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**Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center**  
**Sturbridge, MA**

**Captain's Cabin**  
Tony Brock-Fisher, K1KP

## **YCCC Turns 40!**

That's right folks! Like our own birthdays, this one has quietly snuck up on us when we were distracted. It was 40 years ago this month, that some very high-tension negotiations resulted in the formation of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club, and the original drafting and acceptance of its constitution and bylaws. Formed from the predecessor clubs Murphy's Marauders and the New England Contest Club, the founders of YCCC sought to forge a "super-regional contest club" that "had a chance to compete with the likes of PVRC, FRC or NCCC" \*. From that very close vote on a snowy evening in Newington, followed two days later by another nail-biter vote in Worcester, rose Yankee Clipper Contest Club, "*one of the best damn contest clubs in the USA and a great place to have fun*"!\*

Of course, over the years, YCCC has grown to be much more than just the major force in contesting in the Northeast, the country and the world. We have become the breeding grounds of many great contesting (and noncontesting) innovations. Not one, but *two* significant evolutions in contest logging software have originated from our membership. Antenna designs and refinements, ergonomic and operating enhancements, innovative station hardware has all originated and matured from the ranks of our membership. The term 'Contest University' also comes to mind...

Over the years, YCCC has donated many thousands of dollars to worthy causes, both in the contesting community, and to young hams entering their college years. Through monetary donations to WWROF, WRTC, and sponsoring various contest plaques, YCCC has shown itself to be a model citizen for 'putting its money where its mouth is'. By my rough calculation, YCCC members have donated close to \$20,000 to worthy young hams to support their college educations. So YCCC is not simply a self-centered group of hard-boiled testers, it is also an outward-looking collection of generous hams willing to give their support to worthy causes.

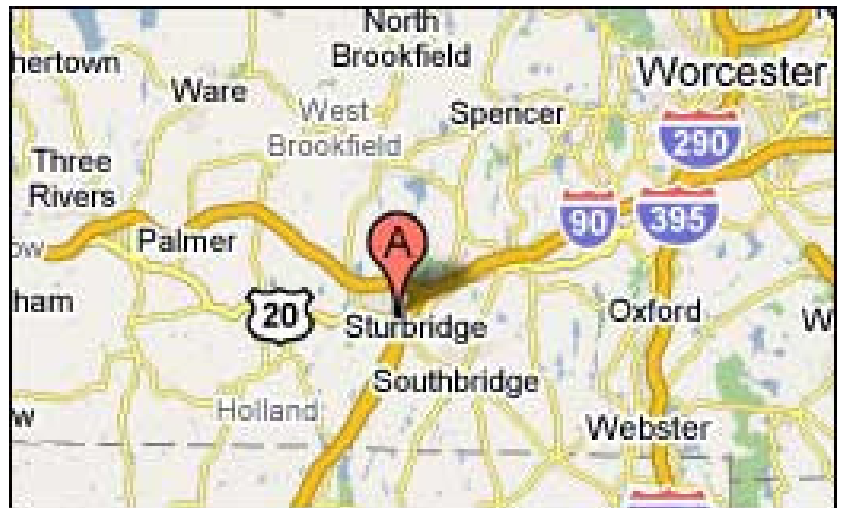
And it is not only dollars, either. During WRTC2014, almost the entire club was activated and deployed in the donation of physical labor to make the event happen. While the WRTC2014 event was not organized or 'owned' by YCCC, I'm sure, in the back of the organizers' mind, the support from the club was a significant factor in the feasibility of holding it in New England. What better way to show the world the 'Northeast Advantage', which is both propagational, and cultural? YCCC did itself tremendously proud that day in July 2014 when 56 towers went up, competitors and judges were delivered from airports to hotels, and sites were carefully monitored.

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In terms of the simple stated goal of the club:

'It shall be our purpose to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community'.

After 40 years, one must conclude that the formula originally conceived by those far-sighted founders 40 years ago this month, and gently refined by their followers over the years, has been an amazing, unqualified success!

