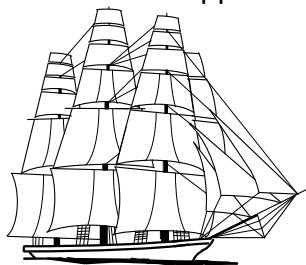


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Captain's Cabin

J. P. Kleinhaus, AA2DU

Well, here we are again. By the time this hits your mailboxes, another CQWW and Sweepstakes will have passed. As I write this, I can't help but wonder if conditions will be as kind to us in the CQWW CW as they were during the SSB portion of the contest. From what I can tell, our scores per operator were far better, on the average, than anyone else's in the country. This is especially true when compared to those of the "menace from the South." As a matter of fact, YCCC seems to have won the number one spots in Single Op, both assisted and unassisted, as well as Multi-Single and placed very well in Multi-Multi to boot (all for the SSB contest). As a matter of fact, it seems that YCCC took the *top five* spots in CQWW SSB Single Op Unassisted! Congratulations to K1AR, K5ZD, KM3T, N6BV and W2SC!

While it is nice to see the high-scores come from our neck of the woods, I would be committing a grave error by not mentioning that we finished strongly across the board, in all categories of competition. The KY1H Multi-Multi operation really came into its own this year, thanks to many many hours of hard work put in by Dave and his crew over the summer and may end up being the high-scoring MM from this club, narrowly edging out the K1KI super station. Dave really cleaned up on 20 meters, with something in the neighborhood of 2200 QSO's On SSB! Also, finishing strongly in SOP/Low power was our own WS1A who may have had his most successful effort to date...way to go Rob! There are many more members who went all out than I can possibly mention here, but to all of you: A sincere thank you!

I can only hope that we are as successful in the CW portion of the CQWW as we were in the SSB part. By the December 9th meeting, we should have a pretty good picture of where we stand. As always, the big question will be the DX'pedition factor. This is something that comes back to haunt us time and time again, and this year may be no exception. I can't understand why there are so many of "them" out there and so few of "us." You figure we would have learned our lesson by now.

Notwithstanding all of that, we do have our regular small crowd of travelers going out of their way to put a new multiplier on the air for us. Doug, K1DG, did yeoman's (hah...I got one in there) work running 15 meters at PJ9B during WW SSB and will contribute over 5 Meg to the club score as his portion of the effort. Too, Rich, K2WR, made a rare appearance during the SSB contest from GJ land... always a perennial favorite of Rich's during the CW test, Rich decided to try phone for a change this year. According to Rich, "the southern European QRM factor was not nearly as bad as anticipated." Rich must have been using one of those new DSP unit's which allow you to filter out annoying modulation and SSTV'ers! Our veteran travelers, Paul and Charlotte, K1XM and KQ1F will be going to a most exotic locale for CW: They will be on the air from A61AF and should put in a good score for us.

I have a bit of disturbing news to report on the home front. My town, in its infinite wisdom, decided that my variance application for my 120' tower should be summarily denied in all respects. It's unfortunate for them that I am unwilling to go away and know that their decision has enough holes in it to sink a clipper ship (another gratuitous nautical term) [But not *this* clipper ship - '2R]. So, in order to guide them to a more reasonable point of

view, I have commenced both a state *and* a federal civil rights action against them. I hope they like to read, because there will be enough paper raining down on town hall to keep them up for the next six months. It is unfortunate that I, being in the right here, need to spend this kind of money (much better spent on towers) in order to pursue this hobby on my own property. I urge each and every one of you to support PRB-1, and the ARRL's continuing effort to strengthen it, every chance you get. It's really the only thing standing between us and these megalomaniacal zoning boards who haven't the first clue about writing and applying ordinances that comply with federal interests.

All that being said, I wish you all the best of the holiday season and certainly hope to see most of you at the upcoming meeting. Luigi has a fascinating program prepared as usual. Also, before I forget, be aware that ARRL DX contests are coming up, and *many* of you still are not eligible for competition. Remember, you need at least one Sturbridge meeting and one other meeting of your choice. This second meeting can be at Sturbridge or can be one of the numerous Contest Universities that will be held between now and February.

BEAT FRC!!☐

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December Meeting

Leonard Kay, KB2R

The next meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club will be held on Saturday, December 9, at the Host Hotel on Route 20 in Sturbridge, MA. The program, which was unavailable at press time, will start at 1:00 PM. Watch for an upcoming 'YCCC' post on your PacketCluster node for the meeting program.

Remember, to be eligible for ARRL DX Club competition, you must have attended two meetings in the previous year. Get yourself squared away by coming to this meeting and then attending a Contest University in your area during the coming months.

Phrases for Special Situations

Fred Hopengarten, K1VR

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As the phone contest nears, and sunspots are few and far between, it is time to recognize that 20 meters is going to be the big ugly this weekend. I therefore offer the following language phrases as an aid to retaining your CQ'ing frequency this weekend. Note that when my more extensive collection of foreign language phrases was printed in CQ, K1AR, diplomat that he is, left out these phrases.

