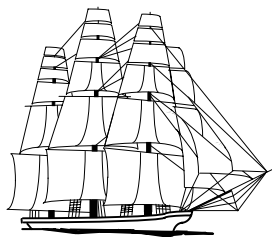

Yankee Clipper



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Captain's Cabin

Don Toman - K2KQ

The great Chinese general Sun Tzu wrote "The Art of War" about 2500 years ago. In it he essentially said that there are no tactics worth considering. Strategy is everything. I believe that what he wrote applies to all competitive endeavors. I'm a student of his.

In keeping with that mind-set, I want to establish the important dates for the coming year in as much detail as possible well in advance, so that everyone is prepared. I want to publish an activity calendar for the entire year and put it in both the Scuttlebutt and on the web site. The calendar will contain meeting dates and the dates of the important contests, among other things. The dates for the 2000-2001 season meetings have been picked...subject to the approval of the authorities at our Worcester State meeting site. I encourage area managers to plan area meetings ahead of time and to add them to the calendar.

Here are a few things to look forward to in the short term:

Our regular meeting will take place at Worcester State on Sunday, June 4.

Many of us will be involved with Field Day activities June 24-25. Some of those FD activities may serve as YCCC meetings.

The IARU contest in early July will be the venue for WRTC-2000 in Slovenia. Several YCCC people are participants. Others will be there as observers. NU1AW will be on the air from this side, manned by YCCC people.

On Saturday, July 29, YCCC and FRC will have a joint party/picnic. It will take place in Parsippany-Troy Hills, New Jersey and promises to be a landmark date. Mark the date now, form up car pools and plan to be there. This will be a meeting for both clubs and an occasion for us to make new friends and spice the competitive edge with a lot of fun.

On August 26, in connection with the New England ARRL convention, YCCC will have a regular meeting at Boxboro. We plan a number of activities for this meeting and we hope to attract new members there.

I expect that we will see hands-on activities at some of the bigger stations in conjunction with the WAE contests in August and September. Perhaps we will have some other area activities in addition to these. Our October meeting will be a celebration similar to last year. Awards this year will be a bit different. For the top three team awards, the medals will have the YCCC logo and a mention of the contest. Plaques will go to the active people on the number one team, as before.

Other contest participation awards will differ from the ones we have given out in the past. Everyone who participates in one of the big four will receive an award. Those who contribute big scores will receive another. Finally, those who participate in all four will receive an award. We'll be discussing the details at the June meeting as well as on the air and on the reflector.

I'm proposing to establish a YCCC special contributor award, meant to reward people who have distinguished themselves by bringing fame and honor to YCCC. People who are not necessarily big guns, but who are technical, organizational or inspirational contributors, or somehow elevate the club and its membership are the pool for this award. Don't confuse this one with the contesting Hall of Fame. Nominations for this award are to come from the membership.

About two years ago, I started to put together a strategic plan for YCCC. A number of members contributed substantially to the rough outlines of it. I intend to revive work on the plan and present it before the end of next year.

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Here are a few strategic things you can do now:

1. Pay your dues for 2000.
2. Attend the June 4th meeting.
3. Plan on attending the YCCC/FRC party on July 29.
4. Plan the club meetings you will attend
5. Think about what you might contribute to a future meeting
6. Set aside the dates of the meetings and the big four contests.
7. Think about how you will participate in the 2000-2001 YCCC wins. Are you going to do single op? Multi-single? Be part of a multi-multi? Join a DXpedition? Plan ahead!

Western CT Meeting – 3/29

Ira Stoler – K2RD

A Western Connecticut YCCC local meeting was held on Wednesday March 29, 2000, at 7:30PM at the Pasta Garden Restaurant, in Brookfield (Danbury), Connecticut. Twelve YCCC members attended including K2RD, K2KQ, W1CU, KF2XY, AA1MY, WB3DLG, N8RA, K2ZZ, W1QK, W1QJ, N1GS, and KA1YED.

General discussions of recent contest and other activities took place. Seab, AA1MY, discussed and demonstrated very interesting kite technology for supporting antennas, as in his article on the same subject in April 2000 QST. He promised to do a presentation at the June Worcester meeting.

