April 2024 Issue 275

YCCC General Club *Zoom* Meeting *Saturday*, April 6<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 – 9:00am to 12:00pm

## **CAPTAIN'S LOG**

Hi All,

It's April, it must be election month. The good news is we have a full slate up for election/reelection. I have committed to another year (seeing no other challengers) but the Club elders (you know who you are) should be thinking along the lines of finding a replacement for next year.

I took advantage of the last remnants of winter in New England to work on the various Club IT resources. These include our Website (<a href="www.yccc.org">www.yccc.org</a>), the Groups.io reflector

(<a href="https://groups.io/g/yccc">https://groups.io/g/yccc</a>), our Google Workspace accounts and the ARRL Eligibility list. Don't forget we also have a Club YouTube channel

(https://www.youtube.com/@yankeeclippercontestclub6982) maintained by Marty, NN1C and finally a Facebook page to round things out.

Website updates include the addition of the latest Constitution, the K2LE and K2KQ HoF writeups and cleanups around our Area Manager roster. Websites do require ongoing maintenance and our Webmaster Mike, N2MG has committed to this with the occasional assist from Brian, NJ1F and Randy, K5ZD.

Cleanup in our Groups.io resource included mainly a roster review and the removal of several SK's. We are grandfathered into a free plan here and have around 485 registered users. We have already been notified by Groups.io that we are near our 1 GB storage limit and they will automatically start pruning email attachments as we go over that limit. The current free plan offering from Groups.io allows only 100 users/1 GB of storage, so we are on quite the free ride here. I see this as a budget risk. To convert to a paid plan would be \$0.04 / user and would give us 30 GB of storage. That is only around \$20/Month (500 members), well within our budget means.

Cleanup in our Google Workspace pruned the account database down to 65 subscribers from around 120. Many SK's and non-active members that had never logged on were removed. See the article later in the newsletter to learn what this free resource is all about.

Finally, using the Google Workspace Sheets tool (Google's version of Excel) I was able to read in the ARRL Eligibility list, do a DB compare with the Club roster and provide updates for our Club Secretary.

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# **NEXT MEETING**

# YCCC General Club Zoom Meeting Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 9:00am to 12:00pm

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| CAPE & ISLANDS   | OPEN                   |                       |                           |

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#### (Captain's Log continued from page 1)

Some extensive roster cleanup took place while working with the various DB reported above. In the last newsletter I reported a member count of 256 dues-current members + 170, 1 year in arrears. I now see this as 269 dues-current (12/31/2023+ and lifetime members) + 64, 1 year in arrears (12/31/2022). This is 333 total.

Using these numbers let's look at how motivated the Club membership was at getting on for the ARRL DX pair considering some of the best conditions experienced in my lifetime.

| Contest     | Logs<br>Submitted | Members<br>in Contest | Dues-Current % Club Participation | Current + 1<br>year lapsed |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ARRL DX CW  | 129               | 157                   | 58%                               | 47%                        |
| ARRL DX SSB | 113               | 144                   | 53%                               | 43%                        |
| Totals      | 242               | 186*                  | 69%                               | 56%                        |

Logs submitted are from the ARRL Logs Received page pulled from the DB created by the Club Scorekeeper, Mike, NG1M and the members count is derived manually from looking at the Multi-Op entries posted on 3830Scores.com. The Members column *total* shows the unique operator count across the two contests. Some eligibility considerations may affect the actual number, but this gives a pretty good snapshot.

Compared to the same analysis reported in the April 2022 Scuttlebutt (Issue #264), shows while we grew our membership, about the same number of members were active. Therefore, of course, the %'s are considerably lower. I also suspect we are spending less time in the chair than ever before. Is this a new problem? Chris Terkla (N1XS) (SK) wrote in his Feb. 2003 Captain's Cabin column lamenting how with a Club of 450 members only "about 150 scores and there might be 50 members who supported the multi-ops". Let's say 200 was a good number in a Club of 450 members. 44%. Go figure, the more things change the more they stay the same.

The Club is currently 10<sup>th</sup> in the overall State QSO Party Club Challenge with PVRC in the lead by a considerable amount. I suspect that picture will change after the NEQP. Rumor has it the Club took first place in the Oceania DX Contest NA Club category. Thanks go out to the members with the big antennas to make this happen.

We continue to recruit for the open Club positions. Please volunteer. Progress has been made filling all Officer Openings, but we do have some Area manager slots to be filled.