- English:** **Gimme a break. I've been here for two hours.**
[Don't diss me man, o' I'll be in yo face.]
- Canadian:** **Take off, eh!**
[QSY or I'll blast you to the Yukon.]
- Japanese:** **kyO wa butsumetsu kana.**
[Is today Friday the 13th?]
- Russian:** **Tee chtoh, sloni svalyeelseh?**
[Did you just fall off the back of a turnip truck?]
- French:** **Un aperitif vous attends au premier étage. Bon appetit.**
[You have a drink waiting for you upstairs. Enjoy it.]
- Spanish:** **Esta la hora para sua siesta. Vamonos.**
[Isn't it time for your nap?]
- German:** **Sollten Sie heute nicht Ihr Auto waschen?**
[Shouldn't you be cleaning your car today?]
- Italian:** **Per favore, abbassa il tuo speech processor.**
[Please turn down your speech processor.]

Good luck in the contest! ☐

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

ARRL SS CW Claimed Scores

Charlie Morrison, WZ1R

YCCC Scores in BOLD(Other East Coast scores from the Contest
Reflector.....thanks to WA4ZXA)Single Op High Power

CALL	SCORE	QSO	MULT	HRS
K1ZX	224,960	1480	76	
K5GN	222,068	1442	77	
N2NT	210,520	1385	76	(OP KZ2S)
K5ZD	1362 77	209,748	24	
K1TO	1319 76	200,488	24 @ K1KI	
(Points for Murphy's Mauraders)				
WA8ZDT	199,584	1296	77	
WC4E	196,384	1292	76	
KS1G	192,736	1268	76	
KT3Y	189,300	1262	75	
W1WEF	187,572	1217	77 24	
Used 2 radios, had 332 band changes !				
KF3P	187,572	1218	77	
AA4NC NC	186,352	1226	76	
K1ZZ	181,874	1181	77	
NA5Q	181,258	1177	77	
K8CC	179,208	1179	76	(OP K5GO)
K4PQL	179,968	1184	76	
WM4T	179,718	1167	77	(OP KU8E)
N4ZC	178,024	1156	77	(OP WZ3Q)
WB1GQR	159,000	1060	75	
KI0U	159,296	1048	76	
AB1T VT	142,500	950	75	24
WF3T	141,488	956	74	23
WR3O TN	139,688	919	76	
K8JP IN	123,912	881	76	22
WB4NFS	117,968	808	73	
N1CC	107,800	700	77 16	
W1IHN NC	99,000	660	75	14
K1AR	90,750	605	75	10
WA1G	77,552	524	74 10	
AA5UO	72,534	471	77	
K2ONP	63,648	442	72 08	
W1RM	60,384	410	74	
K3SA	56,800	400	71	
W3CPB	40,120	295	68	
W1YU	14,976	144	523	(OP WI2E)

Single Op Low Power

N4ZZ TN	173,866	1129	77	
WA2SRQ	157,776	1038	76	
KC1F	153,900	1026	75 24	
K1TR	153,368	1009	76 24 @N6BV	
K4XU IL	143,700	958	75	

N4ZR WV	139,800	932	75	
KZ1M	138,138	897	77 21	
WT1O EMA	124,468	841	74	24
N4YOS AL	123,300	822	75	
K8JLF EMA	116,746	787	74	
WA3HAE WPA	113,960	770	74	
WA2LCC	102,240	710	72	
N8NA DE	97,828	661	74	20
AA1HJ	92,400	616	75	23
N3BGV WPA	90,958	623	73	
W1PH/6 SJV	73,704	498	74 15	
NJ2L WNY	68,586	483	71	11
WD4MUR VA	68,248	449	76	
KI4HN	66,240	460	72	
NJ1V STX	62,780	430	73	14
K3SA	60,800	400	76	
W3GOI	54,864	381	72	13
NO1J	47,952	333	72	
K1TN	43,148	322	67	8
KR2J	40,800	300	68	8
WA3TXR	38,860	292	67	
AC4ZD TN	30,208	236	64	
AA8SM	28,000	200	70	10
WA1HYN	27,300	210	65 07	
WE1B	24,570	195	63	
WA7BNM LAX	8,712	66	66	
N9WHG IN	6,972	83	42	5

Single Op QRP

K2ZJ WNY	125,400	825	76	
WIMJ CT	95,046	651	73 24 @K1EA	
WA1GUV VT	65,604	497	66	22
ND3F MD	45,156	318	71	
N2JJ ENY	30,418	227	67	17
KA1CZF	14,112	144	49	

Multi-Op (M/S -or- S/O with Packet)

KS9W IL	194,348	1262	77	
+KS9W, AA9LX, KD5PJ/9				
KY1H	187,418	1217	77 24	
+WM1K, KB1W.				
K9UWA	166,782	1083	77	
+K9UWA, WA8YVR, KC9LA				
K3WW	120,120	780	77	
KB2UGM WNY	115,900	759	76	
+K2DB, NG2P, N2PEB, KF2ZW, AF2K, WA2ROW				
KE3Q	106,000	716	75	13
N1OPZ	9,240	84	55	

