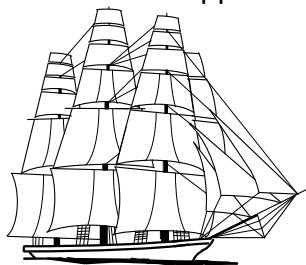


Yankee Clipper



Contest Club

Scuttlebutt

April 1996

The most reprinted contest club newsletter on the Right Coast

Issue 122

Captain's Cabin

J. P. Kleinhaus, AA2DU

Well, here we are...essentially another contest season is "in the box". Yes, I know, there is still WPX around the corner, but for some reason, it doesn't seem to generate the same excitement as some other contests do. Nevertheless, it is another contest with a club competition, so let's get on and try to make a horse-race out of it.

I tried something new for the ARRL DX contest this year; For the first time ever (except for Field Day, a non-contest contest) I operated both modes from a true Multi-op environment. Yes, for those of you who really delve into older scores, I did run some Multi/Single efforts a few years back, but those were Multi in name only...basically one or two other guys to spell me while I grabbed a quick 45 minutes of sleep. I digress...I had the pleasure of operating ARRL CW at the K1KI station for a Multi/Multi effort and I took part in a Multi/Two operation signing KF2ET for the phone contest. About the only thing that these two operations have in common is that both finished in second place in the early claimed scores so far reported.

K1KI: A four tower super-station nestled on double-digit rural acres in northern Connecticut. There are multiple stacked antennas on 10-40 meters and phased vertical arrays for 80 and 160 meters. Beverages galore, a full station for each band plus 2 spotting stations. A crew of top-notch veteran operators including WRTC bound K1KI and K1TO and many others. In essence, a recipe for success. The numbers speak for themselves, and only log-checking will determine if W3LPL is indeed the M/M winner this year.

I had a tremendous amount of fun at Tom's and got to essentially single-op 80 meters, one of my favorite bands. The crew worked very well together and despite some early rough going due to precipitation (SNOW!!!) static on Friday night, we had a pretty easy time of it. Nothing blew up, and everyone went home with all of the gear they brought with them! The experience of listening to 5 watt Europeans calling in on the 1100 foot NE beverage is one I won't soon forget!

KF2ET: Amazing the amount of packet and internet mail I have received about this operation. Basically they all want to know the same thing: Who the heck are these guys anyway? Well, after racking up a 20 meter total higher than either N2RM or W3LPL, this is indeed a valid question! The KF2ET operations take place from the QTH of KE2NL, in suburban Suffolk County, NY. Yup, that's right...the home of CC&R's galore. Tucked away on this 1/3 acre (!!!) lot are stacks for 20 and 15, 3 elements on 40, a phased dipole array on 80, an inverted vee (apex 70 feet) for 160 and an 8 element 10 meter monobander. Oh yes, Jim also borrows some of the vacant woods behind him for two 500 foot beverages. The "tall" tower is a 72 foot crank-up and the smaller tower is 50 feet high. That's it! The "high" 20 is at 85 feet, and is the highest antenna at this QTH. So how did this #2 Multi/2 finish happen?

There are two answers to that question. The first is engineering detail. Even with two towers only 40 feet apart, there is almost zero station interaction. A full complement of ICE bandpass filters at both stations and careful attention to grounding, switching and isolation lead to less noise at this QTH than even the K1KI mega-station. All of the monobanders come from Force-12 and they seem to be

very well constructed with optimized spacing and gain, without compromising bandwidth (no, I don't get a kickback from N6BT, but this stuff works!) The second is the eagerness of the operators to learn (this is only their second effort with this hardware) and maximize points. Also, knowing that K1AR said "you should do OK for a second-tier station" gave us additional incentive to dig hard for QSO's (how'd we do John?) Matt, KC1XX, also figured we'd end up around #5, so we had plenty of reasons to take no prisoners on the air. As an added bonus, everyone had a great time, with plenty of opportunities for seat time during the entire weekend.

Clearly, these are two very different approaches to building a contest station. However, the KF2ET/KE2NL story should serve to remind everyone that you CAN compete on a world stage without 50 acres of wilderness to hide 200 foot towers in. Obviously, you have to work harder than the next guy, but you should never feel that you can't excel in a contest without mega-hardware. Some of the top-ops in this club routinely finish in the top-10 with fairly garden-variety hardware. Blessed as we are with the East Coast Advantage (TM), the opportunities exist for us to be truly overwhelming in DX contests...let's use that weapon as best we can next contest season!

Litigation update: I may have a ruling from the NY State Supreme Court before the April meeting on my lawsuit against the local zoning board. So far, the only person who is happy is my attorney! If I lose this case, there still exists the possibility of an appeal. For the time being, we are keeping our fingers crossed...

PS. Don't forget that elections are being held at the April meeting. Don't forget to come and vote for your officers!

BEAT FRC!! ☐

**Yankee Clipper Contest Club
1995-96 Officers and Staff**

President	J.P. Kleinhaus, AA2DU (914) 739-6318 aa2du@netcom.com
Vice President	John L. Luigi Giasi, AA1AA (508) 856-8649 aa1aa@ummed.edu
Secretary-Treasurer	Charlotte Richardson, KQ1F (508) 562-8519 richardson@wrksys.enet.dec.com
Scuttlebutt Editor	Leonard Kay, KB2R (617) 938-8582 lkay@pria.com

Area Managers

CT: Glenn Swanson, KB1GW (203) 673-5429	RI: <i>vacant</i>
EMA: Bill Santelmann, N1AU (617) 862-1753 n1au@aol.com	SNY/NJ: Bill Hellman, NA2M (914) 528-6845
ME: Peter Archibald, N1AFC (207) 767-2169 pba@server.nlbbs.com	WMA: <i>vacant</i>
NLI: Rich Gelber, K2WR (212) 580-1075	VT/NH: Glen Whitehouse, K1GW (603) 673-6270
NNY: Fred Lass, K2TR (518) 355-4813 fredlass@globalone.net	

CAC/DXAC Representatives:

CAC New England	Kurt Pauer, W1PH (603) 673-7201 0006743923@mcimail.com
CAC Hudson	J.P. Kleinhaus, AA2DU (914) 739-6318 aa2du@netcom.com
DXAC New England	Jim Dionne, K1MEM
DXAC Hudson	Bill Hellman, NA2M (914) 528-6845

The Yankee Clipper Contest Club (an ARRL affiliated club) holds six official meetings per year, on the first weekend of even months, in Sturbridge, MA. Attendance at an official meeting is required to become a member.

Articles in the **Scuttlebutt** (except for those separately copyrighted) may be reprinted, provided proper credit is given. The editorial deadline for the Scuttlebutt is the 10th of every odd month.