# Upcoming YCCC General Club *Zoom* Meeting & Elections Schedule & Agenda April 6, 2024

When: Saturday, April 6th, 2024

09:00 to 12:00 Eastern Time - New York (UTC-04:00)

**Location:** Zoom

**Organizer:** Ken - WO1N wo1n@arrl.net

**Description:** Zoom channel will be open approximately 15 minutes beforehand.

Also, Tom, K1KI is joining us to promote the NEQP.

Meeting to start at 9am EDT.

**Agenda:** 0900 – 0905 **Greetings** 

0905 - 0945 **WRTC 2026 Update** 

- Mark Haynes, M0DXR

0945 – 10:15 **Club Business** 

Secretary /Treasurer Reports

o Meeting Schedule

o Competition Update - ARRL DX Review

- Mike Visich - NG1M

Area Manager Reports

1015 – 1020 Annual Election Voting

1020 – 1040 New England QSO Party

- Tom, K1KI

**1040 – 1045 New Member Voting** 

1045 – 1145 Contest Spot Generation, Distribution, Filtering &

Consumption

- Rudy Bakalov - N2WQ

1145 - 1200 Open Mike and Wrap Up

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## Yankee Clipper Contest Club February 3, 2023 Zoom Meeting Minutes

President Ken WO1N called themeeting back to order at 9:01am.

President Ken WO1N than asked for a roll call of the members present.

President Ken WO1N then asked if anyone present wanted to join the YCCC.

N1KLF, N1AH and N1QY were welcomed aboard

President Ken WO1N asked for the Secretary's report which Brian NJ1F gave, PJ2PL/N2HX made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by K1XM. The motion carried.

President Ken WO1N then asked for the Treasurer's report which Chet N8RA gave. KF2O made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by KM1P. The motion carried.

President Ken WO1N then announced the upcoming meeting schedule.

April 6<sup>th</sup> In-person location TBD June / July Picnic TBD August 24<sup>th</sup> In-person at HamXposition October 6<sup>th</sup> In-person TBD December 1<sup>st</sup> In-person TBD

Ed PJ2PL / N2HX asked if the in-person meetings could also be hosted on zoom as well. There was some discussion about the technical feasibility.

President Ken WO1N then introduced Mike NG1M, the club's score keeper, who gave a presentation on the recent ARRL 160 and 10 meter contests. Looks like the YCCC won the 10-meter contest by over 6 million points! The YCCC appears to have finished third in the 160 meter contest.

President Ken WO1N then continued the vote on the bylaw change to the club's jurisdiction, which was approved.

President Ken WO1N then introduced Rudy N2WQ. Rudy gave a presentation on making the step from a single op station to a multi op station.

President Ken WO1N then announced that Don K2KQ was being inducted into the Yankee Clipper Contest Club Hall of Fame. Ken read the nomination document. Hank KF2O will be arranging a local meeting to present Don the award in person.

President Ken WO1N then introduced Gary AF8A. Gary's presentation was about the upcoming solar eclipse and the Solar Eclipse QSO Party.

President Ken WO1N then talked about the State QSO Party Club Competition. The SQPCC runs the entire year and its goal is to encourage more participation in the various QSO Parties.

Paul K1XM made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Chet N8RA.

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 am

Submitted Brian Szewczyk NJ1F YCCC Secretary

## Don Toman, K2KQ Nominated to YCCC Hall of Fame

The officers and members of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club congratulate Don Toman, K2KQ on his 77 years of being a licensed amateur radio operator. In recognizing Don's 77 years of activity, contributions, leadership and dedication to the Yankee Clipper Contest Club, Don is hereby nominated to the YCCC Hall of Fame.

A lifelong amateur radio enthusiast, Don was first licensed in 1947 as W2UFT. Don achieved DXCC by May of 1948, DXCC #206 at the tender age of 14 years old. Don then achieved WAZ in 1949 but the QSL cards took a few years to arrive. Don was awarded



Don, K2KQ and presenter Hank, KF20

WAZ #334. Don is on the DXCC Honor roll with 370 entities including deletions.

A very accomplished professional life as an aerospace and electronic systems engineer took precedence resulting in some 27 patents. Don obtained his current call in 1976 thanks to the Extra Class incentive. Eventually he found his way back to more activity around 1996. It was then Don joined the YCCC and participated in a few Club multi-op contests. Don then deployed his own station in 1998 and he was hooked again.

Not one to waste much time Don became the President of YCCC in April 1999. He served two years as President of the Club, handing over the reins in April 2001. A year later he stepped up again, with his role as Vice President, April 2002 – April 2004.

