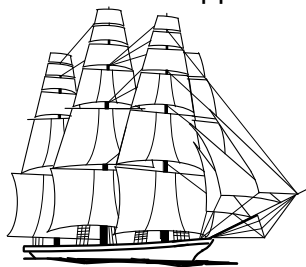


Yankee Clipper



Contest Club

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## Captain's Cabin

Tom Frenay, K1KI

The summer meetings really seem to have been received well! We had larger turnouts than expected at each one, found some new members and built a bunch of new friendships. I believe YCCC now stands as the largest contest club in the USA. The next step for us is to improve on our #2 finish in CQWW SSB and CW in 1995, and #2 finish in ARRL DX SOB and CW in 1996.

The Frankford Radio Club (big antennas, enthusiastic attitude, Philadelphia area) boasts that they are the best contest club in the country, and they have dominated in the club competition scoring for years. Actually, in CQWW they have won in every year since 1983 - twelve years in a row! So, let's congratulate them for a great effort during one entire sunspot cycle - and beat them this year, and keep it up until the next sunspot minimum.

Last year we were solidly beaten - something like 276m to 218m points. Much of the difference was in the FRC's effort to get every member on the air as much as possible on both modes if possible. They also pushed for DXpedition points and outgunned us there as well. In the end, they usually get more than 75% of their members on the air on each mode, while YCCC's effort only turns out 30-40%. We usually have bigger average scores and more finishers in the Top Ten, but they dominate in submitting single operator assisted (packet) and in multi-operator entries. This is the year we can end their winning streak!

If you make more than 300 QSOs (6-8 hours) on either mode we'll have a great-looking YCCC certificate for you, and if you can reach 600 QSOs (15-20 hours) on

either mode you'll be taking home a rare YCCC mug! Of course, if you have more than an average station and several years of contest experience, you may be able to do much better than that!

Welcome to all of the new members that have joined over the summer, and welcome back to everyone who has renewed their YCCC membership. We really will have to work hard to have a chance of coming in first in the CQWW club competition - but it is within reach for the first time in many years.

Everyone has to contribute for us to win - do whatever you can do to maximize your score. The most important ingredient is for you to squeeze in more hours of operating! Operate where your efforts will produce the most points - at home or helping someone else out. Just remember that you can have too many people at a multi-operator station - the total points per operator may suffer. If YCCC is to win this year, it will be because we all made a contribution, not because of a few big scorers. See you in the pileups! ☐

## Amidships

Leonard Kay, KB2R

Funny, I've managed to avoid the pileup twice now. A newly licensed ham in 1977, who didn't pass the Extra exam until 1979 (at 201 Varick St., NY, NY), I narrowly missed the window to get a 1x2 callsign then. So, I did the next best thing. I waited until I had read that AZ2Z had been assigned - no 'A's or 'N's for me - and sent off my Form 610 the next day. Due to the extraordinary time lags that existed in the days before FedEx and the Internet, they were already cruising through the 'K's by that time, and I drew

KB2R, not KA2\*. Pretty cool, I thought. A rare prefix!

Of course, had I thought ahead 15 years (don't all college students?), I would have realized what would happen after the KA2 2x3's rolled over and KB2's started showing up regularly in contests around 1993 (while KB2AAA was assigned sometime around 1987, it took awhile for enough of them who upgraded but kept their call to show up). I can't begin to count how many times in phone contests I get asked "Kilo Bravo 2 Radio, what's the rest of your call?". Another reason to stick to CW, I guess.....

Now, lately I've been sitting back, watching everyone else do it all over again with Gate 2 <smirk>. Sigh, another round of the "new call / old call" thing. No more contest fun with NV6O/N4BO. A whole new bunch of calls to learn. Yes, I'm keeping mine. Even though I haven't lived in 2-land since high school, as a famous(?) YCCC'er once told me, "Once a 2, always a 2".