So congratulations to the Yankee Clipper Contest Club on 40 years of Excellence! Accomplishing great victories together, giving back to the community, fostering growth, and contributing to the radio and contesting art, YCCC has a glorious past, and an even brighter future ahead of it.

I for one, appreciate the hard work, long thought, and tricky negotiations that went into the founding of the club. I have tremendous gratitude towards the founders of the club who were around 40 years ago, and selflessly gave up their time, funds, and in many cases, made selfless compromises to give birth to YCCC. I am grateful for YCCC, and to them for creating it. YCCC has been a wonderful part of my life.

We cannot let this anniversary pass without some form of celebration! In honor of the digits '39' gradually but inexorably rolling over to '40', we will be kicking off a celebration. We will have some special perks at the upcoming meeting, including extra rations of hard tack (cake) and grog (coffee). And even some small gifts will be given out.

\*quotes from K1ZM articles on the history of the club

### **The Meeting**

We're going to kick off the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club's formation the same way it all began back in Worcester in 1977 – with the club's first president, Jeff Briggs, K1ZM, taking the podium. Jeff will give us his recollections of that momentous time and his thoughts reflecting on the success of the club 40 years later. Another really special presentation will be from one of the greats in the contesting community, as Tim Duffy, K3LR, will join us by Skype to tell 'The K3LR Story'. Brian, K1LI/J75Y will give a talk on 'Haminica' - his efforts to stimulate Ham Radio on the island of Dominica. There will be an update on the recent ARRL DX contest. And let's never forget that YCCC Youth Scholarship tickets will be on sale - \$25 per chance to win a K3S/100 kit! If we sell enough tickets at this meeting, we will hold the drawing and pick the winner!

Oh, and one more thing – the annual Election of Officers will take place. Yours truly will **NOT** be on the slate, as I 'fade off into the sunset' as your fearless (clueless?) leader. Jim Ussailis, W1EQO, is also retiring as Activities Manager. I'd like to thank Jim for his long time service and excellent counsel as Activities Manager since 2011.

The following members have thrown their hats into the ring:

Dennis Egan, W1UE – President

Will Angenent K6ND – Vice President

Brian Szewczyk NJ1F – Secretary

Chet Slabinski N8RA – Treasurer

Gerry Kersus W1GD - Activities Manager

Additional nominations can be made as per the Constitution. I especially like the caveat: "All nominees must consent to the nomination"!

### **Looking Back – and Forward**

In my six years as leader of this herd of cats, there are two things of which I am most proud. I take no personal credit for either one of them; they are things that happened on my watch, but I am proud not because I feel responsible for them, but rather because I am associated with them.

The first thing I am proud of is YCCC's level of leadership and volunteerism in supporting WRTC2014. We were everywhere! There is no way anyone can be aware of WRTC2014 and not know how deeply every member of YCCC was involved and committed to it's success. I said it then and I will repeat it now – the most important word on those Tee shirts was not 'WRTC2014' or even 'YCCC'. It was 'VOLUNTEER'; without which it simply would not have happened. On Saturday morning of WRTC, when I heard that 56 stations had been set up with nothing more than a few bee stings and a couple stitches; that hundreds of competitors, referees, and support staff had been transported and welcomed to the HQ hotel; I was proud beyond words.

The second thing I am proud of is YCCC's character, which was brought home to me in a post made by Marty, KC1CWF on CQ-Contest last month. Marty wrote:

“1. The first "line of defense" is a local contesting club. I happen to be a YCCC member. For me, it is invaluable. I've been lucky enough to use some great stations of YCCC members, and learn a lot from different people. Be it shooting antenna ropes over tress, or learning how to configure software for SO2R, it seems like someone in the club can always teach me something, or let me borrow a tool I need. Similarly, being a club member is just a great social activity.... I go to most meetings, and seeing scores come in after the big ones on the email reflector is a blast. People are always willing to teach, and willing to help me learn. YCCC....A+!”

I am proud beyond measure to be associated with the club that earned that superlative and unsolicited rating!