Don shepherded the Club through decisive Club competition wins in the CQWW DX Contests 1999 and 2000 and the ARRL DX contests 2000 and 2001. His emphasis on every score counting, no matter how big or small the station was key to those victories.

Don helped organize the July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2001 joint YCCC / FRC / PVRC picnic that took place in NJ. Attended by some 40 Club members, this helped put a face on the competition, all in good fun. It helped solidify what the Club purpose was all about.

Over the years Don popularized the Double-L style low band antenna design throughout the Club. An uncountable number of members have deployed these in both temporary and permanent installations. The contribution to the Club scores is essentially uncountable.

Don is a prolific Club reflector contributor. His posts often offer cogent technical advice, or they may provide enthusiastic encouragement. His recommendations on motivating such a large organization are cherished and analyzed. He is always happy to share his wealth of knowledge. He is innovative. The YCCC is fortunate to have such an outstanding individual in our midst.

For these reasons, we nominate Don Toman, K2KQ to the YCCC Hall of Fame.

Nominating Members: WO1N, NJ1F

## SNY/NJ Area Meeting February 21, 2024

Hank, K2FO

The SNY/NJ area held a local YCCC meeting on February 21 at the Eldorado diner in Elmsford, NY. KF2O (Hank) K2KQ (Don) KC2G (Andrew)and WB2NVR (Bob) attended.

The main agenda item was to present K2KQ, Don Toman, with the YCCC Hall of Fame plaque. The Club is honoring his many years of service to the YCCC, as past-President, technical articles contributor, DXpedition leader to J3, and mentor. Congratulations, Don!

After the formalities there was much euphoria expressed over the just then concluded ARRL CW contest with



L to R, K2KQ, KF2O

personal highs all around. Hank (KF2O) then gave a short presentation of his strategy balancing mult chasing and running for a "good but not great" station, including a mult tracking grid he uses to help assure he is not missing "easy" multipliers.

NNY Area Meeting February 29, 2024 John, KE1IH

Ahoy Mates,

We had an Albany area local YCCC meeting the Thursday (February 29th) before the ARRL DX phone contest. We had 8 members and one non member attend the meeting.

Mike's daughter Sophie added some color and youth to our meeting, she took the attached photo. We had a general discussion about the conditions and strategy for the upcoming phone contest. Fred, K2TR showed us some filters that will be using for field day. John, KE1IH and Fred had a discussion about tower failures, a subject which KE1IH is very interested in. The meeting lasted 3 hours and everyone had a great time.

## **Directors Meeting –**



L-R: Along wall: K2TR, NJ1F,KE1IH,WC2L. Front row N2MG, N2ZX, K2XA, NJ1P. Photo by N2MG Harmonic, Sophie, No Call Yet

## Saturday, March 5, 2024

Ken - WO1N

A meeting of the YCCC directors and others including WO1N, NJ1F, N8RA, K1XM and KQ2M, N2WQ and NG1M took place Saturday, March 05, 2024, 07:30 – 09:20 PM

WO1N reported on agenda progress for the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

WO1N reported on a positive experience his local Club, the Billerica Amateur Radio Society, had using a PayPal feature that will send out dues auto-dunning notices to the membership. The Billerica Club Treasurer reported that within days renewals poured in to the highest level they had seen in years.

A discussion of the Club upcoming elections took place. We have a full slate of Officers for the 2024-2025 Club year.

WO1N reported the W1SRG crew has offered the use of their facility for a Club cookout. The primary target date would be Saturday, June 15th. Ken to contact them to accept their offer.

A discussion took place regarding WRTC. Ken was directed to invite Mark, M0DXR to present to the Club a WRTC 2026 status update.

A discussion took place regarding the Club participation levels of the 2023 – 2024 winter contest season.

A discussion took place regarding the Scholarship. We still do not know if there were any applicants for the 2024 YCCC Scholarship.

WO1N polled the members for additional business. KQ2M offered suggestions to further improve the Club membership engagement.

The meeting was adjourned at 09:20 PM

Director meeting minutes are provided for informational purposes only.

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## **Google Workspace**

Ken - WO1N

Round about 2008 Jim, K1IR, Gerry, W1VE and maybe some others I am not aware of, promoted the Google Workspace resource within the Club. A free Google offering, they populated the tool database (DB) with about 120 of us and said, "have at it".

I logged in at that time, set up a forwarding address for my woln@yccc.org account and pretty much left it at that for well over a decade.

