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Next Meeting: WRTC 2014 Training Day
Saturday, May 31st – 8:30am till 3pm
Milara, Inc. 49 Maple St, Milford, MA

Captain's Cabin

Tony Brock-Fisher, K1KP

Well, the big news is that WRTC2014 is almost here. What was once a far in the future event, is now looming eminently on our event horizon. By the next Captain's Cabin, you will be reading about how the whole thing transpired. It is now up to us, more than any other contest club, to help make it happen, and to show the world that 1- land really is the best place to contest from, for many reasons. Shortly after you read this, we will be holding a very short meeting at the final WRTC 2014 training session at Milara in Medford, Ma. Of course, *there is still time to sign up*, and volunteers are needed for many jobs, not only site-related tasks, so if you have not yet enlisted, please do so by visiting <http://www.wrtc2014.org/volunteer/>! The purpose of the training session is for existing beam and site team members to get an update and refresher course on our tasks to be performed in July, and for new team members to learn the ropes (and cables and coaxes). But the purpose of our very short club meeting is to conclude our Scholarship raffle to support the ARRL Youth Scholarship! By last count, we needed to sell another 16 tickets to cover our costs and hold the raffle drawing so we can send our donation to the league. Please bring your cash or check books, and let everyone you know who will be in attendance of the raffle - they need not be YCCC members; tickets will be available to all interested folks present at the May 31 event.

In an effort to maximize the visibility of the contest club that 'owns' the home turf for WRTC, we have made an arrangement on the volunteer apparel, with special thanks to the WRTC organizing committee. In exchange for sponsoring the cost of shirts worn by YCCC members during the event, all Tee-shirts will be emblazoned with the YCCC logo. So wear your shirts proudly during the event. You could also wear your YCCC hats as well for an extra dose of publicity! Let's all work hard, do our best, and go the extra mile to make this the best WRTC yet, and represent YCCC in a great way!

While you're not busy with WRTC and the ARRL centennial, the weather has gotten really good for antenna work! While YCCC once again won both the 'majors' this year, scorekeeper Alex and I can hear the FRC footsteps! You can bet they are working hard to take a run at us, and we will need all the points we can get to hold them off. This means working on station hardware during 'antenna season', as well as putting together great teams of operators when contest season returns. There's no better way to build a great team for the winter, than getting together for some serious antenna work and socializing in the warm summer weather. At K1KP, I have several projects underway. Due to major home remodeling, I had to completely remove all my feedlines at the entry point, so I will be redoing my single point ground and antenna switching at the new entry point. Also, looking at logs from past years I can see that the night shifts, when we usually only have one operator on, are pretty slow. To remedy that, I'm going to set up the main station for SO2R, so that graveyard operator can work two bands for more action. And finally, those quad antennas sure are unreliable! Mine has only been up for 19 years and it broke already! The cast aluminum spider finally gave way from fatigue, so I have that antenna rebuilding project to work on. The good news in this situation is that the remodeling project is going to relocate the line drop from NationalGrid away from the quad, so I'll wait until that job is done and it will be a bit safer not working near the power lines.

Our next scheduled meeting after WRTC will be a brief 1- hour general meeting at the ARRL centennial. This will be sandwiched in a section of contest-related meetings, and it should be a chance to get together with many WRTC competitors and US testers who ordinarily would not be traveling to 1-land. I hope to see a big turnout for this one!

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Directions to Meeting

The meeting and WRTC-2014 training session will be held at:
Milara, Inc.
49 Maple Street
Milford, MA.

This is about 2 miles from I-495 Exit 19 (RT-109 W).
Take I-495 Exit 19 to Route 109 West.

Follow signs for Massachusetts National Guard,
which is across the street from Milara.

Left on Birch St.

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View in Google maps at <http://goo.gl/maps/XtUcf>

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May 31st Meeting Program

YCCC Youth Scholarship Raffle
Tickets: \$25 each, cash or check accepted
Grand Prize: Elecraft K3/100 Kit HF Rig

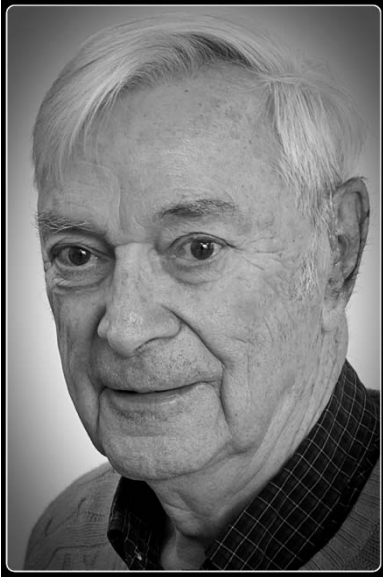
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Vic Paounoff – W1EOB/N4XR/HH2VP



Victor W. Paounoff, W1EOB/N4XR/HH2VP, age 96, of Crossville, TN, formerly Gettysburg, PA and Woodstock, CT, passed away on February 10, 2014 after a brief illness.