During my term in office, I did manage to get a few things done. None of these were my own achievement; they were all the result of hard work and collaboration by many members; therefore I will resort to the imperial 'we' in the following:

A very early success was to get the Awards program off the ground. Developed by Dale, AA1QD and Al, KE1FO, the program was ratified and implemented in our first year. Of course, we had to accumulate a year of data before we could give out any 'Improvement' awards. Over the years, we have given out over 260 'Participation' hats – which represents over 1000 contest logs! Sometimes I wonder if the awards program is effective, but then I am reminded of how important it is, when I get individual emails from members trying to catch up to their swag.

In recognition of the superior long-term achievements and contributions to the club and contesting made by some of our members, we drafted the Hall of Fame Award, and made it a permanent part of the club through the creation of ByLaw 11.

Other refinements were made to the constitution, to align the dues year with the calendar year, and to clarify the qualification of score contributions. There is no longer any requirement that dues be paid for your scores to count! And members behind in their dues can restore full membership simply by paying current dues.

We resurrected the local Contest University sessions, and actually published a Contest Cookbook. I hope these contributed to some of our victories, both in getting people motivated to get on and in helping them achieve their best scores.

A few new club positions were created, including the position of Media Manager (Tom, W1TJL) and Scholarship Manager (Ed, K1EP). The newest position created is a big one – that of an Area Manager for Canada! Yes folks, YCCC territory does cover just a sliver of that wonderful country to our north! The first Area Manager for Canada is Guy Lemieux, VE2BWL. Guy has been busy recruiting, and we have almost a dozen members in VE!

Some difficult transitions were made smoothly, as long-serving Scorekeeper Dave, K1HT and Treasurer Ed, K1EP stepped down. But I was thrilled to have Alec, W2JU and Chet, N8RA take over those positions and overachieve in each of them!

YCCC collaborated in a ground-breaking partnership with DX Engineering, to make the YCCC 9-Circle Receive Array available to all hams at a very modest cost.

YCCC has routinely made financial donations to WRTC and WWROF, as well as sponsoring other initiatives like the YCCC Youth Scholarship and the Discover the HF Experience program, a program intended to help new and old hams get on the HF bands and discover the fun of world-wide communications.

There are some things I wanted to accomplish which did not come to pass. I had, as one of my goals, to find ways to bring the resources of YCCC to bear on encouraging youth discovery of Amateur Radio. I definitely took some risks and made some attempts, specifically by inviting Brooke, N2BA to speak at one of our meetings. Unfortunately those seeds did not germinate as hoped.

In closing, I would like to once again recognize that the most important ingredient for any club is the spirit of volunteerism. I want to thank every one who supported the club, and supported my programs over my tenure. I'd also like to thank those that had the courage to stand up, when it was appropriate, to set me straight on a few things.

So, in closing, I would ask two questions:

**Q: What's the best thing about YCCC?**

*A: The spirit of Volunteerism, a willingness to give.*

**Q: What's does YCCC need most in the coming years?**

*A: Volunteers!!*

It is the giving of personal time that really fuels this club. Because of that, the most important thing that club leaders can do is to recognize volunteers. That's why, for 6 years, I have always signed my emails...

Thanks,

-Tony, K1KP

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## The Mailbag

When it occurred to me that the upcoming meeting would mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club, I sent out an email to the original members listed on the roster as of April, 1977. Working from an image of a hand-typed original club roster from 1977, it took some digging to come up with as many emails as addresses as possible. Here are some of the wonderful replies I got!

-Tony, K1KP

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Tony,

Do you know where that hand typed list came from? I found it stashed amongst some very old logs and turned it in to someone who could use it. I forgot who it was. I may have had the only remaining list of charter members. As you said, many are no longer with us.

73, Kurt W6PH (ex W1PH)

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Tony,

Thanks for remembering our 40th.