We had a bit of a hiccup during 2022 when Google asked us to prove we were a non-profit organization in order to keep using the resource for free. That motivated us to set up the Club with the Federal non-profit designation (501(c) (3)), {thanks, Chet!}.Gerry then made sure the active user accounts were restored.

A few years back I had a contract job that required me to use the Google Workspace tools. It was a bit of a challenge to get up the learning curve with the resource but after a few weeks I found the tools to be business class quality.

At that point I started promoting it amongst the Club officers without much success. But, alas, I persevere. I have begun a project to move all of the Club related business that I have accumulated being the Club President (<a href="mailto:president@yccc.org">president@yccc.org</a>) such that when it comes time to move on, the new President will have immediate access to all of it.

#### What does it offer?

Active/Dues-current members who sign up will have access to 30GB of online storage, the <u>callsign@yccc.org</u> email (which is Gmail), and some 70 Google applications (so they claim). The useful apps are their version of Excel spreadsheets (called "Sheets"), a business class word processor ("Docs"), a PowerPoint like presentation builder ("Slides") and all of the usual Group interaction tools, calendars and even personal websites that Google is known for.

The following dues-current members have accounts and have never logged in:

WR2I, KA1R, K11U, K1XM, W1DAD, K1BD, W1ZK, N1KWF, N1IXF, N1DC, K11G, K1OA, KA2KON, W3SM, K1BV, K1KI, KA2D, K1IM, N1GN, K1TW, N1GLT, K1EO

If you need a hand logging in, let me know and we can set up a Zoom screen share session to get you started. If you don't remember your password, you can use the Google links to reset it yourself.

If you prefer not to have an account, let me know and I will delete it for you.

If you aren't on the above list and would like an account, drop me a note and we will get you started.

So, what happens when you no longer want to be a member? The toolset offers archive and transition tools to preserve your data. You can do this all yourself and then inform myself (president@yccc.org) your desire to have the account deleted.

Try it out, you might like it!

## WWROF Thanks YCCC for Sponsoring CQ-WPX Contest Plaque



Worldwide Radio Operators Foundation, Inc P O Box 529 Fredericksburg, TX 78624-0529 USA

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February 8, 2024

Type of Contribution:

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Sincerely,

Worldwide Radio Operators Foundation, Inc.

https://wwrof.org/

## **NEQP 2024 Rule Changes**

## Tom Frenaye – K1KI

(The following notice was previously sent to all who sent in a log for the 2023 NEQP.) Greetings -

There will be a couple of rule changes for the New England QSO Party this year and we wanted you to be the first to know the details.

- 1. We will allow self-spotting. On CW (and RTTY) this is already happening with the Reverse Beacon Network so there will be little need for it. But with low power and especially QRP entrants this may help to boost their scores. On SSB the change should make a difference and generate a lot more opportunity for QSOs. As it is, CW QSOs outnumber SSB by about three to one, so we expect an increase in SSB activity.
- 2. **There is a new multi-multi category.** Now that we regularly have 500-1000 entrants, there have been requests for multi-multi entries. Most of the time, QSO parties tend to stick to 20 and 40 meters but with many more sunspots these days, action is expected on 15 and 10m.
- 3. Change county abbreviations from county-state to state-county. This aligns the NEQP with other state QSO parties. MIDMA changes to MAMID, and ROCNH to NHROC, as examples. As always, logs using the reverse format are still accepted.
- 4. Change in CT county names. There are now 9 instead of 8 multipliers in CT. Counties are now called planning regions, based on a US Census change in 2022. It's a long story see the attached file for details. This is complicated because there was really little public announcement followed by the local media, so most state residents really still think in terms of county boundaries even though county government hasn't existed for 64 years, except on maps!

**Major logging software authors have been notified** – new N1MM+ versions of the NEWE module (for W1 stations) and IN7QNE module (for non-W1s) should be released this week.

**If you're planning to be active** in the 2024 NEQP from New England, please let us know. We're trying to make sure all counties are active again. Send an email to <u>info@...</u> with the callsign you plan to use and which county/counties you plan to be active from.

**Results from the 2023 NEQP** have been completed and the web site will be updated in the next week or two. Thanks for your patience!

- Tom/K1KI

### What Happened to Connecticut Counties?

A long time ago (1960) Connecticut eliminated county government. County names have remained "on the books" and on maps ever since, and mostly used to deal with interactions with the US Census and other Federal programs. Every square inch of the state is within the boundaries of 169 different towns where local control is the basis of most local government decisions. Over the years, a series of regional planning districts (Council of Governments) have been assembled to deal with regional transportation, air quality and other areas where

cooperation between towns is necessary.