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

YCCC on the Web

Dave Robbins, KY1H

The YCCC has staked out its own little corner of the Internet now. Thanks to AA1AA for providing the address at <http://yccc.ummed.edu>. I am providing the storage for now at my local ISP and did the page design. The YCCC page is still growing, and we want your inputs. What do you want to see on it? It presently has only a bare bones listing of club officers, meeting dates, the club roster, a 'Station of the Week', and links to lots of other stuff. There are lots of possibilities as those of you who Web Surf regularly know. We could add pictures and stories from expeditions, articles from the Scuttlebutt, recordings of pileups from the 'right' coast, etc, etc, etc.

I have put my station on as the "YCCC Station of the Week" and am asking for inputs from others who can supply digital pictures and station descriptions. This will probably become a station of the month since changing it on a weekly basis will be lots of work and may not give everyone a chance to see it. Note that getting pictures digitized is getting much easier these days. CVS provides (at least in some areas) an option on their photo processing to get your pictures on a floppy, it comes complete with software for viewing and extracting them in windows .bmp format. A 36 exposure roll fits on a single 1.44meg floppy. There are also digital cameras and frame grabbers that can capture pictures from video cameras. Plus many businesses these days have scanners that let you convert paper pictures into digital form.

So send your suggestions to me at: ky1h@berkshire.net. Below is a sampling of other ham-related WWW pages and Internet reflectors. ☐

WWW Pages:

Yankee Clipper Contest Club	http://yccc.ummed.edu/
American Radio Relay League	http://www.arrl.org/
K2CT Albany ARA	http://users.aol.com/k2ct/index.htm
Boston ARC	http://www.acs.oakland.edu/barc.html
Potomac Valley Radio Club	http://www.access.digex.net/~k3sa/pvrc.html
Radio Society of Great Britain	http://www.rsgb.org/rsgb/
DAYTON HAMVENTION	http://members.aol.com/hamvention/
ARI(Italian radio society)	http://www.venus.it/aripv
KY1H Contest & stuff page	http://www.berkshire.net/~robbins/ky1h.html
KA9FOX Web site	http://www.4w.com/ham/ka9fox
CQ Contest Magazine	http://www.access.digex.net/~cqmag/cqtest.html
CT Contest Logging Software	http://ve7tcp.ampr.org/Software/ct
K1EA Digital Voice Processor	http://www.sysu.com/dvp
CT Reflector Web site	http://ve7tcp.ampr.org/mailling-lists/ct-user.html
Scores from 3830 mail reflector	http://www.akorn.net/hamradio/3830
ARRL Contest Calendar	http://www.arrl.org/contests/index.html
Contester E-Mail addresses	http://www.akorn.net/hamradio/emails.html
NOAA Solar data	http://www.sel.noaa.gov/radio/radio.html
QRZ Communications	http://qrz.com/
FCC Homepage	http://www.fcc.gov/
WRTC '96	http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/n6ip

Internet Reflectors:

DX reflector	dx-request@ve7tcp.ampr.org
Propagation Reflector	prop-request@digimark.net
Contest Reflector	cq-contest-request@tgw.com
Contest Scores Reflector	3830-request@akorn.net
CT Contest Logger Reflector	ct-user-request@ve7tcp.ampr.org

Don't forget - YCCC On the Air
Mondays 8PM ET on 1.860 MHz (±QRM).

YCCC: Log It or Leave It!

Tony Brock-Fisher, K1KP

[Ed. Note: The text of the proposed amendment discussed below appears in Poop Deck.]

It is very likely that discussion will begin at the next YCCC meeting about adding a requirement for log submissions to the membership requirements. I'd like to take this opportunity to make a few comments about this in order to increase awareness and participation on this important issue.

There has been a lot of attempts at improving the YCCC club score in major contest; particularly the ARRL DX contest, which is perceived as being the major contest which YCCC has the best chance of winning. In the 94-95 contest season, a lot of work by leading members, club officers, and area managers went into this effort. The result was encouraging - YCCC almost won it, falling short by only 4 million points. If you remember, this narrow defeat could quite possibly have been turned around if it had not been for the ice storm which affected our geographical area the first day of the phone weekend.

It seems as if the membership totally forgot how close we came in this past season. Perhaps due to disappointment with last year's loss, no serious effort was made this year to encourage participation. Instead of building on a good start at improvement, we gave up.

It is particularly shocking that member eligibility this year was at an all time low. In the EMA section, only about 35% of members had made the two meetings requirement for the ARRL test.

There are other rumblings going on in the ham shacks and at antenna parties around YCCC about how the club has lost its seriousness about being great. Many members have lost interest, I believe, because YCCC is no longer seen as a serious contest club and a force to be reckoned with in the unlimited club category. Many of our top notch operators don't attend meetings any more - that spark of interest is being lost. YCCC's greatest contribution to contesting in 1-land may soon be the QSL buro!

It is my belief that YCCC is at a crossroads in its existence. I predict that the club must either be proactive and make

some changes to rebuild itself into a major contest force. Failing this, YCCC will self destruct, falling prey to reactive changes, such as the formation of another contest club in the area which can do a better job of getting its membership moving on contest weekends.

I'd like to suggest that the best way to raise the results of the club, is to raise the expectations made of members. I think it's time we raised our standards. Currently, the only requirements for maintaining YCCC membership, is that the member pay the annual dues and attend two meetings a year. Discussion has started about adding *contest participation* to the membership requirements. This participation requirement would be met by submitting two logs per year for the major contests. The eligible contests would include CQWW, ARRL DX, and WPX. Guest operators at multi-ops would also meet the requirements. This would give a member 6 opportunities to fulfill the requirement of being active on 2 weekends.

This is not a new idea. The FRC has had such a requirement for years. (You remember the FRC, don't you? You know, that OTHER contest club listed on the line above YCCC in the RESULTS section!)

Let me take a moment to point out some of the more obvious pro's and con's of such a change.

Pros:

1. Provides some additional incentive for members to participate in contests. While there is a requirement that the member submit a log, there is no requirement on the size of that log. So this does NOT require that members risk divorce by doing all-out efforts. All we are asking here is that you, a member of a contest club, having stated an interest in contesting when voted into membership, actually get on your radio for a while during two of the 6 major contest weekends, and submit a log!
2. While there is no minimum score requirement, as long as you're actually sitting in front of the radio, and you're actually going to submit a log, you might as well make more than just one or two contacts.
3. It reaffirms that we are a **contest** club. We are **not** a QSL buro club (alone)! We are **not** an antenna club, a QRP club, a computer club, a packet club, or a DX club!!!! **We are a contest club! Are you listening?**

4. It increases the probability that when our members go to meetings, they might see other **contesters** there! They might actually be able to talk to other hams who were on in the last contest and can enjoy talking about how crappy the conditions were, or how much ice was on their antennas, etc.

