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NEXT MEETING: - Saturday - June 4th at K1RX

Captain's Cabin

Mark Pride, K1RX

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This is a special time of the year as we repair damage from the harsh winter weather and put in to place, plans to improve the station for the coming contest season. As we all face the low point of the solar flux numbers, we start to look at ways to improve our signals on the low bands. The recent thread of antenna plans, projects have been interesting to read. It makes us all re-think what is working and what is not. I typically do the "blank sheet of paper" approach – listing every known type of antenna that has been designed and look at ways I might be able to use one or more to achieve greater success on a given band. It is an interesting exercise and sometimes turns up some new approach. When I look around my antenna farm, I often wonder if perhaps I have max'ed out the property? Much to my surprise, I find I can usually find something unique or use a support not previously considered to make another antenna. Put some gain in a direction first thought to be not important, but with changing conditions these days, might be worth another look. This is particularly good to do for those who found amateur radio contesting after having been at your home for awhile. Of course, for those who purchased a new QTH after having the taste of contesting, the perspective is different. You bought the place with a competitive station design already in mind! (Not all of us are so lucky!)

But as we move forward with our individual plans, your newly elected club officers are moving along with some new approaches to generating a renewed interest in the YCCC and restructuring the club to more closely fit the way we really behave in this world.

Some of the new plans your officers want to put in place include creating an Area Manager's Report section, highlighting the local activities across our diverse territory. Also, we are looking to reformat the eButt version for all those members that read (and hopefully print) the eButt that make it more easily readable. Instead of moving up/down

on the page to read adjacent columns, this new format would make it easy to read.

I am asking the Area Managers within the YCCC to start taking a more active role in communicating the needs of their local members to the officers and from this should come a new level of excitement, creative new programs about contesting, antennas, station layout, and keep us all in the seat for the "mission critical" contest weekends. And one further point here, the officers are building a resource group to better align our individual interests (contesting topics) to the greater need of the club via a committee lead by our Activities Manager and Vice President. This newly formed group will cut across the membership to collect themes that will motivate us all to get on and play contest! And speaking of motivation, I have asked Brian, N1IK, your newly elected VP to head up the Awards Program to maximize one of the many motivating elements of the club. (Thanks Brian)

Going forward, one of my goals is to provide a high quality communications platform to and from the membership. We have a fantastic YCCC email reflector which serves us very well providing easy delivery of information from a large variety of great resources. Do you have an idea to generate new excitement among the new as well as the old time contesters (like me), drop me a note and let's get it into the mix.

73, Mark, K1RX

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YCCC Summer BBQ K1RX June 4

Plan to attend the special summer meeting for contesters at the home of Mark, K1RX for good eating, drinking and just plain old contest talk. On Saturday, June 4, 2005 starting at 12 noon, stop by and meet your fellow YCCers for a tour of the Multi-Multi setup at K1RX. How to do MM with serious budget constraints! Food and soft drinks will be available but you are welcome to BYOB and meats for the grill.

My neighbors will think we are having another wedding in our front yard! Had about 75 cars lined up across 3 yards then! This gathering I hope gets our many friends from the eastern side of the YCCC territory together for a good time. Be prepared to discuss your own project plan and station improvements for the coming season.

Directions: From the North, take Interstate 95 south to Exit 1 (Rt. 107) bear right at the end of the exit and follow 107 North (actually east) for about 7 miles. K1RX is on the left. House number is 120.

From the South, take Interstate 495 North to Interstate 95 North to Exit 1 (just over the NH border) and turn left at the light at the end of the exit. Follow Rt. 107 for about 7 miles to #120 South Road (Rt. 107) and watch for the YCCC sign at the end of the driveway.

From the West, take Rt. 101 east from Manchester, NH to Rt. 125 South to Rt. 107 South and follow for about 5 miles. House is on the right after passing two (2) golf courses (first on the right, the second one is on the left), then cross border into the town of Kensington, house is the 6th one on the right.

Looking forward to meeting many of you then!
73, Mark, K1RX
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YCCC Picnic @ W1SRG

Saturday, Noon July 23, 2005.

More details to follow.
Please mark it on your contesting calendar.
Another great time is planned!

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Flotsam & Jetsam

Jack Schuster W1WEF w1wef@arrl.net

Ahoy Maties!

