



Scuttlebutt

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**Next Meeting:
Sunday, December 2, 2007, Noon-5PM
Publick House, Sturbridge, MA**

Captain's Cabin

Half way through our "contest season" and the numbers just keep rolling in! Both in terms of membership growth and score contributions! On behalf of officers of the clipper ship, thanks everyone for making the time to play radio for a select set of weekends, spending time in the chair for as much time as you can apply and your commitment to the Yankee Clipper Contest Club in being the best in the world! Hey, we have it all! We just keep coming up with ideas that make contesting more and more fun, like the real time score monitoring system – how cool is that! Have you been mentoring to our new recruits yet? Make it a point to grab one of these folks and invite them over for a different experience, both for you and your guest – a win-win operating event for all of us!

This month's meeting will be at a new location in what we hope will be convenient to most of the membership in the territory. Our plan was to have our annual YCCC Youth Scholarship raffle drawing and this is still the plan! Our ticket sales have been growing steadily but we are still short so far. I really encourage each member to participate and grow our scholarship fund so we can maintain the position of being one of the more sought after scholarship. The raffle tickets are only \$25 each and give you a shot at a premier radio, the K3. K1EP is one member that could not wait and bought and received one! Has had it on the air already in a few contests – early indicators appear to be that it is an excellent rig and would be a welcome addition to any contest shack!

We have a very entertaining line up of speakers this meeting too! DXpeditions, recent experiences with a new rig, new station design and a mini-flea market (bring only 3 items please!), QSL card checking and the usual socializing around our favorite topic!

As you read this Butt, remember to send in your scores to the CQ score email addresses and note on your summary sheet, the club affiliation and spell it out; Yankee Clipper Contest Club. Thanks everyone for a fun season thus far, and keep those cards and letters (scores) rolling in for another great finish!

73, Good Contesting!

Mark, K1RX

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Dec 2, 2007 (Sunday)
Publick House, Sturbridge, MA
12 Noon - 5 PM

Directions to Publick House, Sturbridge, MA
<http://www.publickhouse.com/directions.htm>

From Hartford: Take exit 2 off I-84 East
follow to right
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at the set of lights take right onto Route 131
Publick House is on the right

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take exit 3-b off I-84 to Route 20 West
at the lights take a left onto Route 131
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CREW NEWS

New Crew: Taylor Brock-Fisher, KB1NOW, Andover MA
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Flotsam & Jetsam

Barnacle Jack Schuster, W1WEF w1wef@arri.net

Ahoy Maties!

The response to my solicitation for input was overwhelming! I should have done it more often . Not a lot of ham activity to report from W1WEF as we missed WW Phone and SS CW while on a VK/ZL cruise. I didn't spot one ham antenna in either country, but had no time to look up any hams either. Despite that, we had a wonderful time! Looking forward to WW CW from home.

From Mike, W1JQ: Well, I've spent too much time fixing antennas and coming up with temporary replacements for my S-facing 40/80 dipole, which has gone flaky.

Was really shocked to see that I did better than last year in CQWW Phone, particularly given how bad the low bands were. Everyone had the same propagation, of course, so I'll end up struggling to be in the bottom of the top 10 again. But it's still in what W1CTN calls "the expensive seats."

Here's a neat idea from Art, W1RZF: Hi Jack, this is an old one. A number of years ago I wanted to put up a 60 ft tower and since I don't climb I wanted it to fold over. I bought 60 ft of used Rohn 25 and a base hinge plate. A friend at the local power company offered to get me a 35 foot telephone pole. I dug a 5 ft hole for the pole with a post hole digger and the power company put the pole in the hole . I plumbed it and filled the hole. Next I dug a large hole for the tower base, about 3ft diameter and 4 ft deep, next to the pole Filled it with cement and mounted the hinged base plate with rebar in the hole. I assembled the tower on the ground to the base plate and installed a pulley near the top of the pole and another at the same height on the tower. I then installed a boat winch 4 ft from the bottom of the pole. The cable goes from the winch to the pulley on top of the pole to the pulley in the tower and back to the top of the pole where it is fastened to a large bolt thru the pole. The pole is back guyed. The tower with an 85# quad cranks up quite easily. When up it ties into the pole and top of the tower has three guys. It is cheap , it works and has been up for 10 years.