But I do hope that you all get your top choices! And please, send Email or packet mail to me or to YCCC. I will compile everyone's callsign changes and run a "New Call / Old Call" column here in the 'Butt for the next couple issues.

You may have noticed there was no cookbook this year. Between lack of time to do it, the bottom of the sunspot cycle, and not a great demand, I decided to pass. The 1995-96 Cookbook is still available for all the new members or anyone else who needs a copy. I will bring a bunch of copies to Boxboro with me. Otherwise, drop me a line, or download it yourself from the YCCC Web Page.

(see AMIDSHIPS, page 4)

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The Yankee Clipper Contest Club (an ARRL affiliated club) holds six general meetings per year in Sturbridge, MA and various special meetings throughout club territory. Attendance at a meeting is required to become a member.

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For any club-related questions, contact your area manager or any officer.

**1996-1997 Contest Propagation Predictions**

Dean Straw, N6BV

Scientists believe that Cycle 23 has already started and that the solar flux should start rising within a year or so. The bad news is that solar activity will still be low for the CQWW and the ARRL DX contests this fall and winter. Sorry, folks. I am still using an optimistic value of Smoothed Sunspot Number = 15 for this season's propagation tables.

Again, this year's tables list predicted signal strengths by S-units. One new feature: signals stronger than S9 are listed as S9+. I have divided the world up into seven geographic areas, as follows:

- ⇒ EU = Europe; zones 14, 15, 16, 20 and 40
- ⇒ FE = Far East; zones 19, 24, 25, 26 and 28
- ⇒ SA = Central/South America/Caribbean; zones 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13
- ⇒ AF = Africa; zones 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39
- ⇒ AS = Central and South Asia; zones 17, 18, 21, 22 and 23
- ⇒ OC = Oceania; zones 27, 29, 30, 31 and 32
- ⇒ NA = North America; zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

As usual, the predictions were done using *IONCAP*, and they assume undisturbed geomagnetic conditions. The antennas used at each end of all circuits represent typical good-sized contest stations: 100-foot high dipoles on 80 and 40 meters, a 3-element Yagi at 100 feet on 20 meters, and 4-element Yagis at 60 feet for 15 and 10 meters. Scale the results accordingly for different types of antennas. For example, if a DX station transmits with a dipole on the higher bands instead of with a Yagi, subtract 2 S-units from the values in the table. I have assumed that a typical receiver's S-Meter is generous, with 4 dB per S-unit. The transmitter power at each end of the circuit is 1500 W.

**Observations:**

Just like last year, conditions on 10 meters will not be a lot of fun, but do watch out for those weak-signal openings into Oceania late in the afternoon. There will be some nice multipliers there, but the pileups will probably be horrendous, just as they will be for the Africans coming through about 18 UTC.

15 meters will be very important for multipliers. The European runs will still not be as hot and heavy as they have been in the last few years, nor will they last as long. If you are running Europeans, you should occasionally ask them to stand by for any Asian stations that might be in the pileup.

Expect 20 meters to be the workhorse band, as it has for the last couple of years. Look for Far East stations during the morning European runs, and in the afternoon. Signal levels will be moderate (a peak of S8 is predicted for the CQWW SSB), but there should be JAs available. In the middle of your 40-meter CW runs, don't forget to catch the 20-meter Southeast Asia opening about 22-23 UTC.

40 meters will be lots of fun at this point in the solar cycle. *IONCAP* predicts that signals, albeit very weak, will be available 24 hours a day on 40 meters. Work your brains out into Europe! Turn your beam to catch long-path Southeast Asians just about sunset too.

80 meters will be 80 meters -- sunspots essentially don't matter on this band. Work all the Europeans you can to get lots of multipliers. The signals from the western Africans will be S9 for much of the evening, while the deep south Africans will only be about S4, about 01-03 UTC. If you're going to get a JA, it will be about 09-10 UTC, but they'll be weak as usual.