Cons:

1. Adding this requirement might mean that we lose membership. I'm sure there are some that think a large membership is the goal of any club. I disagree. Sure, if we have more members than FRC (and actually get them on the air), we could beat them. But quality is more important than quantity. We won't win with 1000 members, if only 10% are eligible! It's better to have a smaller group of more serious, better motivated members, than a large mass of uninterested 'Butt-readers! YCCC is not getting rich on dues, folks! If we are the best **contest** club in the area, we will attract the best operators. And if there aren't enough top-notch contesters in the geographical area to support an unlimited category club, then perhaps YCCC will be better suited to be a medium category entry.

2. This requirement might be seen as unfair to some folks who, for some reason such as family or work circumstances, can't meet the requirements. I disagree. Early discussions only included CQWW and ARRL as eligible contests, but the addition of WPX should make it possible for folks with conflicts to maintain their eligibility.

3. The requirement might serve to discourage newcomers to contesting from joining the club. I'd like to counter this with another suggestion: That the club provide help to members for the preparation and submission of logs. Specifically, area managers could act as local collection points for actual log disks or paper logs, and could facilitate the preparation and mailing of contest logs. Perhaps club funds could be used to pay postage costs. If I could, I would personally pay the postage for 4 million points worth of logs in last year's ARRL test!

(see LOG IT, page 7)

ARRL DX CW Claimed Scores

Charlie Morrison, WZ1R

YCCC Scores in BOLD

(Other East Coast scores from the Contest Reflector..... thanks to Jim, WA4ZXA - Ed.)

CLASS	SCORE	Q/DX	HRS
<u>Single Op QRP</u>			
KA1CZF	109,224	296/123	
N1AFC	106,530	335/106	
NM1Q	30,222	138/ 73	6

<u>Single Op High Power</u>			
W1KM	2,810,000	2819/333	
N6BV	2,453,580	2582/317	
N2LT	2,396,448	2512/318	
W2SC	2,327,000	2479/313	
NX1H	2,322,000	2582/300	
K3ZO	2,278,395	2411/310	
KT3Y	2,100,000	2390/291	
AA1K	1,781,532	2092/284	
W9RE	1,589,703	1914/277	
K4PQL	1,577,238	1899/277	
W9RE	1,612,659	1914/281	
KQ2M	1,200,000	1714/243	
N2PP	1,024,234	1466/233	
K3MD	938,520	1329/237	
K8FC	613,530	803/255	24
W1IHN/4	534,312	984/181	17
K4AMC	325,440	678/160	17
W3GOI	231,264	589/132	
W1FW (W1MK)	214,700	906/ 79	
N8AAT	95,784	307/104	
KB3TS	79,530	241/110	
N2FF	38,760	138/ 95	
NO1J	21,120	128/ ??	

<u>Single OP Low Power</u>			
W2UP	874,380	1121/260	
AC1O/4	854,700	1100/260	
N4ZR	573,120	960/199	
WA2SRQ	543,090	842/215	
WR3O	337,722	602/187	38
WD4AHZ	336,000	560/200	
AD8V	236,738	436/179	18
N3ADL	208,512	362/192	
WA1HYN	158,000	331/160	10
NW8F	45,150	175/ 86	
N3BDA	35,607	143/ 83	
WU1F	22,356	108/ 70	8
WA1TTE	13,572	87/ 52	
N3KKM	4,337	51/ 29	

<u>Single Op Assisted</u>			
K1NG (KI1G)	2,829,600	2406/393	
K3WW	2,657,655	2301/385	
K2SX	1,684,210		
K1XM	1,660,314	1657/334	
K2WK	1,607,760	1625/330	26
K2SX	1,400,000	1575/291	
AA3B	1,387,992	1532/302	
WA4CTA	1,124,433	1237/303	37
N4XR	1,029,144	1096/313	
N3RR	990,036	1069/309	
K2ONP	742,320	1032/240	24
K3SA	650,724	1031/211	23
WIGD	625,632	784/266	
K3KO	575,100	852/225	

N1CC	528,432	872/202	18
K3II	338,637	457/247	
K1HMO	263,304	424/207	17
WA2TIF	244,530	494/165	
AA1V	240,000	438/183	
WT1O	201,228	409/164	
N1OPZ	158,000	326/162	
K5NA	157,267	291/179	11
AA3JU	117,624	232/169	
WA1KSY	141,858	333/142	
W3FG	138,150	307/150	
N1DS	47,376	170/ 94	

<u>Single Band</u>			
<u>160M</u>			
K1ZM	58,000		
WB9Z	23,373	147/ 53	
<u>80M</u>			
W1MK	214,700	906/ 79	
N8RR HP	34,380	191/ 60	12
K1VWL	34,161	194/ 59	
W9XT	27,189	159/ 57	

<u>20M</u>			
K8GL	335,160	1176/ 95	
N4ZZ HP	315,861	1157/ 91	
N4OGW/9 HP	238,920	911/ 88	
WB9HRO HP	179,265	703/ 85	16
K8MR	33,825	205/ 55	4
WV1D	16,200	121/ 45	

<u>Multi-Single</u>			
KC1XX	3,680,000	3158/389	+KC1F, AA1ND
K5ZD	3,510,000	3005/390	+WX3N
N2NU	2,979,126	2569/387	
W3BGN	2,926,266	2527/386	
N4RJ	2,458,000	2294/358	
KB1H	1,468,278	1627/301	
+AA1CE, K1DW, K1EBY, KZ1M, N1LYA, NB1U, WA1RLV			
W3GG	1,191,216	1331/299	
K2TE	654,192	945/231	41
+NE1V, KB2FD			
N1AU	390,507	589/221	+AI3E

<u>Multi-Two</u>			
K1AR	5,141,442	3962/433	
+K1EA, K1GQ, K1DG, WN4KKN			
N2RM	4,970,000	3779/439	
N3RS	4,481,160	3490/428	
K1ZZ	3,260,565	2823/385	+AA2Z, KX4V
K8AZ	3,052,368	2709/376	
K1KP	2,254,944	2269/328	
+K1JKS, N1OEK, NB1B, W1FJ, WA1S			
ND3A (@KF3P)	1,564,146	1539/339	
WN1V	1,400,000		
+K1TWF, WA1TET1T, WO1N, KT1O, KB1AXF			