CQ WW SSB Claimed Scores

Charlie Morrison, WZ1R

YCCC Scores in BOLD

(Other scores from the Contest Reflector.....thanks to WA4ZXA)

Single Op High Power

Call	Score	Total	Q/Z/C
K1AR	6,300,000	3627/132/464	
K5ZD	5,500,000	3352/123/448	
KM3T	4,032,290	2877/108/377	
N6BV	3,700,000	2793/101/366	
W2SC	3,377,000	2338/113/391	
W9RE	3,090,000	2041/129/409	
N2IC/0	3,077,921	2207/136/361	
K3ZO	2,903,196	2252/104/348	
VE2QRZ	2,424,489	2770/92/255	(WB2K)
K1RU	2,686,170	2124/114/344	
NQ4I	2,080,000	1659/119/348	
W6XR/2	2,060,154	1591/113/358	
N3BB	2,058,162	1770/123/315	
(AA5RB)			
N7AVK	1,740,000	1716/121/262	
K0KX	1,619,838	1210/127/359	
KC7V	1,325,676	1390/114/249	
AA1ON	1,320,660	1360/88/260	
GJ/K2WR	1,319,301	2021/ 74/299	
K0EJ	1,039,669	978/101/290	
W1WEF	1,007,000	1051/ 88/260	
K4XU	943,423	877/103/300	
WB00	845,856	783/116/280	
KF2O	761,000	596/118/355	
WB2DND	710,625	673/94/281	
KF0DJ	453,968	618/89/183	
WA3TXR	426,000	575/ 70/200	
AA3HM	398,370	504/75/219	
W2UP	260,928	333/77/211	
K1BV	237,636	504/ 36/128	
W6RCL	217,047	385/80/133	
K8JLF	220,000	402/ 54/144	
WA1HYN	40,000	136/ 24/ 80	
N1TZW	25,000	106/ 23/ 62	
KD1IA	23,000	98/ 34/ 62	

K1GW 8,400 70/ 13/ 35 80M

KM1H	1,100,000	2072/40/149	(KQ2M)
K2SS	1,010,000	2080/ 36/130	20M
NI8L	946,000	1757/39/146	20M
K3ZJ/8	582,205	1264/38/131	20M
K9UWA	548,184	1059/39/143	20M
K9JF/7	561,000	1245/39/122	20M
N2PP	547,432	1174/37/127	20M
K8GL	370,448	726/37/132	20M

WB1HBB 246/26/102 15M

Single Op Low Power

KR2Q	1,179,980	1039/101/309
NY3Y	859,000	792/95/307
AC1O	858,240	799/98/286
WA7BNM/6	790,020	928/98/210
N8II	680,708	801/78/224
WA4ZXA	655,956	730/90/252
WS1A	634,844	738/74/242
WA6KUI/4	467,748	611/76/208
W3UJ	438,848	606/59/195

KG1D	310,000	
K3SA	271,184	360/71/201
WQ7R	235,206	407/73/146
NZ3I	228,620	382/68/162
K8JLF	220,770	402/54/144
AA1EY	218,000	350/64/180
KG2BN	189,024	377/46/133
W3GOI	130,312	254/50/132
K1TN	64,192	172/39/97
KB2R	27,000	103/38/80
N1LJA	14,817	149/28/68

Single Op QRP All Band

N1AFC	300,000+	
KA1CZF	102,340	233/56/116

Single Op Assisted

AA2DU	3,377,660	2138/127/445
N3RR	2,548,754	1566/132/455 (WR3E)
K3WW	2,462,898	1465/129/472
KG4W	1,720,125	1244 116/379
WB2NQT	1,431,360	1079 112/368
W1GD	1,358,444	1032/109/370
KS9Z/1	1,361,458	1111/103/331
N8RA/1	1,141,862	1014/ 98/300
N1CC	964,843	926/90/277
AA3HA	922,200	784/96/328
N3II	720,421	709/89/278
KF2O	760,000	596/117/355
VE7NKI	697,956	1675/53/121
WA2TIF	684,000	743/ 78/247
K2ONP	637,000	623/ 83/287
N6RFM/1	551,036	587/ 83/264
KC3RN	517,737	589/82/237
KQ4QM	485,716	536/85/247
KM0L	468,963	592/86/211
AA6MC	408,216	525/94/198
K1HTV LP	404,012	492/84/223
K1FWF	303,000	359/ 91/219
WA2CJT	301,910	472/56/171
WA1G	226,709	347/ 62/171
W1BIH 20M	148,000	346/ 35/118
WW1E	147,000	246/ 53/158
N1OPZ	132,000	240/ 50/147