Spring has sprung and antenna project wx is here at last. With Spring come fleas...flea markets that is. Met Dave, W1CTN at the Southington CT ARA flea market (aka "hamfest" but to me it's a flea market) where Dave mentioned he was looking for some Rohn 25 flat top sections. Shortly after talking to Dave I was met John, KE1IH and learned how he made his own flat top. John cut his conical top off, put rubber plugs in the open ends and taped them up, and then used a rotor shelf for a flat top and a thrust bearing. Another rotor shelf down the tower supports the rotor.

My first antenna project of the season was to string another beverage through the woods before all the leaves were out. It's hard to run a 550 ft wire in a straight line, even without leaves in heavy woodlands. I think I have it straighter than either of my other two beverages this time. What I did was tied a red ribbon on the first oak tree (didn't have yellow), and then another on the next tree the antenna went to. I then sighted down the line to see the two ribbons, and found the next tree in line. I continued with a third ribbon, and then started moving ribbons from the first to the fourth tree, etc as I ran out of ribbon. There were a couple of very long runs between trees where the wire drooped more than I liked. To support the drooping wire I ran a rope under it at right angles, supported by two trees on either side.

Now I need another remote antenna switch box to select receiving antennas. I'll build it and do the switching after the matching transformer, and plan for still more beverages (this was my third). To control the relays, I have to run another cable from the shack. And now for the rest of the story...

When I had my driveway paved a few years back, I had a bundle of cables going overhead in front of the detached garage. At the last minute, when they had already started working on the driveway, I decided to put a conduit underneath so I could run the unsightly cable bundle underground. I ran down to Home Depot, and got some 3 inch schedule 40 PVC with 90 degree elbows for the ends and dug a shallow trench to bury it right in front of the garage. I drilled holes in the bottom to allow water to drain, and put some gravel in the trench under the pipe.

The good news is that the weight of the cars hasn't crushed the pipe, despite a very shallow burial. The bad news is...well, here are some lessons learned:

1. Use at least 4 inch PVC ...schedule 40 is good, and drain holes are still a good idea.

2. Use 45 degree elbows to bring the pipe to the surface at each end. W1RM sloped his last ten feet up at 45 degrees on both ends. In fact when Pete was having his foundation poured, he ran SIX PVC conduits through the foundation into the cellar with plenty of room for future growth. The ends of the unused ones are capped with rubber plugs.

3. Do not tape a bundle of cables together. When I ran a "fish tape" through my pipe, I got it snagged on tape, and thought I would never retrieve the fish tape.

4. Run one or two messengers through the conduit to pull future cable, but do not use rope! My two ropes rotted out...or else mice gnawed through them. Use wire of some kind.

5. Seal the ends with duct seal...available from electrical suppliers or Home Depot. KE1IH puts the stuff in a plastic bag like a baggie, and stuffs it into the end around the cables. It can still be molded to fit but can easily be removed.

Want an inexpensive, multi band vertical to use on a second radio? Take a look at the Hustler 5BTV advertised by DX Engineering for \$140. Saw one at G4BUE when we visited Chris in Florida and it looked like it was nicely built. Put it far enough away from your other antennas and you may not need much in the way of filters.

I recently ran across some old radio history when cleaning out a corner of my cellar. The photo shows an antique resistor. The color code was read in the order "Body, end, dot", so the 2 watt resistor shown is 40K ohms. I know that some of you have never seen a resistor like this...heck, my grandkids never saw a dial telephone!



40,000 ohm, 2Watt, circa 1935

Congrats to my good friend John Thompson, W1BIH who recently celebrated his 90th birthday. The photo on page 8 shows a few YCCCs at a small gathering hosted by Don Greenbaum, N1DG.

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YCCC Regular Meeting April 9, 2005 Boxborough, MA

The April meeting was called to order by president Jim McCobb WILLU at 1:13pm at the Holiday Inn Boxborough Woods in Boxborough, MA. After the usual round of verbal self-spotting by the above-average crowd of 70 attendees, Jim called on four prospective new members, who introduced themselves prior to being put forth for election to the club. In the time-honored tradition, the following were voted in by acclamation as the newest members of YCCC:

NE1B Bill Barber, Hudson, NH
WB1EDI Barry Whittemore, Manchester, NH
W1END Eldon Burkinshaw, Londonderry, NH
N1OZF Mary Whittemore, Manchester, NH

Ann WA1S announced that she will be one of the K7C DXpedition team heading for Kure Island for an 18-day operation this coming September.