<u>Multi-Multi</u>			
W3LPL	5,950,000	4195/472	
K1KI	5,786,340	4204/460	
+K1CC, K1TO, KG1D, KM1P, W1OD, W1RM, AA2DU, KF2FB			
K3LR	4,600,000	3534/442	
W4MYA	3,364,800	2831/400	
KY3N	2,702,322	2383/378	
K3ANS	2,542,000	2367/360	
KY1H	2,251,422	2172/346	
+K1MBO, K2WR, W1MJ, WA1QGC, WA1ZAM, WM1K			

ARRL DX SSB Claimed Scores

Charlie Morrison, WZ1R

YCCC Scores in BOLD

(Other East Coast scores from the Contest Reflector..... thanks to Jim, WA4ZXA)

CLASS	SCORE	Q/DX	HRS
<u>Single Op QRP</u>			
KA4RRU	100,203	263/127	
<u>Single Op Low Power</u>			
AC1O/4	587,223	717/273	40
WS1A	324,000	534/203	
KC8FS	300,291	504/199	21
AA1EY	219,852	394/186	
N1PBT	148,851	333/149	28
KS4XG	111,069	301/123	26
W3HZU	70,380	230/102	15
WR1X	58,422	214/ 91	
KD6DAE	47,520	180/ 88	16
KF9YH	28,776	109/ 88	4
WB4VIM	27,135	135/ 67	20
WU1F	24,948	108/ 77	8
WD3Q	18,000	100/ 60	
<u>Single Op High Power</u>			
K1AR (@K1EA)	2,820,000	2483/379	
K5ZD (W2SC)	2,516,000	2424/346	
N6BV	2,130,000	2150/322	
K3ZO	2,066,931	2069/333	
KM9P	1,930,932	1882/342	
W9RE	1,599,960	1594/335	
AA1K	1,420,146	1547/306	
WZ4F	1,308,051	1439/303	41
KC1F	1,086,000	1404/258	33
W9LT/8	940,473	1264/249	
K4VVD	837,000	1062/263	
KF8UM	573,333	857/223	21
AA2Z	514,000	765/224	
N8II	514,000	927/185	14
KQ2M	390,000	822/158	11
N8RA	355,791	509/233	
KB3TS	300,312	516/194	
W1PL	226,590	418/245	
N2FF	72,600	220/110	
K1BV	73,164	268/ 91	
N1TZW	38,988	171/ 76	
KD1IA	30,000	142/ 72	8
<u>Single Band</u>			
80M			
WA4SVO	125,000	449/ 93	
KO1F	125,000	492/ 85	
KD1NG	40,128	209/ 64	13
KF4HK	22,860	127/ 60	
WZ1R	18,450	123/ 50	6
40M			
K1VWL	21,060	130/ 54	
<u>Single Op Assisted</u>			
VE3EJ	3,000,000	2508/408	
K2WK	2,001,654	1827/366	
N3RR	1,570,000	1418/370	
K3WW	1,509,228	1356/371	
KS1L	1,485,534	1577/314	

N4ZC	1,201,560	1178/340	
K2SX	969,750		
N8ATR	953,250	1026/310	38
AA3B	929,556	1026/302	48
WN3K	900,936	1034/291	
W1GD	849,150	925/306	30
K3SW	639,540	749/285	26
K1HMO	464,142	602/257	20
KA5W	459,036	622/246	
KZ1M	412,110	723/190	14
KB1GW	407,772	723/188	21
WA2TIF	390,915	595/219	30
N1CC	379,323	567/223	
KQ4QM	366,798	541/226	
N1AU	330,444	548/201	
K3IXD	323,400	440/245	
KA8D	144,900	300/161	
WB4NFS	101,010	259/130	
N1OPZ	83,430	206/135	
WF3T	78,408	216/121	
WB4TUX	35,000	131/ 90	
W2UP	14,025	85/ 55	2
KB2HUN	43,000		4
KF2FB	36,828	132/ 93	
KA1FMR	33,264	144/ 77	
<u>Multi-Single</u>			
K3LR	3,140,000	2507/417	
K8AZ	1,972,848	1787/368	
AA4NC	1,661,520	1505/368	
KM9P	1,547,199	1461/353	
K1KP	1,108,000	1169/318	
+N1OEK, WA1S, KB2R			
K3MD	771,456	900/287	
NO9Z	283,968	503/192	24
<u>Multi-Two</u>			
KC1XX	4,088,940	2965/460	
+K1DG, KA1XN, KM3T, AA1ND			
KF2ET (@KE2NL)	3,745,950	2950/425	
K4ISV	3,270,000	2574/425	
KS9K	2,843,000	2220/427	
W1FJ	2,469,198	2091/394	
@W1KM+K1JKS, K2AJY, NB1B			
K2WR	2,100,000	1788/399	
@K2TR+NJ1F, K2ONP, K2TR, K2WR			
W3GNQ	1,690,000	1538/369	
KO4EW	1,297,725	1338/325	
KB1H	1,227,000	1251/327	
+AA1CE, K1DW, EBY, WA1RLV, WB1CBY			
AA3JU	1,161,810	1174/331	
K3II	1,074,450	1103/325	
WS4F	1,002,288	1111/304	
W3USS	659,295	897/245	
<u>Multi-Multi</u>			
W3LPL	5,700,000	3714/517	
N2RM	5,070,000	3470/489	
K1RX (K1MNS)	4,021,000	2962/453	
+NX1H, WT1S, K1FWE, ST, TR, XM, QO1F, WB1HBB			
N3RS	3,732,900	2709/460	
N2NT	3,149,000	2422/434	
W4MYA	2,690,000	2100/429	
KY1H	2,509,686	2088/402	
+K1MBO, KM1P, KE6BER, W1GG, WA1ZAM, KZ1O, WR2I, WT2Q			
KY3N	2,280,840	1836/415	
K3ANS	1,700,000		