Multi/Single

6D2X	10,189,000	
KC1XX	6,610,000	3257/146/555
+AD1C, K1EA, KC1F.		
K2TR	6,100,000	2968/150/575
W1FJ	5,080,000	2630/144/534
+K1JKS, XM, NB1B, W1KM. @ W1KM		
K4ISV	5,000,000	2642/160/538
KS9K	4,764,500	2664/150/500
K1VR	3,500,000	2100/132/472
+AA1AA, K8PO, KA1BQ.		
VE6JY	3,300,345	3168/117/318
W2AX/1	3,300,000	2035/137/473
+VE1AL, XT, N2FF, UN, NA2M, K2LE, SX.		
W6EEN	3,187,894	2274/143/358
KB1H	3,130,000	2047/120/418
+KZ1M, AA1CE, KA1ZNZ, K1EBY, WA1HYN, N1LYA, N1OPZ, NX1Q.		
AB4RU	3,085,120	1780/136/486
NCOP	2,611,075	1775/140/435
VE3RM	2,591,913	2159/114/355
VA3SK	2,336,424	2486/100/302
K1RX	2,100,000	
N2MM	2,040,120	

W3GNQ	1,900,000	1285/127/419
NS2K	1,744,500	1254/112/388
K3II	1,286,560	859/119/425
CK7U	1,251,656	2515/73 /144
K3DI	1,185,001	945/107/350
N5HRG	1,047,832	849/126/328
W2CRS	1,000,000	940/124/286
K8JP	907,707	757/118/325
AB7BS	609,280	1018/88/184
KA1DWX	575,000	655/ 71/238
+WA1TTE,W1/G3IZQ.		
N1KWF	481,770	547/81 /237
K6XO	388,046	567/82 /115
AE0M	262,752	488/74 /130

<u>Multi-Multi</u>		
PJ9B	35,500,000	
(K1DG was 1/6 of this score.		
YCCC Pts= 5,916,666!)		
V26B	23,000,000 +	
N2RM	12,600,000	
VA9DH	12,400,000	
K3LR	12,200,000	
W3LPL	10,240,000	
K1KI	9,280,000	4553/149/594
+ K1CC, K1RM, K1TO, KB1GW, KC1SJ, KF2FB, W1OD, W1RM.		
KY1H	9,272,000	5058/153/558
+ AA1ND, K1MBO, KA1NCN, KA2WEI, KB2HUN, UCV, KM1P, N1NQD, NT2X, WA1ZAM, WB2KDD, WK1O, WM1K, WR1X, WR2I.		
N3RS	6,500,000	3428/143/557
N4ZC	6,048,323	3178/151/540
W4MYA	5,710,881	3283/147/524
AA2Z/1	4,100,000	2367/129/478 + K1ZZ.
K3ANS	3,723,426	2390/131/478
N6AW	3,719,758	2537/152/360
W4IY	3,030,095	2096/131/434
NK7U	2,262,924	2154/124/290

Band Breakdowns

Call	Total	Q/Z/C	160	80	40	20	15	10
<u>High Power</u>								
K1AR	3627/132/464		30/ 8/21	342/17/69	258/24/77	1437/38/139	1498/32/133	62/13/25
K5ZD	3352/123/448		71/12/38	334/16/71	203/21/79	1471/36/125	1177/28/110	96/10/25
KM3T	2877/108/377		12/ 5/ 7	319/12/60	170/16/66	1124/32/108	1176/30/108	76/13/28
N6BV	2793/101/366		34/ 8/23	279/12/61	114/18/59	1045/32/113	1309/29/107	12/ 2/ 3
W2SC	2338/113/391		29/ 9/20	244/14/67	200/23/79	707/31/101	1130/28/109	28/ 8/15
W9RE	2041/129/409		36/10/23	136/17/53	195/27/76	668/37/120	913/28/112	93/10/25
N2IC/0	2207/136/361		40/11/20	79/17/38	394/30/70	827/36/115	776/30/ 94	90/12/24
K3ZO	2252/104/348		13/ 7/10	148/15/51	187/20/66	1118/32/119	769/27/ 96	17/ 3/ 4
K1RU	2124/114/344		12/ 4/ 4	94/13/49	124/21/67	882/36/100	936/27/ 94	76/13/30
GJ/K2WR	2021/ 74/299		328/6/50	142/ 7/36	31/ 4/ 22	636/18/ 77	766/27/ 78	118/12/36
<u>Low Power</u>								
KR2Q	1039/101/309		17/ 6/11	62/12/34	106/19/56	380/29/94	391/25/ 91	79/10/23
AC1O	799/ 98/286		13/ 6/11	42/12/34	107/16/47	219/24/73	343/29/100	275/11/21
WA7BNM/6	928/ 98/210		5/ 4/ 3	29/ 9/ 9	93/29/39	315/25/73	427/32/ 76	59/ 7/10
WA4ZXA	730/ 90/252		8/ 3/ 3	33/12/25	81/19/49	236/24/72	304/23/ 84	68/ 9/ 9
WS1A	738/ 74/242		13/ 3/ 3	48/10/16	101/15/52	279/21/84	292/21/ 84	5/ 4/ 3
<u>Single Op Assisted</u>								
AA2DU	2138/127/445		36/ 9/27	246/18/74	157/22/73	976/37/121	667/27/118	56/14/32
K3WW	1465/129/472		45/10/32	101/16/68	120/25/78	614/34/129	517/29/126	68/15/39
KS9Z/1	1111/103/331		0/ 0/ 0	56/16/34	65/15/48	287/32/106	652/28/120	51/12/23
<u>Multi-Single</u>								
KC1XX	3257/146/555		47/10/42	338/21/84	176/28/88	1476/40/155	1166/30/140	54/17/46
K2TR	2968/150/575		50/12/43	396/21/89	175/29/96	1433/40/154	857/31/140	57/17/53
W1FJ	2630/144/534		47/10/44	438/19/85	205/28/93	803/40/132	1088/29/137	49/18/43
K1VR	2100/132/472		47/11/39	191/17/69	195/25/81	868/36/123	756/29/129	43/14/31
<u>Multi-multi</u>								
K1KI	4553/149/594		134/14/59	465/20/84	338/28/95	1729/39/156	1753/29/150	134/19/50
KY1H	5058/153/558		138/13/46	648/19/82	429/32/94	2286/40/149	1270/32/140	287/17/47

