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Captain's Cabin

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Lots of e-mails flowing thru the reflector during the last couple of days now that the ARRL DX Phone is behind us. And I agree, I heard and/or received some unusual reports/exchanges this past weekend. For those of you that cited some lids "on the other end," I unfortunately must report that the most disturbing report/exchange I heard during the contest came from one of our own. So it wasn't one sided. Otherwise though, all the YCCC members I heard were very professional, except me of course--- I get sort of wordy or rag chewy at times. It was a lot of fun and, of course, it all would have been more so had propagation cooperated a bit more.

After the contest I was talking with Jerry, N1DD, and he mentioned that he didn't feel that he was hearing as many YCCC'ers as usual. Funny thing about that is during the contest I felt I heard more than usual. Maybe that's because more of your calls are now familiar to me. When all the logs are in we will be able to compare this year's activity against last years. The other thing I noticed (and maybe I am hallucinating) was that the "big funs" seemed to be doing more S&P and thus it seemed that more calling had to be done to get thru.

I don't know about you guys, but I always seem to get off to a slow start, particularly in the running mode. I can't seem to just jump into the seat and be in anything approaching good form as far as eye, ear, hand and brain coordination is concerned. But as the contest progresses I do improve--- honest I do! Lack of experience I guess.

At any rate, I do hope that all of you that participated were pleased with your results and if not, there is always next year; but hopefully not 86 next years---we won't make it if that is the case.

I agree "CW Forever" and, "Infinity for Phone" as well. I am thankful that both are there for all of us to pursue and

enjoy. Let's not forget that we are a contest club not a CW club or a Phone Club. THIS IS A TRULY A GREAT SERVICE AND HOBBY that we partake in.

Well it is coming up to the end of my year as President of the Club and my only real regret is that I had not previously been an officer. Had I been, I might have been in a much better position to pursue a vision for the club. Unfortunately, I spent quite a few months just getting my feet wet and becoming familiar with the turf. I really believe that the Club needs a small Board of Directors to help and guide the officers toward establishing goals and for purposes of continuity as well. Also, a Board could remove the burden of membership having to deal with administrative issues.

This of course requires some action of your part. That is, thinking about serving your fellow members by standing for one of the three positions that will be available at the end of this up-coming meeting. All that is truly required is your interest in the amateur service in general and contesting in particular, plus a bit of your time and energy. So give it some thought. If you decide to go for it, get someone to nominate you and you will be on your way. If you are lucky and get elected, I am confident that Mark, Ed, George and Dave, plus yours truly, will give you whatever guidance and assistance you want to get you rolling in the right direction.

Come to the meeting in April! The raffle prize winning tickets will be pulled, Jeff, K1ZM will talk to us about WRTC 2006 and he will also do a slide show for us, we will have the Officer elections and we will have a lot of talk time. The meeting will be held at the Boxborough Holiday Inn the same venue as the New England Convention.

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Now that my term is coming to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those that support the YCCC membership, including Mark, KF1V, Ed, K1EP, George, W1EBI, Dave, K1NQ, our webmaster, Mike, N2MG, Steve, our Editor for the Scuttlebutt, N1SR, the Scuttlebutt Publisher Ken, WB1DX, our scorekeeper Dave, K1HT, the W1 QSL Manager, Art, W1RZF, Jerry, N1DD our biographer, along with all the area managers and others that support us behind the scenes. Without this group, our org would certainly be rudderless and adrift at sea. Also, I wish to thank Jim, K1IR and Don, K2KQ for their help and guidance. Last but not least thanks to you the membership for providing so much new knowledge---this Club is truly a national resource.

For me there are a couple of more contests that I will be participating in before the summer hits and then the current season will be officially over. In the meantime I have a new antenna sitting in the garage (covers 20 thru 6 meters) which I will get started on as soon as the snow is gone. I will keep the reflector advised of my progress and thoughts on construction and perceived performance.

So for now thanks for letting me be of service to you during the past year and wish you and Club well in the future.

73, Jim

Amateur Radio Statistics

<http://www.speroni.com/FCC/index.html>

Interesting site containing license statistics:

License Statistics:

Total Licenses, New, Vanity, Grace Period, Renewed, Expired, Cancelled, and Modified Licenses

Club Stations Statistics:

Stations with No or Expired Trustee, Clubs with Club's as Trustee, Military and RACES Stations, Trustees with Multiple Clubs and overall Club Station Statistics

Geographical Statistics:

Breakdown by ARRL Division and Section, States and FCC Districts.

National Amateur Radio statistics for United Kingdom, Australia and Japan.

YCCC Regular Meeting February 5, 2005 Sturbridge, MA

The February meeting was called to order by president WILLU at 1:17pm in our latest venue, the Quality Inn Conference Center in Sturbridge, MA. After the usual round of introductions by the 34 attendees, Jim reported that the member survey being crafted by Mill K1IB and Ted KT1V is complete and is expected to be transmitted to the membership within the next few weeks.

