



# Scuttlebutt

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**Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 2:00-4:30 pm**  
**New England Division Convention**  
**Boxboro Regency Hotel and Conference Center**  
**Boxborough, Massachusetts**

## **Captain's Cabin**

**Dennis Egan, W1UE**

First, I'd like to welcome everyone to my first Captain's Cabin. The summer is starting to come to a close; there is a definite feel of fall in the area, and its only the end of August. Contest season is almost upon us!

The September QST had the results of the ARRL DX Club Competition, and the results this year were not good. FRC beat us out by about 10% this year; we finished a fairly distant (for us) second. Their margin of victory is emphasized by the fact that YCCC had almost 15% more entries. I could feel good about our 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish, but that's not what our usual performance would place us.

The fall season starts with the NE Division Convention the weekend of September 8, 9, and 10; the YCCC Meeting will be held on Saturday Sept 9, from 2pm to 4:30pm, at the Convention. Our first presentation is by Marty KC1CWF, and myself, as we talk about the station automation that was installed at K1VR. The second presentation is from Mark K1RX, who will be talking about "OH5NQ- the Greatest SWL Station in the World!". Finally, we will have a presentation from Eugene, W3UA, speaking on "Hamlog.net", a new Russian web site. With any luck, we should also have the YCCC Scholarship Raffle drawing. We still need to sell 34 tickets to make this a go, so bring your pocketbooks!

Speaking of CQWW, the SSB weekend is just 2 months from now, and the CW weekend is 3 months from now. What plans have you made for the contest? Do you have the time blocked out with the other significant people in your life? I know operating any contest with poor SSNs is not as much fun as big SSNs, but the SSNs are the same for everyone. Its not too late to add something to your station; take a look at it, and think about how you could put more points on the board. Maybe its as easy as putting up an antenna on a band that you don't have one on right now; adding a simple 160M dipole could easily add another 15 mults. Each op's answer to that question but may be different, but what can you do to put points on the board?

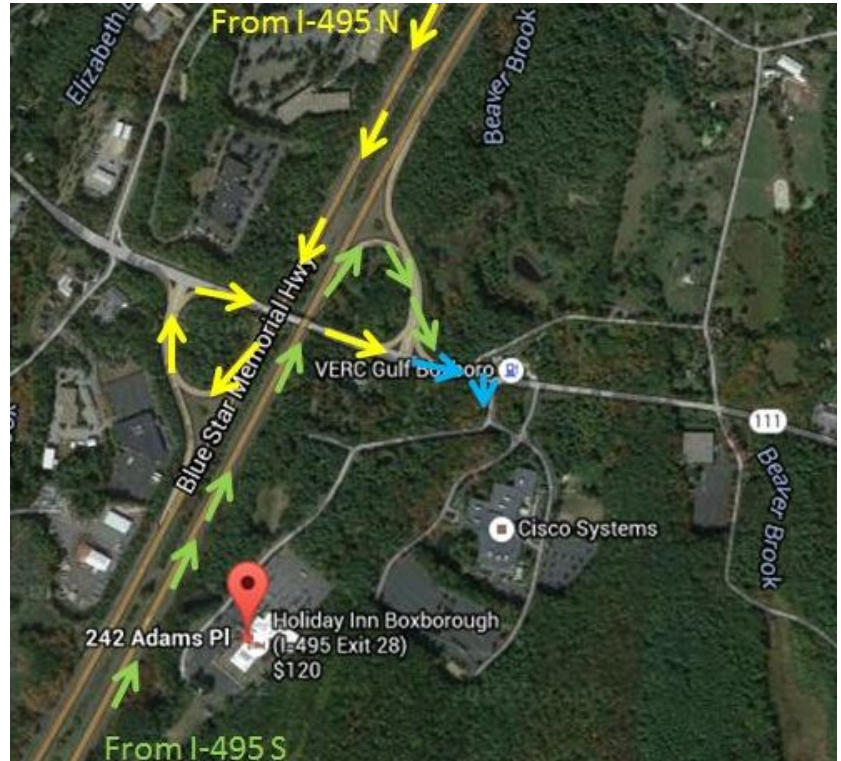
One can also look at the station interior- what would a different chair do to your ability to keep your butt in it? Or maybe moving the coffee machine into the shack, so that 30 minute coffee break is reduced to 10 minutes. The easiest, quickest way to produce a higher score could be as easy as keeping your butt in the chair longer! That may be tough to do with poor SSNs, but it may also be true. One other thought- have you considered a Dxpedition?