Secretary's Report - October 1995

Charlotte Richardson, KQ1F

The October, 1995, meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club was held on Sunday, October 15, 1995, at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, Mass. Club president JP, AA2DU, called the meeting to order with introductions of the 81 members present and their guests. Several members had announcements. BK3TZ was expected to be in Boston over the CQ WW SBB weekend and was looking for a station to operate. Jake, W1FM, had copies of Ionsound available for only \$10. Saul, K2XA, had information about a TS820 and R820 for sale. Len, KB2R, passed out Contest Cookbooks; those not picked up at the meeting would be mailed later. Then JP, AA2DU, read some interesting articles from other clubs' newsletters. Charlie, WZ1R, announced that the club plaque and certificate programs would be continuing for the upcoming contest season.

JP, AA2DU, then passed out some ARRL certificates: to K5ZD for first place single op in the 1995 ARRL DX Contest cw, to N6BV for first place single op in the 1995 ARRL DX Contest SSB, and the N1SOH as section and division leader in the very last ARRL Novice Roundup. In club administration news, KB1GW will take over as the Connecticut area manager from K1RU, and WT2Q has taken on the West Mass. section. The KY1H multiop station was looking for CQ WW CW ops, while the K1KI multiop needed SSB ops. Rich, K2WR, announced that he would be operating from GJ for the SSB contest this year rather than for the CW test as he usually does. The treasury balance stood at a rather anemic \$802.72, and members in arrears were urged to pay their dues and their plaques before the CQ contests.

In the first program segment, Kenwood representative AE6P showed a video and slide program on the new TS870 HF transceiver. He brought one along, attached to a notebook computer, so members could try it out, and fielded a number of questions about the new rig. List price is around \$2600.

After this program, Charlie, WZ1R, passed out club certificates and plaques. He announced that CQ WW certificates would be printed for members contribut-

ing at least 250 QSOs in the upcoming CQ WW contests, at least 100 QSOs each weekend. This year's plaques would be for 1 million point scores. The following members collected certificates: KS1L, WA1QGC, WA1KSY, KM3T, KM1P, K1CC, WS1A, WS1M, W1KM, KF2O, K8JLF, K1RU, WA1G, WA3TXR, WB2DND, AA1ER, N1WMM, KA1ILG, AI3E, N3MLV, W1JR, NC1M, W1RM, K1GW, K1RX, and K1TR. Plaques were awarded as follows: **DXCC in a weekend:** N1QMM, AD1C, KB1GW, KF2O. **Million point club:** KZ1M, K1BG, KF2O, W1KM, WN1G, K1TR, K2SX, and K1KP.

Following this, Jake, W1FM, of Skywave Technologies, demoed Ionsound HDX Turbo version 3.5.

Then the club welcomed nine new and returning members: Doug Caron, N1IUN, Tom Hurley, NO1J, Paul M. Sheldon, N1LJA, Steve Rodowicz, N1SR (also VE1EES), James A. Frier, Jr., KD1TM, Sergei "Al" Gordienko, KF2FB, Kei Fukuda, AA2VE (also JJ1RJR), Chet Slabinski, N8RA, and Steve Harrison, K00U.

During the break, members took another look at the TS870 video, and tried out the new radio. After the break, JP, AA2DU, discussed ARRL Contest Advisory Committee issues. He was predicting a negative vote on the "contest-free zone" proposal. Starting January first, 1996, there will be a new ARRL section, Northern New York, split off from the Western New York section. The new section will still be part of the Atlantic Division, not the Hudson Division. This may mean that next year's Sweepstakes will have 78 sections for a "sweep". However, there is also a proposal to eliminate VY1/VE8 as a section, with VY1 becoming part of the VE6 section and VE8 becoming part of the VE7 section.