Jim spoke briefly about the proposed amendments to the club Constitution and Bylaws, which had been posted on the website and which would come up for a vote later in the meeting. He also announced that the annual raffle (at least the "second annual" raffle) would occur at the April meeting. Our 2004 raffle raised about \$6,500 from ticket sales, and after purchasing the Ten-Tec Orion and other prize items YCCC was able to donate \$1,500 to the ARRL scholarship fund in memory of our colleagues who became SK's, and another \$1,500 helped fund the trip to C6 for contest DXpedition winner Jesse Cottingham KB1GWT. This year the raffle Grand Prize will be an Icom IC-756ProIII, thanks to Icom and HRO. Other prizes include items from Heil Sound, Array Solutions, and ARRL Publications. Raffle tickets will again be available for member purchase for \$25 each. Tickets will be mailed to all members later in the month, along with a dues statement and an SAE to send payment to K1EP. Jim said that we hope to raise \$6,000 to \$7,000 from ticket sales to cover prizes plus another scholarship contribution and also a donation to help equip an amateur station at an area school.

George W1EBI gave the secretary's report. As of February 4 club membership was 362 active members with dues paid to March 31, 2004 and later. In addition, another 82 members were more than one year in arrears with dues. George pointed out that, per YCCC bylaws, members are required to be current with annual dues in order to receive *Scuttlebutt*. The eligibility list for CQWW was sent to K3EST, inclusive of those members on the expanded list of 444 who reside within a 275-km (approx. 170-mi) circle centered on Erving, MA. The YCCC official circle (also used for ARRL DX) is a 175-mi circle.

Ed K1EP gave the treasurer's report, which had been posted as a .ppt file on the website. Ed mentioned that YCCC sponsors a pair of award plaques for CQWW entrants, and recommended that the club sponsor an additional plaque in memory of Charley W1TE(SK).

Craig K1QX announced that he had 33 tickets for the Dayton DX Dinner available. Contact Craig at Radioware.

Chuck W1HIS talked about his work introducing ham radio and teaching Morse code to first-grade students at the Winn

Brook School in Belmont, MA. The teacher is a new Tech licensee and permission was obtained to set up an HF station in the classroom and install an antenna on the roof of the school. Chuck arranged through Don N1DG to set up a sked with 3Y0X when the DXpedition becomes QRV on Peter I. Dave K1HT has donated a keyer and paddle and a Kenwood radio for the "hamsters".

Ed N1UR invited all members to check into the Monday-evening on-the-air meetings, which have QSY'd from 3830 to 1910, now 1915 (the appropriate sub-harmonic), at 2100 local. The OTA meeting on January 31 had 14 checkins, and participation is expanding. Dave W1CTN will be NCS on February 7 in Ed's absence.

Paul K1XM is making progress on his homebrew SO2R antenna switch box. Contact Paul directly for details.

Mark KF1V briefed the meeting on our narrow loss to FRC in ARRL 2004. The margin was a mere 5.1M points. While YCCC had 410 members eligible last year, the submitted logs were:

CW	157	38.3%
SSB	159	38.8%
Both	117	28.5%
One	203	49.5%

Mark noted the disappointing loss of several valid scores in 2004 from members who failed to send in their logs by the submission deadline, or who failed to spell out "Yankee Clipper Contest Club" in their submission. Those lost points would have assured a YCCC victory vs. FRC! The message: SEND IN YOUR LOG!! Mark also announced the "YCCC Officers' Challenge" for ARRL 2005. Members who operate two weekends in ARRL DX, both CW and Phone, and submit their scores for YCCC (spelled out, of course...) and who forward a summary to KF1V or K1HT prior to one week before the April regular meeting will be eligible to win a \$200 gift card from HRO. The winner will be drawn at the April meeting following the raffle drawing.

Following a break for eyeball QSO's and another trip to the lunch table, two new prospective members were introduced. After due deliberation and a vote, Tom Hybiske K3GM of Fiskdale, MA, and Greg Algieri WA1JXR of Lancaster, MA, were declared new YCCC members by acclamation. Welcome aboard, Tom and Greg! And we were pleased to welcome back Jason Corriveau N1GKI of Webster, MA, who rejoined the club after several years away.

WILLU brought the proposed amendments to the YCCC Constitution and Bylaws to a vote. Among the changes (the full package is on the website) are the ability to vote electronically and by mail; clarification of meeting logistics; revising the number of regular meetings from six per year to four; renaming "area coordinators" to "area managers";

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offering a discount on dues paid in advance for two years or three years (not including dues in arrears); dues in arrears not more than one year; meeting quorum; and club dissolution. N1UR moved that the proposed amendments, if adopted, go into effect as of April 1, 2005, the start of the 2006 club year. Ed's motion was seconded and carried. Jerry K0TV moved to accept the proposed amendments. That motion was seconded and carried.

