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YCCC General Meeting
Wednesday, April 7th, 2021, 7PM,
Social Time 6:30PM -7PM
Meeting begins promptly at 7PM
-Elections

-New SDR by N1DID

-Station Tour by W1GD

-WRTC Swag info by K5KG - N.A. Representative for WRTC-2022

CAPTAIN'S CABIN

Return to Normal?

We've all experienced an unprecedented upheaval in our lives that has lasted now for 14 months. An isolating and disturbing time, unprecedented level of social confusion in our lifetimes, great potential for impending illness, the specter of a lonely death, political disarray, commodity shortages.

But thru all of this, we've seen our hobby of Ham Radio shine through, displaying an international hope and an attitude of caring with messages of Stay Home, Be Safe, Be Well, and Good Health to you and your families being expressed universally.

Everyone has been touched in some way by this, and most will be touched by submitting to a virus test and likely an injection of a vaccine, in hopes that it would protect us from having severe symptoms which would force us to enter a hospital for care. While we've been home, Ham Radio contesting has seen a shift in the usual dynamics of operating and contesting and a surge of contest activity.

Social distancing had impacted nearly all Multi-Operator stations to be QRT, except for those who had already been dabbling in remote access technologies.

In our club these stations already had remote access for use in ARRL DX CW 2020: K2LE/1, K1TTT, WA1BXY, K1IR, N1MM, W1KM, K1ESE and others. Subsequently, many more members are trying the technology. Another impact was the freeing up of the spectrum that the QRT Multi-ops would have occupied, that allowed many more stations to try their hand at running on the bands.

Staying Home meant that many more could be active and on-the-air and it showed, even in mid-major and minor contests, activity and log submissions were setting records.

DXing has been a sad situation since mid-March of 2020, when the lockdowns came. Many big expeditions have cancelled or postponed their trips. Recent DX that was QRV: This month saw a Russian team at A25RU, VK's were on Cocos Keeling as VK9CE, a Russian team used snowmobiles to travel 1800km each way to activate RI0Q AS-152. (Continued on page 2)

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Most DX activity has been the result of individuals on business or pleasure such as 3D2AG returned to Rotuma. Others of note from last year: Z66DX by Germans and EX0QR by Russians.

We've had YCCC presentations every month for most of the last 14 months and the recurring topic has been station owners sharing their varied remote access methods: Anydesk & Mumble & N1MM @ K1TTT, RemoteHamRadio.com @ WA1BXY, and previously we've heard about RemoteRig boxes on Elecraft rigs and other methods by W1VE. There are also PAY-to-PLAY operations available too. Others have even gotten Icom RS-BA1 software to work(somehow) The newer radios are including remote technology in support of this kind of operation now too. Ask one of the above stations

or their operators - they will connect you with the guys that know the VOO-DOO, or with your HAM-ingeniuty: Go figure it out for your station. That's how we all roll.

Speaking of rolling - the calendar & time keeps rolling and my time leading this wonderful group comes to an end this month. I want to thank all of you for the time, patience and input. But it's not a goodbye as I will still be very active on-the-air and behind the scenes. #kickbutt #keepgoing #keepbuilding #yccc

- Charlie "Wizzer" Morrison N1RR / WZ1R club.
YCCC President

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W1-QSL Bureau Update

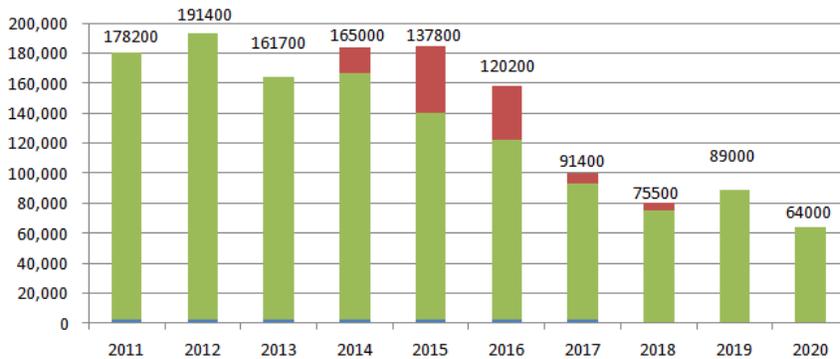
2020 was an interesting year for all of us including the Bureau. With the COVID restrictions our volume of cards coming in dropped to zero in March. Since then we started to get some boxes by summertime but still a much lower volume than in the past. The exception is that the German Bureau sent us three large (about 25 lbs each) boxes during 2020.