ARRL DX Band Breakdowns, CW

Call	160	80	40	20	15	10
<u>Single-Op</u>						
K1NG	109/53	274/71	711/ 92	1153/ 95	153/76	6/4
W1KM	136/47	562/71	841/ 74	1138/ 84	118/54	4/3
N6BV	92/44	298/58	750/ 76	1328/ 91	108/46	6/2
K3WW	94/50	316/74	562/ 83	1228/103	94/69	7/ 6
N2LT	71/38	304/62	650/ 75	1399/ 94	86/47	2/ 2
W2SC	81/42	325/66	762/ 75	1204/ 80	101/47	6/3
NX1H	61/34	355/65	718/ 74	1389/ 86	86/47	2/2
K3ZO	54/31	404/71	745/ 73	1094/ 85	103/50	11/ 5
KT3Y	63/33	349/65	694/ 74	1150/ 77	129/40	5/ 2
K1XM	86/48	129/56	530/ 76	793/ 88	114/62	5/4
K2WK	68/41	239/63	401/ 69	834/ 91	80/64	3/ 2
<u>Multi-Single</u>						
KC1XX	108/52	588/88	724/ 82	1555/100	169/73	4/2
K5ZD	154/54	413/77	842/ 87	1442/100	148/69	6/3
N2NU	143/53	399/70	650/ 86	1229/101	135/71	13/ 6
W3BGN	23/51	314/74	653/ 87	1309/103	119/67	9/ 4
N4RJ	71/43	268/68	699/ 84	1047/ 90	206/71	3/ 2
<u>Multi-Two</u>						
K1AR	176/56	688/84	1193/ 94	1649/112	247/82	9/5
N2RM	177/56	768/89	916/ 94	1651/113	258/82	9/ 5
N3RS	124/51	574/81	823/ 94	1730/115	225/80	14/ 7
K1ZZ	116/50	264/65	834/ 83	1403/102	196/80	10/5
K8AZ	71/37	311/68	653/ 88	1472/104	190/72	12/ 7
K1KP	92/46	313/65	768/ 83	995/ 82	97/54	4/2
<u>Multi-Multi</u>						
K1KI	280/64	838/90	1124/101	1708/115	232/84	20/6
KY1H	104/45	323/59	432/ 76	1136/ 94	162/66	15/6
W3LPL	165/54	819/89	1136/105	1745/125	300/92	30/11
K3LR	106/46	621/82	903/106	1650/119	237/81	17/ 8
KY3N	131/51	301/64	751/ 92	1011/ 97	187/73	12/ 6

ARRL DX Band Breakdowns, SSB

Call	160	80	40	20	15	10
<u>Single-Op</u>						
K1AR	61/42	328/ 72	346/ 74	1576/120	167/67	11/ 7
K5ZD	62/38	321/ 73	303/ 68	1641/118	86/42	11/ 7
N6BV	52/36	382/ 71	249/ 63	1396/106	105/40	31/6
K3ZO	39/30	322/ 69	307/ 61	1253/115	137/ 55	11/ 3
K2WK	61/46	258/ 71	136/ 66	1232/121	102/ 50	38/12
KM9P	57/36	212/ 64	220/ 63	1187/104	145/ 59	61/16
W9RE	52/36	160/ 62	163/ 60	994/104	175/ 62	50/11
N3RR	63/46	161/ 68	219/ 71	757/109	173/ 66	45/10
K3WW	66/47	136/ 69	141/ 71	859/111	130/ 66	24/ 7
<u>Multi-Single</u>						
K3LR	67/46	344/ 87	269/ 82	1649/138	132/ 52	46/12
K8AZ	51/39	184/ 69	170/ 73	1198/116	127/ 57	57/14
AA4NC	44/39	138/ 64	284/ 69	770/108	226/ 81	43/ 7
K9MP	43/34	185/ 66	173/ 70	892/114	113/ 60	35/ 9
K1KP	30/27	177/ 63	144/ 62	687/103	119/ 56	12/ 7
<u>Multi-Two</u>						
KC1XX	71/47	545/ 84	366/ 87	1683/133	271/ 96	29/13
KF2ET	59/42	447/ 86	386/ 82	1822/132	200/ 75	36/ 8
KS9K	54/50	277/ 80	255/ 85	1399/138	193/ 68	45/16
K2WR	59/42	287/ 75	333/ 87	898/113	185/ 72	26/10
<u>Multi-Multi</u>						
W3LPL	144/63	741/100	574/ 99	1814/137	363/100	78/18
K1RX	80/46	452/ 82	329/ 86	1810/138	394/ 98	65/13
N2RM	126/54	590/ 95	485/ 91	1810/138	394/ 98	65/13
N3RS	76/48	366/ 81	530/ 91	1298/131	368/ 95	71/14
N2NT	90/50	391/ 85	343/ 80	1312/126	234/ 80	52/13
KY1H	67/45	289/ 78	272/ 72	1202/120	213/73	45/14
KY3N	83/48	429/ 87	272/ 74	740/113	271/ 83	41/10

Secretary's Report, February 1996

Charlotte Richardson, KQ1F

The February, 1996, meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club was held on Sunday, February 4, 1996, at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, Mass. Club president JP, AA2DU, called the meeting to order with introductions of the 74 members present and their guests. JP announced two upcoming Contest Universities in preparation for the ARRL DX Contests. KY1H will host a CU on Sunday February 11 at 1pm, and N1AU and K1KP will host one at the K1KP QTH on Tuesday, February 13th, at 6pm.

Several members were selling or giving away various items. JP awarded Tom, W2SC, his Million Point Club plaque. Following this, the club voted to have Luigi, AA1AA, draft a letter to contest sponsoring organizations recommending that they give published credit to that station owner of a station being guest-operated as well as to the operator when the operator uses his or her own callsign. JP announced that Luigi, AA1AA, took first place in the US in the WAE DC SSB contest for 1995, operating from the K1VR station.

Luigi, AA1AA, and Dave, KY1H, then talked about the YCCC World Wide Web page. The web site is located at <http://yccc.ummed.edu>, which links to http://www.berkshire.net/~robins/yccc_nfo.html, which is hosted by KY1H. Dave is looking for ideas on web page contents and links. Luigi also announced that the YCCC internet reflector will be back up shortly.

John, K1VWL, then talked about the first Beijing DX Convention, held in October, 1995, and showed slides of his visit to China. This was the first time 2m HTs were allowed in China. China has around twenty-five active club stations as well as many more that are not currently active. Low-band conditions in Beijing were very noisy due to power-line noise. 80m was open to Europe all night long, but John, operating only cw, did not even hear any North American stations on any band from 30m to 160m. The BY1QH club station has no 160m amplifier. All the equipment at the club stations is donated. For the DX convention, he obtained a \$5 US visitor ham license allowing him to operate at any club

station with his own call. Even those bringing in their own gear had to operate from a club station. The Radio Sports Association sent convention attendees an invitation letter, which was needed in order to apply for a visa. Attendees included K1VWL, K5FUV, a few Europeans (including OH2BH), various BY club station operators, many JAs, some Koreans including P5s, many West Coast US hams (mainly from Los Angeles), a couple hundred in total. Special station BY1T was erected on top of the Great Wall. John also showed slides of his vacation DXpedition to Moorea, FO8.

Following John's presentation, the club welcomed nine new members (see "New Crew" column).

