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**NEXT MEETING: - Saturday - August 27<sup>th</sup>  
Next General Meeting - October 8<sup>th</sup>**

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## **Captain's Cabin**

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The summer is half over and it has gone by quickly. Lots of good stuff in this issue so be sure to read it very carefully. The officers are increasing the production rate to set meeting agendas, meeting locations, and fascinating contest related topics for all of us this year. K1DG and a very special crew of advisors will be dissecting a CQ WW log for us (CQ WW Makeover) at the October general meeting. Details of our awards program will be provided during this same meeting but the advanced information on this topic will appear in the October issue (next Scuttlebutt).

Last year's raffle (2004) and the YCCC Scholarship Program provided a college student, KB1HOY with some much needed funds – he provided the YCCC with a wonderful letter of thanks. The raffle from the 2005 funding raising event will be providing funds to both a deserving college student as well as helping with the HAMsters (1<sup>st</sup> graders) be introduced to amateur radio. The YCCC Scholarship Program (funded through the big YCCC raffle as well as contributions from our general membership) will be administered by the ARRL (as previously done) to save the YCCC officers the time to find applicants.

Your president recently ventured out on the political limb (one of the stronger ones I hope) to form an Advisory Group (AG), which I see as a pre-YCCC Board of Directors. An official Board of Directors will be voted upon by the general membership in an upcoming general meeting (to be announced). The AG that was formed has been giving your elected officers guidance in the budgeting process and helping to handle many business related items of the club. The members of this Advisory Group was drawn from the list of past officers with considerable experience within the YCCC that were willing to take on the task of helping address the business items the general membership has grown bored with at our meetings. Once items are discussed within the AG, then the officer's present the outcomes and suggested approaches or alternatives to satisfy the many needs of the club (both internally and externally). It is about time we got efficient with the way we handle business items at meetings – The YCCC - it's about contesting not dollars!

Another wonderful topic that always surfaces is the subject of meeting locations – wow, what a challenge this has become (and apparently will continue in years to come). How do you select a location that is convenient for all (from NY to Maine), can accommodate our varying attendance levels, be reasonable in cost (within our budget), keep the member's drive time to meetings to less than one (1) hour, make everyone happy, etc.? Answer: Simple – can not be done! So it is a compromise and my apologies in advance if the location selected does not make it attractive – only our meeting topics will make you drive the distance (this we understand)! As already reported on the web site calendar, we have four (4) general meetings planned this year: Oct. 8, Dec. 4, Feb. 4 and Apr. 8. The officers are looking for a location to the west but to start off, the club's first general meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in Marlborough, MA (at the intersection of 495 and Rt. 20). Granted it is further east of the Sturbridge area but we were hard pressed to find the right venue for our club meeting in that area. I am anticipating the use of this facility for at least 2 of the 4 meeting dates this season. Our work continues here.

The YCCC experienced some great informal gatherings this summer and our last one is being hosted by Dave, K1TTT on August 27. I am told it is quite a drive from my part of the world but if you were impressed with my place (June 4 BBQ), you have got to see the incredible station of K1TTT in western Mass. I look forward to meeting with as many of our western

region YCCC members as possible during this cookout. A fun agenda has been prepared (thanks Dave and Tom, W1TO).

Officers Suggestion: Become familiar with the Sprint rules, it will have a big impact on you at the October meeting! Watch for details in this space.

And on sad note, my ever faithful and official greeter at the K1RX Multi Multi, and family dog, Buggy passed away on July 26<sup>th</sup>. He was here for the first tower and has enjoyed watching me over the past 11 years build the station and parade many contesters through the doors! Miss you already, Bugs!

73 and continue to have that productive summer!

Mark, K1RX

## WANTED!

### *Your Station!*

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### "The Ultimate CQWW Station Makeover"

How would you like to have a panel of experts critique your performance in the CQWW last year? Real-time suggestions on improving your strategy and station? Here's your chance!

At the October meeting, one or two stations and their logs will be analyzed and a complete set of suggestions for improvement will be offered. To avoid embarrassment, station owners' identities will be kept confidential if requested.