So far in 2021 the volume is starting to pick up mostly from 4 more of the large DL boxes. Those boxes also have batches of cards from other EU countries. A few other countries are starting to send shipments. The DX bureaus probably rely on volunteer help to prepare the shipments and that is still difficult with the social distancing requirements.

Also with the social distancing requirements we stopped doing pre-sort sessions with area clubs. Our last club sort was with the Candlewood Amateur Radio Club in the Danbury CT area. That was in early January 2020. Since then all our presorting has been done in-house with the help of local hams, Nancy N1KQP and Ann KA1PON. Even with the lower volume we still did our regular shipments out to the W1 call area hams.

The graph below shows our annual volume.

Yearly Volume – Number of Cards



W1AW/x	Volume
2014	16,500
2015	44,500
2016	36,200
2017	6,600
2018	4,500

The numbers at the top of each bar is the volume less the W1AW cards. The W1AW cards are in red and they are from the ARRL Centennial activity. So without W1AW our volume has been dropping since 2014 with a slight uptick last year and probably an increase this year if it was not for COVID. The low sunspots, transitions to LoTW and other online systems, and the increased international shipping costs contribute to the decline in cards over the past several years. The increased activity with FT8 is probably the reason for the uptick in volume last year. 2020 also seems to have had an increase of activity on the air so that should drive volumes up.

The Bureau operates solely by the generous time of all our volunteers. Many of our Letter Sorters are part of the YCCC.

Thank You!

73, Eric KV1J
W1 QSL Bureau Co-Manager
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February 2, 2020 – YCCC General Meeting Minutes

President Dennis W1UE called the February 2, 2020 general meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center 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.

President Dennis W1UE then called for the Secretary's report which Brian NJ1F gave.

Eric KV1J made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Chuck W1HIS. The motion carried

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

A motion to accept the report was made by Craig K1QX and Seconded by Paul K1XM

President Dennis W1UE then gave an update on the CAC's many proposals.

- The RTTY Roundup has a rule change allowing FT-8, FT-4 and multi-decoders.
- There was a discussion on the definition of low power categories output power level 150 verses 100 watts. The proposal for a new all digital mode contest was not accepted however it is not dead.
- The CAC did not take up the issue requested by VHF contesters to allow QSO's based on mode instead of only once per band.

President Dennis W1UE announced that there are big changes to Boxboro convention. First it has a new name "Northeast HamXpostion", also a new location "Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center" and new dates July 24th thru 26th. They have signed a 5 year contract for the new location which offers better facilities.

President Dennis W1UE asked if there was any new business. There was none.

President Dennis W1UE asked if there anyone present wanted to join the club, There was none.

President Dennis W1UE then introduced Charlie N1RR who gave a presentation on his Superstation Build.

President Dennis W1UE then gave Jim K1IR's presentation on Tower safety and Zero Falls Alliance initiative.

Paul K1XM made a motion to give a \$500 donation to Zero Falls Alliance. Seconded by Jack NF1L The motion carried.

President Dennis W1UE announced a 5 minute break 2:20 pm.

President Dennis W1UE reconvened the meeting at 2:27pm and introduced Paul K1XM who gave a presentation on In-Band Antenna Switching and listening.

President Dennis W1UE then introduced Marty NN1C who gave a presentation on the SO2R Mini.