Dick, KB1H, then gave a PacketCluster update. The YSA is planning several network upgrades. The K2EK node in southwest Connecticut will be replaced by WW1O between W1RM and KB2UGG to improve the connection to KB2UGG. This link will be established first, then the speed will be improved. The W1RM link to K1KI will soon be upgraded to 9600 baud. The K1KI to AA1AS link will be upgraded to 9600 baud next, followed by the AA1AS to K2TR link, all on 440 Mhz. The link from K1EA to NK1K still has an unknown problem, so service to Maine now goes via KD2EU. Various nodes have a nonuniform policy about going into Contest Mode. For example, it is useful to go into Contest Mode at night during the 160m contests. The loss of the K5NA node when K5NA moved overloads the K2TR node even though KB2UGG was supposed to handle the K5NA traffic, so a node may need to be added between KB2UGG and K2TR.

JP then announced that the WRTC team leader nomination, conducted via packet ballot because of the blizzard during the December meeting, when to Tom, K1KI. Tom picked K3UA as his partner; partners are required to be members of some other club. Both of the other nominees, K1TO and K5ZD, were chosen as partners by other team leaders, so all three will participate.

Tom, K1KI, then talked about preparations for the ARRL DX Contests. YCCC came very close to beating FRC last year, so close that if everyone at the meeting had made another 75 QSOs, we would have won. This year will probably be the last year in which

DXpeditions will not count for the club score. Thus, for example, Jack, W1WEF, operating from PJ2 will not count for the club score this year. Tom urged members to consider operating in the single-op assisted category to maximize their scores. Luigi, AA1AA, will organize plaques and certificates this year. Plaques will again be available for both Million Point Club and DXCC in a Weekend achievements.

Tom also announced that Tree, N6TR, would be in Connecticut for a class the following Tuesday and that he and Dan, K1TO, were coordinating a dinner with him in Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

JP reminded stations needing contest operators and operators needing stations to operate from to put their needs out on packet.

The meeting adjourned at 4 pm. □

(LOG IT, from page 3)

Area managers could keep track of log submissions and eligibility requirements, much as they do now for meeting attendance. Area managers could also be cc:ed on E-mail submissions, and perhaps actually originate the E-mail for electronic log submissions.

I'd like to encourage discussion, and ultimately support for the concept described above. Please don't find fault with the details of the proposed new requirement. Instead, understand that is really an idea under consideration, and that some parts of it might be modified to improve it. Maybe it should be more or fewer logs out of more or fewer contests; maybe there are special circumstances that need to be taken into account. Let's put this concept under serious consideration, in an attempt to shape YCCC into a better, higher scoring **contest club**. □

Poop Deck

Movers and Shakers

New Email address for **Jeremy Bisbo** (not Bisbe, as it was incorrectly spelled in Issue 121), **KB1AWE**:
jermb@rogerwb.tiac.net.

New email address for **Bill, KB2HUN**, is kb2hun@wizfax.net.

New Email addresses and work phone for **John, K1FWF**:
Home: jallen@vhfcom.com
Work: jallen%pvision@mcimail.com
Work Phone: 508-264-9443
Work fax: 508-264-9446

New address for **Joe, KM1P**:
13A Warwick Ave.
Albany, NY 12205

New Email address for **Mike, WM1K**:
wm1k@earthlink.net

Score correction

The CQWW score for K2LE, Multi/Multi, was incorrectly listed in the February 1996 issue.

The score was actually 5,561,000, not 4,500,000 as listed.

Also, this should have been listed in **bold** as an ALL-YCCC effort (Ops were K1JKS, K1CB, W1FJ, W2AX and K2LE).

WZ1R Node Operational

The **WZ1R** PacketCluster node is now operational in Seekonk, MA (SE Mass), on **145.77 MHz**. Charlie estimates coverage to be out to Walpole, MA, Fairhaven, MA, and Coventry, RI.

Wanted: RI Area Manager YCCC Scorekeeper Badge Maker

Due to personal demands, Charlie, WZ1R, has resigned his positions of RI Area Manager, Club Scorekeeper, and Badge Maker.

AA2DU will be looking for replacements for all of the above at the April meeting. Here's a small, medium, and large chance for any of you to increase your club participation.!

New Crew

Please welcome the following new members who joined at the February meeting:

David LeDuc, AA1HJ (ex-K1EPJ, KB1AJY)
24 Tanglewood Drive
Newton, NH 03858
home phone: (603)382-5872
work phone: (508)658-0200

Max Reid, N1LYA
478 Woodward Road
North Providence, RI 02904
home phone: (401)353-9377
work phone: (401)354-4612

Mike Mavor, WA1RLV (ex-WA2TCD)
Box 196, Chestnut Hill Road
Ballouville, CT 06233-0196
home phone: (860)774-8254
work phone: (860)774-8254

Alex J. Stockmal, N1TIV
29 Katrina Circle
Bethel, CT 06801
home phone: (203)794-9019
work phone: (203)797-5108

Phil Stockmal, N1TMG
29 Katrina Circle
Bethel, CT 06801
home phone: (203)794-9019

Mark A. Johnsen, NB1U (ex-N1DAH, WA1ZSS, WA2KPT)
64 Clubhouse Road
West Greenwich, RI 02817
home phone: (401)397-7145

Jon Cuneo, KB2FD (ex-WA1JMH, SV0DD, KG4EI)
28 Souhegan Drive
Merrimack, NH 03054
home phone: (603)429-2060
work phone: (203)654-2020

Marc Emelberg, WR2I (ex-WA2ZOI, WB2ONF)
15 Everett Avenue
Ossining, NY 10562
home phone: (914)324-7425

Bill Nettleton, WB2KDD
7 Fredrick Place
Troy, NY 12180-8421
home phone: (518)283-6167
work phone: (518)786-7400

April Meeting Agenda Luigi Giasi, AA1AA

The next meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club will be Saturday, April 6, at the Host Hotel on Route 20 in Sturbridge, MA.

Besides regular business and the proposed amendment discussion, exciting doings at the April meeting include:

Easter Island: Easter Island DXpedition of XR0Y and XR0Z. Not only did the multi nation team go to great lengths to add amateur radio to the scientific expedition, but they fundamentally changed working DX with practically real time E-mail QSLs and Internet logging.

Station Design: We will also find out how to redesign your station for operator ease of use during those 48 hour marathon contesting sessions.

Internet: The YCCC on the WWW update.

ARRL DX Contest: There will be a score wrapup and award analysis.

Contester Survey/Summer Planning: How/where do you contest? What are your future plans for your station?

Elections: Nominations and election of officers. ☐

Apparel Update Leonard Kay, KB2R

First, the good news! There will be a new batch of T-shirts available at the April meeting. They're the same style as the previous ones, but they are grey with a royal blue YCCC emblem. The perfect complement to your royal-blue-with-white shirt (you do have one, don't you?), and just in time for Dayton. The price has risen to \$9.00, to reflect increased cost over last year.