Dick WC1M has been keeping out of trouble: Well, I reported to the reflector in late July that I completed my new 110' Rohn 55 tower with a 40-2CD at the top, a 3-stack of 4-element SteppIRs on TIC rings at 96'/64'/34', and a trapped inverted vee for 160/80 at 90', only to spend September, October and part of November repairing massive damage from a lightning storm in late August. Despite an extensive ground system and many surge arrestors, I lost about two dozen devices, including a transceiver, two autotune amps and a state-of-the-art computer. Many controllers were damaged. There was damage to the stack match and a feedline on the tower, too. Thank goodness for insurance, but I put in a tremendous amount of time and effort fixing things and arranging repairs. The story of the recovery would take an entire issue!

Since repairing the damage, I've been writing a software application in Visual C# to control what has now become a very complex contest station. My 11 transmit antennas are accessed through two widely separated SO2R switch banks. In addition to keeping all that straight and avoiding conflicts between the rigs, I have to switch in multiple stubs and filters per band to deal with interference. The MicroHam Stack Switch allows any antenna in the SteppIR stack to be routed to one of the rigs while the other rig uses the other two SteppIRs, but each SteppIR must be tuned to the frequency of the rig to which it is connected (think about that for while.) Also, high power transmit needs to be inhibited while the SteppIRs are tuning. Finally, an Acom amp needs to be set to the rig frequency and selected antenna. I used to do some of these tasks through custom hardware and even a homebrew PIC-based interface. But the station became too complicated for that, so it had to be done by the PC. The new software does all these tasks automatically through a pair of Hamation Relay Drivers connected to the PC via Ethernet. I built a set of 8 boards with 8 relays apiece to interface the Relay Drivers to my switches in order to accommodate a mixture of relays activated by +12VDC or GND, to add LEDs for relay status, and to provide lightning isolation. I used CAD software and a PCB fabrication house to make the boards. The software is mostly ready to go. Just need to build a relay interface to the rig TX enable ports and fix a few minor bugs.

Barring any more nasty surprises from Mother Nature, the station should be ready to go for CQ WW CW. Can't wait! (Sounds like I'll never beat Dick again! It's been a while already...hi BJ)

Gerry Hull passed this along: About SS...At N1VT (@K2LE/1), I has 78 mults by late Saturday. My last two were NT and NL. On Sunday morning, I tuned 20m with the beam North, looking for the VY1JA pileup... I did not find anything... I presumed Jay was S&Ping due to his low power situation.. I did hear some N5 work a VE8 while I was tuning... I tried to call CQ above him and catch the guy, but it did not work. So, I invested time in calling CQ with the beam North. Being SO1R, this lowered my rate for a while, but within 20 minutes Jay called me!

Then, I swung the beam to the northeast and tuned for a VO1. I found a pile on VO1HE and got that QSO out of the way quickly. I believe I ended up working 3 NL's. It seems the first 78 were very easy this year. Canadian mults can be a problem. There was very good representation from western Canada. Three contesters from the maritimes were busy giving out MAR -- Scott, VE1OP, Robby, VY2SS and Andy, VE9DX. (Any others?)

About 6Y1V in CQWW SSB: I had not operated from the Caribbean since 1989, so I knew this would be fun. K1LZ and KY1V have built an awesome station in Jamaica. I thought I would start on 40m... 40m SSB? Am I crazy? Well, the station at 6Y1V is an IC7800, Acom 2000A and stacked 4L Monster yagis at 70 and 140 feet, so I knew that it would play. At 0000z, I could not get a run going to Europe -- the Europeans are just too loud to each other. I could not believe that. Oh well --I put the beam on the US for a few hours, and the rate shot to the 200s... Later, the beam went back to Europe and we were smoking!