Note that the column "NA" (North America) includes all zones in North America. This means that the signals will be very loud on the lower bands, dominated in these computations by signals from Zone 5, of course. On 80 meters you may be able to snag a zone 1 KL7 around 10 UTC, and zone 3 will peak about 09 UTC. □

## Boxboro Meeting Agenda

Dean Straw, N6BV

The following is the final planned meeting schedule for the October Boxboro meeting of the YCCC. There are only a few minor changes since the schedule printed here in August. See you all there!

- 12:00 PM: Greetings from K1KI; business portion of meeting
- 12:30 PM: Prize drawing
- 12:45 PM: "Propagation Forecast for '96 CQWW", by N6BV
- 1:00 PM: Blue-Ribbon Panel Discussion:  
"Strategies to Win the CQWW for YCCC",  
by WZ1R, KB1H, K1CC, AA2MF, and others  
*Topics:* Use/setup of CT program  
Optimal use of YCCC packet network for CQWW  
Maximizing score for part-time efforts  
Category: Multi or SOA or ??
- 1:45 PM: Prize drawing and break
- 2:00 PM: The CQWW Score Challenge -- Pumping Iron for the YCCC -- Score commitments and rally for CQWW.
- 2:30 PM: Prize drawing and social break
- 3:00 PM: "Latest Propagation/Terrain/Area-Coverage Tools", by N6BV. Integrating latest YTAD and VOACAP for Windows programs, in full-blown color!
- 3:30 PM: Update from CQ Contest Committee, by K1AR and K1DG
- 3:45 PM: Update from ARRL Contest Advisory Committee, by AA2DU
- 4:00 PM: "CQWW from A6," a multi-media presentation by K1XM and KQ1F
- 4:30 PM: Prize drawing and adjourn for pizza

## KY1H Fall Schedule

Dave Robbins, KY1H

Here are the contests plans so far. Any other weekends are still open for efforts in what ever other contests there may be. Contact the organizer listed below if you want to help operate for the multi-op efforts.

**NOTE: CQWW CW IS NOT ON THANKSGIVING WEEKEND!**

Date	Contest	class	organizer (last year)
9/28-29	CQWW RTTY	M/?	KE1FO
10/5-6	CQP	S/O	KE1FO
10/26-27	CQWW SSB	M/M	AA1AS
11/2-3	SS CW	M/S	KB1W
11/16-17	SS SSB	SO?	NJ1F
11/23-24	CQWW CW	M/M	AA1AS
12/6-8	ARRL 160m	M/S	(KB1W?????)
12/14-15	ARRL 10m	M/S	open!

## Flotsam & Jetsam

"Barnacle" Jack Schuster, W1WFEF

*"the wreckage of a ship or its cargo found floating on the sea...odds and ends"* – Websters New World Dictionary

This month we are inaugurating a new column that will present odds and ends worth passing along that might help the newcomer or oldtimer alike. We all do things routinely that we may think are widely known, but that's not necessarily so. Whether it's a source for hardware, a way to do the job easier, a contest operating tip...*Flotsam & Jetsam* is where you can share your useful tips with fellow YCCers. Please don't feel that they have to be original... many of us have missed good ideas because we didn't read everything that was ever published! Here are a few to kick it off:

- Rohn tower sections go together much easier when both the mating ends are given a good dose of WD-40.
- Rusty spots on galvanized towers can be touched up with a spray can of Cold Galvanizing after light wire brushing.
- Loctite Rust Reformer inhibits further rusting. Just apply to rusty areas...turns black but can be painted over.
- Separating Rohn sections...use a small scissors jack between two boards placed between the sections. Tie the boards and jack to the tower so you dont have to catch them when the sections separate
- Clean up aluminum antenna elements with fine steel wool. Wear gloves.
- Home Depot carries a product called "GB Ox-gard", an anti-oxidant compound for aluminum joints good for coating mating antenna elements. A \$3 tube ensures ease of separation should the antenna ever be taken apart, and one tube is enough for two TH6's.