Second, the bad news. *I am still waiting to place a jacket order.* I have money from 6 of you, and I thank you for sending me your checks and patiently waiting. However, the other 7 of you who wimped out (and shall remain nameless) have now held up the order. Bottom line is, I need 6 orders (ASAP!!) to get this moving. Bring your checkbooks and order forms to the April meeting! ☐

Poop Deck continued

Text of Proposed Amendment to YCCC Constitution:

Append the following to the end of ARTICLE I:

"Fulfillment of the Annual Log Submission Requirement shall be a pre-condition for continued membership as follows:

There shall be six (6) contests per year which qualify for annual log requirements: CQWW SSB and CW; ARRL DX SSB and CW; and WPX SSB and CW.

Each member must submit a log entry to the contest sponsor for any 2 of the 6 qualifying contests in each calendar year. This log entry must list YCCC as the Club Affiliation.

Members who operate at multi-operator entries shall be considered to have met the log requirement for that contest as long as they are listed as operators on the log submission.

New members shall be deemed to have met the Annual Log Submission requirements for the calendar year in which they joined.

All YCCC members shall be deemed to have met the requirement for 1995, and shall have automatic credit for one contest log in the 1996 season.

The member submitting a log in the qualifying contests shall submit a copy of the Summary Sheet, with all operators listed, to the Secretary or Area Manager for the purposes of record keeping of log submission requirements.

Members who have not met the annual log submission requirements for the previous calendar year shall be removed from the roll of membership by the Secretary at the June meeting. Members who are removed from the roll in this manner will not be eligible to re-apply for membership until the June meeting of the following year.

Any disputes or questions arising concerning the fulfillment of the annual log submission requirements shall be considered and determined by the President of the Club, whose decision shall be final."

Respectfully Submitted by:
Tony Brock-Fisher, K1KP
Bill Santelmann, N1AU
Stu Santelmann, KC1F

New WPX Categories

[The following is reprinted from the Contest Reflector. WPX is coming up, get ready! - '2R]

Dear Contesters,

In consultation with Steve, N8BJQ Director of the CQ WPX contest, CQ Contest magazine is proud to announce a new concept in contesting. The 1996 SSB and CW World Wide WPX contests will initiate three new categories in an effort to encourage entry level and average antenna stations.

The new categories are: 1) Rookie category (Rookie), 2) Tribander and single element category (TS), and 3) Band restricted category (BR). The line scores of these new categories will be reported in CQ magazine. The write-up, tables, box scores and detailed reporting of the categories will appear in CQ Contest magazine.

Rules for new categories:

I. All three categories shall obey all WPX rules as they appear in CQ magazine. The deadline and mailing address is the same as indicated by the WPX rules.

II. All three categories shall be single operator (no assistance), all band and up to the legal power limit of your license. Choose only one of the categories indicated, that is, no combinations are permitted. The entrants remain eligible for certificates and plaques generally awarded in the single operator all band class.

A. Rookie category. An entrant in this category shall have been licensed as a radio amateur three (3) years or less.

B. Tribander (any type) with a single feedline from the transmitter to the antenna and single element (TS) category. During the contest, an entrant shall use only one (1) tribander for 10,15,20 meters and single element antennas on 40,80 and 160.

C. Band Restricted (BR) category. An eligible entrant must hold a license restricting operation to LESS than the six (6) contest bands (160,80,40,20,15,10) on both modes. Examples of such licenses are: novice, technician, 4 class license etc. Since frequency privileges differ from country to country, competition is within one's own country.

III. The entrant is REQUIRED to indicate plainly on the standard summary sheet the category chosen: Rookie, TS or BR and supply the following information:

Rookie: Date you were licenced.

TS: Detailed description of the antennas

BR: List of the bands available to the operator.

Failure to indicate the new category on the summary sheet will place your log automatically into one of the traditional WPX categories.

Thanks to N8BJQ, OH2MM, N6KT, W3ZZ, K1AR, WX9E, WE9V, N4OGW, G0JFX and K3EST for advice.

The rules, as seen in this announcement for the new categories, will appear in the FEB issue of CQ Contest magazine, the CQ-contest internet forum, the WPX write-up for the 1995 contests appearing in CQ magazine, and on CQ Contest magazine's WWW page at URL: <http://www.access.digex.net/~cqmag/cqtest.html>.

Any comments should be directed to K3EST@netcom.com.

73,
CQ CONTEST magazine ☐

C.U. Minutes

[There were four Contest Universities held in the WMA, EMA, NLI, and CT sections during the month of February to get people eligible for ARRL DX. Below are the minutes. - '2R]

WMA CU Minutes

Dave Robbins, KY1H

The Contest University on 2/11/96 at the QTH of KY1H was attended by KY1H, WT2Q, WA1ZAM, and NJ1F.

We examined the TIC ring model 1022, discussed construction of beverage antennas, toured the station, and played with the TS-870s while discussing its capabilities. We also ate pizza! ☐

CT CU Minutes

Glenn Swanson, KB1GW

A Contest University was held on Feb. 13, 1996 in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM.

The attendees were KB1GW, AA2Z, W1RM, N6BV, K1TO, N1LJA, N1KWJ, KJ4KB, and KX4V. The agenda was as follows:

1. Greetings and taking attendance.
2. Working dinner -- discuss plans for ARRL DX CW next weekend.
3. Propagation forecast charts and discussion - by N6BV
4. Discussion on the importance of packet spotting - by KB1GW & K1TO. (For those who are "casual" entrants or "non-entrants.")
5. Discussion of ways to "maximize" your score for the YCCC - by K1TO, including an analysis of 'multi-single' vs. 'multi-two.'
6. Discussion of "How to get the 'best start' in a contest.", led by N6BV, including "What band to begin on?" and "What frequency to begin on?"
7. Discussion of the need for future Contest Universities including detailed discussion about which topics might be needed for future Universities. Beginning CT-users course / Intermediate CT-users course, Use of Packet.
8. Meeting adjourned. An informal gathering of several attendees followed the University. Discussion centered on topics regarding ways to focus upon, and work to-

wards achievement of, the primary goals and objectives of the YCCC.

10. Summary: A well-timed gathering--with vigorous discussion and some fun! The consensus was to hold another (larger) Contest U here in Connecticut in the future--with a definite need for one each January--at a minimum. ☐

EMA CU Minutes

Bill Santelman, N1AU

A Contest University was held at 7pm on Tuesday, 2/13, at the home of K1KP in Andover, MA. 20 operators attended, as follows: N6RFM, K1JKS, W2SC, KC1XX, KV1W, W1EYT, WA1S, AA1V, NO1J, N1DS, W1FJ, W1JR, WA1EQU, WA1TET, A13E, WT1T, KA1FMR, N1AU, W1MK, K1KP.