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## Directions to Holiday Inn Boxborough Woods, Boxborough, Massachusetts



From I-495 North,  
turn left at the end of exit ramp

From I-495 South,  
Turn right at the end of exit ramp.

All Exit off I-495 at Exit 28 and head East.  
Take the first right off Rt.111 to hotel/convention hall

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## Silent Keys

AB1NE – Greg Maglathlin	April 9, 2017
K1ZG – David McCurdy	June 5, 2017
N2UN – Tony Japha	July 26, 2017
K1VW – John Thomas	July 29, 2017
N4ZC – Roger Burt	August 9, 2017
K2VUI – Joe Green	August 11, 2017

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## YCCC GENERAL MEETINGS

September 9	ARRL New England Division Convention, Boxborough, MA
October ?? or ??	To Be Announced

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## Yankee Clipper Contest Club

### Winner of the 2015 CQWW World Club SSB/CW category of the CQWW DX Contest

On behalf of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club, I would like to thank CQ Magazine and the Northern California Contest Club for the W1WY Memorial Plaque they sponsored, which memorializes Yankee Clipper Contest Club as the Winner of the 2015 CQWW World Club SSB/CW category of the CQWW DX Contest.

With Deep Appreciation,

Tony Brock-Fisher, K1KP, President (retired) YCCC, 2011-2017

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# YCCC/40 Anniversary Party Contest & QSO Party

**Purpose:** To help celebrate the 40 th birthday of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club on the air. Since we are a contest club, the event will consist of a 48-hour contest event, and a week-long QSO Party.

**Exchange:** YCCC Members: Name + QTH + last 2 digits of 1 st year of YCCC Membership  
Non-YCCC: Name + QTH

**Bands:** 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, and 6M. Stations may be worked once per each band/mode.

**Modes:** SSB, CW, RTTY, and PSK31

**Power:** QRP < 5W, LP <100w, HP >100-1500w

## **Suggested Frequencies:**

CW: 40KHz from bottom of band

Phone: 40KHz from bottom of general phone band

RTTY/Digital: Follow accepted band plans

## **Suggested times outside the contest period:**

Try to peak activity at 40 minutes past each hour

## **Spotting, including self-spotting, is strongly encouraged for YCCC stations.**

All stations may use whatever spotting assistance they feel is warranted for a radio contest. YCCC stations-include a comment with your spot (YCCC/40).

## **Single and Multi-op.**

Distributed multi-ops are permissible. Multi-ops are HP only.

**Points:** 1 point per QSO. 4 pts per QSO with W2PV or AJ1I.

**Total Score:** YCCC: (QSO Pts) x (# of States/Provinces/Countries worked)

Non-YCCC: (QSO Pts) x (# of different YCCC stations worked)

Mult figures are total numbers, not per band.

Former YCCC Members can choose to be a YCCC station, in which case they would give the YCCC Exchange and enter as a YCCC Member, or they can choose to be a non-YCCC entrant, give that exchange and enter as a non-YCCC Member.

## **Contest Log Submissions:**

Cabrillo file to YCCC40@yccc.org by 2359Z Sept 29.

## **Awards:**

E-certificates to all entrants. For the contest period, Plaques to the highest scoring non-YCCC entrant in USA/Canada and outside USA/Canada. For SOHP, MOHP, SOLP and SOQRP. E-certificates to all YCCC entrants, plaque to the highest scoring YCCC member.

