

Scuttlebutt

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Captain's Log Ken Caruso, WO1N



Hi all,

HamXposition was a fun event for me. The Club supported the mini-Contest University organized by Tim, K3LR and Doug, K1DG, with most of the speakers and refreshments

(the important part?). I hope you enjoyed the sessions.

The Friday evening Contest Dinner featured Tim, K3LR. The Club supported the dinner with a DX Engineering Gift Certificate which was won by Club member AA1ON. Cool.

See later in the newsletter for the YCCC meeting minutes. We on-boarded 6 new members. Both N1PGA's and K1KP's talks were well attended. I highly recommend you check out the video of Tony's talk on the FlexRadio Aurora development by clicking here.

Heading into CQWW SSB we have 257 Life and Paid members. For the majors, we also included those one year in arrears, some 33 members from 2024. An impressive field of 290 score producing machines. I hope to hear you out there over the weekend!

How are your antenna projects doing? I pushed my tower re-install to the absolute deadline as real life events took over in a major way during September.

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Upcoming Contests

CQ World Wide DX SSB	Oct 25-26	
CQ World Wide DX CW	Nov 29-30	
ARRL Sweepstakes CW	Nov 1-3	
Worked all Europe DX RTTY	Nov 8-9	
ARRL EME Contest #4	Nov 8-9	
ARRL Sweepstakes SSB	Nov 15-17	
Courtesy of WA7BNM		



Above: AA1ON wins \$100 DX Engineering gift certificate at HamXposition; WO1N on right







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I think I can get it raised either Thursday or Friday before CQWW SSB.

Otherwise, I have committed to supporting K1KP and I can always use my trusty R7 vertical to be on the air when I'm not at KP's.

The recent pre-CQWW SSB Zoom meeting "Deploying N1MM+ Voice Keying using Piper TTS" was obviously a timely subject. The session was well attended with some 57 logged into the event (that included some friends from the CCO). Additionally, there have been another 76 views on YouTube (https://youtu.be/fK-IPOKLHGI) as of this writing.

I'm racking up the miles in an attempt to support our Area Managers. I attended the Western Mass meeting put on by Jeff, NT1K at K1TTT's and then recently the NH Area meeting organized by Dave, K1KA. Thank you both for organizing these. While out at K1TTT's I cornered N2KW to be our new NYC-LI Area Manager. Please support him where you can.

Finally, I wanted to bring special attention in recognizing our previous newsletter editor, Steve, N1SR. We finally caught up with him at the Western Area meeting and I was able to present him with a plaque and \$100 Gift Certificate from DX Engineering.

Thank you, Steve for the 24 years of being the Club's newsletter editor for Issues 154 - 278. Enjoy your retirement!

73, Ken - WO1N ♦

New Members

We are excited to welcome aboard the following new members of YCCC:

K6RO/1, K3ZJ, N1ZYZ, WB1S, WS1E, W5GI



Above: Ken, WO1N recognizes past *Scuttlebutt* editor Steve, N1SR with a plaque and \$100 DX Engineering gift certificate

Club Contacts

President	Ken Caruso, WO1N
Vice President	Paul Young, K1XM
Activities	Rudy Bakalov, N2WQ
Secretary	Brian Szewczyk, NJ1F
Treasurer	Bob Shohet, KQ2M
Editor	Mike DeChristopher, N1TA
Webmaster	Mike Gilmer, N2MG
Scorekeeper	Mike Visich, NG1M

Area Managers

ME	Mike Russo, K1EU
NE MA (978/351)	Ken Caruso, WO1N
SE MA (508/774)	Charlie Morrison, N1RF
Boston (617/781)	Joe Fitzgerald, KM1P
WMA (413)	<u>Jeff Bail, NT1K</u>
CT (860)	Open
CT (203)	Mike Loukides, W1JQ
NH	Dave Mackey, K1KA
RI	Dave Neil, W2DAN
NNY	John Corini, KE1IH
NYC/LI (718)	Open
SNY/NJ/PA (914)	Open
VT (802)	Chris Knox, KI1P
Quebec	Guy Lemieux, VE2BWL

Open

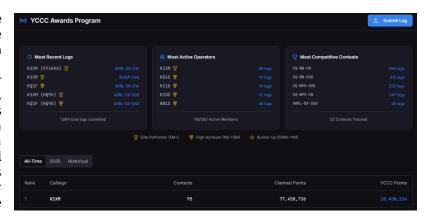
Cape & Islands

New YCCC Leaderboard System

Rudy Bakalov, N2WQ

Our club has always strived to achieve top scores in major contests where club competition is offered. We encourage members to participate in as many contests as possible throughout the year, thereby honing their skills, building butt-in-chair stamina, and improving their stations.

YCCC represents a diverse range of stations. Whether you're operating from a superstation with multiple towers or working QSOs with an attic antenna, your contest efforts matter to the club. To better recognize everyone's contributions we're exploring a participation-based award system similar to what other successful clubs have implemented. This approach would award points for contest participation and create member rankings within YCCC.