The program started at 7pm with a discussion of Yagi and wire antennas by W1JR. Sample topics included Yagi trap losses, comparison of monoband Yagis with monobanders, and the inevitable compromises that must be made between forward gain, front-to-back ratio, bandwidth, and many other parameters. In the area of wire antennas, the use of raised resonant radials was discussed, as well as Beverage termination methods, and delta loops and diamond loops for the low-frequency bands..

After a pizza break, the meeting continued with discussion of the listing of "58 Ways to Improve Your Contest Score (without cheating)", with many new ways offered.

The final discussion centered on the present "state of the YCCC". Most of the super-station operators no longer are eligible for the ARRL because they no longer attend YCCC meetings. In EMA, according to the list of 2/6/96, 30% still needed two meetings (as they had never attended once during the previous year!), another 34% needed one more meeting, and 30% still owed dues. Only 35% were eligible before the Contest University, roughly 1 in 3!! How do we intend to win the ARRL DX this way??

I proposed that the YCCC require a minimum of two contest logs per year to maintain membership in the YCCC, which is really not a new idea. The group was very supportive and settled on the three major contests, the CQWW, ARRL DX, and WPX with six contest weekends per year from which to generate two logs. The logs could be as small as a single

contact, even as a guest operator at a multi-operator station, to be acceptable. Further, it was suggested that a contest log be required of each new applicant for YCCC membership as proof of interest.

The duties of the Area Manager were proposed to be expanded as well:

- The Area Manager should advise every area member of eligibility throughout the year, as well as organize a Contest University once a year at a strategic time.

- The Area Manager should arrange for every member within his/her area to be on the air during the big three contests, as far as possible. This would involve staffing multi-operator stations, so that every station that can generate a score does so.

- After the contest, the Area Manager should collect all of the station scores, not just wait for them to come in. (Remember the time we lost because a 2-meg log was not submitted!) All Area Managers should forward the collection of logs to the Secretary in time for preparation of a club summary score and submittal to the contest sponsor before the deadline.

This would require a lot of work, but it is reported that the FRC operates this way and wins! Perhaps these expanded Area Manager functions could be shared by two or three people.

Someone asked if it would be possible to maintain a Club running score on packet during the contest! The facility doesn't exist now. Also, our members would like to see the PacketCluster used instead of the Internet for communications involving the general membership, such as posting of contest scores. ☐

NLI CU Minutes

Rich Cariello, AA2MF

We had a pretty good turnout for the CU. Present were AA2MF, N2YIB, N2FF, WA2YIZ, KF2PQ, N2NOV, NT2X, WA2YYX, KB2PWS, N2UMC, K2WR, and K2LUQ. We started about 7:30 pm, and ended formal talks at 9:30. Then some of the guys stayed and went out for coffee. All in all a good meeting. K2WR, NT2X, and myself gave talks. ☐

YCCC CLUB RESOURCE INFORMATION

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP STUFF Dues are payable at the April election meeting, which begins our club "contest year", with a grace period until the end of June, at which time membership in the club will lapse if dues are not paid up. In order to rejoin the club, a lapsed member must attend a meeting, like any new member, and be welcomed back into membership, 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 following year (that is, the contest year beginning that 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. **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. Being a family member 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 period begins at the beginning of the club year, in April. Subscribers who sign up between December and April are considered paid-up through the following April. 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 or lkay@lynx.dac.neu.edu, or on 3 1/2" disk (in MSWord format or text file) by snail mail to 6R Johnson St., Woburn, MA 01801. The deadline for each issue is the 10th of the preceding month. **CONTEST SCORES** are sent to the club scorekeeper, Charlie Morrison, WZ1R.

CLUB GOODIES **BADGES** are available from WZ1R. Send two dollars, your callsign, name, and mailing address to WZ1R-YCCC Badge, P.O. Box 9106, Pawtucket R.I. 02862. **APPAREL** Len, KB2R, coordinates group purchases of club jackets and polo shirts. Contact Len for price info or see the order form which is periodically printed here on the Resources Page. 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, 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 club secretary/treasurer, Charlotte Richardson, KQ1F, 11 Michigan Drive, Hudson MA 01749, home phone (508)562-5819.

INTERNET REFLECTOR [Note: at press time, the reflector is unavailable.] There is an Internet mailing list for YCCC members. To subscribe, send mail to yccc-request@eng.pko.dec.com. Include the single word SUBSCRIBE in the body of the mail message.

CT CONTEST LOGGING SOFTWARE is available from K1EA Software, 5 Mount Royal Avenue, Marlborough MA 01752 for \$69.95 plus sales tax. Telephone (508)460-8873, FAX (508)460-6211, BBS (508)460-8877. There is an Internet mailing list for CT users. To subscribe, send mail to 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 Reisert, 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. **ARRL LIAISON** For ARRL matters, contact Tom Frenaye, K1KI, PO Box 386, West Suffield CT 06093, home phone (203)668-5444, E-mail frenaye@pcnet.com.

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, 6R Johnson St., Woburn, MA 01801, 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 \$60 Satin/Cotton lining \$55 Nylon/cotton lining \$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	Place
April 6, (Sat)	Sturbridge, MA
May 18 (Sat)	Dayton, OH
June 1 (Sat)	Sturbridge, MA
August '96 picnic	Sturbridge, MA
October 5 (Sat)	Boxboro, MA
December 8 (Sun)	Sturbridge, MA

Ship's Log April, 1996 Issue 122		
Captain's Cabin	JP Kleinhaus, AA2DU.....	1
YCCC on the Web	Dave Robbins, KY1H.....	2
YCCC - Log it or Leave It!	Tony Brock-Fisher, K1KP...	3
ARRL DX CW Claimed Scores	Charlie Morrison, WZ1R.....	4
ARRL DX SSB Claimed Scores	Charlie Morrison, WZ1R.....	5
Secretary's Report	Charlotte Richardson, KQ1F	7
Poop Deck	8-9
CU Minutes	various.....	10

The next meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club will be held on Saturday, April 6 at the Host Hotel in Sturbridge, MA, near the intersection of I-84 and I-90. To get to the Host Hotel, exit I-84 onto Route 20 West. Go through two sets of stoplights and turn right just before the Burger King into the hotel parking lot. See you there!

ARRL DX scores - pages 4-6! ---- New T-Shirts at April meeting, see page 8!

ELECTIONS this month!!!! For meeting agenda, see Poop Deck, page 8!

The YCCC Scuttlebutt
 6R Johnson St.
 Woburn, MA 01801

FIRST CLASS MAIL