In 2019, the state formally requested that the US Census Bureau approve a proposal to recognize Connecticut's nine planning regions as the statistical equivalent of counties for the purpose of tabulating and publishing future Census data. This went through a two-year review process and was finally approved in mid-2022. This year (2024) will see the first release of data based on regional planning districts.

The New England QSO Party will recognize the change beginning with the 2024 NEQP. This change will add one multiplier in CT, making for a total of 68 in New England. We will work with software authors to make sure that the "county" change is reflected in current software versions. There will be several other contest rules changes as well, noted elsewhere.

There may be some confusion with those giving NEQP contact information and with those outside of New England. The log checking process will make sure that all entries are scored the same way, with the same list of 68 multipliers.

#### **Regional Councils of Governments in Connecticut**



#### **New Connecticut multipliers for the NEQP**

| CTCAP | Capital Region     |
|-------|--------------------|
| CTGBR | Greater Bridgeport |
| CTLCR | Lower CT River     |
| CTNAU | Naugatuck Valley   |
| CTNOE | Northeastern       |
| CTNOW | Northwest Hills    |
| CTSOE | Southeastern       |
| CTSOC | South Central      |
| CTWES | Western            |
|       |                    |

#### For additional information:

#### **History**

https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/23bc7986213547a79cb8a5dafa84d68d

#### **Map of Regional Planning Districts**

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/OPM/IGPP/ORG/COGs/PDFCOGspdf.jpg

#### **Towns in each District**

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/OPM/IGPP/Municipal-Directories/Municipalities-Planning-Region-COG.pdf

#### **Federal Register publication**

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/06/06/2022-12063/change-to-county-equivalents-in-the-state-of-connecticut

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## **Open Positions in the YCCC**

Ken - WO1N

**Area Manager Openings (3)** 

Eastern CT Area (860) Cape and Islands Western NH / Southern Vermont

The Area Manager role is described in Section 5 of the Club Bylaws. "Area Managers shall be appointed for such areas deemed appropriate by the President. These Managers shall be responsible for serving the interests of members in their area, which may include assisting in antenna projects, helping procure transportation to Club meetings, and recruiting new members." In practical terms, Area managers are called upon to organize local area meetings, either live or Zoom, define resources within the area that can be called upon should Club members put out a call for assistance with antenna projects. Additionally, Area Managers do some recruiting at area get-togethers (hamfests, flea markets etc.). Finally they are asked to report back on a regular basis to the Club as to activities within the area.

We are encouraging Area Managers to be a bit more active. We think it is a good approach to engage new members in developing a sense of belonging to the Club other than the few live meetings we have each year.

If you think you can fulfill any of these roles, please drop me a note at President@yccc.org

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#### YCCC CLUB RESOURCE INFORMATION

**DUES AND MEMBERSHIP STUFF** Dues for the year are payable as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please note that payment of current dues IS NOT a prerequisite for contributing scores to the Club aggregate but IS required for participation in the Club's e-mail reflector and the Club's awards programs. The YCCC has a multi-tiered membership:

<u>Full Member</u> - \$15 (Available to amateurs residing within the Club territory for all YCCC member benefits and e-mail delivery of the Club newsletter.)

<u>Family Member</u> - \$0 (Grants full membership benefits to all family amateurs residing at one domicile upon payment of one member's "Full Member" annual dues. The Club Newsletter will be sent to the full member's email address.)

**<u>Student Member</u>** - \$10 (Grants full membership to students at a reduced cost.)

<u>Subscription</u>- \$10 (A "friend of YCCC", not a member, but a possible candidate for future membership and receives club newsletter in e-mail form.)

<u>Former Member</u> - \$0 (A former full member who has moved out of the Club territory may continue to participate in the Club's e-mail reflector and receive the e-mailed newsletter at no cost.)

You can tell if you owe dues by checking the Club roster on the website. (<a href="https://yccc.org/roster/">https://yccc.org/roster/</a>) A lapsed member can reinstate lost privileges by paying current year dues. PayPal is preferred to <a href="yccc@yccc.org">yccc@yccc.org</a>. Please include your callsign, family callsigns, and year(s) being paid. PayPal no longer allows the Club to receive dues from "family or friends" so you will not have that option.

**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 or as announced on the YCCC e-mail list.

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

**CONTEST SCORES** should be reported on 3830Scores.com. Additionally, post your scores to the Club Reflector. Include the 3830 Scores formatted output or the output from your favorite contest logger.

#### **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.

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