I first met him at a Connecticut Wireless Association (CWA) meeting in 1964. I had worked him a number of times on the bands – a great CW op and an active contest and DXer. A bit larger than life, was Vic. He was a tall guy for one thing and his operating style was “go get ‘em!” Vic always had a great signal on all bands and was incredibly active.

Over the years, I had the great pleasure of operating with Vic on numerous Field Days with CWA, and DXpeditions to Sint Maartin, PJ5ME in 1965, and two multi-multi operations in CQ WW from Curacao.

But more important than the contesting and DXing, Vic was a great friend. We had the pleasure of seeing him a number of times at various ham functions – Vic was always surprising folks by showing up at events all across the country. Even in his mid-90’s Vic would travel by himself, rent a car and manage to navigate to the various venues. At age 96, time finally caught up with Vic and he joined his beloved Adele on February 10, 2014.

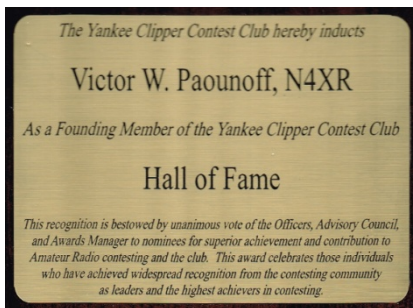
Roger, W1AX (W1JYH) and Vic were lifelong friends. Roger remembers Vic:

“I first knew Vic Paounoff on the air in the late 1930s when he was W1EOB and I was W1JYH. We met in person after I moved my family to Springfield, MA in 1946. Soon our families were sharing meals, trips and vacations. Our kids grew up together and left home and we still remained friends.

Vic and I last got together on June 18, 2012 when he, at age 94, drove 440 miles from Gettysburg, PA to visit us in Westwood, MA and then to visit his friends in Woodstock, CT where he and Adele had last lived.

I think 68 unbroken years of friendship must be a record. We had our differences, of course, but never an acrimonious exchange. Vic was the consummate gentleman, always dependable and consistent. I will always cherish the memories of our times together.”

In 1983, K2LE, K2SX, K4BAI and W1FJ joined Vic on Haiti for CQ WW. The operation was from various rooms of the Hotel Ibo Le Le (Hope I got the spelling right) and from the home of Bernard, HH2B, who lived next door to the hotel and within the 1000 foot radius circle for the contest. (Bernard is now QRV as W4/HH2B from NC where he runs a Bed and Breakfast.) Vic had arranged for a special call to be used for the contest, which turned out to be 4V2V. We took a vote and I was the only one who wanted to use the special call. So, we signed HH2VP. I think that was the correct decision. (I did get to use the contest call 4V2C from the QTH of the late HH2MC two years later in a single operator all band effort in CQ WW CW).



Vic was one of the founding members of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club and in 2012 he was a member of the inaugural class inducted to the YCCC Hall of Fame.

And so, another giant of ham radio has gone on to his next adventure. Thanks for all you’ve done Vic – you will be missed old friend.

As a tribute to Vic’s memory, Al, W1FJ has generously donated one of his “bricks” in the ARRL Diamond Terrace.



WRTC2014 Schedule

Note: Schedule subject to change.