I've always been a Lil' Pistol in contesting but contesting and YCCC have had a big impact on me. In the fall of 1967 I attended a radio club in Syracuse and happened to sit next to a guy who was very enthused about contesting and lived only a couple of miles from me at the small Air Force base (a SAGE site) in North Syracuse. I had a HW101 and a Hy-Gain vertical. That new friend was Bud then K2KIR now W2RU. He loaned me a 75A4 and I got my feet wet in several CD parties then onto the real world of contesting. Bud and I took our Extra exams together before "Incentive Licensing" was an effect. A few years later I was living in NH and got a call from Bill Myers, K1GQ, who said Bud, a longtime friend of Bill's, was visiting and our friendship was rekindled. From those early relationships I have met hundreds of wonderful friends and mentors.

A friend and neighbor in NH, Dave Mackey, K1KA, introduced me to DXing. I recall we devised a way to alert one another to a new country being on the air (in there are many new ones). We both made it to Honor Roll. Dave now hosts my remote station NH as we live in NC now.

There was another neighbor, Dick Newell, AK1A, who borrowed my PC to port his PacketCluster project from his DEC Rainbow to my IBM PC. He really enjoyed SSB contesting as I recall.

There were so many incidents to be recalled. There is not time or space.

I recall the assault on Pack Monadnock for VHF contest in early 80s. All bands, giant antennas, bucket truck, phone system, food team, ops brimming with skill was the formula for winning for a couple of years running. Many YCCCs were part of the group.

I recall serving as Area Manager for NH for several years. We had many meetings to teach and learn about contesting strategy. That may have morphed into Contest University in some small way.

Ham friends including YCCCs have had a huge impact on me.

I am thankful for you all,

Glen, K1GW

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Man, some of those calls bring back a lot of memories. I was part of the 128 contest club with W1AX, W1BPW(UU), K1DIR, can't remember the rest although my mind is still pretty clear. Hope to make the April meeting.

Be well...FJ

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Hi Tony

I am on your outgoing list as "undisclosed" but I see that I showed up correctly in the return list below. My QTH is now Virginia and while my operating time has dwindled down I am still on air. A shot of my tower is attached.

I recall coming out to an early meeting with Dana, W1CF, and participating in the arguments of what the club name should be. Had some multi-single contesting fun at W1ZA with Stu ( K1CF now SK ), K1IR, K1EA and K1VR . . . . before computer logging. I think it was shortly after that contesting that Ken decided to write his rather famous computer program.

The timing of your April meeting is ironic. I will be in New England beginning the next week. My wife wants to spend Easter with her brother and sister and I have a daughter there with her family. So, I will miss your meeting and hope that you will pass my regards on to everyone.

Best 73 to all

Duke, W1ZA

## Hardline UHF 50 Ohm Adapter by K1VR

I had the perfect connector on the 75 ohm hardline feeding my Cushcraft 40-2 CD 40 meter beam. Well, it wasn't exactly perfect. It had a major design flaw: air between the center conductor and the solid aluminum outer shield. If, while inserting or removing a PL-259, you jiggle the connector, a finger or two of the center conductor female part will break off, greatly reducing electrical contact for the center conductor.

The "business end," when new looked something like this:



Notice that there is no plastic between the center conductor and the outer wall. You can buy these for \$10 each, model (CRF) 8-BA-UHFF, by Ameco, Inc.

<https://www.surplussales.com/Connectors/UHF.html> In my case, after the fingers broke, it looked like Photo 1 (broken fingers lying to the right in photo):



**Photo 1:** Broken fingers from the center conductor of my previous adapter. Almost every one of these I ever bought broke.