President Dennis W1UE then gave a presentation titled Fun with Telnet Filters.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47

Submitted
Brian Szewczyk NJ1F
YCCC Secretary

April 11, 2020 – YCCC General Meeting Minutes

President Dennis W1UE called the April 11, 2020 general meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club held virtually on Zoom to order at 1:03 pm. A recording of the meeting presentations is available at <https://youtu.be/2B-5C4Q5-e8>

President Dennis W1UE then announced the agenda for the meeting.

President Dennis W1UE then called for the Secretary's report which Brian NJ1F gave.

Tom W1TJL made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Chuck W1HIS. The motion carried.

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

A motion to accept the report was made by Bruce K1BG and Seconded by Guy Ve2BWL. The Motion Carried.

President Dennis W1UE introduced Alec W2JU who gave an update on the Club Scores competition in the ARRL DX contests.

President Dennis W1UE asked if there was any new business. There was none.

President Dennis W1UE asked if there was anyone wanting to join the club, There were three, KC1KUG, VA2PHK and N1RP. Paul K1XM made a motion to accept them as members which was seconded by Tom W1TLJ

President Dennis W1UE then announced that because of the Corona Virus and social distancing that several new contests have popped up like the RSGB Hope QSO Party. The New England QSO Party is coming up and the challenge will be to activate all the counties without mobiles

Dennis then announced the opening of nominations for club Officers.

Paul K1XM made a motion to nominate all the existing officers and close the nominations, Seconded by Ed K1EP. The motion carried. The existing officers were reelected

President Dennis W1UE then introduced Dave K1ZZ who gave a presentation on his 3B8M operation in CQWW CW 2019.

Jim K1IR announced that because of the 100 attendee limit on Zoom he had setup a YouTube live stream to allow more members to view the meeting.

President Dennis W1UE then introduced Randy K5ZD who gave an update on the WPX contests. He also announced that he is the interim manager for the CQWPX contests.

President Dennis W1UE announced a 5 minute break at 2:17 pm.

President Dennis W1UE reconvened the meeting at 2:27pm and introduced Paul K1XM who gave a presentation on the HQ9X operation in ARRL DX SSB and getting stranded on the island because of COVID-19 worldwide outbreak.

President Dennis W1UE then introduced Tom N1MM and Larry K8UT showed many new features and enhancements to the N1MM Plus logging program.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09

Submitted
Brian Szewczyk NJ1F
YCCC Secretary

February 11, 2021 - YCCC General Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

President Charlie N1RR called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

President Charlie N1RR announced that the next meeting is scheduled for March 16 2021 at 7 pm, WRTC 2022 Italy will be presenting.

President Charlie N1RR asked for the Secretary's report which Brian NJ1F gave.

President Charlie N1RR asked for the Treasurers report which Chet N8RA gave.

A motion to accept the reports was made by Ed N2HX and Seconded by Mike N2MG. The Motion Carried.

President Charlie N1RR asked if there was any Old Business

President Charlie N1RR announced that the Yankee Clipper Contest Club, Inc. Youth Scholarship 2020's winner was Jonathan W. Wanzer, KK6GXG, a 54-year-old man in Klamath Falls, Oregon. This award was not acceptable to the Members of the YCCC. President Charlie N1RR has worked with the ARRL foundation to make sure that future awards are within the "Terms of Reference" set by the YCCC. The ARRL Foundation has credited the YCCC account in the sum of \$2000. After discussion, Hank KF2O made a motion to instruct the ARRL Foundation to use the funds currently in the YCCC account to fund a \$2000 Scholarship for 2021. Gerry W1GD seconded. The Motion carried.

President Charlie N1RR moved on to new business.

President Charlie N1RR lead a discussion on suspending membership dues for 2021 because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Tom K1KI made a motion to suspend current members' dues for the year 2021, which was seconded by Ed N2HX. The Motion carried. All members' dues date will be credited one year.

President Charlie N1RR asked Secretary Brian NJ1F to lead a discussion on a proposed By-Law change to the wording of the club's jurisdiction. Will WC2L made a motion to accept the new wording, Tom K1KI seconded.