Food was good, talk was good, and meeting broke up round 10:30 pm with all enjoying the evening.

April Meeting Minutes

Charlotte Richardson – KQ1F

The April 2000 general meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club was held at Worcester State College on Saturday, April 1, 2000. The meeting was called to order by club president Don, K2KQ, and began with introductions of the fifty-eight members in attendance and their guests. The treasury balance stood at \$7519.21. The club elected the following officers for the 2000-2001 contest season:

President: Don, K2KQ
Vice President: Paul, K1XM
Activities Manager: Ann, WA1S
Treasurer: Ric, KV1W
Secretary: Charlotte, KQ1F

Club scorekeeper Dave, K1HT, gave us an update on our current standings in the ARRL DX Contests. So far, the eligible club scores total 195M on CW and 194M on SSB, for a total of just over 390M. 1.6M points on CW and 1.3M points on SSB are known to be ineligible for club participation (due to not meeting the attendance requirement). Art, W1RZF, club team coordinator, then broke out the club team standings in the ARRL DX Contests so far. Team 15 was in the lead with a total of 25M, followed by team 20 at 24M, team 17 at 23M, and team 26 at 17M. Art proposed that noncontributing people be dropped from the teams for the next contest year, unless the team captain or the individual operator wishes to remain listed on a team.

Don, K2KQ, then proposed that some of the club's currently healthy budget be spent on a joint pizza and beer party with FRC in the New Jersey area sometime this summer, probably on a Saturday, to give us a chance to meet the competition.

The club elected two new members: Edmond S. Zuromski, W1HI, and Bob Willis, N1MEZ.

Continuing the recent meeting theme of station-building, Don is looking for volunteers to be part of a round-table discussion on transceivers at the June meeting. Craig, W1JCC, from Ham Radio Bookstore, reminded members to purchase their Dayton Contest Dinner tickets. Jim, K1IR, is selling off items from K1MEM's estate, and noted that the Drake C Line is still available. Contact him for more information.

The main program, on towers, tower regulations, and building permits, was presented by Fred, K1VR, and Jim, K1IR, with supporting information from Jonathan, W1CU, and Mike, K1TWF. Fred listed what documents he brings along when he serves as volunteer counsel on a ham radio tower building permit case. He brings a wealth

of documents, from public laws to FCC regulations to town by-laws, as well as newspaper clipping on how ham radio has saved lives. Jim relayed his story of getting a building permit for his tower. Fred brought extra copies of various documents for members going through this process. Jonathan spoke about his experiences as a member of his town's zoning board of appeals. Fred is writing a book on the subject for the ARRL.

After the break, Dave, K1HT, and Rich, K2WR, talked about current ARRL Contest Advisory Committee items. Dave serves as the New England Division representative, while Rich represents the Hudson Division. There is a current proposal to add a 6-8 hour "sprint" category to the ARRL Sweepstakes contests for operation on Sunday afternoon. Many members seemed to believe that the main impact of this new category would be to draw casual operators away from Saturday afternoon or other times rather than to fill in the Sunday afternoon doldrums with new contesters. Possibly the new category would encourage people to operate who did not do so in past years, or would some full-time operators cut back their participation in an effort to win this new category? Dave and Rich are looking for input from YCCC members.

The meeting concluded with a round-table question and answer session with Fred, K1VR, Jim, K1IR, Jonathan, W1CU, and Mike, K1TWF, on tower building permits. This discussion generated so much interest that Don, K2KQ, postponed his briefing on vertical antennas until the June meeting.

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April general meeting

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Framingham, MA Meeting – 3/26

Art Holmes – W1RZF

The Meeting was called to order at 9:40 am at the
Framingham High School, the site of the Framingham
ARC flea market. There were 14 current members present.
Two prospective members. Sharon Gartenberg,
KC1YR and Bob Johnson, WA1OFR, were introduced
and received a unanimous vote for membership.

We had a lively discussion on the formation of the teams
for the coming year and the preliminary club results for
the ARRL DX contests.

The following members were present; W1RH, N1FIY,
N1NVX, AA1IZ, N1UVA, W1MA, WA1OFR, W1EK,
AA1ON, K1NU, K1HT, K1GU, W1ABC, K1TW,
KC1YR and W1RZF.