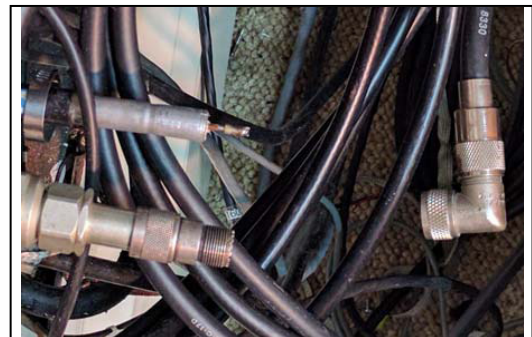


**Photo 2:** The hardline on the bottom (nearest the camera) is 1/2-inch 75 ohm, ends with a stinger into an N-connector, and then is adapted to a UHF-connector. The hardline on top is 1/2-inch 75 ohm. Previously it ended with a stinger into a commercial UHF-connector, but, as noted, two of the four the fingers of the UHF adapter broke. Also shown is a soldering iron tip, depositing solder on the center conductor ("tinning" the center conductor). This will make it easier to "fatten" the center conductor by using a salvaged part from a PL-259. See photo 3.

Side note: Why did I use an N-connector on the near hardline, and a UHF connector on the far hardline? It is what I had on hand. When the UHF-connector failed, why didn't I convert to an N-connector? I didn't have one. Also, note that the cash outlay for what I did use (a copper reducer), for the entire project, was something like \$1.49 total.



**Photo 3:** From a used PL-259, salvage a male tube to "fatten" the center conductor. It is, obviously, the proper size to go into the UHF barrel (double-female).



**Photo 4:** Solder PL-259 center pin tubing onto hardline center conductor.



**Photo 5:** Solder barrel into copper “reducer” from hardware store. This step is “technique sensitive.” Too much heat and you will deform the plastic inside the barrel, making insertion of the PL-259 impossible, as the barrel will no longer line up with the threads for a straight insertion of the PL-259. The hacksaw slices make it easier to insert the barrel, and provide more surface area for solder to hold everything in place and make a good electrical connection. If you have removed the center barrel and its surrounding plastic, now is the time to re-insert and return the barrel to its original form and function, except for the fact that it is now soldered inside the reducer.

But there is a better way. If you have an *Amphenol* barrel (double-female), you can remove the spring-circle that holds the plastic insulation and center barrel in place. With no plastic left inside, there is no plastic to overheat and deform. To accomplish the removal of the center conductor requires a something that looks like a dental tool, to pop out the ring

For other barrels, here’s how W7NN does it:

*“Find a barrel connector to mate PL-259’s (a PL-258). Make sure your barrel connector has a snap ring at one end (some don’t) holding the guts in place. Place the barrel connector in a padded vice, non snap ring end down, and hack saw a vertical slice through the snap ring at the other end. The snap ring can now be removed from the assembly, along with both plastic spacers and the metal center conductor tube.”*

(W7NN description, at

<http://www.hamstuff.com/Hardline/hardlineprep.html>)



**Photo 6:** Add slits to the end of the reducer going over the hardline. I used a hacksaw.

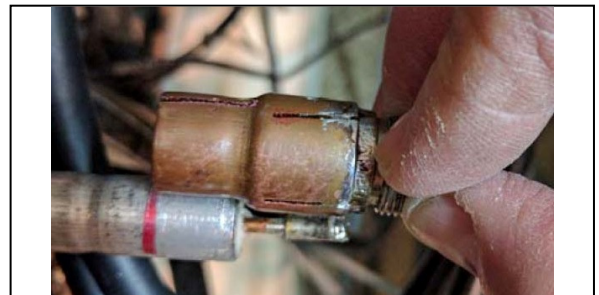
K3UI mechanizes the slitting process, using a dremel tool.



Source: <http://www.ka4rru.com/cables.html>

Spread the slits with a screwdriver or it will be a very tight fit to push a 1/2” ID of the copper reducer over the 1/2” OD of the aluminum shield.

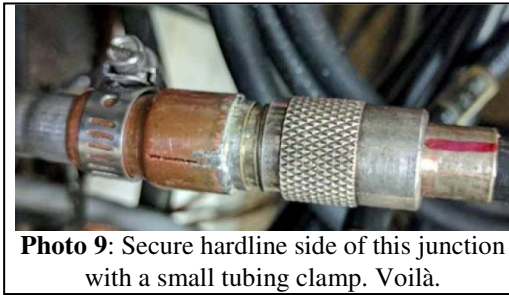
It is a tight fit. I needed the help.