Craig K1QX announced the availability of 60 tickets for the Dayton HAMvention. Contact Craig directly at Radioware (www.radio-ware.com).

Chuck W1HIS gave an update on interaction with the "HAMsters" of the Winn Brook School in Belmont, MA, and his great experience teaching Morse code to a group of enthusiastic first-graders who are very inquisitive about geography, planetary science and ham radio. Several YCCC members are also working with the teacher, Donna LaRoche KB1LWY

(http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/class_pages/laroche/ham_radio/), by donating equipment for the classroom station. Chuck urged YCCC to donate proceeds from the annual raffle earmarked for assisting a school involved in using ham radio in the classroom to the HAMsters.

George W1EBI gave the secretary's report. The current active roster, using the definition of "active" member per the April 1 amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws, lists 326 members (311 full voting members) with dues either current (to March 31, 2006) or not more than one year in arrears.

Ed K1EP gave the treasurer's report. The current treasury balance is approximately \$12,000, with about half that amount in 6-month and 12-month CD's.

Both the secretary's and treasurer's report were accepted by vote.

Mill K1IB presented the results of the membership survey that he and Ted KT1V developed and conducted via email earlier in the year. The survey addressed whether YCCC should change its focus and/or goals, and attempted to (1)

measure member attitudes about the club, (2) gauge member interest in new YCCC objectives and policies, and (3) relate the previous item to various member characteristics. Out of 440 survey recipients, there were 225 responses, a surprisingly high response rate. The members who responded characterized themselves as either "Big Guns" (12%), "Medium Guns" (33%), or "Little Pistols" (47%), with approximately 8% presently out of ammunition. Mill agreed to place the survey results on the website.

The keynote presentation followed, with Jim introducing founding member and first president of YCCC, Jeff Briggs K1ZM/VY2ZM. Jeff's principal subject was WRTC 2006 in Brazil (<http://www.wrtc2006.com/html/web/en/home.asp>), for which he is a North America representative. Jeff pointed out the close ties between YCCC and WRTC, starting with the first WRTC in Seattle in 1990, won by our own team of K1AR and K1DG. Since then, WRTC—the World Radiosport Team Championship—has become the de facto "Olympics" of ham radio. WRTC 2006 is expected to field 52 competing teams, plus more special sponsor teams. Jeff candidly admitted he was requesting YCCC participation in helping fund the huge expense of WRTC 2006, pointing out that WRTC 2002 in Finland cost upwards of \$200,000. Jim WILLU moved to a vote on Jeff's request for a \$1,000 donation in 2005 with the potential of a similar contribution in 2006, provided private contributions from YCCC members total \$1,000 or more. The motion passed. Private contributions will be handled by NCDXF (<http://ncdxf.org/index.html>).

Jeff is better known as one of the all-time super-stations on Top Band, both from K1ZM and his station in PEI, VY2ZM. Jeff talked about the zoning issues in various locations he had originally considered for his 160-meter station, the considerations—including luck—that wound up bringing him to the PEI site, and the advantages (location!) and disadvantages (weather, including unspeakable winters and winds five times more robust than what we experience in New England) of VY2. Jeff described the VY2ZM antenna farm, including his own designs of beefed-up Cushcraft Yagis and the array of verticals for Top Band, basically pairs of ¼-wave verticals separated by 5/8-wave and fed in-phase for, according to Jeff, >5dB broadside gain with "squeezed" lobes. He played some tape recordings of CQ160 2002 from PEI as well as a tape made in JA of Jeff calling CQ at PEI sunrise with two different antenna orientation patterns. Suffice to say that VY2ZM running on 160 sounds a bit like 40 meters wide open to EU at a cycle peak in New England!

Mark KF1V summarized the 2005 ARRL DX CW results from 3830, showing that based on claimed scores (not submitted logs!), YCCC had edged out FRC by 182Meg to 178Meg points. Mark announced that 104 YCCC'ers had worked both sides of ARRL DX, both CW and Phone. Those members were eligible for the "Officers' Challenge"

award, and the winner drawn was Mark Johnsen NB1U, who took home the \$200 gift card from HRO.