After discussion the motion was rejected. It will be rewritten and proposed at a future meeting.

President Charlie N1RR introduced Jeff K1ZM / VY2ZM who spoke about the nomination of Jack Leahy VE1ZZ to the Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame. Jeff requested that President Charlie N1RR, to have the YCCC become a sponsor of the Nomination.

Paul K1XM made a motion to support the request, Dennis W1UE seconded. The motion Unanimously Carried,

President Charlie N1RR reviewed the Clubs donation history to the WWROF. Dennis W1UE made a motion for a \$500 donation to the WWROF. The motion was seconded by Jack NF1L. The Motion carried.

President Charlie N1RR reviewed the Clubs donation history to the WRTC. After discussion the members present wanted to table any donation until after the March social meeting presentation by the WRTC 2022 organizers.

President Charlie N1RR announced the results of a poll he had posted to the reflector regarding the scholarship fundraiser / raffle. There were 33 plus two emails in favor of conducting a raffle this year and 8 wanting to wait until next year. President Charlie N1RR reviewed the laws for raffles in Massachusetts.

With the 2021 obligation covered the officers will continue to explore options fundraising and raffle with a prize.

President Charlie N1RR asked if there was anyone in attendance that wanting to join the YCCC. We welcomed 5 new members aboard.

President Charlie N1RR then introduced Don WA1BXY / NC1CC. Don gave a presentation on How to Setup REMOTEHAMS Server & Client for Remote Operation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Submitted

Brian Szewczyk NJ1F

YCCC Secretary

Lost Crew (Silent Keys)

Raymond P. Bintliff – W1RY – Acton, MA – January 6, 2020



On January 6, 2020, Raymond P Bintliff passed away peacefully at home at the age of 97 and a half.

A brilliant engineer, Ray had a lifelong love of working with radios. He began tinkering with ham radios as a teenager and was trained in Radio Engineering during his US Naval service in WWII. When the war ended, he began a long career at RCA working to advance technology in the radio and television industries, including the development of color television technology. Among many accomplishments while at RCA, he was most proud to have helped manage the development and deployment of the Aegis Combat System and also negotiating RCA's defense contracts with the US government.

Ever the curious learner and teacher, he was just as busy after his "retirement", which was really just an excuse to spend more time on all of his passion projects. He taught ham radio classes for Acton Continuing Ed, served on the Acton Board of Assessors, worked as a Real Estate Appraiser, wrote articles for Antique Radio Classified, competed in and won ham radio contests (contacting every country in the world except for the one without reception) and authored books on radio history and repair...to name but a few. His true love was his side hustle, antique radio repair. People sent him radios from all over the world to be fixed and restored.

Most of all, Ray enjoyed people. He regularly emailed and spoke on the phone with friends from all periods of his life. He loved getting to know people. He loved a good chat. He loved making people smile. Always ready with a joke, he was the life of the party. He could talk to anyone about anything and loved learning from people. And he always left people better than he found them.

Ray will be remembered for his generous smile, quick wit and wicked sense of humor, boundless energy, strong work ethic, love for his family, brilliant mind and kind spirit.

Ray was predeceased by his loving wife of 74 years, Margaret (O'Mahony) Bintliff and his parents, Percy and Olivia Bintliff. He is survived by his daughters Leigh Bintliff and Christy Avery, son in law Jonathan Avery, granddaughters Amanda Alten and her husband Jason and Courtney Avery, his beloved great grandsons Hunter and Evan Alten and Shepard Moloney, and many friends.

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Phil R. Lewis – N2MUN – Lindenhurst, NY – March 5, 2020



Phillip R. Lewis, N2MUN, the founder of Ham Radio University, passed away on March 5, 2020, after a long bout with cancer. He was 72. Phil was active right up until the end, participating in a meeting of his amateur radio club, the Order of Boiled Owls of New York, at their March monthly meeting only 3 days before his death.