A working prototype of this system is now available for testing and your feedback at https://ycccleaderboard.replit.app. Please take a look and share your thoughts. Your input will help us refine this concept and determine if it's the right fit for our club.

We want to remind members that there are no SSB skimmers. We encourage YCCC members to 1/configure their logger to auto spot S&P stations when running Assisted or 2/manually spot using the logger when running Assisted. Spotting fellow YCCC members is a very effective way to help the running station make more QSOs and ultimately increase the club score. ◆

Editor's Note: a call history file for YCCC members is available in the groups.io files section under "Club-Files" or by <u>clicking here</u> (txt format; you must be logged in to groups.io).

NNY Area Meeting

John Corini, KE1IH

We had a pre-CQWW Albany area YCCC meeting at the Ravenswood Pub in Clifton Park, NY last evening (10/16/2025). Twelve member hams attended, including Joe, KM1P from Boston!

Here is a list of who attended: Fred, K2TR; Saul, K2XA; Will, WC2L; JP, N1JP; Ryan, W2RYZ; Curtis, K2XL; John, K2XL; Ernie, K2EP; Brian, NJ1F; Joe, KM1P; Savo, K2SAV; John, KE1IH

Over beer and food, we discussed plans for CQWW phone and antenna issues/projects at KE1IH and K2XA. Ray, NM2O, who recently moved from the area, sent me a note that he will be operating at V26B, look for him on 20M. ◆



WMA Area Meeting

Jeff Bail, NT1K



Since CQWW is just around the corner, the Western Mass section of the YCCC hosted an area meeting at Dave Robbins, K1TTT QTH in Peru, MA. To make things more interesting, it was decided to also host a potluck style picnic to encourage more participation from WMA members and hopefully obtain some new members as well.



Sunday September 21st was chosen as the date as it didn't interfere with most people's plans and hope the

WX held out long enough to have a nice day. Jeff, NT1K put the word out and got many responses. Can't pass up having a good time, with good food and great people! Thankfully the day was nice.

The meeting kicked off around 11:30am. Jeff, NT1K started off with introductions of everyone in attendance followed up by some words about upcoming contests and encouragement to submit logs on behalf of the YCCC.



Then it was handed off to Ken, WO1N, president of YCCC. He gave an update on the treasury and other events within the league. He took this opportunity to present Steve Rodowicz, N1SR a plaque to honor his many years spent editing *Scuttlebutt*. Thank you very much!

Meeting adjourned around 12:00pm with the grill

starting up right after. The menu consisted of hot dogs, hamburgers, corn on the cob, macaroni salad, charcuterie board, baked beans, kielbasa, chips and desserts such as brownies and cookies.

Dave, K1TTT then hosted a tour of his station showing off his aluminum antenna farm to those in attendance.

Members in attendance: Dave, K1TTT; Ken, WO1N; Chuck, WS1L; Tom, W1TO; Mike, N1TA; Allen, N2KW; Khrystyne, K1SFA; Mark, WY1G; Frandy, N1FJ; Nick, K1NZ; Lenny, KB1W/QRP; Steve, N1SR; Will, WC2L; Alex, WI1U; John, KE1IH.

I'd like to thank everyone in attendance and to those who brought food and drinks to the potluck. A HUGE thanks to Dave Robbins, K1TTT for being a gracious host and letting us use his property, house and his station. A great time was had by all and I hope to hold another one in the future. KB and 73 ◆

NH Area Meeting

Dave Mackay, K1KA and Ken Caruso, WO1N

A few select pictures from an enjoyable evening out at the Oct. 2025 NH Area meeting.







From the Editor

Mike DeChristopher, N1TA



I am honored to step in as the new editor of the *Scuttlebutt*. Almost 25 years ago, longtime editor Steve, N1SR, signed my technician class CSCE at an exam session in Holyoke, MA. I'm not sure if it was Steve's long-range

succession plan, but either way: this is all his fault. I certainly have big shoes to fill.

My goal is simple: to keep the *Scuttlebutt* lively, useful, and reflective of the energy and camaraderie that make the Yankee Clipper Contest Club special. I'll do my best to maintain the traditions of the newsletter while also sneaking in a few fresh ideas (and, with luck, only the occasioanl typo).