Send your ideas to Barnacle JACK (aka W1WFEF), 408 Thompson St., Glastonbury, CT 06033 or forward on the packet cluster. Meanwhile, Work 'Em Faster! ☐

## Romeo Wins the Big One: KCDXC Carp Tournament

[reprinted from the Kansas City DX Club newsletter]

Despite much controversy, Romeo, 3W3RR, out fished the field in the annual KCDXC Carp Tournament on July 26 and brought in a 21 pound certified American Carp.

Romeo was proclaimed the winner of the Tournament by Head Judge N0XA, despite claims from numerous participants that he wasn't on the Kaw River in Kansas, but was really across the boundary line in Missouri. Romeo claims he was fishing in the mouth of the Kaw River, just before it becomes the Missouri. He explained, "Whose [sic] to say just where the boundary line is on a river anyway?"

Even though several Dxers from W1 land claimed they saw Romeo anchor his boat just inside the Kansas line and throw his bait (1 stick of dynamite) back over into Missouri waters, his victory became official.

Head Judge N0XA, reminded the crowd at the weigh-in that "there is only one rule in the KCDXC Carp Tournament: There are no rules!" Fred said, "So, whoever drags the biggest @#\*@##\*# carp up here is the winner. Period!"

One Finnish ham well known for rare Dxpeditions protested, "What's to keep a guy from going to a fish market and buying a carp to bring to the competition?"

KCDXC officials said privately, "If he can find a fish market in the KC area that sells fresh carp and he wants to load it up in his car in the July heat and drive to the weigh-in, more power to him!"

Romeo did a brief SSB operation on his way down river to his fishing hole, when he landed on Argentine Island just south of beautiful Armourdale Beach. An ARRL official who competed in the Tournament said, "You can be sure that Romeo's operation would not count for any League awards!" Romeo used his French callsign in the operation: F1SH/W0. However, it will count for IOTA. ☐

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*(AMIDSHIPS, from page 1)*

And since there was no cookbook, you'll find N6BV's famous CQWW and ARRL DX propagation charts for this season in this very issue.

Jackets, we got jackets.... I need a few more people (4 to be exact) to fill out this jacket order I've been holding on to for months now. Bring your checkbook to Boxboro - I'll be taking orders.

And, by the way, I won my WRTC T-shirt petition. They accepted my two busted Q's. One guy copied KB2B and another KD2R. You know, having a call with a B and ending in R is not optimal. Maybe I will change it.....

Nah. ☐

## Know Your Wetlands!

Glenn Swanson, KB1GW

Good topic, guys and gals: I put up my (modest) tower that is overlooking a swampy area that transitions into a lake in back of my home. The Avon town building dept. saw my site drawing and called in the "wetlands" people in town. A woman came out and looked at my pile of dirt (I had the hole dug) and noted: "No problem--since it's a 'hand dug' hole."

She added that if I'd used machinery that things might be different. Since the (small) dirt pile was "stable" and not emitting any runoff into the wetlands (downhill, directly below the tower sight) she was happy. (You may have noticed that a dirt pile like this will kind of 'glaze over' after a few days--and not be as 'loose' as it was when you first piled it up.) Also, I got the message that they felt machinery would probably would have made more of a "mess," and things may have been more 'unstable,' thus perhaps, posing more of a threat to the wetlands below...

She even noted what was growing below in the wetlands (several "swamp maple" trees, among other flora and fauna). I wonder what her reaction might have been had something else (just what?, I'm not sure), been growing there in the wetlands??

Might pay to "bone up" on wetlands flora and fauna (and critters) just to be sure you're not 'threatening' any particular species. I wouldn't go hog wild over it, but a trip to the local library for a simple wetlands guide book and a peek into your wetlands may help prepare you for such an encounter--should you have one. I'd guess it's a "roll of the dice" as to just what you'll experience. It may go 'swimmingly' for you. :-) But, wetlands are a relatively hot topic in some places, that's for sure.