Three members paid dues. The meeting was closed at
10:30 am.

2000-2001 Calendar

May 26-28	WPX CW
June 4	YCCC meeting - Worcester
June 24-25	ARRL Field Day
July 8-9	IARU and WRTC-2000
July 29	YCCC/FRC - Troy Hills, NJ
August 12-13	WAE CW
August 26	Boxboro convention/YCCC meeting
September 9-10	WAE SSB
October 14	YCCC meeting/awards - Worcester
October 27-29	CQ Worldwide DX SSB
November 4-5	ARRL Sweepstakes CW
November 18-19	ARRL Sweepstakes SSB
November 24-26	CQ Worldwide DX CW
December 1-3	ARRL 160 CW
December 3	YCCC meeting - Worcester
December 8-10	ARRL 10M
January 26-28	CQ WW 160 CW
February 3	YCCC meeting - Worcester
February 16-18	ARRL DX CW
February 23-25	CQ WW 160 SSB
March 2-4	ARRL DX Phone
April 1	YCCC meeting/elections - Worcester

ARRL CAC Activities

Dave Hoaglin - K1HT

This spring the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee (CAC) was asked to study a proposal to add a new category, an 8-hour Sunday "sprint," to the November Sweepstakes. I would like to thank those who sent me their comments after I posted a request for input on the YCCC Reflector.

As in those comments, opinion in the CAC was split, but not evenly --- a clear majority voted to recommend making no changes in the Sweepstakes. Some members decided that the proposal deserved a trial for a year or two. Others felt that such a change would fundamentally alter the nature of the SS or, at least, would not achieve the goal of drawing in operators who do not now participate. Indeed, some expressed concern that such a category would cause some current participants to operate fewer hours.

Having completed its assigned work on this proposal, the CAC is still open to suggestions for ways to strengthen the SS. I'll be glad to pass along your ideas. My e-mail address is k1ht@arrl.net.

I think it will be interesting to see what impact the recent license restructuring has on participation in SS and other contests, especially on SSB. In this year's Massachusetts QSO Party, I had a large number of /AG stations call in on 20 SSB. One even told me that I was his first QSO on HF! Of course, calling in to give me a QSO doesn't guarantee that all these new Generals will plunge into SS or CQWW, but some surely will. We should ask what we can do to make their entry into real contesting as easy as possible. An introduction to computer logging may spur many of them, and mentoring always helps. What else can we do, both as a club and as individuals, to bring these folks into the fold?

Flotsam and Jetsam

“Barnacle Jack” Schuster – W1WEF

PLEASE - PLEASE send me some ideas to share with others! Here are a few I received and a few off the top of my head. (At least there's something there in place of hair!)

N1DD passes this along. To prevent slippage of the mast in his Yaesu rotor, Gerry found that rubber pipe couplings available from Home Depot or similar sources fit nicely around the mast, and into the rotor mast clamp. It may be necessary to slit the rubber sleeve depending on the size of the mast or sleeve.

That reminds me of the back breaking job I just finished! Last year I buried 4 inch PVC pipe with all of my coax and control cables across the driveway in front of my garage. Now that we decided to have the driveway paved, it turns out I didn't have them deep enough! I dug it all up by hand and now it's deep enough no matter what they say!!! I'll put in a second conduit when they come with a Bobcat for future needs.

While in Texas this past January, I visited K5NA on the night of a Texas State University radio club meeting. Rich said there would be a couple of contesters there like K5TR, so I opted to go to the meeting. The ZL9CI DXpedition video was shown, and although there seemed to be more pictures of water than radio, they had the sound track from the receiver as they were working a few guys. I heard our own K1RV working them on both CW and phone!

Rich, K5NA is building a super station in Texas. He had 4 of the planned 5 towers up already, but the fifth is waiting for the new house to be built. His beverages were supported by steel fence posts driven into the ground, topped by 8 ft of PVC pipe with a hole for the beverage wire to pass through. When he has to do any soldering out in the field, he uses an "Ultratorch" by Master Mechanics.