If you would like to be a participant, send your CQWW SSB or CWrate sheet and/or Cabrillo file, as well as photos of your station (both inside and outside) to Doug, K1DG ([k1dg@ix.netcom.com](mailto:k1dg@ix.netcom.com)).

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YCCC General Operations Fund	Proposed Budget
<b>Income</b>	
Dues	6400
Interest	25
<b>Total</b>	6425

<b>Expenses</b>	
Entertainment	100
ISP	250
Legal	10
Meetings	1750
Printing	550
Postage	360
Supplies	20
Plaques (non-YCCC)	375
YCCC Awards	500
Clothing	200
Donations (Pizza Dayton, Picnics-Summer)	800
<b>Total</b>	4915

<b>Net Income</b>	1510
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<b>Raffle Income</b>	5000
<b>Prize expense</b>	2500
<b>Net Donation</b>	2500

<b>Charitable Donations</b>	
Charitable Donation 1	
Youth Fund	1250
Charitable Donation 2	
College Scholarship	1250

<b>Total</b>	2500
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## YCCC Special Meeting, July 23, 2005—Hopkinton, MA

With 31 members and several guests enjoying a terrific New England summer day for the YCCC picnic at the QTH of the Southborough Rod and Gun Club in Hopkinton, president Mark Pride K1RX reluctantly called a brief meeting to order at 1:42 pm amid animated eyeball QSO's and aromas of hot dogs, burgers and outstanding Italian sausages. Mark reminded the attendees of the newly updated membership form and asked both prospective new members as well as current members to complete the new form and forward it to secretary W1EBI.

Mark suggested anyone with material for the upcoming August issue of Scuttlebutt to contact 'butt publisher N1SR by the July 29 deadline. He mentioned some of the initiatives being planned for the coming year by the new corps of officers elected in April, including broader budget utilization and a local chapter concept to encourage increased activity in the outer perimeter of the club territory. Mark touched on the typical pre-season preparations for the 2005-06 contest season, and, in a moment of awe-inspiring commitment befitting the proprietor of a major multi-multi, signed K1RX up to 400 million points. Presumably he was thinking of pre-UBN totals.

At Mark's invitation, two attendees introduced themselves to be considered for membership:

KB1LWY, Donna LaRoche, Natick, MA  
NE1R, Tom Carrigan, Milford, NH

Both Donna and Tom were voted in by acclamation and welcomed aboard Yankee Clipper. Their annual dues were graciously accepted by treasurer K1EP.

With a closing round of applause for grill chef Willis Drew KB1JFG, the formal meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm. The picnic and camaraderie continued for several more hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Harlem W1EBI



Master chef - Doug, K1RDD and Grill Master Willis, KB1JFG

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# A Winner's Philosophy:

*Recent comments in response to N3BB on the Contest Reflector*

George Fremin III - K5TR:

I think that if done right contests should be hard. If you are not totally spent at the end then my guess is that you did not give the contest everything you had. I find that I have to make an effort to keep the pressure on, to keep flogging the second radio, to keep looking for rate or ways to get new multipliers.

In most contests you do not know how others are doing so you have to keep working as hard as you can to maximize your score - you can not let up - and I find it very hard to keep that going hour after hour without a measure as to your place.

But I also know that I can rest when the contest is over - but until then I know I need to keep pushing for the next contact no matter how hard.

The thing that helped me become more focused in contests was finally getting it through my head that the contest only lasts for a given period of time. As each minute goes by that is one less minute that you have to increase your score. It took me many years but I finally came to understand this and with it the need to get contacts in the log because before you know it your time is up.

Tom, W2SC (former YCCC):

No doubt 48 hours contests are hard, that is one of the things that attract me to them. While not K1AR or KQ2M class in terms of quantity, I have probably done about 30 full bore efforts. Some of those efforts are a source pride, some were disappointments, and a few were total failures.

My experience is that, despite the grueling length, 48 hour contesting is still more mental than physical. That said, as I learned the hard way a few years back, food is an important factor. No amount of skill will overcome a lack of nutrition and hydration. I have also found that exercising on a regular basis has a big impact on performance.