Tuesday, July 8, 2014 – Pre-Arrival day (early arrivals)				Saturday, July 12, 2014 – Contest day 1			
All Day	Transit from Airport(s)			All Day	WRTC HQ Station / Exhibitor area		Hotel Area
13:00 14:00	Lunch		Hotel	5:00 5:30	Breakfast “Carry & Go” (competitors and referees)		Hotel Lobby
19:00 20:00	Dinner		Hotel	5:30	Departure to locations		
Wednesday, July 9, 2014 – Arrival day				7:00 9:00	Breakfast (guests)		On Own
All Day	Transit from Airport(s)			13:00 14:00	Lunch (guests)		On Own
All Day	WRTC HQ Station		Hotel Area	9:00 18:00	Excursions (guests)		
7:00 9:00	Breakfast		Hotel	7:00 8:00	Preparations for the contest		
13:00 14:00	Lunch		Hotel	8:00	Contest starts		
19:00 20:00	Welcome Dinner (Barbeque)		Hotel	19:00 20:00	Dinner (guests)		On Own
Thursday, July 10, 2014 – Tour day (1)				Sunday, July 13, 2014 – Contest day 2			
All Day	WRTC HQ Station / Exhibitor area		Hotel Area	7:00 9:00	Breakfast (guests)		On Own
7:00 8:00	Breakfast Buffet		Hotel	8:00	Contest ends		
8:00 9:00	Joint Competitors and Referees Meeting		Hotel	9:00 11:00	Return Transportation from Operating Sites		
9:00 10:00	Referees Meeting		Hotel	13:00 14:00	Lunch		Hotel
10:00 17:00	Excursion(s)			19:00 20:00	Dinner		Hotel
17:00 17:30	Joint Competitors and Referees Meeting		Hotel	Monday, July 14, 2014 – Tour Day (2) / Award day			
18:00 20:00	Opening Ceremonies		Hotel	7:00 9:00	Breakfast		Hotel
20:00 22:00	Dinner		Hotel	9:00 15:00	Excursion(s)		
Friday, July 11, 2014 – Opening day				13:00 14:00	Lunch		Hotel
All Day	WRTC HQ Station / Exhibitor area		Hotel Area	19:00 22:00	Closing Ceremony Award Dinner		Hotel
7:00 8:00	Breakfast		Hotel	Tuesday, July 15, 2014 – Departure day			
8:00 10:00	Callsign, referees and locations drawings		Hotel	7:00 9:00	Breakfast		Hotel
10:15	Start transportation to Operating Sites			All Day	Transit to Airport(s)		
10:15 17:00	Excursion(s) (guests)						
12:00 —	Preparation at Operating Sites						
18:00 20:00	Dinner (Optional – Guests and Competitors)		Hotel				

WRTC2014 Volunteer Training Session

8:30am May 31, 2014 at Milara, Inc., 49 Maple Street, Milford, MA

The WRTC2014 Organizing Committee and the Yankee Clipper Contest Club will conduct a joint meeting in Milford, MA on May 31, 2014. The purpose of the meeting is to recruit and provide training for volunteers who will be involved in the WRTC2014 event. Everyone is invited. The main door prize will be a TX38 tribander.



Volunteers at 2013 training session

Training Session

Registration for the training will begin around 7:30am (everyone will be asked to sign a release form if they have not already). Coffee and donuts will be available for breakfast.

The training starts promptly at 8:30am with a short indoor classroom-style review of the station setup process, including changes from last year. Then we will install two (possibly three) complete WRTC2014 stations outside. We should be finished by 3pm. Lunch will be served.

This is a “rain or shine” event... if it is raining, bring rain gear. We will have to set up the stations in July even if it is raining... we can’t have a “rain date” then, so we won’t have one now!

A WRTC station consists of a 40-foot tower with tribander antenna and dipoles plus an operating tent and generator. Volunteers on the Beam Teams have the task of setting up the tower and antennas. The volunteers on the Site Teams will set up the tents and provide generator support during the competition.

Beam Teams

The 16 Beam Teams will be setting up 4 or 5 stations each (65 total) in a two day period. The purpose of the training is to practice and streamline the entire process so that everyone knows what to expect when we get into the field.

Note to Beam Team Captains: Bring your complete tool kits.

Site Teams

There will be a Site Team assigned to each location. The training will help Site Teams get familiar with the generator/gas tank setup and the contents of the station kits (“do we have bug spray? a lamp? and a fire extinguisher?”)

Location and Directions

The training session will be held at Milara, Inc., 49 Maple Street, Milford, MA. This is about 2 miles from I-495 Exit 19 (RT-109 W). Take I-495 Exit 19 to Route 109 West. Follow signs for Massachusetts National Guard, which is across the street from Milara.

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View Location and Directions in Google maps at <http://goo.gl/maps/XtUcf>



Beam team installs tower in foreground. Site teams practice site assembly in background.