In his presentation at the last meeting, Jim Idelson, K1IR mentioned RF setting off smoke alarms. The cure was a .01 uf disk ceramic bypass cap at each smoke alarm from the sense wire to ground, along with ferrites near the alarm. I believe the "sense wire" is what runs to the other alarms in the house to make sure they all go off when one senses smoke.

When we got back from the March RV trip, I gave K5FUV a hand taking apart antennas and getting things loaded to take back to Arkansas. When we were about done, Sandy noticed the Rohn 45 tower base sticking out of the concrete, and she didn't think the buyers would appreciate it. Ever wonder how hard it is to cut through Rohn tower legs? I got my Sawzall with a metal cutting blade and it cut like a piece of cake! Very easy.

Running Out of Room? Build The K1IR Short Shelf

Jim Idelson – K1IR

Earlier this year, while I was getting ready for the ARRL CW DX Contest, I made one of my most useful station improvements in a long time [yes . . . I did this in the four hours just prior to the contest]. I am using a folding office table for my station. The table wasn't deep enough for me to comfortably place my computer keyboard in front of the rigs. I'd have to reach my fingers down behind the keyboard to adjust some of the controls on my FT-1000MP. It was very annoying. So I decided to build a short shelf to raise the equipment about 4.5 inches above the table. The shelf is made of 2 x 12 pine board and the legs are made from 2.5 inch sections of closet pole. I used extra legs under the parts of the shelf where there is extra weight. The thickness of the shelf ensures that it doesn't warp too much as time goes by. The height of the legs is sufficient to be able to slide the keyboard underneath, if needed.



The photo shows the solution. Notice how the row of controls along the bottom of the FT-1000MP front panel are now easily accessible. Some people have asked if the main tuning knob is now too high. I have found that this new position provides easier operating of all controls!

1999 – 2000 YCCC Challenge...A Look Back

Art Holmes – W1RZF

Team	# mem	cqww points	ssb entries	cqww points	cw entries	arrl points	dx cw entries	arrl points	dx ssb entries	total points	# arrl eligi	no partic in 2 yrs	Team captain
1	18	11.7	10	10.3	10	2.8	5	3.6	5	28.4	11		1 W1NT
2	17	14.3	9	13.3	8	6.5	8	6.3	7	40.4	10		3 KM1P
3	19	15.9	10	16.9	12	3.2	5	5.9	5	41.9	16		0 K1MV
4	16	12.1	10	14.6	8	5.9	7	8	8	40.6	11		2 N1RR
5	16	15.9	10	13.6	9	5.7	6	10.4	9	45.6	9		4 N1AU
6	19	19.1	13	13.8	9	10	9	5	6	47.9	13		1 K1EA
7	17	18.2	11	7.7	6	6.7	5	4.5	4	37.1	10		3 KS1J
8	17	9.3	11	16.2	10	6.1	7	6.2	8	37.8	11		2 K1TW
9	17	17.8	12	13.4	7	8	6	6.6	7	45.8	14		3 WA1ZYX
10	20	13.1	12	10.9	12	7.2	8	9.1	10	40.3	15		1 K5MA
11	19	11.9	12	16.9	10	7.3	8	5.2	11	41.3	15		4 K1RV
12	20	16.4	8	13	6	7.6	9	7	5	44	11		5 WA1S
13	20	7.9	8	11	3	9.1	4	7	8	35	15		5 KV1W
14	17	14.8	11	10.9	8	7.4	7	9	6	42.1	12		3 WO1N
15	18	18.2	12	21.2	11	13.5	8	12.2	11	65.1	14		3 K1VV
16	17	17.6	9	13.1	3	6	3	5.6	4	42.3	7		0 AA1CE
17	18	21.6	13	18.7	14	13.6	9	10.2	8	64.1	13		3 N1CX
18	18	13.5	10	9.2	6	2.6	2	4.5	7	29.8	11		3 N2YHK
19	19	24.1	11	22.9	11	8.4	10	7.3	8	62.7	16		3 W1WEF
20	19	12.4	9	11.7	6	11.2	6	13.1	10	48.4	12		5 WB1GEX
21	18	16.3	8	6.4	5	0.2	1	6	4	28.9	9		4 KB1SO
22	19	14.3	12	13.1	9	7.2	3	3.2	6	37.8	12		3 K1ZM
23	18	11.3	8	9.3	6	6.4	6	6.4	8	33.4	8		5 K1ZR
24	18	15.7	12	23.3	11	9.9	7	5.3	6	54.2	12		2 N1SR
25	19	14.1	6	17.6	7	8.3	5	6.9	4	46.9	9		6 W1MA
26	17	16.8	8	7.4	3	7.5	6	10.4	6	42.1	8		2 NJ1F
Total	470	394.3	265	356.4	210	188.3	160	184.9	181	1124	304		76
Avg	18.1	15.2	10.2	13.7	8.1	7.2	6.2	7.1	7.0	43.2	11.7		2.9

