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Captain's Cabin

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CQWW 2001 is history.

The CW weekend ended just a few hours ago. And, quite a weekend it was. When my wife, Sue, asked how the contest was going, I had to search hard for a truly effective way to answer the question. I told her to imagine race drivers and teams gearing up for the Indy 500 – only to find that storms are coming through, and the track is wet. There is a veil of fog hanging in the air. The race gets started at relatively low speed, and nobody has any idea whether the track will dry out before the race is over. I explained further that the winners of this race would be those who adapt and persevere in the face of these less-than-optimum conditions.

On both weekends, we had great operators operating from some of the best stations available. Our expeditions reached around the world; VY2SS, HC8N, J3A, and VP9/W6PH, for example, all had YCCC participation of varying degrees. And, of course, we had our mainstay operators and stations making their efforts from within club territory. Single-ops, multi-singles and multi-multis. It was great to hear the "KB" message exchanged so many times throughout the contest.

Thanks are due to every individual who made an effort in support of YCCC in CQWW. Let's try not to leave anyone out. Of course, our score producers – operators, expeditioners and station-builders – are the most obvious. But, lets also give credit to the people behind the scenes – those who keep the packet spots flowing, those family members who give up a weekend of family time, spouses who cook food and make beds for their own and for guest ops they've never even met before! Let's thank our fellow members who take time out from building their own stations and lend a helping hand to other club members. Don't forget that some of the best contesting software products are built and maintained by our own fellow club members – with little or no compensation. Thanks to those

who keep the club infrastructure together – meetings, score collection, Contest Cookbook, web site, newsletter, QSL processing. All are the results of member efforts. Thanks.

Guess what? Being eligible and making sure your score counts for the club is more important than ever this time around. When conditions are as strange as they were this weekend, the impact on scores is far from predictable. The impact of these conditions will be significant on us – and on our competition. It is important that we muster every score we can to ensure we put maximum points on the board. So, individual members and Area Managers, please go above and beyond to see to it that we leave no potential score out of the club total!

Our October meeting in Worcester was a great success. With outstanding presentations by Riley Hollingsworth and Bob Heil, we had amongst the highest attendance ever at a Worcester meeting. Riley and Bob have both expressed their appreciation for our hospitality and have offered to return anytime! This certainly reflects well on our contesting community. Thanks to all who helped make this meeting a success.

Our December meeting will have a more internal focus. We'll be looking at a few of the tools and techniques you can use to make your contest operating more fun and effective. We'll have experts of all kinds available to help you tune up your operating technique. And, of course, we'll reap the rewards of our efforts with a host of awards. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

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KIDS DAY CONTEST

Peter and Jeanne Schipelliti W1DAD & K1MOM will be activating special event station K1D from December 22, 2001 to January 5, 2002 to remind all amateurs to get children involved in amateur radio and on for Kid's Day on January 5'th (1800-2400 UTC). Kids that work K1D on Kid's Day will receive a special K1D certificate, QSL card and Archie Ham Radio comic book. Contact W1DAD@ARRL.NET for more info.

The free K1MOM Amateur Radio Coloring Book for children (including operating aids for Kid's Day) can be requested from K1MOM@ARRL.NET.

See Dec 2001 QST page 50 for more info and tips regarding Kid's Day.

Background on Kid's Day

Purpose: Kid's Day is intended to encourage young people (licensed or not) to enjoy Amateur Radio. It can give young people hands-on on-the-air experience so they might develop an interest in pursuing a license in the future. It is intended to give hams a chance to share their stations with children.

Date & Time: January 5, 2002 from 1800-2400 UTC

Suggested Exchange: Name, Age, location and favorite color. You are encouraged to work the same station again if an operator has changed. Call "Cq Kid's Day."

Suggested Frequencies: 28,350-28400; 21,380-21,400; 14,270-14,300 KHz. and 2-meter repeater frequencies with permission of your repeater sponsor. Observe third-party traffic restrictions when making DX QSOs.

Reporting: Logs and comments may be e-mailed to kids@contesting.com.

Awards: All participants are eligible to receive a colorful certificate. Send a 9x12 SASE to Boring Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1357, Boring, OR 97009.

Webnotes

Mike Gilmer, N2MG

The current 2001-2002 YCCC Cookbook and Propagation charts are available on the Members Only site.