The next hurdles, fatigue, loss of focus, and delusions are mental in nature and there are techniques that can deal with them. Just a few tricks, realizing that fatigue is cyclical and focus can be regained with very short naps, relieves some of the panic that sets in when these symptoms occur. Delusions are the scariest of all and can only be understood by those who have experienced them, but they too can be overcome.

Admittedly, age will overtake all of us but my point is that knowing what to expect and having some techniques in your arsenal for when you "hit the wall" creates the opportunity for more stamina and endurance than most of us think is possible. I have done serious 48 hour contesting for about 12 years, and it seems easier now than I can ever remember.

One technique that I would add to George's comments is to have a goal. Counting down the final hours (14 to go, 13 to go, etc.) leads to fatigue and the contest seems interminable. However, if you are pushing for a goal, the time goes by faster. Precontest goals will prove to be too far off the mark. I usually set a goal at the halfway point. If that seems either too easy or too hard after 10 hours, I will reset the goal or go to a points per hour goal. It is incredible how fast the Sunday hours go by this way. Usually Saturday night and Sunday morning are potentially slow times and are periods of high fatigue. I usually set a goal to score X million points between 0Z and 10Z. This keeps me focused when I can easily lose my mind. It also keeps you in the chair.

None of this sounds pleasant but, no matter what the outcome, the sense of accomplishment of finishing a 48 hour contest is one of the true pleasures of radiosport.

You don't have to be smiling to be having fun

## Western MA Regional Meeting Saturday - Aug 27, 2005

I am pleased to announce that there will be a Regional Meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club on Saturday, August 27, 2005. The meeting will be held at the station of K1TTT, Dave Robbins, in Peru, MA. The meeting will begin at noon local time. This will be an official meeting; an YCCC Officer will be present. You can pay your dues and new members can join.

As many of you are aware K1TTT has been undergoing some extensive renovations over the last two years. The latest addition is a 4 element M2 40 meter beam. This will give Dave an opportunity to show people the many improvements he has implemented. His new deck is a great place to hold a cookout and view the extensive antenna farm. We will be serving burgers and hot dogs from the grill. Attendees are encouraged to bring a side dish, but it is not necessary.

The meetings purpose will be to serve as an introduction to contesting for those unfamiliar with this part of ham radio and further to demonstrate the N1MM Contest Logger. Dave continues as an active member of the N1MM Contest Logger Software development team. His multi-multi station uses this software for all major contests. For our local area meeting, to acquaint YCCC members and guests with the software Tom Wagner, N1MM and Dave will demonstrate the software under actual contest conditions. There will be at least two active contests going on during the meeting that will allow lots of actual contest operating to take place and give the software a good test drive.

A complete tour of the station and the extensive antenna farms will be available.

Additional activities:

1. Ohio QSO Party for anyone who wants to run a bit
2. Morse Runner competition for anyone interested
3. A tower tool demo to continue the one K1TTT did at a YCCC meeting in Worcester
4. Grand opening of the Berkshire Insulator Gallery (BIG)

Please let either Dave, [k1ttt@arrl.net](mailto:k1ttt@arrl.net) or me know if you plan to attend, [w1to@adelphia.net](mailto:w1to@adelphia.net) so that we can have enough food on hand.

All are welcome and anyone wishing to join YCCC will be able to do so.

Directions can be found on Dave's web site, <http://www.k1ttt.net/overview.html#directions>

Tom Homewood  
Western Mass. Area Manager

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## Update on Krassy, K1LZ

As most of you know, Krassey, K1LZ, fell with and from the top of a 50 foot tower while on a recent DXpedition to CY9SS. Since his arrival home a few weeks ago he has undergone a couple of additional leg operations at Mass General Hospital. As is the case with most of us, I am confident that he is handling bed time without much joy---knowing him, he is probably like a bear, I know I would be.

For the past few weeks I have been collecting donations from Krassy's friends either via PayPal cash to [W1LLU@verizon.net](mailto:W1LLU@verizon.net) or via US mail. If you would like to join with the other donors, please send your donation via PayPal or directly to me as follows: Jim McCobb, W1LLU, 65 Coffin Street, W. Newbury, MA 01985. Please make your checks payable to the Krassy Fund. The cutoff date for donations is August 21, 2005. If you have any questions about the Fund please don't hesitate to ask. And BTW, Jim. K1IR, is posting e-mails from time to time to our reflector giving status reports on Krassy..