Sidebar: A beaver came up from the lake last weekend--put on a big show by standing on his hind-legs, and looking at us, looking back at him. He was about 100' from the house. Neat stuff--living in an area rich with wildlife. Now if I could only dynamite the hell out of those pesky 200' hills that lie due east and west of me.....

No need to panic--but be prepared:  
Plan for the worst--hope for the best! ☐

## Poop Deck

### Movers and Shakers

New info for **Bill, WA1IML**:  
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and (860)535-3827.

### Late-Breaking News!!

#### Yankee Clipper Contest Club now holder of W2PV

Just before press time, good news from the FCC! The YCCC club callsign is now W2PV. Thanks to K2TR, K1XM and KJ4KB for making it happen, and to K1KP for spotting the new call in the FCC's list from 9/23. Come to the Box-boro YCCC meeting on October 5th to hear more about it!

Now, when do we use it?

### Artist Needed!

Tom, K1KI found a good source for mugs for those who make 600 QSOs in each mode in CQWW. Now he needs some help putting together the artwork that goes on them.

The working area on the mug is roughly 2-7/8" high by 8" wide (wrapping around the mug). That gives us room for the YCCC logo and name, the contest name(s), and more. We could go for more than one color (for more \$\$).

So... who can help out? What should go on the mugs? Any creative minds out there? Contact K1KI.

### Dont Forget To Vote!

Director/Vice Director elections are coming up soon in the **New England** and **Hudson** Divisions. YCCC members are on the ballot in both sections! Be a good sailor and elect your crew!

### New Crew

Please welcome the following new and returning members who joined at the following meetings:

#### Maine picnic meeting:

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## Meeting Minutes

### SNY-NJ

#### Meeting Minutes

Hank Kiernan, KF2O

A Special Meeting of the YCCC was held at Nat's Place in Elmsford, NY, on Tuesday night, Sept. 10, 1996. The meeting was attended by members KF2O, K1KI, N6BV, K1ZM, AA2DU, K2WR, K1EFI, NA2M, W2AX, K2SX, N2UN, N2FF, K1VWL, and K2SHL. Also attending, and elected to membership at the meeting, were N1HMG (xyl of K1EFI), WB2VVV, KF2ET, KE2NL and K2KQ. Observers were NI2C and NO2T...we'll have to work on getting them to join up.

After the usual introductions, new member elections were held, and to the amazement of no one, none of the new members left the room in time to miss the vote. Nat's Place served very sumptuous fare, both solid and liquid. N2FF and AA2DU each briefly addressed the group concerning their runs for Director/Vice-Director (or was it director of vice?), respectively, in the Hudson Division. Tom, K1KI also announced he is running for Director in the New England Division, along with KA1T and K8HVT who are both running for Vice Director. So we could easily have 4 YCCC Directors/Vice Directors on the ARRL Board.

The topic of the meeting was practical 160 meter antennas for urban lots. KF2O showed his extremely pragmatic, but effective, inverted-L layout. K1ZM added further thoughts on what could be done with inverted-L's, and how to build a small receiving loop, as well as several other possible receiving antennas. K1KI demonstrated his 80 and 160 meter 4-square design...wires off his tower. AA2DU spoke about high inverted Vees fed with 450 ohm open feedline. In the roundtable format, many others asked questions and/or volunteered ideas. Hopefully, this will all lead to more 160 meter points in the upcoming CQ WW's. Beat FRC! □

### Berlin Picnic Minutes

Ric Plummer, KV1W

It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon in Berlin, MA on the 15th. The antennas were glistening and the hams gathering. The turn out was excellent, with some 21 hams signed in and Linda, KV1W's XYL, Sandra, K1MBO's friend and K1KP's harmonics also in attendance.