October Meeting Minutes (10/6/2001)

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This meeting was moved to a larger auditorium in the same building at Worcester State College to accommodate the large turnout, and was called to order by club president Jim, K1IR. Brunch food, drinks, and cookies were available. Jim mentioned that the club was looking for contributions to cover the extra cost of the additional snacks.

First up on the agenda, Rich, K2WR, presented a moving account of the events of September 11th as related to radio, starting from Marconi. He detailed the history of TV and radio broadcasting in New York City, showing the store fronts along "Radio Row" in the area that eventually became the World Trade Center. He had a number of very interesting historical photographs, including some of the erection of the 300 foot broadcast mast atop the World Trade Center to alleviate reflection problems the new tall buildings posed to the original transmitter sites on the Empire State Building. Six hams were among the transmitter technicians trapped on the top floors of Building One after the terrorist attacks. Rich had photographs of most of them, as well as biographical information. Rich's presentation was greeted with thunderous applause from all present.

A short business meeting followed. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$6111.90. Jim described the duties of the Activities Manager: to define and run the club awards program, to work with the area managers to increase club participation and productivity, and to create interesting meeting programs. The special election to fill this position was deferred until later in the meeting to give people time to consider taking on this role. Jim noted that the Long Island and New York City club areas have been recombined into a single area with Rich Cariello, AA2MF, as its new area manager, assisted by K2QMF and NY6DX. The summer picnic with FRC and PVRC was well-attended and raised \$250 for the WRTC through a raffle with prizes from Heil Sound. Score standings show the ARRL DX Contests for 2001 with YCCC at 354M, FRC at 318M, and PVRC at 189M. CO WW 2000 shows YCCC with 636M, FRC at 452M, and PVRC at 223M. So, Jim also rolled the YCCC "We are the champions" video. The new Contest Cookbooks, edited by Art, W1RZF, were available at the meeting, along with printed membership rosters.

Saul, K2XA, then gave an update about the 2001-2002 Affinity Challenge. The new team structure started with an overlay of geographical area teams, and then several affinity group teams formed, of operators in the same area, members of multi-ops, and so forth. Saul noted that

affinity teams can be created up to two weeks before each contest, and you can change teams between contests. Contact K2ONP to make team changes.

Len, K1NU, then talked about the 2000-2001 team challenge and the 2001-2002 awards program. For the upcoming season, he will have small and large team divisions, and separate awards for the CO WW and ARRL contests. In CQ WW last year, team 15 took first place with 132M, team 2 took second place with 131M, and team 3 took third place with 130.9M. Next year, there will be three categories of awards: single contest awards, cumulative awards, and participation awards. Single contest awards will go to the top scorers in each of the big four contests in each category: SOHP, SOLP, SOAHP, SOALP, M/S, M/M, and M/2 (ARRL only). First place will be a plaque, and second and third place will be certificates. Cumulative awards are for total point contributions over the "big four" contests. The "clipper" award will be given for 10M total over the four contests. Members contributing 5M total over the four contests will qualify for the "schooner" award. The participation award will be a pin or hat for submitting one log for either mode of each contest. Len also updated the club about the YCCC-CD and the CD Fund. The 2002 CD will be available in January, and the funds collected will be used to sponsor unsponsored plaques that members win in CQ WW and ARRL contests.

Tom, K1KI, then talked about the idea of having a single New England QSO Party contest. Currently there are single-state QSO parties in CT, MA, NH, RI, and VT but not ME. Participation in all of them is moderate at best, poor for some. The maximum number of logs received is about seventy-five. The idea under consideration is to combine them into one QSO party and to schedule the first running of this new contest sometime in 2002 (May, August, September, or October), getting support from the current state QSO party sponsors. Tom would like to develop a plan to get all sixty-nine New England counties on the air. We also need for the major contest logging programs (CT, NA, TR, and WL) to support it. He hopes to make the new QSO party as popular and successful as the CA, FL, and PA QSO parties. If you would like to help, contact K1KI or W1RH.

Jim presented the club CQ WW plaque for 1999 to expresident K2KQ. The WPX SSB 2000 certificate for first place multi/single was presented to the team who operated club callsign AJ1I (led by KB1H).