What was truly insane were the JA openings on 40 and 80. After the first night, there were 250 JAs in the log on 40... by the end of the contest, 400! Incredible signals, with some peaking 35db/9. On Saturday I did switch between bands a lot, and spent some time on 80. At one point a JA called me (1st one of the evening on 80), and he was 25/9 on 80. Wow. The 80m system is a 4-square. There was a lot of QRN from thunderstorms. CT1ILT happened to fix the 250-foot NE beverage and added a terminating resistor. With that beverage, Europe was S 0.5, but perfectly copyable. The 4-square would have worked for receiving, but the QRN was just too high.

David sponsors young contesters to come to the Caribbean each season and operate. This year, it was Filipe, CT1ILT (last years winner) returning, and Manu, LU9ESD. Both these guys are 21 and are awesome contesters. They were invaluable. We had to change a motor on the top 140' rotor... Manu was the climber, but his English was not so great. However, Filipe spoke Portuguese, Spanish and English... So --he was our translator. It worked out great. I thought I was a fast talker until I heard these guys on the radio... Fantastic! The trip was a lot of fun, and I hope to return soon.

K1IR believes in continuous improvement, and one of this years projects was cable management. He sent along a photo of his neat cable tray scheme. (I noticed when he visited my shack, he didn't look at the front of my station, he looked at the rear! BJ)



From Bob, W1EQ: After over 40 years of operating in SS CW, I finally got my first sweep. I was using the call of silent key KZ1M, The Jim Dalterio Memorial Station. Short of 90 minutes into the contest, VY1JA called me at 2224Z, on 14002. He was my 38th multiplier. The last 3 for the sweep were (78) VE6CNU, AB at 1718Z; (79) VE5ZX at 1725Z and (80) KL8C at 1828Z on Sunday. It was the first time in many years that I sat in the chair for the full 24 hours. Total Q's were 804 (all time high). Getting better as I get older, 69 in January.

On another note, I think the delay in time change might have confused a few guys. I was ready to start at 4:00 p.m. local time (like last year) when I noticed that my logging software was showing that the contest would not be starting until 5:00 p.m. I listened around 4:30 local, and heard a one W4 calling CQ SS and folks answering his call. Must have been embarrassing when he found out his mistake.

73 and KB in WW CW!

Barnacle JACK W1WEF

w1wef@arrl.net for your input!

From George, W1EBI:

A large waterfront property in Littleton was recently put up for sale. A former home for wayward boys, it was originally the residence of T.R. "Ted" McElroy, world champion telegrapher. McElroy apparently also had a private seaplane and enjoyed ferrying weekend guests, including Joe Kennedy and kids, to his place on Long Lake. McElroy's factory, where for many years he produced his line of telegraph keys, is next door. Currently occupied by Littleton Millwork, but the roof of the building still has a huge sign; "Ted McElroy, World Champion Telegrapher".

Announcing the YCCC Find-A-Chair Program

It is my pleasure to announce a new program designed to increase the fun of contesting for all members of YCCC involved not only in multi-op stations but single op stations too! A central repository of available operating positions and operators will be created. The program will match operators with chairs.

We will start the program very simply with an email request from anyone interested in participating in the program. Who will participate? Anyone can! Here are some examples:

- A multi-operator station that does not have enough operators.
- A beginning operator looking to sit alongside more experienced operators to improve his or her skills.
- An experienced operator without a station looking for a place to get on the air.
- A member with a single op station that would otherwise be idle.

Initially the program will simply attempt to match operators with stations. How do I participate in this program? Simply send an email to FindAChair@k0tv.com and let us know how you would like to participate.

For multi-operator stations, please include your station location and what kind of operator you'd like to have participate.

For members with single op stations that would otherwise be idle, please include your location and any specific restrictions on the use of your station. Please also indicate if you wish to have your station posted as available on a web site.

For members looking for a place to operate, please include the distance you would be willing to drive, the hours you are available to operate, whether you are a beginning or experienced operator, and any other specific information relating to your needs.

I will post available stations on a web site and put operators in touch with stations and let the participants take it from there.

Kick Butt,
Jerry, K0TV

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YCCC Regular Meeting, October 7, 2007—Marlborough, MA

Mark, K1RX, called the 2007-'08 Contest Season kickoff meeting to order at 1:32 pm at the Holiday Inn, Marlborough, MA, with a quick review of the meeting agenda followed by an always-raucous verbal "Sprint" with the 42 attendees introducing themselves with name and callsign, then QSY-ing three feet for the next eyeball QSO. As with the NCJ Sprint, this event is not for everyone, as several attendees simply stood on their frequency and ragchewed.