Lewis was born in Brooklyn in '47 and grew up in Inwood in the Five Towns region of Nassau County, Long Island, New York. He graduated from RCA Institutes, America's oldest radio school, and worked in the aerospace industry for Hazeltine and later BAE Systems on Long Island. He retired after 43 years. Lewis was a manager and problem solver. He was very good with people, had a positive outlook on life and would always find "a way" to get things done!

Lewis obtained his Amateur Radio license in '91 and upgraded to Amateur Extra Class. He joined the Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club and was on its board of directors, was an active volunteer examiner and an instructor for their license class exam courses. He was active on their Field Day committee and a participant in special event stations at Fire Island Lighthouse. He was GSBARC president from 2000 to 2002.

In 1999, Lewis had the idea of creating a day of education for amateur radio. With a small, dedicated group of Long Island hams, the notion of Ham Radio University (HRU) was formed. Phil Lewis was its first committee chairman, a distinction he held from 2000 to 2003. The first annual event was held in January 2000 at Babylon Town Hall Annex in North Babylon. HRU has since grown and expanded and is now being held at its fourth different location, LIU/Post in Brookville. HRU 2020 marked the 21st annual running. N2MUN gave two forums again this year and has been on the HRU committee since its inception.

On January 18, 2000, Lewis was featured in the Long Island newspaper Newsday in an article entitled, "Hamming it up on the air". For his work on behalf of Amateur Radio, Lewis was named the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Hudson Division Amateur of the Year for the Year 2000. He was also a long-time ARRL Hudson Division Assistant Director and the ARRL New York City / Long Island Section Affiliated Club Coordinator.

Lewis kept himself busy in his retirement, building radio kits with his son, Steven, and daily activity on ham radio. He had a weekly on-air schedule with his cousin Marty in Virginia who was also a ham. Lewis was an active DX'er and Contester. He was a member of the Order of Boiled of New York and the Yankee Clipper Contest Club.

Besides contesting and DX'ing, Phil also enjoyed a "ragchew" on the air, easily conversing with people from all walks of life. Phil was an avid pet lover and his cats Lucky and Buddy graced his QSL cards and social media profile photos. He referred to them as his "non-paying family members".

Lewis is survived by his son, Steven, cousins Carol Goodman, from Manhattan, NY, and Marty from Virginia, and his many ham radio friends. He was predeceased by his wife Iris who died in 2011 and his brother Robert.

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James E. McCobb Jr. – K1LU – West Newbury, MA – April 1, 2020



James E. McCobb Jr., Longtime Banker and Consultant Age 77, of West Newbury and formerly of Boxford, passed away on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 surrounded by the love of his family.

James was born to the late James E., Sr. and Louise S. (Sullivan) McCobb and raised in Dorchester and South Boston. James graduated from Christopher Columbus HS in the North End and from Bentley College in Waltham.

Mr. McCobb was a Banker and Financial and Operations Consultant, employed in and around Boston. He was affiliated with numerous non-profit organizations, including Boys & Girls Club of Waltham and Fidelity House serving Merrimac Valley & Lawrence, MA.

Jim was an Amateur Radio Operator since 1959, most recently with call sign K1LU. He was Treasurer for over 30 years of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) in Connecticut from 1980–2012 and past President of YCCC (2004–2005). An active DXer and contester, Jim was active from Belize where he held the call sign V31JR.

Along the way, James and his family resided in Boxford and West Newbury, MA. Jim played Little League and Babe Ruth baseball in South Boston in the 1950's and during his spare time he enjoyed downhill skiing, ice skating and roller blading, playing softball and hockey.

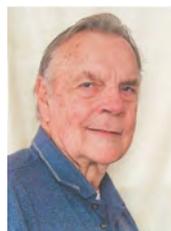
He loved coaching in his children's youth sport leagues in Boxford and was an Audiophile.

He served his country proudly with the United States Air Force between '62 and '65.

