# Scuttlebutt

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## Captain's Log

**Ken Caruso, WO1N – President**

Hi all,

The ham radio hiatus on the home front continues but life is slowly trending towards *normal*, whatever that is these days. The 40M dipole that was converted into a sloper when I had to cut down its antenna support structure (e.g. a tree) failed completely when the wire broke at the remaining end. This might be a good incentive to redeploy the phased delta loops for the upcoming contest season.

HamXpo resulted in 3 new members brought on-board at the YCCC meeting. These include Annie, KC1YMG, Nick, AA1LN and Katie, KL0D. Welcome aboard!

The talks by NG1M, K1KP and K1XM were well received. In a surprise presentation Tony, K1KP was presented with an ARRL QST Cover Plaque for award, by K1KI for his article in the May 2026 issue "Staying Cool with Polar Modulation". Congratulations, Tony! (Photo at right)

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## Upcoming Contests

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| Illinois QSO Party | Oct 18-19 |
| **CQ Worldwide DX Contest SSB** | **Oct 24-25** |
| ARRL EME Contest | Oct 31-Nov1 |
| North American SSB Sprint | Nov1 |
| ARRL Sweepstakes CW | Nov7-9 |
| WAE DX RTTY | Nov14-15 |
| OK/OM DX CW | Nov 14-15 |
| ARRL Sweepstakes SSB | Nov 21-23 |
| SKCC Sprint | Nov 25 |
| ARRL EME Contest | Nov 28-29 |
| **CQ Worldwide DX Contest CW** | **Nov 28-29** |

*Courtesy of WA7BNM*

**CQ World Wide is here already!**

Maximize your participation and prepare to KB!

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Rounding out the summer season, area meetings were held in Maine and Western Mass. Members on board included Chris, W1GBH and Bob, KB1YNT. Welcome aboard!

Those meetings represent the type of activities we desire of the Area managers.

On that front, we have combined the Western CT and Eastern CT Areas into one, CT and Max N4ML has taken the reins. Allen, N2KW has submitted his resignation from his role as the NYC/LI Area manager. Thank you Allen for the time served.

We are entering the Fall/Winter contest season with 238 dues current and Life members. There are 49 members one year in arrears, which we usually include in our activity calculations, giving us some 287 potential score producers. We hope to hear you on the bands!

If you would like to contribute with the Club's 50th anniversary planning, please drop me a note. I am pulling together a working committee.

The Fall meeting, Sunday, October 11th , will feature the normal Club business update and talks by members Rudy, N2WQ and Steve, N1EZ. Please tune in.

I hope to see you all there!

73,
Ken, WO1N ♦

## Don't forget about your dues!

Now easy to pay online – Click Here
2027 will be here soon

## Club Contacts

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|---|---|
| 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

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|---|---|
| ME | Joe Blinick, K1JB |
| NE MA (978/351) | Ken Caruso, WO1N |
| SE MA (508/774) | Charlie Morrison, N1RR |
| Boston (617/781) | Joe Fitzgerald, KM1P |
| WMA (413) | Jeff Bail, NT1K |
| CT | Max Freedman, N4ML |
| WCT (203/475) | *Open* |
| NH | Dave Mackey, K1KA |
| RI | Dave Neil, W2DAN |
| NNY (518/315) | John Corini, KE1IH |
| NYC/LI (718/631/212) | *Open* |
| SNY/NJ/PA (914) | *Open* |
| VT (802) | Chris Knox, KI1P |
| Quebec | Guy Lemieux, VE2BWL |
| Cape & Islands | *Open* |

## October 11, 2026 Meeting

0900 – 0915 Greetings
0915 – 0945 Club Business
0945 – 0955 Break
0955 – 1000 New Member Voting
1000 – 1045 Go-Cluster Update, N2WQ
1100 – 1145 DxQSO Overview, N1EZ
1145 - 1200 Open Mic

Join Zoom Meeting

Join and take notes

Meeting chat link

Meeting ID: 880 1422 8357

Passcode: 476725

## Maine Area Meeting Minutes

**Joe Blinick, K1JB – Area Manager**

On Saturday, January 19, 2026, three members of the YCCC Maine Area (John, K1ESE; Tim, WT1A and Joe, K1JB ) gathered for lunch at noon at the Bangor Grande Hotel and Conference Center in Bangor, ME for a scheduled meeting. We were joined via Zoom at 1:00 pm by John, N1JD; Dave, K1BZ; Greg, W1GF; Kevin, W1DED, Eric, KV1J and Larry, W1DYJ.