## **QSO Party:**

Same Frequencies, bands, modes

## **Exchange:**

Name and State/Province/DX

Send a Cabrillo log, or, a simple dupe sheet of the YCCC call signs worked to [YCCC40Party@yccc.org](mailto:YCCC40Party@yccc.org) no later than 2359Z Sept 29 th to receive an E-certificate.

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The YCCC 40 operating event will be the weekend after Boxboro; activity should be centered on that first weekend, but the QSO party goes on until the following Friday. This is your chance to be the hunted, so let's fill the band with YCCC/40 stations! Full details are available on the YCCC Facebook page.

Speaking for myself, I've been busy with a couple of stations. I've been spending time at W1KM, providing some maintenance and ongoing computer upgrades. I've been spending time at K1VR; Fred analyzed his station performance, figured that the best way to add points was to improve the 80M signal, and we've been working on improving it. Along the way, we've developed methodology of using WSPR to determine antenna system effectiveness, which we'll be detailing in a Boxboro Convention presentation Sunday at 10AM. I've also been working with Paul, K1XM, and Rudy N2WQ, as we are erecting a station in Roatan, Honduras (HR9). Look for our being on for CQWW CW as HR9 this year!

Its been a very busy summer, but I'm looking forward to the Fall Contest Season with anticipation!

See you at Boxboro!

Dennis Egan

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**September YCCC Meeting**  
**2:00 pm to 4:30 pm - September 9, 2017**  
**New England Division Convention**  
**Boxborough, MA**

Only a few more days till the YCCC Meeting at the Boxborough, New England Division Convention.

Tickets for the Convention are available at Boxboro.org and at the door.

Lots of Forums during the convention, virtually something for everyone.

In addition to the YCCC presentations, there are forums on Propagation Science, 6-meter propagation, and using WSPR to Evaluate Antenna Systems.

DX/Contesting activities kick off with Dinner Friday night, with the guest speaker being Jeff VY2ZM/K1ZM, on the Dxpediton to 7O. While it happened several years ago, it is still a good show, with the dangers and unpredictability of existing in that war-torn country evident.

The YCCC meeting is on Saturday from 2-4:30.

In addition to a short business meeting, we have 3 presentations:

1. W1UE, K1VR, and KC1CWF will have a presentation on "Station Automation", as they remake the K1VR station.
2. Mark K1RX will have a presentation on "OH5NQ- the best SWL station in the World!"
3. Gene W3UA will be speaking on the "Hamlog.ru" Russian web site

Don't forget- we still need to sell a few tickets for the K3 raffle to support the Scholarship Fund!

Tickets will be available all weekend- location to be determined (but certainly at the YCCC Meeting!)

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## **Marty Sullaway, KC1CWF, 2017 Amateur Radio Newsline Young Ham of the Year**

08/02/2017

Fifteen-year-old Marty Sullaway KC1CWF, of Newton, Massachusetts is the recipient of the 2017 Bill Pasternak WA6ITF Memorial *Amateur Radio Newsline* Young Ham of the Year ([YHOTY](#)). Licensed in 2014, he worked his way up to Amateur Extra class earlier this year. A rising sophomore year at Meridian Academy in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, Marty is co-founder of the Eastern Massachusetts Contesting Club (KR1DX), which he created to attract more young people to Amateur Radio in suburban Boston. He has helped to teach and mentor many young people, sparking interest in HF contesting. Joe Eisenberg, K0NEB, nominated Marty for the award, describing him as an “extraordinary young man.”

“Marty has accomplished things at age 15 that many hams take years to do,” Eisenberg said. “And, he is only beginning.”

A member of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club and very active in the contest community, Marty serves on the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee. Among his contesting accomplishments is the 2015 CQ World Wide SSB USA “Rookie” plaque. His score of 1,312,305 from K1VR still stands as the CQ WW rookie record.

Marty serves on the board of the Clay Center Amateur Radio Club, which promotes Amateur Radio at the Dexter/Southfield School in Brookline, Massachusetts, and he’s been involved in the club’s Field Day planning and has assisted with antenna and HF station design, as well as with repeater operations.