**Photo 7:** Everything is now ready for manual labor. Put a thin film of Penetrox™ on the last half-inch of hardline outer aluminum (to the right of the red felt-tip pen line on the left), because you are about to mate dissimilar metals (an AL/CU joint).



**Photo 8:** Take the barrel from the PL-259 you just sacrificed, screw it onto the barrel (to avoid damaging the barrel by hammer blows) and “persuade” the whole connector into place. You will be glad that the Penetrox™ has some lubricant in it.



**Photo 9:** Secure hardline side of this junction with a small tubing clamp. Voilà.

If this is going outdoors, tape and shrink-wrap. Or, and this is my preferred method, use layers of tape, BishopSeal, then tape again. But this is a connector that will remain indoors.

**Alternatives**

For a version using a different hardware store reducer, see W7NN’s <http://www.hamstuff.com/Hardline/hardlineprep.html> This URL shows how to remove the center plastic pieces to prevent melting.

For another version of hardline connectors from your hardware store, see K8RI’s [http://www.rogerhalstead.com/ham\\_files/conn.htm](http://www.rogerhalstead.com/ham_files/conn.htm)

For a version using 9/16” and 17/32” diameter brass tubing (the smaller tubing telescopes into the larger), see [http://w9xt.com/page\\_radio\\_gadgets\\_hardline\\_connectors.html](http://w9xt.com/page_radio_gadgets_hardline_connectors.html)

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**Silent Keys**

Bob Hill – W1ARR: February 27, 2017

Lew Gordon - K4VX: February 25, 2017

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Sincerely,  
Worldwide Radio Operators Foundation, Inc.

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Sincerely,  
Worldwide Radio Operators Foundation, Inc.

# YCCC Matching Donation to WRTC2018

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Dear Tony,

thank you very much for the gracious support of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club for WRTC 2018. The 500 USD matching gift check arrived at WWROF and I have added the amount to the YCCC "account" in our database.

All individual donors, from which we receive donations, get a personal thank you email. In this mail I ask them if they want to link their donation to 2 clubs of their choice for the running club competition.

<http://www.wrtc2018.de/index.php/en/sponsors/club-competition-individual-donors>.

If I don't get an answer it does not get linked.

This applies only for individual donations. Club donations, like your 500 USD matching gift, get shown with club logo on our homepage here:

<http://www.wrtc2018.de/index.php/en/sponsors/sponsoren-4>

WRTC 2018 is very happy to show YCCC as a gold club sponsor.

Thanks again, and enjoy our great hobby. I wish you lot's of fun and good luck in the upcoming contests.

Best 73/88 de Sandy, DL1QQ

Member of the WRTC 2018 fundraising team

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## YCCC Youth Scholarship Raffle!!!!

\*Last Chance to get your Tickets before the Drawing!

Tickets are \$25 per chance, cash or checks accepted.

\*We will hold the drawing for the K3S/100 Kit at this meeting, provided enough tickets are sold.

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## International DX Convention 2017 Visalia, California, USA

I would like to once again extend a personal invitation to you and Members of your Club to attend the International DX Convention 2017 in Visalia, California on April 21-22-23, 2017.

IDXC 2017 will be our 68th annual International DX Convention. DXers from around the world will gather once again to meet their fellow DXers, attend interesting and informative programs, see the latest in new products from the top vendors – and have a chance to win some great raffle prizes! This year Friday, April 21, 2017 will be a full day of training, presentations and vendor exhibits.

Over 500 DXers have registered to attend the Convention. DXers from around the world will be at IDXC 2017. We have registered DXers from Germany, France, England, Scotland, Hungary, Columbia, Japan, Norway, Isle of Man, Sweden, Puerto Rico, Brazil, St. Kitts & Nevis, Canada, Mexico and New Zealand - so far!

Full details of IDXC 2017 are at this website: <http://www.dxconvention.com/>

You can download the IDXC 2017 PR Kit here: <http://www.dxconvention.com/files/idxc2017-prkit.zip>

Thank you, and I hope to see you and many of your Club members at our International DX Convention in April!