Luigi, AA1AA, then handed out the YCCC California QSO Party participation awards. Honorable Mentions went to KB2R, NO1J, K2ONP, K1DG, and W1PH. Runner up N1CC won a bottle of wine. First place went the NB1B, who won a bottle of wine and 1995 CQ Almanac.

JP, AA2DU, then discussed the club WRTC team leader nomination for 1996. The selected operator needs to be a very good op, and should be eligible for ARRL club competition. Nominations should be submitted before the December 9th club meeting, when the voting will

take place. The nominee must be willing to pay his or her own transportation.

Members adjourned to Rom's and other local eateries. □

Contest University. Minutes

Charlotte Richardson, KQ1F

A YCCC Contest University was held in conjunction with the 1995 ARRL New England Division DX Convention and Dinner in Worcester, Massachusetts, on Saturday, October 7, 1995. The morning began with coffee and doughnuts, courtesy of Kenwood. The first program was Loren Pleet, AE6P, of Kenwood, introducing the new Kenwood TS870S. A TS870S, connected to a small vertical antenna outside, was available for attendees to test drive.

Following this, Warren Rothberg, ARRL New England Division Vice Director, gave the NE Division report. Then Don Haney, KA1T, talked about the W1 QSL BURO. Jim Reiser, AD1C, talked about DX in the internet. Paul Young, K1XM, and Charlotte Richardson, KQ1F, then showed a multi-projector synchronized slide show on the J77J DXpedition for the 1994 CQ WW CW 1994. Dean Straw, N6BV, then talked about terrain assessment for antennas for DXing.

After luncheon was served, Joe Rich, N1OCS, showed slides of the XR0Y DXpedition. Then Jim Dionne, K1MEM, presented the ARRL DXAC Committee report. Bill Kennamer, K5FUV, talked about the DX desk at ARRL. The DX quiz was won by Stu Santelmann, KC1F. The DX countdown was won by John Thompson, W1BIH. Keynote Speaker Wayne Mills, N7NG, then talked about DXCC past, present, and future, including slides of both the Pratas and the Scarborough Reef DXpeditions. The afternoon ended with drawings for the many door prizes. □

Protecting Your Tower

Stan Griffiths, W7NI

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Like many of you, I have some close neighbors with some cheap electronic entertainment devices. Also, like many of you, I used to be very active in several contests per year and I would occasionally get an RFI complaint that could usually be resolved with some effort. One particular neighbor, however, chose not to confront me with the RFI he was suffering with, instead, reporting me to the FCC repeatedly, until finally, he stumbled onto the right kind of a complaint... he could hear me in a transistor radio. He had been complaining about hearing me in his three tape recorders (purchased at K-Mart) and the FCC would not cite me on that complaint. Well, anyway, I finally got this letter from the FCC instructing me, in no uncertain terms, to get over there and check out this *radio* RFI problem. I had 10 days to respond.

At the time, I was working as a Sales Engineer at Tektronix and my expertise was microwave spectrum analyzers. I had about \$200,000 worth of demonstrators at my disposal for checking out this problem. When I called on my neighbor, he informed me that it wasn't the radio interference that bothered him, but he tape recorder interference instead. I showed him my official letter from the FCC (that he initiated) and showed him there was no mention of tape recorder interference in it. He explained that the FCC would not take a complaint about tape recorder interference from him and I asked him if he knew why. He said it was because the FCC is just another worthless government body that doesn't give a damn about the little guy. I tried to explain the real reason but of course got no where. Of course I insisted we get on with testing for *radio* interference because I had no option but to answer the FCC's letter.

It was only when I told him that I would have to answer that it was because of the complainant's refusal to cooperate that I was unable to determine the nature and extent of any *radio* interference, that he let me run any tests. Surprise! Surprise! I was clean except for a little 2nd harmonic from 10 meters that could cause some trouble on channel 2 TV. I fixed it with a lowpass filter and gave a full re-

port to the FCC. The FCC was happy. My neighbor, however, was still unhappy.

With the FCC report out of the way, I told my neighbor that I would be glad to try to help him resolve his tape recorder problems. I borrowed an excellent tape recorder (a Wollensak) from work (Tektronix) and showed my neighbor that Tek's tape recorder was perfectly free of RFI while all three of his were blown away when my Dad was transmitting in my shack. This *really* made him angry. I then told him that I had a good chance of being able to help him fix his tape recorders, too, but we would have to agree on some ground rules before I could actually work on his recorders, especially since he had showed extreme hostility toward me at the beginning and throughout these tests. He had to agree that I was not to be held responsible for the continued maintenance and future failures of his recorders if I helped him take care of the interference. He totally rejected that idea and said I would be completely responsible for anything that happened to his tape recorders if I dared to touch them. We were at an impasse and I told him there was nothing more I could do and that I would be operating on the following weekends and to expect interference at those times.

