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Issue 249

**YCCC General Meeting:  
Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
1:00 pm - Finish  
Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center  
Sturbridge, MA**

**CAPTAIN'S CABIN**

It's that time of the year again! Weather is growing colder, the leaves are turning, the buses are full of tourists eager to get a glimpse of what we live with every day. Can CQWW be far behind?

The CQWW RTTY contest was fun. Conditions were less than stellar, as one can see from the scores. From the K1SFA@K1TTT log, it was difficult to work Europe on 10M. Now one can see a big value in that panadaptor- it takes less than 5 seconds to switch a radio to 10M, see if there are any "blips" on the screen, then turn back to 15M if the answer is no.

By now, your antennas should be set. How about clearance time with the family? I always build up "Wife Credits" by dutifully attending to my honey-do projects. Clear the deck with them! Get them done so that I can contest in peace.

What are your plans? Hopefully, at the October YCCC Meeting (BTW, its Saturday Oct 13 in Sturbridge, from 1pm to whenever it ends. We will be selling raffle tickets- we still have a bunch to sell before we raffle off the IC7610.

For CQWW SSB, you going to do SOABHP, LP, Single Band, or what? There are several multi-ops going on in different areas of the club; there is still time to get a seat at one of them! If you're doing a multi-op, and have seats available, let me know and I'll publicize it at the October meeting. If you live in the greater Boston area, and would like to operate at K1LZ, I'm manning a Multi-single effort for SSB and probably CW. Contact me if you're interested.

Three weeks from now, CQWW SSB will be over.

Let's hope it's a good one!

Dennis W1UE  
YCCC President

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## Directions to Sturbridge Host Hotel



Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center is located on Route 20.

- From the North, East and West, take the Massachusetts Turnpike Interstate 90) to Exit 9, Route 20 West.

- From the South, take either Interstate 84 or Route 131 to Route 20 West.

Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center is located on the shore of Cedar Lake, just past the first set of traffic lights.

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### YCCC Meeting Videos Available Online

If you missed the last meeting, and want to catch up on what you missed, check out the YCCC YouTube channel, where we post talks from meetings.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOZDgRPZQ51vtry1OjNWBYQ/videos>

(Thanks to Marty S Sullaway, KC1CWF)

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## September 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes

President Dennis W1UE called the September 8, 2018 general meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club at the ARRL New England Convention held in Boxboro, MA to order at 2:12 pm.

President Dennis W1UE then announced the agenda for the meeting.

President Dennis called for the Secretaries Report which was given by Brian NJ1F. A motion to accept the report was made by Charlie N1RR and Seconded by Jeff WC4E.

The Motion Carried.

President Dennis W1UE then gave the Treasurers Report. A motion to accept the report was made by Charlie N1RR and Seconded by Rich K1CC.

The Motion Carried.

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

President Dennis W1UE then asked if anyone had new business.

ED N2HX announced that Ed NT2X is looking for operators for both modes of the CQWW contest from the K1TTT superstation

President Dennis W1UE asked if there was anyone wanting to join the club. Jeff W1LX and Dave K1SX told the group about their contesting activities. Paul K1XM made a motion to welcome them aboard. Seconded by Charlie N1RR, the motion carried.

President Dennis W1UE announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Sturbridge Host Hotel.

President Dennis W1UE announced that KC1CWF was recording the meeting and it will be available on the YCCC YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOZDgRPZQ5lvtry1OjNWBXYQ/videos>

President Dennis W1UE announced the first presentation WRTC 2018 Perspective would be given by various members. Dennis introduced Doug K1DG the first speaker to share his experience. The next speaker was Mark K1RX.

President Dennis W1UE called for a 10 minute break to buy raffle tickets, pay dues and socialize.

President Dennis W1UE called the meeting back to order at 2:58

President Dennis W1UE asked if there was anyone wanting to join the club. Melissa KC1BXY and Donald WA1BXY told the group about their contesting activities. Paul K1XM made a motion to welcome them aboard. Seconded by Gerry W1VE the motion carried.

President Dennis W1UE introduced Gerry W1VE who continued the WRTC 2018 recap. Followed by Adrian KO8SCA, Randy K5ZD, Dennis W1UE and Rich K1CC who closed out the presentations.

President Dennis W1UE gave the next presentation on the HQ9X station build with Paul K1XM and Charlotte KQ1F.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Al W1FJ and Seconded by Paul K1XM. The Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm

Submitted

Brian Szewczyk NJ1F  
YCCC Secretary

**Twenty-Sixth Annual Nutmeg Hamfest**  
**Sunday, October 21st, 2018**  
**Sheraton 4-Points Hotel, 275 Research Parkway, Meriden, CT.**

**When:** Vendor Setup and Tailgating at 6AM. Exhibits open at 8AM

**What:** New and Used Ham Radios, Accessories, Electronics, Surplus, etc. Interesting Forums and Displays; VE Testing, Connecticut State ARRL Convention, and much more.