James is survived by his beloved wife, Rosemarie A. (Prato) McCobb, with whom he shared 52 years of marriage and had three wonderful children, Rosie McCobb of Brooklyn, NY, Jennifer L. Moakley and her husband Joseph Moakley of Newburyport, MA, and James "Kelly" McCobb and his wife Lauren Dresser of Brooklyn, NY. Very proud grandfather of Lea R. Quintiliani, Joseph P. Moakley, Sage Moakley of Seabrook, and James Arienzo McCobb of Brooklyn, NY. He was the eldest of five siblings: Janice Keefe, Louise Sobocinski, Gerard and Jeffrey McCobb.

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Lawrence L Filby - K1LPS – Danville, VT - April 6, 2020



Lawrence L. Filby passed away on Monday, April 6, 2020 after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

Lawrence was born in Marysville, California in '37 to Douglas and Geneva (King) Filby. He graduated from Marysville Union High School in June of '55 and joined the U.S. Navy in September of '55, and served 20 years, retiring from there in July of '75. He had many assignments around the world, including England, Italy, Iceland, Spain and Guam. He served as the U.S. Navy Recruiting Officer in the Northeast Kingdom from '65 to '69.

Upon retiring from the Navy in 1975, and returning to Vermont, he worked for the Vermont Department of Public Safety as an electronics/communications repair technician in the Northeast Kingdom for 24 years until retiring in 1999. He also provided services for all Vermont law enforcement departments, including Fish & Game, sheriff's departments, local police departments and Vermont Agency of Transportation. Over the years he also provided engineering services for the local radio station, WSTJ.

Known as "Larry" most of his life, he was an active ham radio operator for over 60 years with the call sign K1LPS, YCCC Scuttlebutt

contacting stations all over the world. He was a multi-talented musician, photographer and artist from his early years, and was an accomplished gardener and landscaper, developing his home and property in North Danville for over 34 years.

Lawrence was predeceased by his wife, Anna (Gravel) Filby, who passed away in December 2016. He is survived by his son: Svend-Erik Filby, his daughter: Anne-Marie Filby, and a stepson by a previous marriage: San Nielsen.

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Roger H. Prince – W1BR – Princeton, MA April 22, 2020



Roger H. Prince, 76, of Princeton died on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at St. Mary Healthcare Center, Worcester, after a long illness. Roger was born in Worcester, the son of Arthur and Ruth (Madsen) Prince and grew up in Shrewsbury graduating from Shrewsbury High School in '62. He went on to graduate from Springfield College in 1966. In recent years he was active in Alumni Affairs at Springfield College.

Roger's lifelong career was teaching Physical Education at the Paxton Center School. He often said that he was blessed to have a job that he loved going to every day. Roger's other loves were amateur radio and classic cars. He became a "Ham" at age 14 and spent countless hours on the radio with people all over the world. He was known in amateur radio circles as W1BR.

Rogers' enthusiasm for cars began even before he was licensed to drive. Throughout his life he owned scores of cars with Corvettes being his favorites. Roger belonged to several Classic Car Clubs over the years and particularly enjoyed his trips to Carlisle, PA where he met fellow "car guys" and purchased "automobilia" for his growing collection.

Roger is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Scannell Prince; nieces and nephews and many friends. He was predeceased by his brother, Kenneth Prince.

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Roger E. Corey - W1AX – Westwood, MA – April 25, 2020



Roger E. Corey, born in 1921, and Dorothy (Haywood) Corey, born in 1916, first met in the spring of 1944 while both were stationed in West Palm Beach, Florida, with the Army Air Corps. Roger served as a radar specialist and Dorothy as a cryptographer. If asked, she had to tell folks she was a secretary, even though she helped tend the SIGABA machine, which decoders called 'the baby'. They dated for three months, married Sept. 2, and were inseparable for 75 years.