The key presentation for the meeting was K0TV's outstanding talk on "Practical Four-Square Antenna Systems". Jerry praised the four-square as a good low-angle antenna that can be effective not only on the low bands but even up to 10 meters, and he pointed out that a four-square can have reasonable bandwidth and gain with elements less than 1/4-wave in height and 1/8-wave spacing, although with some sacrifice in F/B. Jerry provided great visuals with his talk, and there was a good Q&A session following.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,
George Harlem W1EBI

YCCC PROFILES

Jerry Woodworth N1DD

Ed Parish, K1EP, is our YCCC treasurer. The Treasurer is responsible for receiving and accounting for all money paid to the club and paying the various bills and expenditures. He maintains bank accounts and invests club funds. With the recently approved changes to the club constitution, the Treasurer will have the additional duty of working with the President in preparing an annual budget.

Ed's SS check is 70, but since the original license is long gone, he isn't sure if it was 1970 or 1971 when he was first licensed. He started by passing the General test and added the Advanced a few weeks later, all while in high school. Living in New Jersey, his first call was WA2SCA. Ed became interested in Ham Radio by SWLing on his parent's two-band tabletop. An older cousin who was licensed and a school radio club provided motivation, while he was learning code from Ameco records.

After the vanity call sign program was announced, Ed upgraded to Extra around 1994 but getting his Extra was almost accidental. Ed was operating field day and went into a tent for a few minutes rest, not knowing that a 20 wpm code test was about to take place. He decided on the spot to take the test which he passed and shortly thereafter found a VE exam and passed the written portion.

When deciding where to attend college, everyone has their own reasons, but Ed partly chose RPI for a rather unique reason. While on a campus visit, he was impressed with the

facilities of the RPI radio club, W2SZ. While earning BSEE and MSEE degrees, Ed got started on a 30 year contesting career. 1973 was his first VHF contest at W2SZ. He continues VHF contesting with the same club and many of the same operators today and is the regular 6 meter operator at that championship station.

The early 90's saw his start in HF contesting. Ed has worked at improving his cw operating and now prefers cw contests, operating low power cw from home as well as cw mobile. Ed regularly guest ops the phone contests. He has operated multi op and single op from some big stations, such as K1TTT, K1VR, K1RX, N1AU, K1KP, K1IR, and K2TR. He operated from J3 three times and TI twice. K1EP said that his first contest expedition at J3VG in the 1999 ARRL DX Phone was his number one contest accomplishment. Operating multi/multi from a temporary location in a hotel, they finished first in the world in the Non-US/VE M/M category. Ed is also a regular in ARRL Sweepstakes and other contests such as NEQP.

Ed related the following story about K1XM, Paul Young's YCCC filter. In 2003, Ed was at TI5N and Paul was at 5I3A. Ed was on a break when the 20 meter op, a left coast tester, became frustrated at trying to break the pile up on 5I3A for a new multiplier and asked Ed to give it a try. The signals were weak, but Ed got Paul on the first try and Ed was asked to QSY to another band. The left coast op was amazed at the quick break through and immediate request to QSY. Of course, he didn't know that the YCCC filter works even on expeditions.

Work experience as an engineer has included designing radios. One of his patents is in the front end design of a commercial VHF mobile radio. Later experience has been at networking companies, some of which were start-ups. With his networking experience, Ed usually gets the job of computers and software on the expeditions.

Ed builds some of his equipment and antennas. He built his first transmitter and receiver, the Heathkit DX-60B and HR-10B pair. The latest is a KX1 kit from Elecraft, which Ed says works well and is fun to operate. The main radio is an IC 756Pro, and he occasionally uses one of his TR7's, as well as an IC706MkIIG in the car. K1EP, located in North Reading, MA, prefers to keep a low profile. His first try was an attic dipole. After setting off fire alarms and having the fire department show up, he now uses a G5RV on HF and 6 meters strung between tall pine trees. The latest antenna is a stealth 160 inverted L, 135 feet long. The wire runs up one tree and across the tops of other trees. Black wire was used and according to Ed is difficult to see. A vertical for 80 runs up the same tree, and both antennas use a common ground system of 12 on ground radials of various lengths run at various angles. In the recent CQ 160 CW contest, the inverted L was good for 600 q's in 35 countries, which will probably be a top ten finish in low power unassisted. He is working on 5BDXCC, mostly needing countries on 80M.

At various times in his ham radio career, Ed has operated most amateur modes, including EME and satellites in addition to designing and building. He returns to contesting, as he likes the challenge. Ed likes YCCC for the opportunity to meet with other contestors, and the resources that such contestors provide.

The other main hobby is long distance bicycle riding. In warmer weather, he rides 50 to 100 miles frequently for the exercise. Other hobbies are photography, cooking, and computers.

Ed has given back to amateur radio. He works in the communication network for the New York City Marathon and previously set up communication networks for the Boston Marathon. Ed has set up and worked on several area repeaters. He is the moderator for the CT reflector forum, and his advice on CT problems is frequently found there. Previously, Ed was the ARRL Technical Coordinator for Eastern Mass.

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New England counties as possible on 80-40-20-15-10M.