All Points Are In Millions

The Best Of The Best

The Top 50 From The 1999 – 2000 Contest Season

KI1G	25.54	NT1N	12.79	W1NG	10.07	KS1J	8.63	W1AAX	6.90
K1AR	23.90	N1EU	12.17	WA1S	9.94	K5ZD	8.21	K1RX	6.90
K1DG	19.67	K5MA	11.88	AD1C	9.88	N1DG	7.36	KF1V	6.90
K2XA	16.67	K1XX	11.16	W1FV	9.88	K1HI	7.32	W1FJ	6.88
W1KM	13.79	K1XM	10.91	KM3T	9.88	K2ONP	7.28	K2SX	6.83
K1ZM	13.61	N2TX	10.87	K1GQ	9.88	W1CSM	7.06	K1RO	6.69
W1WEF	13.47	N1CX	10.69	WC1M	9.48	NB1B	7.06	K1CC	6.68
K1ZZ	13.23	K2TE	10.47	K2SS	9.42	W1CU	6.98	K1VUT	6.60
KC1F	13.15	K2KQ	10.40	K1EA	9.01	N6RFM	6.96	KM1P	6.60
KS1L	12.95	K2RD	10.25	K1IR	8.72	K1EPJ	6.90	K1LZ	6.56

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Rules for Dxing

Whitey Doherty – K1VV

- If you come upon a pileup, find the exact DX frequency and slowly tune up your KW right on his frequency. Take your time doing this as it has maximum effect this way. The longer you take, the better.
- If you cannot wait to find out the DX call sign, ask "What is the DX call sign?" On CW send "DX?", "Call?" Do Not listen, this takes time. Do this repeatedly until some one gives you the call, this will show all others on frequency that you are serious about wanting to work this DX. This is called sharing.
- When you find out the DX call, repeat your call over and over again on the DX frequency, even if he is working split there is a chance he may be listening on his transmit frequency.
- For a split operation, spend most of your day listening and transmitting on the DX sending frequency. On CW if some one calls on the DX transmitting frequency, right away using your J-38 at 4 WPM, send VP...UG...NP...UP. until you get it right. If the station continues to call on the DX frequency, then send LSD...LIB...LED...LID until you get it right.

This has three benefits.

- 1.) Others waiting to work the DX will be forever indebted to you for informing the offending station.
 - 2.) The offending station will be grateful.
 - 3.) You will get some needed code practice to get you over that 5 WPM hump.
- For those with CW and voice memory keyers this will be easy. All you have to do is program in "UP" and "LID". For the more advanced you can add "SPLIT"...."YOU IDIOT, WORKING SPLIT" ...Using the memory keyers for your days activity will save your voice should you happen by chance to have a QSO you will need it.
 - When the DX says "ABC only"- Don't believe him. If he says "Europe only" Don't believe him. If he says "2's only" - Don't believe him. Keep giving your call "XYZ !!...XYZ !!...XYZ !! HOW COPY MARIO ?" Make sure you use his name when you call him, he may think you are some one he knows, it must work as we hear it on bands all the time so it has to be effective. Don't pay attention to directional CQs, when did any DX know what they wanted..... what

matters most is what you want.