DXCC card checking was available at the back of the room. Several station owners were looking for contest operators. Chris, N1XS, had W1 QSL BURO cards for the final sorters. The Patriot DX Club is interested in running a DX Dinner on the Friday evening before Boxboro next summer.

The business meeting was followed by introductions of the 97 members present and their guests. Then the election of the replacement club activities manager was held, with Tom, K1KI, taking on this role. The club voted in several new members (see "New Crew" for details).

Following this club business, Jim presented the first of the afternoon's featured speakers, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, of the enforcement function of the FCC. He noted that the biggest enforcement problem is California, especially southern California, repeater systems. The second biggest problem is plain stupidity: operators not realizing or not caring how they sound on the air and how their conduct reflects on ham radio (he played several taped examples). The third biggest problem is unlicensed operations on the 10m band, and the fourth is Part 15 junk-Rf-emitting devices. He stressed the importance of the national organization (ARRL) to influence legislation in Washington DC and locally, particularly now that Barry Goldwater is no longer around to represent the interests of amateur radio in the senate. The question and answer session focused on unlicensed South American traffic on 10m, various specific enforcement operations, how contesting contributes to the public perception of amateur radio, illegal CB operations, RFI problems caused by susceptible devices, emergency service radio, and local town planning boards wanting control over interference complaints.

After the break, Jim presented Mr. Hollingsworth with a club recognition plaque.

The second featured speaker was Bob Heil, K9EID, of Heil Sound, on microphone frequency response design, and (as is usual when he addresses a group) life in general and his life in particular. At the end of his talk, he also passed out Heil Sound T shirts and other goodies.

Respectfully submitted, Charlotte L. Richardson, KQ1F, secretary 8 October 2001

FCC Announces Mail Changes for Gettysburg Office

The FCC's Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, office has moved its mailroom offsite. Effective immediately, all overnight couriers—including FedEx and UPS--require the "ship to" address for the FCC Gettysburg office to be Rear entrance, 35 York St, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

The FCC said it's trying to balance accessibility with the need for heightened security and encouraged its customers to make full use of the Commission's electronic filing systems. The Gettysburg office is where Amateur Radio applications are processed and licenses issued by the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. It's also where Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth has his office.

The change does not affect US Postal Service deliveries. The FCC said the USPS will continue to accept and will divert all mail addressed to 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg--the office's physical location--to the off-site mailroom. Until November 30, the FCC itself will divert overnight courier deliveries to 1270 Fairfield Road to the new off-site mailroom.

"This new off-site mailroom facility does not affect applications or any other filings requiring a fee," an FCC Public Notice said. Unless paid on-line using a credit card, amateur vanity call sign fees go to the FCC's contractor in Pittsburgh. Requests for amateur fee refunds, however, are sent to Gettysburg.

The FCC also said the staff at the Gettysburg filing counter at 35 York Street will not accept hand-delivered documents enclosed in envelopes. The filing counter is open weekdays 8 AM until 4:30 PM. Originals and copies of each official filing must continue to be addressed to the Commission and held together with rubber bands or fasteners. "Stamp and return" copies will be provided as long as they clearly accompany each individual filing.

Filings requesting confidential treatment under the Commission's rules must also be filed without envelopes. The staff at the filing counter will enclose such filings in an FCC envelope labeled "confidential."

Questions concerning the FCC Public Notice should be directed to the Building and Facility Management Specialist, rhewitt@fcc.gov or 717-338-2535.

Thanks ARLB048 - November 15, 2001

Flotsam & Jetsam

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As I start writing, we're in the middle of contest season. By the time you read this, WW Phone, WWCW, SS both modes and Thanksgiving will be memories. I can enjoy them all, but NT1N reminded me this year that as a result of knocking myself out last year in SS Phone, I never recovered enough for WWCW. I think I'll play around in SS Phone, maybe try to make a sweep with 80 Qs total. It's tempting to get on more seriously though with the Leonids shower due in the middle of the contest. It's really neat working meteor scatter on ten meters! We'll see...

In a recent visit with Ira, K2RD, he mentioned that he disconnects all cables not needed for the contest. No need to leave open any possibilities of coupling unwanted RF into the radio or computer. I noticed a neat idea in Ira's M/S shack. He has his Yaesu rotator control box on a lazy susan, so it can easily be turned to face either operator at opposite ends of the operating desk.