Roger grew up in Central Massachusetts and Dot, in Candor, North Carolina, on a peach farm. Before they met, Roger attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Dot went to Meredith College, taught school and coached basketball. After the war they returned to Massachusetts, where Roger worked at the Raytheon Corporation and then the New England Telephone Company. Dot became a devoted wife and mother, an avid gardener and an active member of the First Baptist Church in Westwood, where they were long-time residents.

Keeping decades of diaries, they typed their memoirs and shared a lifetime of keepsakes, always including handwritten notes so that family might learn and remember their stories. Among those stories, Dot recalled itching



from the peach fuzz during harvest and their many dogs, all named Shep! She told of how she and her sister played barefoot over a precarious gold mine shaft nearby, and of the woman who helped her find a blue dress for her wartime wedding. Roger told of Worcester streetcars and Springfield horseshoe courts, of hunting with his father for food during the Depression, and of his Morse code/ham radio community from old states, like Rhodesia and the Kingdom of Siam. He also vividly recalled his first sighting of Dot, describing her copper hair, bright green dress and shapely figure! Always loving, noble and humble, they sweetly shrugged whenever anyone marveled at the improbable journey of their lives.

Roger (99) and Dot (103) succumbed to COVID-19 on April 25, 2020 and May 3, respectively.

Incredible parents, they dearly loved their family. Three sons, David of Shaftsbury, Vermont, James of Southborough, and John of Hopkinton, their sons. wives, Mary, Yola and Kris, their five grandchildren and their spouses, David and Rebekah, Jeffrey and Stephanie, Sarah and Todd, Danielle and David, and Michael, their six great-grandchildren, Lane, Luke, Eden, Micah, Liam and Wren, and many relatives and friends survive them. They will be greatly missed.

As W1JYH, living in the Connecticut River valley, Roger compiled huge scores in the Sweepstakes, DX tests and QSO parties. He and his neighbor W1EOB (N4XR) had many close races to the finish.

Roger was also active in Field day with the Connecticut Wireless Association. As a young contester Roger was always one of my heroes. When I got invited to take part in the CWA field day operation, I always looked forward to meeting Roger in Westwood and the opportunity to garner tidbits of contesting and DXing strategy on the drive to and from FD. Of course getting to see Roger and the other masters of the CW art operate was an experience I will never forget.

Roger was a member of the 128 Contest club, one of the predecessors of YCCC and a charter member of YCCC. He is the longest time US member of the First Class CW Operators Club (FOC).
(Tnx QCWA # 2745, Chapter 4)

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David A. Karpiej – K1THP – Farmington, CT – June 2, 2020



David A. Karpiej, 72, of Farmington, CT died on Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

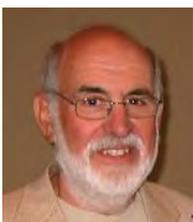
Born in New Britain to the late Alphonse and Martha Karpiej, he attended local schools and graduated from E.C. Goodwin Tech then from Ward Technical College. Dave proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force.

Prior to retirement he was employed as an electronic technician for Coherent Laser. In his leisure time, Dave was an amateur radio operator (his call letters K1THP), and also enjoyed spending time with friends at Winding Trails. He was a member of the Bristol Fish & Game Club as well as the American Legion Bristol Post #2.

A friend to all, Dave will be greatly missed. He is survived by Libby (Sapelli) his loving wife of 47 years; his sisters, Barbara Banasiewicz and husband James, and MaryAnn Varga and husband Stephen; his brother-in-law, Jim Sapelli and wife Mary; his best friend and evil twin, Bob Albrecht, and several nieces and nephews.

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Donald Joseph Benecchi - K1DC - Dothan, AL - September 14, 2020



Donald Joseph Benecchi passed away September 14, 2020, at his home.

Donald was born in Brockton, Mass., son of Alfred S. and Elizabeth (Savini) Benecchi.

He was a graduate of Brockton Trade High School in '55 and attended Mass. Radio School in Boston.