- To get the DX to work other modes tell him you want set up a schedule later which is convenient to you. You should wait until the pileup has built up to several hundred and just before the band is about to go out, then ask him to meet you on CW, RTTY or SSB at a set time and frequency. Above all, make sure you tell him that YOU need him on these modes. This will endear you in the hearts of all on frequency, it shows that you can work more than one mode and are a well rounded amateur.
- If you have worked the DX previously make sure you call him and tell him that he is stronger than the last 6 times you worked him this week. The DX station will want to know this. Others on frequency will respect you more, you will be recognized as a Big Gun DXer.
- When you find a DX pileup, to bring your operating skills to a higher level and impress all those on frequency – Zero beat the DX send "QRL?" "Is this frequency in use?" This shows character and that you are truly a caring person.
- When finally making the DX contact, give the DX some background about yourself, TX, RX, ANT, WX, how many children and grandchildren you have, where they went to college, what size bedroom slipper you wear, or any other items of interest to the DX. This shows that you are not just a 599 kind of guy. This is most effective when the band is just about to fold.
- After you have worked the DX you will need the QSL route. Although this will be listed on the DX packet cluster, in ARRL & DX News Letters, and on the Internet, there is no reason for you to go to all the bother of reading these sources. You can just keep calling on the DX frequency..."What is the QSL Information?". If you don't get a reply with the information after 8 or 10 calls, keep it up, your persistence will pay off, there are plenty of other stations on frequency who are waiting to work the DX who have read these publications.

As always...Work'em First....Confirm Later.....

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**

SCUTTLEBUTT ARTICLES should be sent to the Scuttlebutt editor, Doug Scribner K1ZO, preferably by E-mail at k1zo@arrl.net or on 3½" disk (in MSWord format or text file) by snail mail to Doug Scribner, 661 Park Avenue #4, Keene, NH 03431. The deadline for each issue is the 10th of the preceding month. **CONTEST SCORES** should be sent to the club scorekeeper, Dave Hoaglin, K1HT, preferably by packet or by E-mail at dave_hoaglin@abtassoc.com. Please include details such as numbers of QSOs, QSO points (if appropriate), and multipliers (all types); entry category; and power.

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@sprynet.com **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 \$62 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 call signs.

COMPUTER STUFF INTERNET REFLECTOR There is an Internet mailing list for YCCC members. To subscribe, send mail to yccc-request@yccc.org. Include the word "subscribe" in the body of the mail message. **WWW HOME PAGE** Come visit us at <http://www.yccc.org>. Our Webmaster is Doug Scribner, K1ZO. **CT CONTEST LOGGING SOFTWARE** is available from Matt, KC1XX. Orders: 603-878-4600. Support: 603-878-4200 CT-BBS: 603-878-1900 (28.8k, 8,N,1). As of this writing there is no E-mail address, but Matt says something is coming. There is an Internet mailing list for CT users. To subscribe, send email to CT-USER-REQUEST@contesting.com, and put only the word SUBSCRIBE in the message body. The CT reflector is also the best way to get CT country file updates. These updates may also be obtained from the CT BBS, or send a blank formatted disk and \$1.00 for postage to Jim Reisert, AD1C, 7 Charlemont Court, North Chelmsford, MA 01863-2306.

ADMINISTRATIVE STUFF The W1 QSL BUREAU is sponsored by the YCCC. Keep your account up to date with SASEs, or send a check. Stamps are sold at face value, envelopes are 10 cents each. Address: W1 QSL Bureau, YCCC, PO Box 80216, Springfield, MA 01138. Email address: w1qsl@yccc.org. **PACKET NETWORK** information is available from Charlie Carroll, K1XX, Candlelight Rd., Rindge NH 03461.

ARRL COMMITTEE REPS are **CAC New England** Dave Hoaglin, K1HT; **CAC Hudson** Rich Gelber, K2WR; **DXAC New England** Ken Bolin, W1NG **DXAC Hudson** Rich Wujciak-K2RW. **ARRL LIAISON** is Tom Frenaye, K1KI.

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Type	Place
Jun 4 (Sun)	General	Worcester MA

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ARRL CAC Activities	Dave Hoaglin - K1HT	5
Flotsam and Jetsam	"Barnacle Jack" - W1WEF	6
Build The Short Shelf	Jim Idelson - K1IR	6
1999 - 2000 YCCC Challenge	Art Holmes - W1RZF	7
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Rules For DXing	Whitey Doherty - K1VV	8

The next general meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club will be held Sunday June 4th,
at 1:00 PM at the Student Union on the campus of Worcester State College in Worcester, MA

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