenkel Medal

Mrs. Ellen White, W1YL, has been awarded the Russian E. T. Krenkel Medal, a prestigious award granted to Russian and foreign citizens and organizations for the outstanding global contribution to Amateur radio. W1YL is shown on the Krenkel Medal web site as one of 28 amateur radio operators worldwide who have been awarded the E. T. Krenkel Medal.

Ellen’s outstanding contributions to amateur radio are cited on the Krenkel Medal web site as follows:

“Ellen White learned Morse Code while in high school, during WW-II. In 1946 she was first licensed and has since been active on CW as W2RBU, W6YYM, KH6QI, W1YYM, and W1YL. For 25 years Ellen was on the staff of the American Radio Relay League. Her activity over the years has included DXCC and WAZ. She was instrumental in establishing two active contest clubs, Murphy’s Marauders (which evolved into the Yankee Clipper Contest Club) and the Florida Contest Club. Her OM was W1CW of DXCC management fame (now SK) and son K4OJ, Florida Contest Club president (now SK). Ellen spent many years recording *QST* on tape for sightless hams, through the US Library of Congress talking book program. For several years she has been using the W7RN remote in Nevada to stay active on CW as W1YL/7, usually on 40 meter CW around 1000Z.”

Thanks to George Wagner, K5KG <K5kg@k5kg.com

E. T. Krenkel biographical Information

Ernest Teodorovich Krenkel: (1903— 1971) was a world-famous Soviet and Russian polar explorer, professional radioman and radio amateur-shortwave radio caster (worked as radio operator from Arctic and Antarctic areas, personal callsigns are PGO, RPX, UPOL, RAEM, RAEM/MM, UA1KED, EU2EQ, U3AA,UA3AA). He was also a radioman on the first Soviet drifting ice station North Pole-1 and participated in many other Arctic and Antarctic expeditions. Hero of the Soviet Union, PhD in Geography, a prominent social activist, the first Chairman of the Central Radio Club (CRC) USSR, Chairman of the Radiosport Federation of the Soviet Union (1959-1971), the first Chairman of the All-Union Philately Society of the Soviet Union (1966-1971).

E.T. Krenkel is a legendary figure. His name associates with an epoch of short wave establishing in Antarctica. Courage and bravery were his consonant companions. He was amongst “early explorers” of Arctic and Northern Sea Route. Comprehensive knowledge in radiotechnics, passion for short-wave and professionalism in radio amateur broadcasting let him establish a well-functioning radio communications in harsh meteorological conditions of Arctic and Antarctic. Today QSL cards written by Krenkel are the most valuable among radio amateur collections all around the world.

In the last century, when radio amateur movement has come to life, E.T. Krenkel worked as a radio operator on the air using a world-know callsign RAEM which has gone down in history of HAMRADIO.”

(<http://krenkelmedal.org/>)

K1TTT Picnic & WMA Area Meeting

July 27, 2019 – Noon to 4:00 pm

The K1TTT Super Station is holding an open house on July 27, 2019, from noon to 4:00 p.m. The picnic is open to all YCCC members and anyone interested in contesting and station building. The Western Massachusetts Area of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club will hold a regional meeting in conjunction with the picnic.

The Picnic's purpose is to celebrate 35 years of K1TTT operation and to allow anyone interested in learning more about contesting to see a multi-multi contest station and the extensive antenna farm that goes with it, ask operating or hardware questions, operate the station in the IOTA contest, other general questions and to learn more about YCCC. The special call sign K1T has been obtained for this activity so people can just enjoy passing out the special call sign contacts.

Dave has made many technical improvements to his station since the last open house. Some of these include:

- The latest N1MM+ with Airspy hf+ spectrum displays,
- N1MM+ FT8 setup
- Green Heron antenna/rotor control and integration with Acom 2000A amp
- Remote operation setup

This will be an old fashioned picnic, scaled down a little from the 25th anniversary bash held in 2009. Hamburgers, sausage and hot dogs will be provided. Each attendee is requested to bring a side dish or desert.

The agenda includes a walking tour of the antenna farm and a discussion of antenna performance. Attendees will be able to operate in the IOTA contest and learn new skills or just pass out contacts.

The regional Yankee Clipper Contest Club meeting will allow consideration of applications from those interested in joining, rejoining, paying dues, etc.

Please let Dave or me know if you plan to attend and if what food you plan to bring.

Dave, k1ttt@arrl.net

Tom, w1to@yccc.org

Directions to K1TTT are located on Dave's web site: <http://wiki.k1ttt.net>

There is limited parking, carpool if possible, overflow parking on road if it's not too wet. The Picnic will be held rain or shine, but limited outdoor seating if raining or windy.

Tom Homewood, W1TO
Western Mass. Area Manager

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TenTec Equipment Owners

TenTec Service is still available, but the address on the website is incorrect.

Their new address is

**TenTec
350 NEW CENTER RD.
UNIT 52
SEVIERVILLE, TN 37876**

HamXposition 2019 (formerly BOXBORO)
& 2019 ARRL New England Division Convention
September 6, 7 & 8
www.hamxposition.org

The doors are open on our online ticketing system. Please visit our website to find out more about our 2019 program and to purchase your general admission, flea market vendor, and Friday and Saturday dinner tickets!

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We still need about forty more volunteers to help out on 2 to 4 hours shifts.
Receive a \$10 lunch voucher for each day you help out.

To volunteer, please see our simple 30-second signup at: <http://www.hamxposition.org/volunteer>

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And if you are interested in being a forum speaker, please see our speaker signup at:

<http://www.hamxposition.org/forums-and-classes/speaker-signup>

73,
Bob - K1IW

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160 Meter Beverage Antenna
Matching & Termination Box Design & Construction

Steve, VE6WZ has posted a video on some design and construction ideas for Beverage matching and termination boxes showing how to wind your own transformers, and presents a few different enclosure methods.

He also shows how to some broadside phase boxes and 4 Beverage switch boxes using commercially made double sided boards created using KiCad and OSH park.

https://youtu.be/r85MqK_N3a8 <https://youtu.be/r85MqK_N3a8>

The video is part of his "RX antenna series" which includes various videos about low-band rx antennas.

He plans future videos on installing Beverage Antenna wires in the field and Beverage Antenna maintenance.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLipJSm0KKo3BgY8F6NQ1DH3070C3SaUMN>
<<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLipJSm0KKo3BgY8F6NQ1DH3070C3SaUMN>>

Thx to TopBand Reflector & VE6WZ

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

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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 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

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, go to <https://groups.io/g/yccc/join> and enter your email address.

WWW HOME PAGE Come visit us at <http://www.yccc.org> Our Webmaster is Lyn Glagowski, WB1CCL.

QSL BUREAU – The W1 QSL BUREAU is sponsored by the YCCC. For more information at: www.w1qsl.org Address: W1 QSL Bureau, PO Box 73, Marlborough, MA 01752-0073. Email address: w1qsl@w1qsl.org

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