George, W1EBI, gave the secretary's report. YCCC active membership (dues current to 31 March 2008) is 357, subject to reconciling records with the treasurer. The club added nine new members and welcomed one returning former member since the April meeting. A condolence card was sent to the family of former member Sergey Sushko, W2WB, who became a Silent Key in July.

Ed, K1EP, gave the treasurer's report. The club had a gain of \$53 since the April meeting, with expenses of \$3,042 and income of \$3,096. Total assets are \$10,965.

Mark said there had been no activity of the New Member committee that was created at the April meeting, but he will attempt to restart that key initiative.

Mark recognized Vic, N4XR, who will be celebrating his 90th birthday in November. Happy Birthday, Vic!

Eric, KV1J, provided an update on the 6BPF filter project initiated by Dave, K1NQ. The PC boards are now ready for delivery.

Mark then discussed the YCCC Youth Scholarship Program, the club's once-a-year fund raising event to benefit both YCCC and a young ham entering college. Funds are generated by a raffle, and the club has a target of clearing \$1,000 to \$1,500 after expenses. This year we plan to have as the Grand Prize a new, highly-touted Elecraft K3/100, plus many smaller prizes. Tickets are on sale now at \$25 each, with payments to go to Ed, K1EP. The current plan is to have the raffle drawing and prizes awarded at the December meeting, planned for 2 December (see website for details). The K3 will be from the third production run with delivery to the lucky winner around January or February, 2008.

Dave, K1HT, official YCCC scorekeeper, presented an overview of the 2006-'07 contest season. YCCC won both CQWW and ARRL DX, beating out perennial adversary FRC for the top score in the Unlimited Club category. Based on published scores by the contest sponsors, YCCC racked up 284.5 megapoints in CQWW to 246.8M for the Frankford mob. In ARRL DX, we posted 139.4M to 134.3M for FRC. Dave outlined briefly how the "club circle" affects valid scores in each contest. As usual, there was spirited Q&A following Dave's presentation.

Four attendees were voted in as new members of YCCC:

Tony Brock-Fisher, K1KP, Andover MA (former member)
Taylor Brock-Fisher, KB1NOW, Andover MA
Mark Watson, W1MAW, Beverly MA
Vincent Sgroi, K1RM, Plainville CT (former member)

Mark reminded members that we are heading into the new contest season at the bottom of Cycle 23, and he solicited tips and strategies for operating under the less than delightful conditions we will face. Hints for success were offered by K2WR, WA1S, K5ZD, K1XM, K1VR, K1IR and K1QX. Mark also pointed out that in CQWW Phone and ARRL Phone we'll need to tune 7150-7200 on 40 meter SSB now that many Europeans can operate simplex in that portion of the band.

Ken, WO1N, gave a presentation on behalf of Dave, K1TTT, showing the extent of summer antenna activities at Dave's station in western Massachusetts. Lots of improvements were on the summer agenda, including repairs to the 4L-40, shack remodeling, equipment upgrades, improvements to the web server and webcams, construction of an 80 meter 4-square, and further clearing of the antenna field, which seems to occupy a large chunk of Peru, MA.

New YCCC member José, N1BAA (ex-N4BAA), presented a fine overview of his former club and our noble competitor, Potomac Valley Radio Club. Some of the instantly recognizable ops in PVRC include W3LPL, W4MYA, K3ZO, N3HBX and N4ZR. PVRC is a major player in Sweepstakes, battling NCCC in a way similar to how we duke it out with FRC in the major DX contests. Interestingly, PVRC has no dues requirement.

Following the standard ten-minute break which takes a half-hour, Mark pointed out the informal flea market that had been set up at the back of the meeting room. He then introduced a special guest appearance of "Eimac the Magnificent", courtesy of

Rich, K2WR. Picking up on a recent near-endless thread on CQ-Contest, Eimac offered up his "Top Ten Things Affected by the Change in Daylight Savings Time."