**Who:** Back by popular demand: The famous Go-Kit Competition. All day in the main exhibit hall. If you've built one, come show it off. If you're thinking of building one, you'll get some great ideas and suggestions from experienced constructors. Either way, it's a lot of fun and you don't want to miss it!! The irrepressible Douglas, WA1SHF welcomes you to participate.

**9:00-9:45 AM:** ARRL Section Meeting with Connecticut Section Manager Chuck Motes, K1DFS; NE Division Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI, and Vice-Director Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF

**10:00-10:45AM:** Software Defined Radios. Dr. Martin Ewing, AA6E, explains SDRs. The next generation of radios is here. What's out now, and what's coming next? Come and find out!

**11:00-11:45AM:** Change may be coming to entry level licensing. Bruce Blain, K1BG has a great perspective on what has worked, and what hasn't. How, and where, do we entice the next generation of Hams?

**All-Day:** You've got computer questions? The experts at RVI Computers have the answers. Bring your toughest question to them and get the right answers from real professionals.

New equipment and accessories, loads of tailgating, informational displays, bargains galore, old and new friends.

Complete information at: <http://www.nutmeghamfest.com>

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**CANDLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (CARA)**  
**& YANKEE CLIPPER CONTEST CLUB (YCCC) JOINT MEETING**  
**SPONSORED BY CARA**

**OCTOBER 12, 2018 – 7:30PM**

The Candlewood Amateur Radio Association (CARA), and the Yankee Clipper Contest Club (YCCC), will host a joint meeting on Friday, October 12, 2018 at the Stony Hill Fire Department on 59 Stony Hill Road in Bethel, CT.

Doors open at 7:30 pm for conversation and socializing.

The meeting will begin at 8:00 pm.

All interested amateur radio operators and visitors are welcome to attend.

There is no charge for admission.

Refreshments.

Special guest speaker will be Joel Hallas – W1ZR, who will present: “Comparisons of popular resonant and non-resonant wire antennas”.

His talk will cover the G5RV, Skeleton Sleeve, Half-Square, dipole and inverted Vee. Joel will also discuss wire Yagis for Field Day and portable operations, plus vertical dipoles, which have recently been used near salt water during several DX Peditions.

A live “The Doctor is IN” Question & Answer session is planned after his talk.

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## **Oct 13 YCCC Meeting** **Meeting Theme: "Operating CQWW"**

Some possible topics include:

Low Power Operating

Using a DVK on SSB

CW Tips

SSB Tips

How to compete With Bad Conditions

Small Station Operation

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## **CQWW-SSB DX-pedition**

Ed, N2HX will be on from St Maarten as PJ7PL.

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## **Six Meter BBQ Papers Available Online**

The annual Six Meter BBQ, held in Austin, Texas was started by K5AND and W6JKV over 30 years ago.

Activities include technical presentations.

2017 & 2018 Presentations are available online at: <https://www.sixmeterbbq.com/files-2/>

*(Thanks to Tim, K3LR - 6 Meter BBQ Coordinator)*

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## **YCCC CONTEST TIPS COMPILATION**

**Compiled by Fred Hopengarten, K1VR**

Fred, K1VR has compiled our list of "Contest Tips" which is available on the "Contest Links" page.

Or at: [http://yccc.org/Links/Contest/tips/Contest\\_Tips\\_2017v1.pdf](http://yccc.org/Links/Contest/tips/Contest_Tips_2017v1.pdf)

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## **CAPITAL AREA (NY) LOCAL MEETING**

**Thursday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM**

**Shorty's Southside Tavern, 51 Broad St, Amsterdam, NY.**

Located right off of the route 30 exit on the NY Thruway (I-87).

This is planned as a social meeting with no specific agenda.

Please let John KE1IH (KE1IH@ARRL.NET) know if you can make the meeting as he would like to get a head count for the tavern.

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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>. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Minot, ND, 58703. eMail: [kd4poj@srt.com](mailto:kd4poj@srt.com)

**MEMBERSHIP ROSTER** is posed on the YCCC website. Updates are published in 'Movers and Shakers' when members move or change call signs.

**COMPUTER STUFF INTERNET REFLECTOR** There is an Internet mailing list for YCCC members. To subscribe, go to <https://groups.io/g/yccc/join> and enter your email address.

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

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