Any questions about the training session please contact Dennis Egan, W1UE, egan.dennis88@gmail.com

WRTC2014 Social Activities Registration Deadline – June 10th

The tours, activities, and dinners that will form the social aspects of WRTC2014 have been finalized. You can see the complete list at on the [Tours and Activities page: http://www.wrtc2014.org/tours-and-activities](http://www.wrtc2014.org/tours-and-activities)

The tours are organized for the WRTC2014 competitors and referees, but everyone is welcome on a space available basis. There are links to the registration pages where everyone must sign up for the activities they want to participate in. Tours will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Activities begin with a welcome barbecue on Wednesday evening. Non-hams can escape the contest talk by joining the Ham Widow's ball.

Thursday offers tours to Boston city center including a Duck Tour and special tour to Fenway Park.

The opening ceremony is Thursday evening. The dinner requires a reservation and payment in advance, but everyone will be invited to the opening ceremony to see the teams march in.

There are tours and activities available over the weekend for those not competing in WRTC2014.

Monday offers a choice between several interesting tours including a trip to the Marconi site on Cape Cod, a trip to see the magnificent old homes in Newport, RI, or a visit to the US Navy Submarine Museum in Groton, CT. All of the tours will return visitors in time for the closing ceremony and the buffet dinner.

We urge anyone considering attending an event to register early. You must preregister to attend any events. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Competitors and Referees register at <http://competitors.wrtc2014.org>.

All others register at <http://visitors.wrtc2014.org>.

Send questions to events@wrtc2014.org

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[Spurious Emissions Band](#) to Play for WRTC2014 Opening Ceremonies



Spurious Emissions band. (l-r) N0AX, W1BXY, W4PA, K8GT, KX9X, K4RO (Tnx-WRTC2014)

Ward Silver N0AX- Mandolin/Vocals Becky Schoenfeld W1BXY – Vocals Scott Robbins W4PA - Bass/Vocals
Sean Kutzko KX9X - Drums/Vocals Kirk Pickering K4RO - Guitar/Vocals

Listen to the soundtrack from their Dayton 2014 performance at:

<https://soundcloud.com/kx9x-1/sets/spurious-emissions-band-live-at-the-contest-super-suite-may-17-2014>

WRTC2014 Participation Awards

Awards will be available for stations that work the WRTC teams during the competition.

The “WRTC2014 Chase” will run concurrently with the IARU HF Championship beginning on July 12 at 1200Z. The fifty nine WRTC2014 stations will have distinctive callsigns that will be easy to recognize (calls to be announced at a later date).

Andy Blank, N2NT, director of the WRTC2014 competition committee stressed the importance of off-site participants as part of the competition. “The WRTC teams will be using 100 watts to simple antennas. High activity will make the competition more exciting and help identify the more skilled operating teams. In what other sport can you stay home and still be on the field of play?”

Activity Awards

Everyone is encouraged to work the WRTC teams on as many bands and modes as possible. All contacts with WRTC2014 stations will be confirmed by QSL card via the bureau for DX stations and direct to US stations. All contacts will also be confirmed through ARRL’s Logbook of the World. As an added incentive, each QSO with a WRTC team counts 5 points for the ARRL Centennial QSO Party.

Any station that appears in all 59 WRTC team logs will be able to download a certificate from the WRTC2014 Web site after the contest. No additional application is necessary.

“Assistant Judge” Award

Scores are expected to be very close among the top teams. Log checking will be an important element of certifying the order of finish for all teams. The WRTC2014 Judging Committee needs as many logs as quickly as possible to assist with the log checking process.

Everyone who submits a log within six hours after the end of the contest will be given the title of “Assistant Judge of WRTC2014.” All logs received will be entered into a drawing for one of 25 “WRTC2014 Assistant Judge” hats.

Bronze Awards

Every station that submits a log containing confirmed contacts with the WRTC teams on 30 or more band/modes will be eligible for the Bronze level award. These logs will be entered into a drawing to win one of 10 WRTC2014 bronze medals or one of 50 WRTC2014 mouse pads.

Silver Awards

A Silver medal will be awarded to the first 5 stations from each continent and W1 that have confirmed contacts with all 59 teams regardless of mode. Any other stations that work all 59 teams will be entered into a drawing to win one of 25 WRTC2014 caps.

Gold Awards

Gold medals recognize the highest level of achievement – contacting the WRTC teams on the most band/modes. With 59 teams, 5 bands, and 2 modes, there are 590 possible band/modes available. Gold medals will be awarded to the top 5 band/mode leaders in each continent and W1. In the event of a tie, the order will be determined by earliest completion time.