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# Flotsam & Jetsam

Barnacle Jack Schuster W1WEF

Ahoy Maties! Can't believe the summer is already half over. While I had no major antenna projects planned, I have been working on my Cape station a bit. The tower here has been up for 15 years, and the hardware that suffered the worst for wear has been guy clamps. I'm replacing all with Big-grip deadends, just as I did at my home station last year.

Ran into a problem using an old Big-grip. As I was tightening the turnbuckle, I noticed the guy cable was slipping in the grip. That grip LOOKED like it was the right size, but had a yellow stripe, unlike the red stripe on the brand new ones. I learned from Preformed Line Products that the yellow stripe was a 1/4 inch grip, not good on my 3/16 cable! PLP also advised that "any Big-Grip that has been installed and removed after a period of 90 days or installed more than three times within 90 days should not be reused".

K1RX did some antenna refurbishing this summer, and discovered split aluminum tubing from trapped water that froze inside some of the elements on his KLM 40 that had been up for 20 years. In addition to replacing split tubing up to 1 1/4 in diameter, Mark made it a point to flush out dirt and other contaminants that had gotten stuck inside the rest of the tubing using pressurized water.

Dave Jordan's antenna plans were stymied by mosquitoes that he found are immuned to repellants! He did get started building some newly designed monobanders, and got alot of pitching practice throwing baseballs to his young son.

Ron, KK1L passes along this hint regarding the Autek RF-1 analyzer: " One of the problems with the device is the combination of a short battery life (30 minutes or so) and the ease which it can be accidentally turned on. I have an incredibly simple and cheap solution. My solution is to shroud the power button with a piece of closed cell foam weather stripping. It is best to use the least squishy kind. Simply cut a 1/2" long strip of 3/8" wide weather strip. Make a small hole through the center of it just larger than the diameter of the post of the power switch. Expose the sticky side and stick it over the switch. Now you cannot bump the switch to turn it on. It now generally responds only to a deliberate action to turn it on or off. I made the mod several years ago and I have since never had it turn on by accident.

Also regarding the Autek RF-1. I added a tiny turns reducer to the main frequency adjust knob. This was just a matter of finding the right very small turns reducer and figuring out how to attach it. I never use the fine adjust knob anymore."

Randy, K5ZD, finally found a way to keep his paddle from sliding around on his desk! He uses the sticky pads made to hold cell phones on the dashboard, available from Radio Shack catalog # 12-2307. (I wonder what his scores will be like now that he doesnt have to chase that paddle around! BJ)

I think I've mentioned what I use to keep the paddle in place before...thanks to a H&K in QST about ten years ago. RVer's use a rubberized shelf liner to keep dishes and pots and pans from sliding around. Available in grocery stores as well as Loews or HD, about 3 bucks gets you enough to support 1000 paddles, and it really works great. Even available in your choice of color.

Don Toman is using a triband dipole for 40, 80 and 160 made by HyPower. With the center at only 30 feet and the ends at head-height, Don worked 25 countries in ARRL DX on 160 with it, and a load of Qs on 80 as well. It's a full-sized dipole on 40 and 80 and will work as a 3/2 wave antenna on 15 as well. ["http://www.angelfire.com/electronic/hypower/webdoc5.html"](http://www.angelfire.com/electronic/hypower/webdoc5.html)

Don also offers this hint to Kenwood 850S users: For those of you who use the venerable TS-850S and find that the lack of an RIT zero control is a pain, Writelog has an RIT zero control. It's \* An alternative is to operate in split mode all the time. The big knob beats an RIT, especially if you select the "fine" tuning mode.

With company on the Cape during FD, I managed 5 hours operating with commercial power on 20M with my TH6 at 60 ft. I think I had the best runs ever in FD, which I usually find unbearable to operate because of slow non-contesters operating this non-contest. I experimented with different speeds, and concluded that 28WPM was the ideal FD speed. I was hoping to work all sections, but missed 5. I did have a VY1 though!