Flotsam & Jetsam

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Ahoy Maties!

It's 7AM in Aiken SC now, and the temperature outside is 55 degrees. We can't wait to get home to that glorious snow! Actually, after skiing Steamboat Springs Co with our grandkids in late February while there for our son's wedding, I'm looking forward to hitting the slopes once again in New England. We haven't done much skiing the last few years.

George Harlem, W1EBI passed these interesting tidbits along: "I happened to check my old logs from W3CMN and found that I had worked K8JLF in the old "CD Party" in 1959. Dave is now K1HT. I also saw another QSO with Roger W1JYH, now W1AX. Dave and I were wondering who in the club might have logged the most Q's with current YCCC'ers prior to, say, 1965 (or pick a year). Wanna try a survey?"

Here's another. We recently heard from Gene Shablygin, W3UA, in Bedford, NH, who subscribed to Scuttlebutt (while I try to get him to join as a full member). Gene is ex-UA3AMB and RA3AA, hence the "3UA". I told him that when I was a little kid in PA, we lived in an apartment house from 1943-52 with six other families, and two of them were hams. One was W3UA!

This May is the 50th anniversary of my Novice ticket. Any other members of the "Class of '55"?"

Band condx have really been punk whenever I've gotten on the air from the RV this winter. Although I managed to be home for the ARRL DX CW contest, from the start I could see that it was going to be a tough go. As usual, I had my .brk sheet from the previous year beside me, and 20 min into the contest I had the same rate as last year on 40M. This year however, every contact was a struggle. After the first twenty minutes, it went downhill, but after I gave up my 7001 frequency and moved up the band I realized that the bottom 15Khz was being blanketed by some kind of digital broadband pollution. Conditions still seemed way down and not conducive to sticking with it for the all out effort I had looked forward to.

Someone recently asked me what number abbreviations he should get familiar with for CW contesting. "N" for 9 (5NN) is of course the most used. A few guys save time using "E" for 5, E being the 5th letter of the alphabet so "ENN". "T" is used for "0", so with a power exchange of 100W ...1TT. "1" is slow too, so "A" is used by many, thus 100W becomes ATT. (Since SBC has recently bought ATT, will we be hearing "SBC" for 100W!

Is it just me or has anyone else ever noticed that no-one ever answers if the rotor was turning while CQing?

I was really surprised once again at how many calls were not in the Super Check Partial file. I like to think it's because

there are many new contesters out there. Remember to send Randy your Cabrillo files after any contest so he can keep the SCP files up to date...K5ZD@charter.net.

Sunday afternoon I heard K1ZZ running Europeans on ten, but I couldn't copy a single station he was working! It quickly dawned on me that I was hearing his second harmonic....Dave and I are pretty close together as the crow flies.

YCCC is terrific for providing technical advice. We have a lot of expertise in the club that is shared freely and I for one really appreciate it. When my beloved 500Mhz Compaq shack computer recently started to act up with a "Post Code" at turn on, I was afraid it was a forewarning of a failure yet to come. Thanks to the Reflector, I found that the code indicated a problem with the video card. This sounded promising because the symptom I was experiencing was no video until I cycled power after hearing that beeping code. A new video card didn't work, but I may have done something wrong installing it. Others suggested it might be the power supply or the lithium battery. Voltages checked OK. Eventually, as feared, the computer would not recover by cycling power. I had a lot of photos on my hard drive that were not backed up, as well as other documents I hadn't gotten around to backing up. What to do? I called the local computer store that carries used and new computers, and for \$69 bought an identical Compaq Deskpro. I swapped the hard drive, and voila...I could recover my photos. I think the time has come though to buy a new up to date computer.



Another recent thread was about auto tune amps vs manual with marked dials. I mark my AL1500 with individual self adhesive labels, as shown in the photo. It's surprising how the settings hold over months on end.

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K1TSV in NH Contest



Russ Santos-K1TSV (OM of WA1S) has decided to try a different slant on contesting. He's trying for a Top-1 Box finish in the New Hampshire Section Manager competition.

An Amateur Radio operator since 1986 who currently holds General class license. He's also a W1 QSL Bureau sorter along with Ann.

We'll have to wait until the final scores are published to see if his Section experience as a former RI Assistant Section Manager and an Official Observer. (He moved to the Milford, New Hampshire from Rhode Island in 1992.) were of any assistance.

Currently an Official Emergency station (completed Levels 1 and 2 of the ARRL Emergency Communications Course), an Official Relay station active in Public Service events in Southern NH, including Milford/Amherst NH "Crop Walk for Hunger". He is also holds Army MARS auxiliary membership (AUX1AC) {where was he during WPX?}

Priorities are primarily public service and service oriented:

- ARES - Getting a SSB traffic net back on HF
- Filling section positions with energetic, motivated and friendly people.

He also is dedicated to minimizing schedule conflicts between NH Section events and major contests or other popular amateur events.

NH ARRL members can contact Russ at 673-9217 or k1tsv@arrl.net.