He had interference! He sent his son-in-law banging on my hamshack door with threats of violence. His son-in-law had been observing in the news a recent rash of power company tower bombings and suggested to me that my tower could come down the same way! All it would take is quarter stick of dynamite in the right place. I knew he was right and it seemed like there was nothing I could do to protect against it. A determined vandal will scale fences, fend off guard dogs, defeat alarms, and do almost anything else if necessary. I was *really* worried.

I think it was my wife who suggested I take a look at our insurance coverage. I called our insurance agent and we had a discussion about insuring my towers against vandalism. He assured me that they were covered in our home-owner's policy and I told him I wanted to make certain the coverage was adequate since I had had a real threat of serious damage from a neighbor. I also told him that I had put my three towers up for a total cost of about \$5000 but I wanted them covered for replacement by brand new-material professionally installed and that would run about \$15,000 if they were

destroyed. He wrote a rider on our policy and the fee was very modest and certainly well worth every cent.

Right here is where I had a stroke of genius, if I do say so myself! I decided to let my neighbor know about my insurance policy. Being a salesman, I know that the way you deliver the message is critical to your success and I knew just how to deliver this message!! I called on him personally and informed him that I had solved my tower problem. He said, "You mean you got that @#&*% interference fixed?"

I said, "No, as we discussed before, the interference is *your* problem. My problem is that your son-in-law has threatened to blow my towers down and I can assure you that I feel safe and confident that he will not do it now."

"Oh yeah, what makes you so &*&\$ sure?"

"Here are the facts: I paid about \$5000 in cash to buy the material to build those towers and antennas. Most of it was used and I got it at bargain prices. All of the labor was either my own or friends who helped me for free. It will cost my insurance company \$15,000, which they will pay me in cash, if those towers happen to come down. Do you have *any idea* what a set of towers I could put up for \$15,000??? I'm excited! I can hardly wait to find out!"

He was speechless. In fact he has been speechless on this subject for 21 years. I don't get on the air much anymore which I guess is part of the reason I don't hear from him. I also mentioned that the insurance company has his name and the name of his son-in-law on file and if anything bad happens to my towers, he should expect a call from an insurance investigator, the local police, and the FBI since deliberately tampering with a Federally licensed radio station is a Federal crime. It is clearly in his best interests that my towers remain as they are, standing tall in my yard, and he fully understands this now.

I know this is not the "touchy, feely, friendly" solution that leaves you and your neighbors as best friends, but I don't think that was in the cards in this situation. I hope there is an idea or two here that might do you some good should you need it. Sorry for being so long-winded but that was quite probably the most satisfying "contest" I have ever won . . . and I have the trophies standing in my yard to prove it. □

Poop Deck

Movers and Shakers

New info for Rus, NJ2L:
Rus Healy, NJ2L
5960 Canadice Hill Road
Springwater, NY 14560
phone: (716)367-9062

Correct address for Steve, N1TYH:
Steve Olivieri, N1TYH
67 Auburn Street Extension, Apt. 6
Framingham, MA 01701
home phone: (508)626-2839
work phone: (508)650-8255

New address for Rich, WA1EQU:
Rich Vitello, WA1EQU
37 Hilltop St.
Grafton, MA 01536
phone: (508)839-8817
email: wa1equ@hawkeye.iii.net or in-
fo@abcde.com
www: http://www.abcde.com

Martin, W1/G4DZC, is now AA1ON
New mailing address for Dana, K1RQ:
Dana Cobb, K1RQ
30 Cobb Rd.
Raymond, ME 04071

Correct work phone number for Mark,
K1RX, is (603)778-1268.

New address for Matt, KC1XX
Matt Strelow, KC1XX
814 Hurricane Rd.
Mason, NH 03048
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New address for Charlie, WZ1R:
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508-761-6248

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AD1C@tiac.net

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abrams@rpi.edu

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New Crew

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

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Plymouth MA 02360
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Paul M. Sheldon, N1LJA
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South Windsor CT 06074
home phone: (860)-644-9474
work phone: (860)875-6246

Steve Rodowicz, N1SR (also VE1EES)
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Chicopee, MA 01020
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James A. Frier, Jr., KD1TM
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Easton, CT 06612
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Sergei "Al" Gordienko, KF2FB (ex-
UZ2FWD)
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Kei Fukuda, AA2VE (also JJ1RJR)
200 Rector Place #37M
New York, NY 10280
home phone: (212)786-9959
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Chet Slabinski, N8RA
462 West Hill Road
New Hartford CT 06057

Steve Harrison, KO0U
37 Plainfield Avenue
Shrewsbury MA 01545
work phone: (508)392-0952

WRTC Nominations

JP Kleinhaus, AA2DU

The YCCC WRTC Nominating Commit-
tee (YCCCWRTCNC?) is looking for
qualified competitors to represent the
YCCC and the New England area for the
upcoming WRTC contest. If you know
anyone, yourself included, who wants to
be the YCCC team leader then *let me
know!*

The Committee, consisting of the club's
elected officers will narrow down the
choices until we reach the four or five
strongest candidates. At the December 9
meeting, we will hold a vote of the mem-
bership to make the final selection.