- 73 and good DX de Mike, K6MKE, IDXC 2017 Committee

## February 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Tony K1KP called the February 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 general meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club to order at 1:00. He announced the agenda for the meeting and then asked for a roll call of members present. Tony asked everyone to share with the group their biggest obstacle in the upcoming ARRL DX CW contest.

Brian NJ1F gave the secretary's report and Chet N8RA gave the treasurers report. K1XM made a motion to accept the reports, which was seconded by WA1ZAM. Motion carried.

Tony K1KP asked if there was any unfinished business, there was no unfinished business.

Tony then made the following announcements:

Raffle tickets for the K3 will be sold during the break.

The clubs elections will be held at the April meeting and Tony has decided not to run for President.

He WRTC matching gift funds to WRTC 2018 were depleted as of February first.

Ed NT2X announced that he is organizing multi-multi operations from K1TTT's superstation for both modes of the ARRL DX contest and is looking for operators.

Allen N2KW is looking for a station to operate the FOC contest which is scheduled to be held this year during the upcoming CQ WPX SSB contest.

Paul K1XM is looking for a self-supporting tower that is 70 to 80 feet tall.

Tony introduced Eric KV1J to give an update on the W1 incoming QSL Bureau. Eric reported that the volume of cards is down from last year possibly because of the lower sun spots and the impact of Logbook of the World. The Bureau is looking for couple of more local clubs to help out with the presort of the incoming card. Eric said that several of the clubs that are currently doing the presorting use it as a way to introduce newbies to DXing. Lastly Eric explained the new pricing policy. **Effective 1 February 2017 the service fee will change to 10 cents plus 10 cents per ounce, per shipment. (capped at the first 10 ounces)** So a 1 ounce shipment will be 20 cents. A 2 ounce shipment will be 30 cents and so forth and only for the first 10 ounces of large shipments. For the past 17 years our fee has been 10 cents per shipment with a period about 7 years ago when it was 20 cents.

Tony K1KP then introduced Terry W1TR who showed a hardware control surface for the apache labs SDR transceiver.

Tom K1KI presented Tony and the Club two gavels for winning the club competition in the 2015 ARRL 10 meter contest and the 2016 ARRL DX contest!

Tony K1KP then introduced Dennis W1UE who gave a very interesting presentation about his Asian Odyssey. Dennis shared his experiences of taking a six week road trip thru and operating in VU, HS, and 4X. His operation from 4X0W appears to be 4<sup>th</sup> in the world!

Tony K1KP then announced a 15 minute break.

Tony K1KP reconvened the meeting and asked if there were any new members. There was one returning member and one new member who were welcomed aboard by a motion made by K1XM and seconded by NT2X.

Tony K1KP then presented an update on Poley one year later. This presentation was an update on the presentation and QEX article that Tony did last year. The major updates to include, Power increase to 500 watts, Band switching for 9 HF Amateur bands, liquid cooling, and lastly a change of the amplifiers operating class from Class E to Current Mode Class D CMCD.

Tony K1KP then introduced Rich K1CC who gave part two of his presentation on his European trip. Rich did a quick review of part one. Then presented pictures and details of several SP contest stations he visited and the last stop the PI4DX station.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by WA1ZAM and Seconded by K1XM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:59

Submitted

Brian Szewczyk NJ1F  
YCCC Secretary

# 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@arrrl.net](mailto:n1sr@arrrl.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, 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.

**QSL BUREAU – The W1 QSL BUREAU** is sponsored by the YCCC. For more information at: [www.w1qsl.org](http://www.w1qsl.org) Address: W1 QSL Bureau, PO Box 73, Marlborough, MA 01752-0073. Email address: [w1qsl@w1qsl.org](mailto:w1qsl@w1qsl.org)

**ARRL COMMITTEE REPS** are:

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**ARRL LIAISON:** Bart J. Jahnke, W9JJ    **Hudson** Frederick Lass, K2TR    **Atlantic** Joe Taylor, K1JT

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