K1KI's Secret Weapon for NEQP Runs?

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The following table shows only scores that counted toward the YCCC club score in either 2003 CQWW DX or 2004 ARRL DX. (I made changes in Tom K1KI's original spreadsheet, so as to meet that criterion. I'm grateful for the work that he did to set it up.) - K1HT YCCC Scorekeeper.

Call	03CQPH	03CQCW	04ARCW	04ARPH	03-04 DX
NN1N	16,394,049	3,474,205	2,257,815	576,121	22,702,190
W2WB	3,177,831	3,455,650	3,313,692	2,492,625	12,439,798
K1IG	200,239	8,310,372	3,670,308	83,916	12,264,835
K1AR	5,242,565	2,895,580	1,035,006	2,179,584	11,352,735
W1WEF	1,132,750	5,342,400	4,569,642	247,632	11,292,424
KT1V	158,930	5,616,416	4,946,856	7,560	10,729,762
WC1M	1,037,762	4,241,700	4,170,264	1,209,786	10,659,512
K1DG	1,744,290	6,407,730	1,232,826	1,189,386	10,574,232
W1KM	1,449,110	5,758,782	2,725,276	---	9,933,168
W1AO	1,734,600	3,094,802	2,787,441	2,098,629	9,715,472
K1XM	292,208	5,854,420	2,725,276	426,938	9,298,842
NB1B	588,708	4,891,860	2,725,276	675,213	8,881,057
K1ZM	8,843,125	---	---	---	8,843,125
K3NA/1	1,449,110	1,316,481	2,725,276	2,914,128	8,404,995
K5MA/1	1,740,256	2,790,564	2,257,812	1,161,216	7,949,848
N1DG	2,413,418	2,234,310	1,808,640	1,246,620	7,702,988
N1RR	972,770	2,982,084	2,242,164	1,105,200	7,302,218
W1RM	1,957,504	2,473,352	2,307,945	203,067	6,941,868
N1UR	1,399,680	2,509,460	2,050,875	965,358	6,925,373
K2TE/1	1,371,848	2,910,350	1,508,580	1,094,891	6,885,669
KS1J	1,281,336	2,326,620	2,413,344	766,800	6,788,100
K5ZD/1	---	5,665,749	---	1,120,905	6,786,654
K1KI	1,957,504	2,473,352	2,307,945	13,833	6,752,634
K1CC	1,957,504	2,473,352	2,307,945	---	6,738,801
KM1P	1,957,504	2,473,352	2,307,945	---	6,738,801
KC1F	2,247,814	2,428,472	1,118,232	723,240	6,517,758
WA1S	26,117	4,059,055	1,657,791	632,462	6,375,425
K1NQ	1,025,220	2,208,987	2,158,020	975,362	6,367,589
K1ZZ	1,159,657	4,642,542	166,734	12,672	5,981,605
W6PH/1	1,236,690	1,193,136	3,544,230	---	5,974,056
K1GQ	1,744,290	2,895,580	---	1,189,386	5,829,256
W1FV	1,744,290	2,895,580	---	1,189,386	5,829,256
K1JB	---	2,214,526	2,140,236	1,227,954	5,582,716
K2WR	934,520	2,502,720	1,458,816	492,123	5,388,179
K1LZ	3,067,370	1,604,554	---	675,213	5,347,137
N6RFM/1	731,504	1,776,658	1,130,112	1,685,430	5,323,704
K1RX	795,076	1,478,340	2,298,495	632,462	5,204,373
N1IX	795,076	1,478,340	2,298,495	632,462	5,204,373
W1ECT	1,000,712	2,508,792	1,666,980	---	5,176,484
K7BV/1	---	---	5,139,966	---	5,139,966
W1TE-SK	1,405,829	1,837,618	1,481,376	408,240	5,133,063
W1FJ	1,449,110	879,361	2,725,276	---	5,053,747
K1LD	1,542,078	1,104,990	1,113,330	956,448	4,716,846
K1EO	795,076	1,478,340	1,657,791	632,462	4,563,669
KF1V	795,076	1,478,340	1,657,791	632,462	4,563,669
WA1Z	941,528	1,661,903	1,421,574	508,326	4,533,331
K2SX	656,373	1,253,928	2,307,945	---	4,218,246
K1IR	1,142,488	1,160,338	1,229,049	675,213	4,207,088
K1VR	1,142,488	1,160,338	1,229,049	675,213	4,207,088