Most importantly, the *Scuttlebutt* isn't my newsletter — it's yours. So please, share your stories, photos, operating adventures, and technical knowledge (email editor@yccc.org). The more voices we have, the better the story we'll tell together. KB! ♦

Select DX Operations

CQWW SSB			
5K0UA	M/?	San Andres & Providencia	
7Q1A	M/?	Malawi	
B4T	M/S	China	
C5R	M/?	Gambia	
C5Y	M/?	Gambia	
CN3A	M/M	Могоссо	
CQ9A	M/S	Madeira	
E2A	M/S	Thailand	
EX9A	M/S	Kyrgyzstan	
FW5K	M/?	Wallis & Futuna	
PJ6Y	M/?	Saba & St. Eustatius	
SX5P	M/M	Dodecanese	
T88DT	SOAB	Palau	
TO4K	M/?	St. Barthelemy	
V47T	M/S	St. Kitts & Nevis	
Z68MU	M/?	Kosovo	
COWW CW			

3B8M M/2Mauritius E2A M/S Thailand KH0W SOAB Mariana Is. LX7I SOAB Luxembourg PJ4A M/S Bonaire PJ5C M/? Saba & St. Eustatius S79/OK6RA SB10 Seychelles Palau T88AR M/? M/M TK0C Corsica Benin TY5FR SOAB V47T St. Kitts & Nevis SOAB

Data from <u>NG3K.com</u>. Please submit YCCC member DXpeditions to <u>the editor</u> to be included here.

HamXposition Meeting Minutes – August 23, 2025

President Ken WO1N called the Yankee Clipper Contest Club meeting to order at 12:05pm.

President Ken WO1N opening remarks welcoming members and non-members to the Yankee Clipper Contest Club meeting and presentations. He gave a brief overview of the upcoming presentations by John N1PGA and Tony K1KP.

President Ken WO1N then asked for a roll call of all present.

President Ken WO1N then asked for the Secretary's report which Brian NJ1F gave and a motion was made to accept the report by K1EP seconded by WT1M. Motion carried.

President Ken WO1N then gave the Treasurer's report and a motion was made to accept the report by N1PGA seconded by K1MT. Motion carried.

President Ken WO1N then gave an update on the tentative meeting dates for the rest of the Club fiscal year.

President Ken WO1N then introduced club scorekeeper Mike NG1M who give a recap of the recent WPX contests.

President Ken WO1N then announced that the proposed bylaw changes which increase dues from \$15 to \$25 a year has passed and will begin on September 1, 2025.

President Ken WO1N then asked if there were any area managers present that would like to report on area meeting and activities. There were none.

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

K6RO/1 K3ZJ N1ZYZ WB1S WS1E and W5GI were welcomed aboard.

President Ken WO1N then introduce John N1PGA who gave a presentation on his very effective towerless antenna system.

President Ken WO1N then introduced Tony K1KP who gave a very in-depth presentation on his involvement and development of the Flex Radio Aurora.

Paul K1XM made a motion adjourn which was seconded by Gene W3UA.

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm

Submitted, Brian Szewczyk, NJ1F; YCCC Secretary

Directors Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2025

A Directors meeting was held on 09/18/2025 via Zoom. In attendance were Directors WO1N, K1XM, N2WQ, KQ2M, NJ1F and Club Newsletter Editor N1TA. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

WO1N recapped the HamXpo event from his perspective.

WO1N discussed upcoming meetings. The Fall season will be marked by Area meetings and a yet to be defined Pre-CQWW SSB Zoom meeting.

WO1N reported no progress on trimming members from the Club IT resources who are greater than 5 years in arrears with their dues.

WO1N started a discussion on methods to improve operating skills, tracking and recognizing member contributions to Club scores. N2WQ committed to investigating what other contest clubs are doing. All agreed current manual methods of data collection and analysis contribute to the downfall of these programs.

WO1N shared the current newsletter dates. Input due by the 20th, publication soon thereafter with the goal to be in the Inbox just prior to CQWW SSB.

Directors were polled for new business and hearing none the meeting was closed at 8:30 PM.

Director's meeting minutes are provided for informational purposes only and a membership vote is not required.

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YCCC Club Resource Information

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP STUFF: Dues for the year are payable as of January 1st. 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 email reflector and the Club's awards programs. The YCCC has a multi-tiered membership:

Full Member - \$25 (Available to amateurs residing within the Club territory for all YCCC member benefits and e-mail delivery of the Club newsletter.)

Family Member - \$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.)

Student Member - \$10 (Grants full membership to students at a reduced cost.) Subscription- \$10 (A "friend of YCCC", not a member, but a possible candidate for future membership and receives club newsletter in e-mail form.)

Former Member - \$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. (https://vccc.org/roster) A lapsed member can reinstate lost privileges by paying the current year dues. PayPal is preferred to Yankee Clipper Contest Club, Inc. or mail a check made out to the YCCC to the Treasurer, Bob Shohet, KQ2M. Please include your callsign, family callsigns, and year(s) being paid. Note: If paying by PayPal; 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, editor@yccc.org. 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 <u>3830Scores.com</u>. Additionally, post your scores to the Club Reflector. Include the 3830 Scores formatted output or the output from your favorite contest logger.

BADGES: YCCC badges are available from <u>Tony, K1KP</u>. Send \$3, name and call desired on the badge, and your mailing address to Tony.

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 posted on the <u>YCCC website</u>. Updates are published in 'Movers and Shakers' when members move or change callsigns.

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WWW HOME PAGE: visit us at http://www.yccc.org. Our Webmaster is Mike Gilmer, N2MG.

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