A couple other ideas from Ira...I always learn something from him. Using 9913 flex coax inside the shack, he gained ten db isolation over RG213. Ira seldom solders shields on PL259s. He folds the shield back over the insulation and screws the 259 over the shield and insulation before soldering the center pin! It sounds like it would be difficult to do, but I haven't tried it.

KQ2M described a CT RFI problem he had on the cq-contest reflector. CT would start printing gibberish and he couldn't enter Qs. I recall having the same problem a long time ago, and resolved it with a Radio Shack snap together ferrite core (273-104). 5 turns of the keyboard cable around the core, at the keyboard end of the cable and I never saw the problem again.

I'm surprised every time I learn that there are contesters who never heard of the cq-contest reflector. Take a look if you haven't tried it. I strongly recommend subscribing to the digest, rather than receive every message that comes along individually. The digest gives you the day's email all consolidated. You can scan the titles, and delete the whole thing if you're not interested. To subscribe, send an email to majordomo@contesting.com. In the body of the message say subscribe cq-contest-digest Follow the subsequent instructions you'll receive. That's all there is to it.

A neat URL that recently appeared on the reflector shows the W3LPL station in WWSSB, and you can listen to Q's with anyone they worked. Take a look at http://k1ra.k8gp.net/lpl/cqwwssb2k1/.

Ever see the Radio Shack Commercial catalog? Call 1 800 442 7221 and ask for one. You can buy most of what you find in the stores at better prices thru mail order, as well as a lot more. You can also order on-line.

While preparing for our ill-fated WW Phone expedition, we needed a means to parallel two cables at the band data Din connector on Yaesu radios. I was reminded that Yaesu uses an odd spaced 8 pin Din plug, and if you try to plug in the look-alike but incorrect plug, you can damage the female on the radio. The 8 pin Din carried by Radio Shack will NOT fit, and the 8 pin plug is NOT one of those that Yaesu gives you with the radio. I was lucky to be able to borrow the right connector from W1UK, but still don't know how you would specify the right one short of buying it from Yaesu or perhaps Top Ten Devices.

Did you work a sweep in SS CW this year? I didn't know until after the contest that my VY1JA contact was with our own YCCC member, N1RL, Rick Lindquist.

Please try to think of anything worth passing along for the next FJ by Christmas! We'll be hitting the road shortly after, but will be home for ARRL CW.

73 JACK W1WEF

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARCONI'S HISTORIC TRANS-ATLANTIC RADIO TRANSMISSION

December 11 - 16, 2001

The Marconi Radio Club and The Falmouth Amateur Radio Association Amateur Radio operators are making plans to celebrate a Marconi world historical event. December 12, 2001 will mark the 100th anniversary of the first Trans-Atlantic radio transmission. That signal was transmitted across the Atlantic from Poldu, Cornwall England to St John's, Newfoundland. Radio pioneer, Marconi, sat listening at Cabot Tower on Signal Hill in Newfoundland. His antenna dangled from a kite in the sky, and through that hanging wire, he heard the anticipated signal from across the ocean, "dit dit dit". The letter, "S", in Morse code. Marconi, son of an Irish mother and an Italian father, had been playing with electricity since he was a child. A rebellious student, he hated lessons but loved to experiment and invent. By the time he was nineteen, he had resolved to be the first man to give the world a system of communication based on electromagnetic waves. By trial and error, relying on his own intuition and audacity, Marconi conducted a series of experiments indicating that long-distance wireless communication was possible. His goal was accomplished and crossed the world over the threshold of radio as we know it today.

To celebrate this 100 year milestone, Amateur Radio operators* ["Hams"] around the country will be launching kite-lifted antennas and demonstrating the marvel of radio to folks in their local communities. Amateur Radio Operators will be flying a kite antenna at Coast Guard Beach in Eastham on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and are planning to contact other Amateurs at the historic Marconi station locations at Poldhu, England and St. Johns, Newfoundland. The Amateurs at these locations will also be flying 1901 kite antenna replicas. They will also be contacting other hams the world over, using the similar technology as Marconi did 100 years before. They will be bouncing radio signals off the ionosphere at the speed of light and will be able to communicate with each other. Some operators will be using Morse Code, while others will use voice transmissions. These commemorative demonstrations will take place during the week of Tuesday, December 11th through Sunday, December 16th 2001. Local school classes, scouts, church groups and news-crews are invited to come out and participate in this historic Marconi anniversary. The Marconi Radio Club members will be launching a kite-lifted antenna on December 12th between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM at the Coast Guard Building in Eastham demonstrating radio contacts just as Marconi did in 1901. Please note that all demonstrations are somewhat weather dependent. Kites