KE1J	1,142,488	1,160,338	1,229,049	675,213	4,207,088
KM3T/1	1,304,015	2,895,580	---	---	4,199,595
W1EQ	676,359	1,437,768	1,324,464	751,545	4,190,136
W1TO	934,520	1,748,537	926,179	492,123	4,101,359
K1HT	993,487	1,356,480	1,240,497	482,241	4,072,705
W1UK	506,496	1,863,225	1,606,374	---	3,976,095
K1XX	1,000,712	2,895,580	---	---	3,896,292
K1EA	1,744,290	859,204	---	1,189,386	3,792,880
W1EBI	767,261	1,405,512	1,187,028	387,984	3,747,785
KG1E	1,785,852	872,900	385,344	694,035	3,738,131
N4XR/1	612,935	1,341,347	1,216,578	564,026	3,734,886
WO1N	724,739	1,212,184	1,287,078	496,293	3,720,294
K0TV/1	896,096	1,351,370	951,084	496,293	3,694,843
W1QK	164,780	1,337,904	1,739,610	442,864	3,685,158
W1JQ	1,052,374	882,790	1,025,595	704,472	3,665,231
W3SM/1	934,520	1,212,184	926,179	543,321	3,616,204
K1TTT	934,520	1,212,184	926,179	492,123	3,565,006
W1VE	1,142,488	1,160,338	1,229,049	---	3,531,875
K1QA	266,418	1,160,338	1,229,049	675,213	3,331,018
K1EBY	546,701	1,221,803	1,059,264	426,938	3,254,706
K1IN	546,701	1,221,803	1,059,264	426,938	3,254,706
KB1H	546,701	1,221,803	1,059,264	426,938	3,254,706
N1XS	546,701	1,221,803	1,059,264	426,938	3,254,706
NB1U	546,701	1,221,803	1,059,264	426,938	3,254,706
AA1CE	546,701	1,221,803	1,059,264	426,938	3,254,706
W1GF	---	3,039,841	205,296	---	3,245,137
NT2X	1,082,835	1,212,184	926,179	---	3,221,198
W1ZT	892,530	1,478,340	738,444	---	3,109,314
K1RV	1,283,997	771,897	733,257	319,800	3,108,951
N1IW	---	1,212,184	1,127,055	767,507	3,106,746
K1GW	795,076	---	1,657,791	632,462	3,085,329
N2OW	934,520	1,212,184	926,179	---	3,072,883
K1EP	1,215,337	645,232	698,058	492,123	3,050,750
K1HI	896,096	---	1,508,580	632,462	3,037,138
K1NU	266,418	1,160,338	1,229,049	220,284	2,876,089
N2NI	---	1,632,631	1,124,154	---	2,756,785
W1RZF	436,128	971,827	707,868	622,503	2,738,326
W2AU	---	1,666,654	926,179	---	2,592,833
KE1FO	1,000,712	318,897	389,298	882,378	2,591,285
K1KD	1,577,840	---	143,184	869,976	2,591,000
N1SV	1,458,500	146,740	---	823,032	2,428,272
KA2D	936,603	1,239,520	---	233,496	2,409,619
K1MK	934,520	---	926,179	492,123	2,352,822
W1KT	1,212,825	460,920	155,700	503,304	2,332,749
KE1IH	1,957,504	---	---	362,940	2,320,444
W1IA	---	1,351,370	951,084	---	2,302,454
K1BX	---	---	1,657,791	632,462	2,290,253
K1AM	---	1,221,803	1,059,264	---	2,281,067
K1GX	---	1,221,803	1,059,264	---	2,281,067
WE2F	2,278,452	---	---	---	2,278,452
W1CSM	731,504	1,546,688	---	---	2,278,192
W1CTN	1,235,728	---	393,162	613,674	2,242,564
K1TWF	---	1,212,184	951,084	---	2,163,268
W1ES	---	1,212,184	951,084	---	2,163,268
K1WD	---	1,212,184	926,179	---	2,138,363
W1CU	1,673,012	433,532	12,054	3,885	2,122,483