Next on the agenda was the annual election of club officers. Jim WILLU stated that we had the now-required super-quorum of 15% of voting members in attendance, and the election could proceed. The current officers proposed a slate of candidates consisting of K1RX for president, N1IK for vice president, W1EBI (incumbent) for secretary, K1EP (incumbent) for treasurer, and K1NQ (incumbent) for activities manager. Jim also added Bob W1QA as a second nominee for vice president in Bob's absence. The two "new" candidates made brief personal presentations—Brian N1IK, a YCCC member for two years with one year of serious contesting, and Mark K1RX, a founding member of YCCC in 1977 and its former activities manager 1979-80. Jim then called for a vote on the four uncontested positions, and the four candidates for president, secretary, treasurer and activities manager carried by acclamation. In the vote for vice president, N1IK was the victor by majority vote. The new officer corps for YCCC for the 2005-2006 club year are:

Mark Pride, K1RX, President
 Brian Lambert, N1IK, Vice President
 George Harlem, W1EBI, Secretary
 Ed Parish, K1EP, Treasurer
 Dave Jordan, K1NQ, Activities Manager

The two departing officers, president Jim McCobb WILLU and vice president Mark Olsen KF1V offered their farewell comments and received a well-earned ovation from the attendees.

Following the election was the annual raffle, for which 182 tickets were sold for a total of \$4,550. The club spent a total of \$2,900 to purchase two prizes, the Array Solutions Six-Pak, and the ICOM IC-756 Pro III, leaving a balance of \$1,650 as a YCCC contribution to the ARRL Foundation for scholarships and to assist a deserving school in its ham radio related activities. And the winners were...

ICOM IC-756 Pro III	W1NR
ARRL antenna books	K1EP
Radioware \$50 gift card	KB1HUM
Heil Pro Set Plus, handswitch, footswitch	KD1EA
M2 5-element 6-meter Yagi	K2AJY
W1WEF CW interface	K1CN
Array Solutions Six-Pak	N4XR
Heil handswitch and footswitch	N1NB

The club extended its gratitude to ICOM America, ARRL, Radioware, Heil Sound, W1WEF, Array Solutions, and Ham Radio Outlet for their cooperation in supporting the raffle.

Jim reminded the club to support the New England QSO

Party May 7-8.

Art W1RZF announced that payments to the W1 QSL Bureau can now be made via PayPal. Check the website.

Newly-elected president Mark K1RX thanked Jim WILLU and the 2004-2005 officers for their efforts during the past year. The officers received a sitting-O. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 George Harlem W1EBI

New YCCC Membership Form

The officers have been working in many corners of the club including revisiting our one page membership form. The new form will be posted on the web site and what you will find is a new way to establish what you can do for the club as well as identify your reason for joining (or renewing your membership). Aside from the obvious score contribution one can make, there are lots of other areas where you can support the club. I would like to have ALL MEMBERS complete this form and send it to George, W1EBI. We are going to start building a resource data base for our membership. For all the new members that completed the older version form, I encourage you to complete this new form, checking off the activities of interest and where you could give us a hand.

Go to www.yccc.org - print and mail the completed form to George

K1ZM shows us "THE CONTEST LOCATION"

I want to thank Jeff Briggs, K1ZM for his fascinating presentation about his station in PEI. The term "spectacular" comes to mind when you look at the antenna farm and then hear the audio clips of European signals booming in on 160M. Sounded just like 20M at my place on a first day opening in a DX contest! Without a doubt, he has put in some serious hours, days, weeks and months to build such a station – nice to see all that past experience of being with a contest club like ours inspire such pursuit of the ultimate station (along with many other motivating issues, I'm sure)! And we appreciate his score contributions in the CQ WW contests (someday, maybe we can lay claim to the ARRL DX contest scores when rules permit too)

Although we were time limited, many of us wanted to hear more details about the WRTC 2006 plans but we'll have to catch up with him later. Thanks to the YCCC membership for this support. And Jeff extends his thanks to the club for all of their support of the WRTC-2006. This event is expected to be the best ever!

W2GB New Northern NY Area Manager

Congratulations to John W2GB on his appointment as Area Manager for Northern New York.