I recently put together a Hustler 6BTV here on the Cape. Before adjusting it to the dimensions given, it sat for about a week in the basement. When I went to adjust it, some of the telescoped pieces were so tight I almost could not move them. Needless to say, I went to the local hardware store, bought a tube of GB Ox-Gard, disassembled the antenna and coated all the pieces. I am very impressed with the quality of this antenna, but still haven't gotten around to putting down more radials and fine tuning the adjustments.

Thanks to those who contributed...please keep those cards and letters coming (email is OK too!)

Barnacle JACK W1WEF

# PROFILE - K1RX

Jerry Woodworth N1DD

Driving along the winding road in Kensington, New Hampshire, I turn into a drive way and towers become visible. I park, walk around the house, and see four towers, three of which are full of antennas. Hard line seems to run everywhere. A cookout is in progress. I hear talk of an 80 meter 4 square hidden in the woods at the base of the hill beyond the towers. For those of us who operate at modest stations, this a definite WOW factor. Buggy, the dog sniffs a "Welcome to K1RX".

Let's meet K1RX, Mark Pride, our YCCC President. Mark was a founding member of YCCC having been a member Murphy's Marauders when that club joined others to form YCCC.

Mark's start in Ham radio was a bit unusual. His older brother, Michael, had received his Boy Scout radio merit badge with the help of Dick Baldwin, now W1RU and at the time Assistant General Manager at ARRL, who lived in the same town in CT. On a camping trip, Michael's sleeping bag caught fire as it was too close to the campfire. Mark put out the fire and ran a half-mile to get help. While Michael was in the hospital recovering from third degree burns, Mark listened to the short wave receiver built by his brother and became interested in Ham Radio. With help from W1RU, Mark became WN1ABV in 1963. Chronologically, his following calls have been WA9NOI, WB2YEW, WA1ABV, and K1RX. So we don't leave Michael in the hospital, he recovered, went to college, got married, and became licensed as KB4IRF although he is presently inactive.

Mark received a BSEE from Lowell Technological Institute (now UMass Lowell) in 1973. He spent many weekends at club station, WA1JUY. His first "real job" was in the ARRL Technical Department working for Doug DeMaw, W1CER. Then it was on to CushCraft Antenna Corporation as Chief Engineer, followed by a short stint at Ham Radio Magazine. Later he was a Sales Engineer at Microwave Associates and other defense oriented companies. When the Berlin Wall came down, defense electronics slowed, and Mark moved to IBM where he is currently a Solutions Sales Executive. Incidentally, Mark has a piece of the Berlin Wall, which he obtained while at a conference in Berlin.

Contesting has been his main interest for about 38 years. Favorite contests are CQ WW CW and ARRL DX CW and recently ARRL CW SS. He also organized and led the local club, PCARC, to occasional class victories in Field Day. Mark has contested under numerous calls from numerous DX locations in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Caribbean as well as from prominent contest stations stateside. One of the more interesting was as BV/K1RX from 1990 to 1994 in CQ WW CW and SSB. One of Mark's biggest thrills was working long time friend and prominent 80 meter dxer, W1NH on 80 CW from Taiwan, not an easy path.

Mark related the story about the phone SS that he was operating at a lodge in Vermont with Bob, W1ARR. A neighbor upstairs was trying to watch a snowy TV channel and came down three times to complain about TVI. On the third visit, the neighbor was shown the interference free TV in the radio room. Our contestors then turned up the volume on their radio with all the SSB QRM, and told him that his old TV was causing the interference. They never saw him again.

K1RX is deeply concerned about the lack of new amateurs joining the hobby, especially in the contesting area. He states that new ways must be found to attract and keep interested new blood in the club. Ham Radio has provided Mark with an opportunity to travel a career route that parallels the hobby and made work more interesting. In his words, "I have been able to establish many friends world wide through contesting, and I would only wish others have the same chance I did".

Mark is presently serving as the Emergency Management Director for the town of Kensington, NH. Duties include grant applications and managing the emergency operations center including drills associated with the Seabrook Station Nuclear Facility.