Those signed in included: KV1W, NY1L, N1DD, KD1YN, N1XJA, K1KP, N1OEK, W1OJ, N1JEB, K1KI, AD8V, WO1N, W1CSM, N1WHW, WA1RHP, K1FWF, N1RWM, N6RFM, K1MBO, K1MEM, and N1CPC.

The Contest University started right off with Tony's many valuable pointers on holding a run frequency. Boy these will be put to use !! Many of the ops took control of the station and when last seen, Jeff, N1OEK, was holding his own at 100 + Q's per hour.

All gathered by the pool for the BBQ. A few swam and we all ate! And the conversation was of points for the CQWW.

The official meeting was called to order by Tom, K1KI, and the assembled masses voted in W1OJ, N1DD and KD1YN as new YCCC members. WELCOME !!

As the gathering wound down, all agreed it was a great afternoon and there were rumors of an annual Berlin BBQ. □

### Albany

#### Meeting Minutes

Fred Lass, K2TR

A Special Eastern New York meeting of the YCCC was held at Hudson Valley Community College on Friday, September 13th. There were about a dozen YCCC members present. The following new members joined: WB2YLR, WF2B, WA1KKM, and N2LBR.

The question of contest eligibility was discussed. For many years YCCC has encouraged meeting attendance for the ARRL contests. The only requirement for CQWW is the payment of dues.

A meeting of the Albany Amateur Radio Association was also held at concurrently. The program included ARRL campaign speeches from YCCC members K1KI, N2FF, AA2DU, as well as a spokesman for WK6R. The highlight of the evening was a live on-line presentation on the use of the Internet by the Amateur Radio community given by Jim LaPorta, N1CC.

### YCCC Jackets

Order a YCCC Jacket at Boxboro and get really quick turnaround! Four more orders and the order can be submitted in time for pickup at the December meeting. See page 7 for ordering info.

**YCCC CLUB RESOURCE INFORMATION**

**DUES AND MEMBERSHIP STUFF** Dues (currently \$20 ) are payable as of the April election meeting, which begins our club "contest year", with a grace period until the end of June, at which time your membership lapses if dues are not paid up. In order to rejoin, a lapsed member must attend a meeting, like any new member, or may simply become a subscriber to the Scuttlebutt by paying up (see below). 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. Only paid-up members are eligible to contribute to the club score in contests. **Mail your dues** to the club secretary, Charlotte Richardson, KQ1F, 11 Michigan Dr., Hudson, MA 01749. **FAMILY MEMBERS** Members of the same family living at the same address may elect to receive only one copy of the Scuttlebutt. One member of the family must pay full dues, enabling the rest of the family to join as family members, which is free. **STUDENT MEMBERS** Full-time students are eligible for dues at half the regular rate. **SCUTTLEBUTT SUBSCRIPTIONS** Anyone may subscribe to the club newsletter, the *Scuttlebutt*. The subscription year begins in April. Subscribers who sign up between December and April are considered paid-up for the upcoming year. You can tell if your subscription is current by checking your 'Butt mailing label. The grace period for late subscriptions is the same as for late memberships.

**SCUTTLEBUTT ARTICLES** should be sent to the Scuttlebutt editor, Leonard Kay, KB2R, preferably by E-mail at [lkay@pria.com](mailto:lkay@pria.com) or [lkay@lynx.dac.neu.edu](mailto:lkay@lynx.dac.neu.edu), or on 3½" disk (in MSWord format or text file) by snail mail to YCCC Scuttlebutt, Box 1297, Burlington, MA 01803. The deadline for each issue is the 10th of the preceding month. **CONTEST SCORES** should be sent to the club scorekeeper, Dave Hoaglin, K8JLF, preferably by packet or by E-mail at [dave\\_hoaglin@abtassoc.com](mailto:dave_hoaglin@abtassoc.com) . Please include details such as numbers of QSOs, QSO points (if appropriate), and multipliers (all types); entry category; and power.