Marty started a podcast, *The Phasing Line*, and, with Sterling Coffey N0SSC, discusses a variety of antenna, contesting, and youth-related Amateur Radio activities. At the 2016 Dayton Hamvention® Youth Forum, he presented “Homebrewing Fun: Making Your Own Gear for Contest Stations.” He also appears on the W5KUB *Amateur Radio Roundtable* webcast.

Marty enjoys Amateur Radio’s technical aspects, designing and building systems for remote Amateur Radio station operation; he’s a computer programming enthusiast too. He serves as QSL manager for remotely controlled VY1AAA/XO1X/CI1AAA. Marty also is involved in Amateur Radio public service activities and served as a net control operator for the Boston Marathon.

His “Newtown Mass Tech” consulting company, which he founded, handles tasks ranging from home computer installation to VoIP connections for clients throughout the Boston area.

Marty has been active in the Model United Nations program for 4 years and has earned multiple awards, including best delegate. He is currently vice president of his United Synagogue Youth chapter and is involved in an Israeli folk dance group.

He will be recognized during the Huntsville Hamfest on August 19.

The Young Ham of the Year Award was inaugurated by former *Amateur Radio Newsline* editor William Pasternak, WA6ITF (SK), in 1986. Pasternak’s name was added to the award as a memorial to his commitment to recognizing the accomplishments of young people to Amateur Radio. *CQ* magazine and Yaesu USA are primary YHOTY sponsors, along with Heil Sound Ltd. and Radiowavz Antenna Company.

**Source:** ARRL



## YCCC "978 Area" Meeting Minutes

Tony, K1KP recently hosted a barbeque for operators of his station. Looking around and seeing a plethora of 978 Area operators, and with Tony's permission, I declared an area meeting.

The meeting was called to order.

In attendance were Tony - K1KP, Michelle - N1XJA, Larry - W1DYJ, Eliot - W1MJ, Art - NF1A, Scott - K1OA, Jeff - N1RD, Ed - K1EP, Joe - NQ1D and Ken - WO1N (and possibly one or two others I may have missed).

There were no new member candidates present.

### Old Business

- \* Ken apologized for not holding any area meetings last season. Real life kept getting in the way.
- \* It was recommended all members review their membership status on the web page roster.

### New Business

- \* Art - NF1A invited all to check out his solar eclipse demonstration station that he was test running
- \* Tony - K1KP provided a tour of his station so that the XYL's in attendance could see where their husbands go hide during the contest season.

Having no other new business, the meeting was adjourned so that all could get back to enjoying the company, food and fine weather.

73,  
Ken - WO1N  
978 Area Manager

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## WWROF Improves Contest Web Sites

The World Wide Radio Operators Foundation ("WWROF"), a non-profit donor-supported organization, is pleased to announce the completion of a major redesign project for the contest web sites that it maintains and operates on behalf of the contest community.

These sites include: <http://cqww.com>  
<http://cqwwrtty.com>  
<http://cqwp.com>  
<http://cqwxrtty.com>  
<http://cq160.com>  
<http://cqww-vhf.com>

The new design is intended to be more responsive for viewing on limited screen size devices such as tablets and smart phones. All sites now offer a historical database of contest results where you can view scoring records and search results by callsign, operator, or geographic region. Online certificates are provided for recent years for all contests.

We hope everyone enjoys the sites and that they enrich your contesting experience. For more information about WWROF, or to make a donation, please visit <http://wwrof.org>.

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HELP WANTED: WWROF is looking for someone with HTML5, PHP, and MySQL programming skills to help with the maintenance and continued improvement of the sites. If you feel that you may be qualified and want to help, please contact Randy, K5ZD, at [k5zd@contesting.com](mailto:k5zd@contesting.com).

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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.**

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**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, send mail to [yccc-REQUEST@yccc.org](mailto:yccc-REQUEST@yccc.org). Insert only the word "subscribe" in the subject of the mail message. (Do not send messages to the reflector that have file attachments, HTML formatting, use boldface or other fancy fonts, etc.)

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

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