cannot be flown in all conditions. Some operators will demonstrate with other antennas if kites cannot be launched. There will be five on going Amateur Radio stations capable of worldwide communications operating in the Coast Guard building. The operation is open to the public from 9 AM to 5 PM. There will be displays antique radio equipment and a demonstration of a 1902 replica spark gap transmitting and coherer receiving station. Videos of Amateur Radio operation and of Marconi's life and his accomplishment on Cape Cod will be shown. Everyone is invited to visit the Amateur Radio operation during this Marconi 100th Anniversary Radio Celebration. This Historic Event compares with the completion of the transatlantic cable, the transcontinental railroad and the Wright bothers flight at Kitty Hawk.

W1AA/CC

SUGGESTED SSB CALLING FREQUENCIES

75 meters - 3952; 40 meters - 7252; 20 meters - 14.282; 17 meters - 18.152; 15 meters - 21.352; 12 meters - 24.952; 10 meters - 28.352; 6 meters - 50.152

SUGGESTED CW CALLING FREQUENCIES

80 meters - 3552; 40 meters - 7052; 30 meters - 10.112; 20 meters - 14.052; 17 meters - 18.082; 15 meters - 21.052; 12 meters - 24.892; 10 meters - 28.052; 6 meters - 50.102

All frequencies + - 10 Khz.

December 12, 1300Z to 2100Z -The 1902 Replica Kite Antenna will be used on 14052 khz on CW to contact St.Johns, Newfoundland and Poldhu, England.

DX stations QSL via the W1 QSL Bureau W/K stations QSL via the Callbook address, W/K stations - Please with an S.A.S.E.

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Falmouth Amateur Radio Association http://www.falara.org/OpEvents/Marconi/faramarconi.html

Society of Newfoundland Radio Amateurs: http://sonra.ca/

Poldhu Radio Club

http://www.mulliononline.com/CLUBS/GB2GM/GB2GM .htm

New Crew

Please welcome the following new members:

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John J Jeffrey W2ZU, SK

It is with deepest regret that I announce the passing of Dr. John J. Jeffrey W2ZU. John died suddenly after a brief illness. He was in his 64th year. Dr. Jeffrey, known to his friends as "Jeff", was a proficient CW operator. A former traffic handler and DX'er, he very recently was introduced into contesting. Professionally, John was formerly Professor of Biochemistry at Washington University School of Medicine, and more recently, retired as Chairman of Biochemistry at Albany Medical College in Albany, NY. "Jeff" will be missed by his friends on Team Albany and the Albany Amateur Radio Association.

Respectfully, Geo K2ONP NNY Area Representative

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 of 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, Ric Plummer, KV1W, PO Box 1158, Berlin, MA 01503-2158

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CLUB GOODIES BADGES YCCC badges are available from Ric, KV1W. Send \$2, name and call desired on the badge, and your mailing address to: Ric Plummer - YCCC Badge, PO Box 1158, Berlin, MA 01503-2158. APPAREL Contact Brad, W1NT bradld@bellatlantic.net QSL CARDS are ordered through John Dorr, K1AR. To order, send John packet mail, or E-mail at 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 mailed annually with the August issue of the Scuttlebutt, and to new members when they join. Updates are published in 'Movers and Shakers' when members move or change callsigns.

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Upcoming Meetings			
Date	Туре	Place	
Dec 9,	General Meeting	Worcester,	
1- 5 PM	http://www.yccc.org	MA	

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Captain's Cabin	Jim Idleson - K1IR	1
Kid's Day	W1DAD & K1MOM	2
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Flotsam & Jetsam	Jack Schuster – W1WEF	5
Marconi Event	Bob Doherty K1VV	6
New Crew, Movers & Sh	akers	7,8

The next general meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club will be held Sunday December 9th,

From 1PM to 5PM in the Student Union on the campus of Worcester State College.

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