**CLUB GOODIES** **BADGES** YCCC badges are available from KV1W. Send \$2, name and call desired on the badge, and your mailing address to: Ric Plummer - YCCC Badge, 195 Highland Street, Berlin, MA 01503. **APPAREL** Len, KB2R, coordinates group purchases of club jackets and polo shirts. Contact Len for price info or see the order form below. T-shirts are available at meetings. **QSL CARDS** are ordered through John Dorr, K1AR, 8 Anchor Lane, Mt. Sinai, NY 11766. To order, send John packet mail, or E-mail at [p00259@psilink.com](mailto:p00259@psilink.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 \$54 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. If you want a new copy of the club roster, contact the Scuttlebutt editor, Len, KB2R. **INTERNET REFLECTOR** There is an Internet mailing list for YCCC members. To subscribe, send mail to [yccc-request@yccc.org](mailto:yccc-request@yccc.org). Include the words "subscribe yccc" in the body of the mail message.

**CT CONTEST LOGGING SOFTWARE** is available from Matt, KC1XX. Orders: 603-878-4600. Support: 603-878-4200 CT-BBS: 603-878-1900. 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 mail to [ct-user-request@ve7tcp.ampr.org](mailto:ct-user-request@ve7tcp.ampr.org) , and include the single word SUBSCRIBE in the 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 Reiser, AD1C, 181 Littleton Road #324, Chelmsford, MA 01824.

**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](mailto:w1qsl@yccc.org). **ARRL LIAISON** position is currently open. If you would like to serve in this capacity, contact K1KI. **PACKET NETWORK** information is available from Charlie Carroll, K1XX, Candlelight Rd., Ringe NH 03461.

**YCCC Apparel Order Form** **Don't be fooled by low-quality apparel from other contest clubs costing twice as much! This is the real, original contest clothing line!**

Show your contesting pride! Order a YCCC Polo Shirt or 'Starter' Jacket! Copy the form below, circle your choices, and mail with payment in full (checks payable to Len) to: Leonard Kay KB2R, Box 1297, Burlington, M 01803, or send Len a packet or Internet message with all the needed info. A jacket order will be going in soon, so get on board!

**Polo shirt (100% cotton)** Color: White(with blue stitching) Royal Blue (with white stitching)  
 Clipper ship and 'YCCC' embroidered on breast Size: S M L XL XXL  
 (34-36) (38-40) (42-44) (46-48) (50-52)  
 (add \$2)

Price: \$24.00

Name and Call? Add \$5, print on left as you want them to appear.

**'Starter' Jacket:** Type: Satin/Quilted lining Satin/Cotton lining Nylon/cotton lining  
 \$60 \$55 \$50

Large clipper ship and 'Yankee Clipper Contest Club' embroidered on back; Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL  
 (34-36) (38-40) (42-44) (46-48) (50-52) (54-56)  
 (add \$2) (add \$4)

Name/Call embroidered on breast Color: Royal Blue Navy Blue Black

Name/Call (included): \_\_\_\_\_

**For both:** add \$4 if you want it shipped to your QTH (instead of picking it up at a meeting)

## Upcoming Meetings

Date	Type	Place
Sat, Oct. 5	General	Boxboro, MA
Sun, Dec. 8	General	Sturbridge, MA
Feb 1 or 2 (1997)	General	Sturbridge, MA
Apr. 5 or 6	General	Sturbridge, MA
June 7 or 8	General	Sturbridge, MA

For more information about a special meeting, contact the Area Manager of the indicated section.

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**The next general meeting of the YCCC will be held from 12-4 PM on Saturday, October 5,** as part of the ARRL New England Division Convention at the Boxboro Woods Conference Center in Boxboro, MA. The hotel is located just off I-495 between Marlboro and Lowell. Take exit 28 (Rt 111) Eastbound off I-495, and the entrance to the parking lot is on your right. See you there!

**Inside: N6BV's Propagation Charts for CQWW and ARRL DX!**

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