His station has taken some 11 years to build and is set up for multi/multi and SO2R. There are five operating positions with radios: FT 990, FT 1000D, Icom 781, and 2 Icom 756 Pro II's. Amps are AL 1200, Alpha 78, 86, and two 89's. Antennas are always changing but generally include rotatable Yagis for 40 thru 10 and Yagis fixed on Europe and South America for the same bands. A 2-element wire beam facing south compliments the 4 square with raised radials for 80. An inverted vee and verticals cover 160. Mark built nearly all of the antennas. A 3 element SteppIR is on order.

Mark's guiding principal in designing his station is to keep it operationally simple and logical so new ops can learn quickly. For example, the 40 through 10 positions all have three position antenna switches—rotatable, Europe, and South America. He tries to build group spirit and encourages operators to think of themselves as members of the team and not just as individual operators. Examples are passing multipliers and sharing knowledge and experiences.

Mark and his wife Judy have five children between them (Becky, Jon, Tina, Bryan, and Chuck) who range in age from teenagers to adults. They have two grandchildren, Alexa and Emma.

One question I always ask of the profile subjects is their interest in other hobbies. Mark's answer, "There are other hobbies?"

# The Trials and Tribulations of “Tag Team Contesting”

Barry WB1EDI

I have a somewhat unique contesting situation. I run single op 1 radio low power on CW RTTY and SSB contests. The unique part involves my XYL ( N1OZF). She likes to contest also. She does not do CW but likes to play a bit in the SSB and RTTY contests. Unlike some of the major contest stations that I have seen, we have one set of antennas and 2 radios. We have an FT1000MKV Field as our main radio and an FT 847 as a second radio. We have 2 computers so that we can log separately but one of us does not have computer control (Mary). It seems that contest software does not have the capability to have network control with 2 separate calls. Because of this Mary has to log everything manually, even in RTTY. There are a multitude of other issues that arise. On RTTY special canned replies have to be made for each of us as the default is to use the operator call but we have to make up special ones for Mary.

On phone we have found that mike settings that get me “great audio” reports get “poor audio” reports for Mary from the same station . We had to do some on air tests to find a happy medium setting that is ok for both of us. Sometimes Mary gets the “the YL” calls and I cant get the guy at all, so it works both ways sometimes. This also makes it almost impossible to run a frequency and slows down the rates as we both try to get the same station. I like a foot switch, but Mary likes a hand switch for SSB so I made up one for her. It does get us both doing something together that we can enjoy doing together.



Even after the contests we can have some issues. We have a joint QSL card with both calls on it and sometimes if we both work the same person we end up with 2 QSLs for me and none for Mary. Many hams have spouses with little or no interest in radio so I am happy to share my love of the game with my XYL even though there are some issues to deal with. Because neither of us has finished working all DXCC entities, we wish to each go after the ones we need so we do not want to operate as a 2 op station. Mary has yet to get her DXCC but is half way there confirmed and almost, if not there as far as worked.

So when you are in the heat of the battle and you work WB1EDI, listen for N1OZF right after.

Thanks and 73,  
Barry WB1EDI and Mary N1OZF

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Dear Mr. Mark Pride, K1RX

I am writing this letter to thank you and the Yankee Clipper Contest Club for the scholarship recently awarded to me, which was funded by your fine organization. As many in your club must know, being an undergraduate is not an easy thing. Especially when one picks the course of study that I have immersed myself with for the past few years. I am a pre-medical Biology major, with a minor in Chemistry. This path requires constant study. I also do not come from the richest family and as a result, have almost completely supported myself during my college endeavors. I keep at least two part time jobs during the school year and during the summer those two part time jobs can turn into two full time jobs with either another part time job on the side, or some volunteer/research position. One can easily imagine how difficult such a life can become. Despite my hard work and young age (I started college at 15 years of age, am currently 19 and will graduate 9 days after turning 20), scholarships for me have been almost none existent. I was therefore elated to receive the letter awarding me your scholarship and would like to express my deepest thanks and gratitude for your support.