W2JU/1	---	635,481	1,135,080	331,254	2,101,815	K1MZ	127,248	494,845	517,860	---	1,139,953
AK2P	934,520	1,154,044	---	---	2,088,564	K1BD	486,072	143,424	118,221	364,338	1,112,055
W1NG	181,608	1,904,368	---	---	2,085,976	K1VSJ	30,532	12,765	1,062,396	---	1,105,693
K2ONP	---	2,081,742	---	---	2,081,742	W2GB	---	128,482	926,179	---	1,054,661
N1RY	779,895	---	---	1,203,732	1,983,627	NT1Y	1,000,712	---	---	---	1,000,712
N3KCJ/1	647,564	508,185	542,271	279,000	1,977,020	KV1W	731,504	---	---	266,220	997,724
N1DD	890,724	---	---	1,071,927	1,962,651	KX1X	443,966	---	---	538,704	982,670
AA1ON	484,623	1,449,624	---	---	1,934,247	AG1C	372,738	522,053	46,650	35,424	976,865
W1RH	534,966	1,395,680	---	---	1,930,646	K1RDD	372,738	522,053	46,650	35,424	976,865
W1ZK	---	1,028,200	839,475	21,168	1,888,843	KB1JFG	372,738	522,053	46,650	35,424	976,865
W1MK	---	332,860	1,540,200	---	1,873,060	KB1DFB	546,701	---	---	426,938	973,639
AD1C	---	---	677,226	1,189,386	1,866,612	N1QAE	546,701	---	---	426,938	973,639
K2LE	599,387	1,253,928	---	---	1,853,315	KB1KE	934,520	---	---	---	934,520
N2GA	599,387	1,253,928	---	---	1,853,315	K1TH	78,952	580,318	227,457	47,232	933,959
W2AX	599,387	1,253,928	---	---	1,853,315	N2KW	---	---	926,179	---	926,179
N7NG/1	---	1,361,710	437,157	54,432	1,853,299	K1TR	---	566,773	281,688	64,728	913,189
N8RA/1	588,708	1,201,212	---	---	1,789,920	AA1QD	2,964	909,606	---	---	912,570
N1TM	158,585	762,777	649,728	201,285	1,772,375	W1LLU	---	---	---	866,580	866,580
N1HKO	795,076	---	---	974,034	1,769,110	WG1Z	483,120	375,724	---	---	858,844
KM1X	546,701	1,221,803	---	---	1,768,504	N1IK	---	---	114,660	738,504	853,164
W1BK	276,672	494,141	536,151	442,170	1,749,134	N2GC	55,620	92,763	686,592	15,300	850,275
W1NR	276,672	494,141	536,151	442,170	1,749,134	K1BV	96,013	479,084	91,113	178,080	844,290
N1PGA	831,000	---	210,900	692,124	1,734,024	K2XA	836,813	---	---	---	836,813
K2XF	651,014	966,888	---	---	1,617,902	N2FF	599,387	220,454	---	---	819,841
K1JN	647,564	476,316	303,726	178,002	1,605,608	W1NA	814,300	---	---	---	814,300
W1US	---	1,604,554	---	---	1,604,554	N1LW	446,976	113,058	34,611	209,718	804,363
W1RY	948,703	---	---	571,032	1,519,735	K1UQ	795,076	---	---	---	795,076
NJ1F/2	934,520	90,522	---	492,123	1,517,165	W1DAD	232,505	304,326	2,340	250,884	790,055
N1EU/2	1,488,905	1,632	---	---	1,490,537	K1KU	176,880	280,497	321,984	---	779,361
AA1CA	---	1,478,340	---	---	1,478,340	N1HRA	647,564	126,711	---	---	774,275
K1ZR	---	1,478,340	---	---	1,478,340	NC1N	303,282	444,460	---	---	747,742
W1MJ	---	1,351,370	118,872	---	1,470,242	KB1T	---	164,034	560,388	5,547	729,969
N1AU	384,642	473,110	270,204	332,580	1,460,536	KV1J	353,115	47,428	113,238	203,229	717,010
K1FOO	795,076	---	---	659,762	1,454,838	WE1H	647,564	---	63,030	---	710,594
K2AJY/1	1,449,110	---	---	---	1,449,110	W1VET	---	168,912	518,232	---	687,144
K1MO	---	---	727,350	710,091	1,437,441	KQ1F	292,208	285,012	100,380	---	677,600
AA2MF	1,082,835	354,308	---	---	1,437,143	K2MFY	200,245	203,616	140,532	111,162	655,555
N1SR	934,520	---	---	492,123	1,426,643	K1IB	---	431,472	217,536	---	649,008
N1DC	---	620,920	638,694	164,340	1,423,954	W2SUQ/1	---	51,696	557,496	---	609,192
W1EQO	---	---	926,179	492,123	1,418,302	KF2O	345,600	2,400	---	256,452	604,452
W1ZS	435,232	573,231	393,054	---	1,401,517	K2DO	599,387	---	---	---	599,387
N1ICE	896,096	---	---	496,293	1,392,389	N2UN	599,387	---	---	---	599,387
W1LY	896,096	---	---	496,293	1,392,389	NA2M	599,387	---	---	---	599,387
K1AE	352,080	13,260	368,322	656,580"	1,390,242	KD2RD	241,098	---	357,408	---	598,506
K2KQ	---	306,436	1,077,219	---	1,383,655	KG1D	103,740	487,432	---	---	591,172
N1TT	---	1,351,370	---	---	1,351,370	KK1DX	443,020	---	---	143,988	587,008
AA1V	---	---	1,304,604	---	1,304,604	WK1V	---	---	67,830	496,293	564,123
W1EL	433,944	292,164	451,269	91,392	1,268,769	K2BX	78,880	480,822	---	---	559,702
AK1N	594,363	663,404	---	---	1,257,767	K1RU	559,586	---	---	---	559,586
W1MA	---	1,253,928	---	---	1,253,928	N1NK	546,701	---	---	---	546,701
W2LK	---	1,253,928	---	---	1,253,928	AA1ZT	---	---	536,544	9,024	545,568
N2LBR	404,952	830,695	---	---	1,235,647	AJ1M	233,964	---	---	299,880	544,656
W1KKM/2	404,952	830,695	---	---	1,235,647	K1TW	277,420	125,255	118,734	---	521,409
W1DSW	---	1,212,184	---	---	1,212,184	N2MUN	339,020	---	---	164,934	503,954
W1FM	658,592	41,850	276,942	213,756	1,191,140	W1MJB	---	---	---	492,123	492,123
K1GU	---	1,160,338	---	---	1,160,338	K1CN	450,585	37,374	---	---	487,959