The Area Manager positions are becoming increasingly important to the Club because of the fact that less members are attending general meetings than in the past primarily due to the ARRL eligibility changes a few years ago.

If you get a chance please thank John for taking on this position. His e-mail address is W2GB@N2TY.org

K1EP at Hungarian Radioamateur Society (MRASZ)

Picture taken at the local meeting of Hungarian Radioamateur Society (MRASZ) (HA5KFV, HA5KKW) at the MOM Culture Centre,.



From left to right, HA5VZ Miki, ??, ??,
Andras HA5BDU, K1EP, ??

Field Day in Your Backyard (June 25-26, 2005)

In an effort to improve our contesting skills, attract new members and build momentum for the upcoming contest season, I am encouraging all of our members to seek out a local club looking to do Field Day. From a selfish perspective, the local club I belong to is the Port City Amateur Radio Club based in Portsmouth, NH and this group is looking for operator help – the club is putting on a 5A operation with VHF/UHF and a “Get on the Air” station in Stratham, NH. The location is a very nice hill top that sports an incredible view of the seacoast region of NH. The PCARC Field Day details can be found at www.W1WQM.org and includes an operator sign up sheet, an asset needs list and other related items for your information. In 2003, this same group won the 4A category and is now seeking to get the top spot for the 5A category in 2005. The club is celebrating over 50 years of activity and will be using the special call, K1R and the club call, W1WQM for the GOTA station.

On Long Island, the Order of Boiled Owls will be doing Field Day as well and could use your help too. Contact me for the specifics on this operation.

Again – make yourself available to the local clubs – they need our talent and contesting experience!

Thanks and see you on the air!
Mark, K1RX

Election Results

On Saturday, April 9, the Yankee Clipper Contest Club held its annual election meeting. The following were elected to serve as officers for the April 2005-March 2006 club year:

President:	K1RX	Mark Pride
Vice President:	N1IK,	Brian Lambert
Treasurer:	K1EP	Ed Parish
Secretary:	W1EBI	George Harlem
Activities Manager:	K1NQ	Dave Jordan

For more information about YCCC check out the club's website at <http://www.yccc.org>

George W1EBI

New YCCC QSL Card Program with LZ1JZ

YCCC and LZ1JZ have teamed up to provide high quality YCCC QSL cards. This is a new design and based on the input from our membership. YCCC has incorporated member feedback while maintaining exceptional value.

Under this agreement, a minimum bulk order of 10K cards is required to keep the cost low. Cards may be purchased in increments of 1K per call sign. The cost will be \$35/1K at the pooled 10K level.

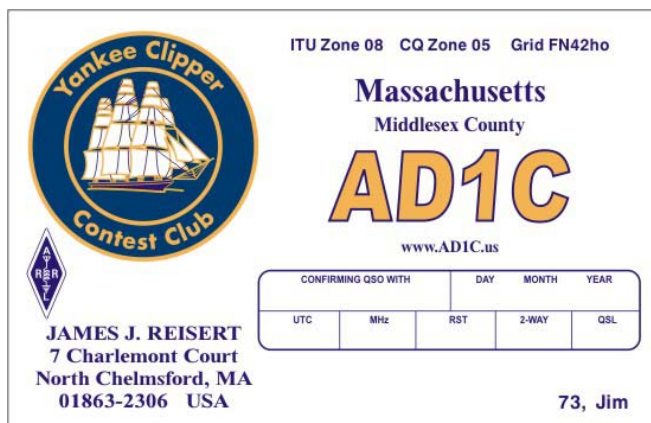
Note about shipping. To keep the cost down, any individual orders of fewer than 2K will be sent to a central location. Those cards will be available at YCCC meeting or You can arrange pickup at my home QTH in Danville, NH.

NOTE: To have your card shipped directly to home qth, you must order 2K or more QSLs. If shipping address is different from address on QSL please add it to the form! These will be shipped from LZ1JZ

New YCCC logo in Blue, Gold and Dark Yellow from K1IR

New label friendly entry box - (CW and SSB removed)
Call sign in Gold with Blue outline
ARRL logo in Blue
White stock paper.