After a quick check of where members were heading for CQWW, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
George Harlem, W1EBI
Secretary

Note: The YCCC Web Roster has been updated to reflect dues payments recorded as of 5 November.

Planning a Dx-pedition?

Electronic Surplus Sales (Candia Road, Manchester, NH) has surplus shipping cases - \$50

Selection of sizes, all in military green. Some large enough to large store your IC-7800

Thanks to Gerry Hull, W1VE

Don't Forget, Less Than 37 Days Remain!:

YCCC 30th Year Celebration Certificate!

The Yankee Clipper Contest Club celebrates its 30th year of competing in the unlimited club category from the Northeastern US. Now having a membership count of nearly 400, the club has steadily grown since its inception (1977), the current officers of the YCCC offer the following on-the-air fun event for both the membership as well as our fellow contesters worldwide. For the balance of 2007, commencing immediately, YCCC members may sign their calls /30, indicating our 30-year anniversary, as a way to positively promote the YCCC on the air. A special certificate will be provided after confirming contacts with at least 10 members. This confirmation and request for the special certificate can be done via email at yccc30@gmail.com. Please indicate the date, time, frequency, call sign of member along with your mailing address so we might send you the certificate. QSL cards may be used to confirm these contacts as well and by sending them to Dave, W1CTN who will administer the program. Additionally, the complete list of YCCC members can be found at www.yccc.org then click on "Members Only" in the left-side menu and follow the directions to enter the site (open to all). Look up "roster" in the right-side menu for the complete list of members active within the YCCC.

All eligible QSOs for the award must be completed by December 31, 2007, with the request for the certificate submitted no later than February, 1, 2008.

QSLs may be sent to: David Arruzza, W1CTN
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Ansonia, CT, USA 06401

Upcoming Contests

November, 2007

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 24 to 2400Z, Nov 25
ARCI Topband Sprint	0000Z-0600Z, Nov 29
ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Nov 30 to 1600Z, Dec 2

December, 2007

TARA RTTY Melee	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 1
TOPS Activity Contest	1800Z, Dec 1 to 1800Z, Dec 2
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 4
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 8 to 2400Z, Dec 9
SKCC Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Dec 12
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Dec 12
MDXA PSK DeathMatch	0000Z, Dec 15 to 2400Z, Dec 16
OK DX RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 15
Croatian CW Contest	1400Z, Dec 15 to 1400Z, Dec 16
Feld Hell Sprint	1500Z-1700Z, Dec 15
International Naval Contest	1600Z, Dec 15 to 1559Z, Dec 16
ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint	2000Z-2400Z, Dec 16
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 17
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 23
DARC Christmas Contest	0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
RAC Winter Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 29
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Dec 29 to 1500Z, Dec 30
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 29 to 1500Z, Dec 30

Tnx to WA7BNM's Contest Calendar Web page - <<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal>>

A New Station Grows in WMA N1BAA Ready for CQWW-CW



YCCC CLUB RESOURCE INFORMATION

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP STUFF Dues are payable as of the April election meeting, which begins our club "contest year". 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 - \$20 (\$35/2 yr) (Eligible for YCCC awards programs and paper delivery of Club newsletter)

Full Member - \$15 (\$25/2 yr) (Eligible for YCCC awards programs and electronic "Ebutt" 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 awards programs.)

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Subscription - \$** (A "friend of YCCC" - not a member but a possible candidate for future membership. Receives club newsletter only in paper or electronic form. Fee basis is \$20 for overseas paper delivery, \$15 for domestic paper delivery and \$10 for electronic "Ebutt" delivery domestically or overseas.)

Club members who move out of club territory and so are not eligible to contribute to club aggregate scores automatically become subscribers. New members who join at the February meeting are credited with dues for the year beginning the following April. You can tell if you owe dues by checking your 'Butt mailing label. **Mail your dues to the club treasurer, Ed Parish, K1EP, 9 Spoon Way, N. Reading, MA 01864**

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CLUB GOODIES

BADGES YCCC badges are available from Ric, KV1W. Send \$2, name and call desired on the badge, and your mailing address to: Ric Plummer - YCCC Badge, PO Box 1158, Berlin, MA 01503-2158.

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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.)

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