W0BR/1	---	---	---	442,864	442,864
N1DS	63,360	55,692	169,194	147,015	435,261
N1LYA	---	---	---	426,938	426,938
W1TJL	---	---	---	426,938	426,938
N1NB	---	---	192,240	234,117	426,357
W1CX	---	---	416,514	---	416,514
W1JMP	236,612	---	---	179,865	416,477
W1LMP	372,738	---	---	35,424	408,162
W7OT/1	---	---	31,122	357,504	388,626
N1MM	365,781	---	---	---	365,781
W1AZ	---	361,976	---	---	361,976
W1JR	3,792	329,475	---	---	333,267
N1JW	---	---	197,964	118,320	316,284
W1BIH	---	284,648	---	---	284,648
KK1W	---	---	225,189	28,314	253,503
N1HTS	71,622	---	---	177,210	248,832
KY1B	65,512	120,290	38,313	918	225,033
KA1ZEX	221,096	---	---	---	221,096
W6FC/1	---	56,072	---	160,320	216,392
KK1L	94,317	---	1,173	120,663	216,153
N1KWF	---	---	---	186,150	186,150
K1VU	118,300	---	---	63,558	181,858
W1WFZ	---	180,992	---	---	180,992
N1JP/2	108,086	32,637	---	---	140,723
KA1VMG	60,676	57,246	---	18,957	136,879
N1IXF	---	---	---	134,100	134,100
KB1LN	92,856	---	---	27,945	120,801
N1MD	59,976	---	52,785	---	112,761
KB1FWN	44,196	---	---	42,639	86,835
WA1FCN	---	84,842	---	---	84,842
NF1A	---	---	19,110	59,436	78,546
NA2NA	---	---	---	75,762	75,762
KA1ZD	72,086	---	---	---	72,086
WB2BXO	24,436	43,566	---	---	68,002
K1EU	26,676	35,164	---	---	61,840
W1AIR	---	---	---	57,672	57,672
K1RB	---	---	---	50,511	50,511
W1MAT	5,104	---	33,948	7,482	46,534
N1VI	38,509	---	---	7,548	46,057
KF1O	---	---	42,960	---	42,960
N1SOH	---	41,850	---	---	41,850
KE1LI	---	---	---	40,716	40,716
K1WCC	8,514	---	---	22,791	31,305
K1RT	---	---	17,922	---	17,922
KO1H	---	---	10,575	1,188	11,763
K1MOM	---	---	---	1,140	1,140
W1QA	351	---	---	---	351

Top Ten Reasons to Operate the NEQP

10. For a lot of U.S. hams, New England is halfway to Europe, and in the right direction, so you can try out your new European stacks and Beverages.

9. If you're a W1 operating from your home, it's just like a DX contest where you only have to push F1 all weekend and run guys. The multipliers will come to you.

8. Tell a mobile in Vermont or Rhode Island how loud he is and butter him up so you can get the mult in SS.

7. The W1 big guns going mobile will have a chance to see how it feels to be weak for a change. And if you're in Europe, you can hear what weak W1s sound like.

6. You can try to figure out why there are Windham counties in Connecticut and Vermont, but not New Hampshire, where Windham is just a town. You can ask every station you work in Rockingham County, NH, if the hams there are really rocking. (note - the aforementioned Windham, NH is in Rockingham County).

5. If your call is K3WW, it's yet another contest for you to enter! (K3WW operated 52 different contests in 2001)

4. Since the exchange is the first 3 letters of the county and the two-letter state abbreviation, this opens up all kinds of opportunities. See if you can find a YL named Norma in Norfolk County, MA. Work K1TTT in Berkshire County, MA, and see if the ARRL will accept it for XZ credit. See if K1KI/m has to stop the car for a rest stop in Piscataquis County, ME. See if you can drive the ops at N1TN crazy by asking them "Where's Waldo?". Ask W1UF if he knows a limerick that starts with "There was a young miss from Nantucket...". Ask a mobile to drive from Washington County VT to Washington County ME to Washington County RI so you can get your WAWC award. Be thankful there's no Eaton County in Maine.

3. It's going to rain next weekend, so you won't be able to do antenna work anyway.

2. Ask the ops at W1YK and K1EA how "Wissta County, Mass" gets abbreviated "WOR MA", and see how long it takes before they start saying they are in "Wor-sess-ter" county.

and the Number One Reason to operate the NEQP.....

1. You missed the 2005 Florida QSO party, and you've been looking forward to operating a QSO Party for the last year!

Thanks to Doug Grant, K1DG as published on the NEQP Website

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

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Next General Meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club

Saturday, April 9th – 1:00PM - 5:00PM

Holiday Inn Conference Center

Boxborough, MA

Route I-495A, Exit 28

The YCCC Scuttlebutt
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