There is only one style of YCCC QSL card. This is a WYSWYG design with no "Specials or Modifications" http://www.k1ir.com/YCCC_QSL_Info.htm



YCCC QSL Request Form

This is our standard QSL card - 3 colors (blue/gold/DK yellow) on a white stock. We group orders to reach the minimum 10,000 cards. The minimum quantity is 1,000 cards per call sign. The price will be \$35/1,000 including shipping. You must be a YCCC member to order. There are no "Specials" - WYSWYG. You will receive a proof before bulk order is placed. Orders will be done 2- 4 times a year depending on volume. Once all the funds are received the order will be placed. If you need something else contact LZ1JZ: website ww.LZ1JZ.com

Complete and email to: jordand (at) tycoelectronics.com

Your Call: _____ (call sign only)
Your Name: _____
Address line #1 _____
Address line #2 _____
Address line #3 _____
Your State or Country _____
Your County or Province _____
Award/ Misc (20 char max) _____
ITU zone (default is 8) _____
Grid Square (4 char max) _____
CQ Zone (default is 5) _____
73, First Name _____
QTY (\$35/1,000) _____ order in 1K increments

To qualify for shipping to your home qth, you must order 2K, otherwise, card will be shipped to K1NQ, and be available for YCCC meetings and special pickup. If your Shipping address is different (2k or more only) please fill out below Shipping address:

Other information (this is not shown on the card)
Valid Email Address for Proofs to be sent

Phone # _____
You will be contacted by email for payment address and confirmation

If you require anything beyond the basic YCCC QSL card, contact LZ1JZ directly at his website.

Thanks to John, K1AR and Marty, W1MD for their efforts and assistance in transitioning the QSL card to LZ1JZ and their support over the past many years.

David Jordan,
K1NQ YCCC

June VHF Contest Opportunities June 11-12, 2005

W1QK

W1QK will be operating from Western CT, north of Danbury in the Limited Multioperator Class.

We have been very successful over the past 25 years and have placed in the top ten nationwide several times. I read Mark Pride's recent open letter to the YCCC membership with regard to operating more than HF contests. We've been operating both HF and VHF contests for many years and endorse Mark's observations that they help to keep you "tuned up" for the major HF events.

I'm inviting other YCCC members who may like to join us for the fun and challenge of this VHF contest event.

Participation will involve helping to setup on Saturday morning and operating until the end of the contest on Sunday night. Of course, each person is invited to spend whatever time that's available.

Each op will be asked to provide their favorite portable operating food/beverages. We have the camper kitchen and a portable gas grill available for cooking. Participants should bring a sleeping bag. Donations toward the generator gas fund are optional but welcomed. We operate "field day portable style" with generator power, and we have lavatory facilities available in my customized "contest trailer" including a 54 ft crank-up tower. We also have fabricated a 40 ft tower trailer for the yagis.

Contact Dan, W1QK at [:w1qk@snet.net](mailto:w1qk@snet.net)

K1TTT Available for June VHF Contest

K1TTT is also available for the June VHF Contest. Nothing fancy, but did get a certificate for the section as limited multi-op running Single-Op Assisted in 2004.

Normally use a TS-2000 barefoot, but can hook up a second TS-2000 SO2R operation if necessary.

Antennas are a single Yagis at 150' for 6M (possible broken), 2M, and 70cm and a single 6M Yagi at 60'.

90th Birthday gathering for John Thompson, W1BIH
hosted by Don Greenbaum, N1DG



Rear: K1NA, W1RM, W1WEF, N1DG, W1AX, N4XR
Front K3NA, K1ZZ, W1JR, W1BIH

Dayton 2005

What a way to wind up an already terrific weekend!
Here's a photo of our lunch group at the Dayton airport.



Clockwise around the table, K1ZM (new inductee into CQ Contest Hall of fame), W6OAT (the other inductee), Barathi VU2RBI (Andaman DXpeditioner), N6BV, K1ZZ, JA1DM (this year's inductee in the CQ DX Hall of Fame but hidden in the photo), Prasad VU2DBP (Barathi's OM), K1IR and W1WEF.

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**

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Upcoming Meetings

Date	Type	Place
June 4 th	BBQ	K1RX QTH
July 23 rd	PICNIC	W1SRG QTH
Aug 27 th	PICNIC	NY/LI Area

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Saturday, June 4th – Noon

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