After a short business meeting at which information was shared about the next meeting, current activities and plans for the coming contest season, we watched a video provided by W1DED of his interview with Bracco, E77DX and Sven, DJ4MX about their disqualification at the recent WRTC event in July. Kevin graciously allowed us to preview the podcast before it was released for public viewing.

At the completion of the video, a lively discussion was held about the implications of cheating at WRTC, the causes and possible solutions and the specific actions of Bracco and Sven. We were pleased to have Randy, K5ZD and Paul, K1XM also join us via Zoom. As seasoned contesters and participants in this year's WRTC, their comments added a lot to the discussion.

The next meeting will be held in March 2027 in the southern part of the State and will have Zoom capability. Suggestions for program topics and speakers are welcome.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45 pm.

73,
Joe, K1JB ♦

## HamXposition Meeting Minutes August 15, 2026

**Brian Szewczyk, NJ1F – Secretary**

President Ken WO1N called the meeting to order at 1:07pm.

President Ken WO1N opened the meeting welcoming everyone members and non-members in the room. He then quickly shared the agenda, a one-hour YCCC business meeting and two presentations for one hour each.

President Ken WO1N then gave the secretary's report. Paul K1XM made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Martin AA1ON. The motion carried.

President Ken WO1N then gave the treasure's report, after some discussion, Paul K1XM made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Max N4ML. The motion carried.

President Ken WO1N announced that the club appreciates members' donations and is a 501c which means that donations are tax deductible. So, if you're faced with a "Required Minimum Distribution" consider a donation to the YCCC. This will allow the YCCC to continue to sponsor plaques, WRTC tents, and other radio sport activities.

President Ken WO1N announced that Max N4ML has stepped up to be the Area Manager for the newly merged Connecticut area.

President Ken WO1N then announced that the Yankee Clipper Contest Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary in the spring of 2027. Ken asked for volunteers to assist with planning the milestone. He has several one-on-one conversations with members who have offered suggestions as to how to recognize the milestone. Some Ideas include having a banquet. Alan N2KW interrupted, was not recognized but continued to make a motion that "No Club banquets, dinners, meeting be held during ARRL and CQWW contest weekends". There was no second or discussion. Ken WO1N continued to present that some other ideas mentioned included updating the clubs Logo, Special Event stations and operations throughout the year, Member swag, but looking for more ideas. He said that he would like to have some members step up to help with, Media, Entertainment, Marketing, Graphic, Press Relations, Budget and Fund Raising, Historical Research, Photo Archive, Outreach, Prizes, Special Event leaders.

President Ken WO1N then introduced Mike NG1M who presented the club his in-depth analysis of the CQWPX contests. Some takeaways, the YCCC needs to encourage more Single Op Assisted High Power, Multi Single and Multi Multi operations.

President Ken WO1N then asked if there was anyone in attendance that wanted to join the Club? Annie KC1YMG, Nicholas AA1LN and Katie KL0D were all welcomed aboard.

President Ken WO1N then recognized Paul K1XM who is the trustee for W2PV YCCC club callsign. He explained that the W2PV club callsign is associated with his personal FRN and it really should have a FRN assigned to the YCCC. He made the following motion, "I make a motion to move the W2PV license from my FRN to the Yankee Clipper Contest Club FRN, 0038745477. Jack W1WEF seconded and the motion carried.

President Ken WO1N then introduced Tony K1KP who gave a presentation titled "The Big Knob"

President Ken WO1N then introduced Tom K1KI ARRL New England Division Director who presented Tony K1KP the QST Cover Plaque.

President Ken WO1N then introduced Paul K1XM and Charlotte KQ1F who shared a presentation on their WRTC 2026 experience.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:53 pm

73,
Brian, NJ1F ♦

## Submitting Your CQWW Score for YCCC

If you want to have your score counted for the club competition, the club name must be specified in the header of the Cabrillo file. *(Source: cqww.com)*

**CLUB: Yankee Clipper Contest Club**

# 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.)
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> *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.)
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> *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://yccc.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 3830Scores.com. 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. Send $3 to the Treasurer via PayPal as above; then send name and call desired on the badge and mailing address to Tony, K1KP.

**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 YCCC website. Updates are published in 'Movers and Shakers' when members move or change callsigns.

**CLUB EMAIL REFLECTOR:** To subscribe, go to https://groups.io/g/yccc/join and enter your email address.

**WWW HOME PAGE:** 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 see: www.w1qsl.org; Address: W1 QSL Bureau, PO Box 73, Marlborough, MA 01752-0073. Email: w1qsl@w1qsl.org