After I received word of the scholarship being awarded to me, I took the liberty of checking out your website. I must compliment you on its extremely efficient and yet pleasant layout. After looking at the history section of your webpage, I became proud to receive a scholarship from such a fine organization.

This summer, I will be applying to Ph.D. programs in Immunology at various schools in the area (this will cut down on travel expenses, missed school etc. during interviews and visits). As of now, my heart is set on Boston University, but I can only hope to be accepted at such a fine school. After this, I will most likely do a post-doctorate and then plan on attending medical school to earn an M.D. With one foot deeply grounded in medical research and the other in the more practical side of medicine, I hope to find some common ground between the two fields and in so doing, accomplish something truly great. I have a particular interest in autoimmune disorders and would like to go on to a fellowship in internal medicine after medical school. People often ask me why I would spend so much time working so hard in school. The answer to this question can be found just a few sentences back, in this very paragraph. Allow me to quote

it; "...accomplish something truly great." If I did this, or even discovered the information to make such a thing possible for someone else, the benefits reaped by human kind would make the journey well worth it.

Again, I thank from the bottom of my heart, everyone involved in the awarding and funding of your scholarship. Please pass this letter on to all that are involved, as a token of my appreciation. If anyone wishes to contact me, my address, phone number and e-mail can be found at the header of this letter. Thank-you again.

73,

*Henry L. Ferland III*

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## 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 (Eligible for YCCC awards programs and paper delivery of Club newsletter)

**Full Member** - \$15 (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.)

**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 "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**

**SCUTTLEBUTT ARTICLES** should be sent to the Scuttlebutt editor, Steve Rodowicz N1SR, preferably by E-mail at [n1sr@arrl.net](mailto:n1sr@arrl.net) or on 3½" disk (in MS-Word format or text file) by snail mail to Steve Rodowicz, 809 Pendleton Avenue, Chicopee, MA 01020. The deadline for each issue is the 10th of the preceding month. **CONTEST SCORES** should be sent to the club scorekeeper, Dave Hoaglin, K1HT, preferably by packet or by E-mail at [dave\\_hoaglin@abtassoc.com](mailto:dave_hoaglin@abtassoc.com). Please include details such as numbers of QSOs, QSO points (if appropriate), and multipliers (all types); entry category; and power. **Advertising in Scuttlebutt:** Nominal Business Card sized ad, \$50 per year (6 appearances)

**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.

**APPAREL** Contact Bob Rogers [KB1LN@yahoo.com](mailto:KB1LN@yahoo.com)

**QSL CARDS** are ordered through John Dorr, K1AR. To order, send John packet mail, or E-mail at [k1ar@contesting.com](mailto:k1ar@contesting.com), detailing exactly what you want the card to say. There are 2 lines of text available for awards, etc. You will receive a proof by return mail. Approve the proof, making any corrections, and return to John *with payment* (make checks out to John, not YCCC). Current price is \$68 (delivered) for 2000 cards. Normal turnaround is 30 days after approving proof.

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

**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). Include the word "subscribe" in the body 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 Mike Gilmer, N2MG.

**ADMINISTRATIVE STUFF The W1 QSL BUREAU** is sponsored by the YCCC. Keep your account up to date by sending a check. Stamps are sold at face value, envelopes are 20 cents each. Address: W1 QSL Bureau, PO Box 7388, Milford, MA 01757-7388. Email address: [w1qsl@yccc.org](mailto:w1qsl@yccc.org).

**PACKET NETWORK** information is available from Charlie Carroll, K1XX, Candlelight Rd., Rindge NH 03461.

**ARRL COMMITTEE REPS** are:

<b>CAC:</b> New England	Dick Green, WC1M	<b>Hudson</b>	John Crovelli, W2GD	<b>Atlantic</b>	Rus Healy, K2UA
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<b>ARRL LIAISON:</b> Tom Frenaye, K1KI.					

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**Upcoming Meetings**

Date	Type	Place
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Regional/Picnic	K1TTT, Peru, MA
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	General	Marlborough, MA

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**Next General Meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club****Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> – 1:00PM - 5:00PM****Holiday Inn in Marlborough, MA****(Intersection of 495 and Rt. 20)**

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