Eligibility

To earn any of the Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards, participants will be required to submit their contest log within six hours after the end of the contest (by 1800z July 13, 2014). Logs in Cabrillo format meeting the requirements of the IARU HF Championship must be submitted by email to iaruhf@arrl.org and must be acknowledged by the robot. Entrants are encouraged to submit their log immediately after the contest.

Larry Tyree, N6TR, is responsible for managing the WRTC2014 log checking process. “We have less than 24 hours to process and cross-check the logs in order to announce the winners at the Award Ceremony on Monday evening. Receiving as many logs as possible shortly after the end of the contest will help improve the quality of the log checking.”

Complete rules for the WRTC2014 activity award program are available at

<http://www.wrtc2014.org/competition/participation-awards/>

To help determine the best times to work the WRTC teams, Stu Phillips, K6TU, has made his propagation prediction service available for WRTC2014. Enter your callsign, grid square, and type of antenna system and the service will provide a table of expected band openings from your location to the WRTC2014 area. See <http://www.wrtc2014.org/k6tu-provides-propagation-forecast-service-for-wrtc2014/> for more details.

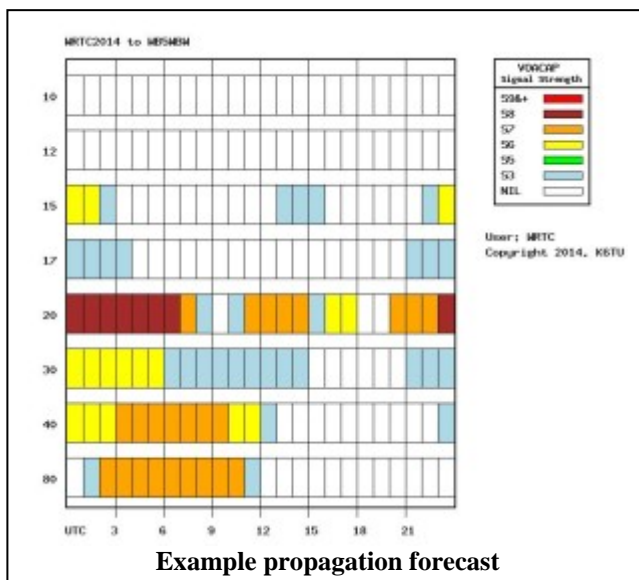
Questions about WRTC2014 and the awards program can be sent to info@wrtc2014.org.

WRTC2014 Propagation Forecasts from K6TU

Stu Phillips, K6TU, has made his propagation prediction service publicly available for anyone interested in WRTC2014. Enter your callsign, grid square, and type of antenna system. The web page will provide a table of expected band openings from your location to the WRTC2014 area.

The forecast will be updated with more accurate SSN data in the weeks before the contest.

Go to propagation forecast: <https://k6tu.net/?q=node/add/dx-prediction-wrtc>



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IK2NCJ and IK2QEI (EU2 Team)

Thank YCCC for WRTC 2014 Test Sponsorship

In addition to YCCC's first tent sponsorship choice of the NA1 tent (K1LZ/YT6A), YCCC also sponsors EU#2 team of IK2NCJ & IK2QEI and the Lat 13 team of W2SC/N2NL. Good luck to all!

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YCCC CLUB RESOURCE INFORMATION

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP STUFF Dues for the year are payable as of January 1st. 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.

NOTE: If your dues are paid to a March 31 date, then you now need to synchronize to the calendar year. Please see the "Dues" area on the Members Only section of the website for the pro-rated dues amount for a partial year.

Mail your dues to the club treasurer, Chet Slabinski, N8RA, 462 W. Hill Rd, New Hartford, CT 06057.

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CONTEST SCORES should be sent to the club scorekeeper, Alec Berman, W2JU, preferably by E-mail at 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

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YCCC LOGO ITEMS <http://www.cafepress.com/n1k>

QSL CARDS are ordered through Dennis Egan, W1UE. To order, send Dennis an email at egan.dennis88@gmail.com, detailing card information per "QSL Request" form available at http://www.yccc.org/members/yccc_qsl.htm. You will receive a proof by email. Approve the proof, making any corrections, and return to Dennis *with payment* (make checks out to Dennis, not YCCC). Current price is \$50 (delivered) for 1,000 cards. Also available is the glossy version for \$70/1000.

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. 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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