He joined the U.S. Navy while still in high school, served in the U.S. Naval Reserve during the cold war era as a Cryptographic Technician and retired from the U.S. Navy with the rank of Chief Petty Officer. He was employed in the electronic field in Massachusetts at Raytheon Co, Foxboro Co and Epsco, Inc. as a technician and Engineering Associate. He ultimately became a salesman promoting electronic components at Hatch Associates, Inc. and became President and owner of the firm for 20 years.

He was the husband of the late Carolyn Dee Benecchi for 39 years and moved from West Bridgewater, MA., to Dothan, Ala., in 2011. Donald was an active Amateur Radio operator since 1952 with the call sign of K1DC enjoying building and repairing vintage radio equipment and operating Morse code making contacts with friends worldwide. He was a member of several radio clubs including the Massasoit Radio Club of Massachusetts and the Wiregrass ARC, Dothan, Ala.

He was an avid sailing enthusiast and, during the New England summers, enjoyed sailing with his wife and children aboard the family sailboat "Blue Velvet" from Newport, R.I., to Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Long Island Sound area.

He is survived by his children, Robin Howard and husband of Norton, Mass., Kimberly Graham of East Bridgewater, Mass., Melissa Genthner and husband Burke of Dothan, Ala., Richard Benecchi and wife Maria of Parma, Italy, Robert Benecchi and wife Susan of Herndon, Va., and four grandchildren, Chiara, Graham, Joshua and Sarah. He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Botti of Waikiloa Village, Hawaii.

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The following files have been uploaded to the Groups.io File Site (as of 16 Oct 2020):

- April 11 Secretary Minutes by Brian NJ1F
- Clusters_YCCC Cluster File for Telnet Window
- Telnet Commands Telnet Command File for Telnet Window
- YCCC Telnet Filters by Dennis W1UE
- Operating CQWW SSB for Smaller Stations by Gerry W1GD

Files previously uploaded to the Groups.io File Site:

- Video from K1IR on Wind
- Contest Tips 2017v1
- Multi-op contesting & Covid 19- Remote Solution by W1VE
- Secret Life of Contacts by N8RA

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Yankee Clipper Contest Club YouTube Channel

Link to Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOZDgRPZQ5lvtry1OjNWBYQ/videos>

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July 22, 2020 - NY Capital Region Local Meeting

On Wednesday evening, July 22nd, we had a NY Capital Region local meeting at Ravenwoods Tavern in Clifton Park NY., 5 members were able to attend.

John, KE1IH Mike, N2MG Brian, NJ1F Saul, K2XA Will, NC2I

This was a social gathering, we talked a lot about how the beginning of the new solar cycle may effect the upcoming contest season. We all made the observation that there is always activity on the FT8 band segments. Our next local area meeting will be cookout at either WC2L or KE1IH's QTH.

On another note Ray NM2O is in the process of moving from New York to Florida, he has sold his tower, but has radios, amps and antennas for sale. He also has miles of military phone wire, I have used some for low band antennas, contact him directly if interested.

73 –
John, KE1IH

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Donation to Support YCCC Youth Scholarship



July 17, 2020

Yankee Clipper Contest Club, Inc.
c/o Chet Slabinski, N8RA, Treasurer
200 Mount Parnassus Road
East Haddam, CT 06423

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the ARRL Foundation, thank you so much for your contribution of \$2,000.00 to support the Yankee Clipper Contest Club Youth Scholarship Fund.

The ARRL Foundation is very pleased to offer this scholarship to deserving young hams from the YCCC region pursuing higher education. Recipients are always very appreciative of their scholarships to help with the financial burden of higher education. This year's recipient will be selected soon.

Thank you again for your generosity.

73,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Melissa Stemmer'.

Melissa Stemmer, KA7CLO
Development Manager

The ARRL Foundation is an IRS-designated 501(c)(3) organization holding federal tax identification # 23-7325472. Accordingly, your contribution may be tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services have been provided for this contribution.

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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@arri.net The deadline for each issue is the 10th of the preceding month..

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

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

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 Mike Gilmer, N2MG.

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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