A reminder: The applicant chosen will
bear *all* costs associated with the event.
The applicant *must* be an ARRL eligible
YCCC member as of the December 9
meeting. Please make sure that if you
nominate anyone other than yourself that
they are aware of the above conditions.
Also, it might be wise to check with
them to make sure they *want* to go. ☐

No DXpeditions for 1996 ARRL DX

[Below is the text of a letter from
K8CH at ARRL HQ to AA2DU - Ed.]

JP,

The question has been raised about con-
sideration of adding Dxpedition scores
to the club competition in the ARRL
International DX Contest. Because I
received that recommendation as we
were at the QST deadline for contest
rules, in consultation with staff, I chose
to delay consideration and not try to
implement the change for 1996.

As it takes some time to organize and
plan an expedition, and it seems to us
that there is an issue here about partici-
pants (individuals and clubs) having
adequate advanced warning of a rules
change of this magnitude.

73, Chuck Hutchinson, K8CH

Poop Deck continued**Internet mailing list changes**

Jim Reisert, AD1C

Due to a job change, I have moved some of the Internet mailing lists I used to run. The affected lists include:

CT-USER: This list is for discussing K1EA's CT software and DVP hardware. The new subscription address is: ct-user-REQUEST@ve7tcp.ampr.org

The new address for posting is:

ct-user@ve7tcp.ampr.org

Note that if you were previously subscribed to the old list, you were *automatically* subscribed to the new list. You can access an information page on the WWW at:

<http://ve7tcp.ampr.org/Lists/ct-user.html>

WF1B-RTTY: This list is for discussing the RTTY for WF1B program. The new subscription address is: wflb-rtty-REQUEST@ve7tcp.ampr.org

The new address for posting is:

wflb-rtty@ve7tcp.ampr.org

Note that if you were previously subscribed to the old list, you were *automatically* subscribed to the new list. You can access an information page on the WWW at:

<http://ve7tcp.ampr.org/Lists/wflb-rtty.html>

YCCC: This mailing list is in the process of finding a new home. If you were previously subscribed to YCCC@eng.pko.dec.com, your subscription will carry forward to the new list. Either I or the new list owner will announce the new address *widely* to all current Internet subscribers, on PacketCluster and in the 'Butt. I regret that the list is unavailable at the present time.

There was initially some concern about using VE7TCP's system to host the lists, due to Lyndon's policies regarding the DX reflector. Please be assured that while Lyndon may be providing a hardware host for the list, I will continue to monitor the content of the lists and set list policy.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to send me a message on packet (AD1C > NO1A) or on the Internet (AD1C@tiac.net). □

A plug for CQ Contest

John Dorr, K1AR

As you may have read or heard, CQ magazine is indeed launching a new contest magazine, appropriately entitled "CQ Contest." The premier issue is scheduled for January, 1996 (mail date December) and will be published ten times a year. The editor is CQ World Wide Contest Director Bob Cox, K3EST.

One of the principal goals for CQ Contest will be its international focus, scope and depth. The magazine will concentrate on coverage of people, analysis, techniques, reporting and technology.

A sampling of articles slated for the January, 1996, inaugural issue include:

- Contesting Under Communism: The UK9AAN Experience - UA9BA
- Winning from the Canary Islands- OH2MM
- Continental Spotlight
 - The Japanese Contester, JH4NMT
 - Slovenian Contesting, S50A
 - To QSL or not to QSL, I2UIY
- The Best of Operating Basics, N6KT
- An Inside Look at CQ WW Logchecking, K3EST
- Musings of a VHF Contester, W3ZZ
- Youth in Contesting, WX9E
- Good, Practical Filters, N6AW
- Interview with JE1CKA/KH0AM

CQ Contest will also include technical articles, product reviews and regular columns on contest clubs, VHF contesting, and the contest participation of women, young people and short-wave listeners.

Something that has been widely debated is the changes ham magazine publishers are considering for contest coverage. The new magazine in no way signals the abandonment of contest reporting in its parent magazine, CQ. Rather, CQ Contest reflects our continuing commitment to contesting and contesters. Our intent is to provide a new depth of coverage of the worldwide contest scene which is impossible to justify in a general-interest magazine such as CQ. However, CQ itself will continue to cover contesting, as always.

For additional information, contact me directly as follows:

Telephone: 516-681-2922

Fax: 516-681-2926

E-mail: p00259@psilink.com

[Ed. Note: 1st class subscription to US addresses is \$30.] □

Installing PL259's on CATV RG11

Jack Schuster, W1WEF

This method of attaching PL259 connectors to CATV RG11 has served me well on several antennas that required 70 ohm matching sections. The coax used was Times Fiber Communications, Inc. T10 series which has a copper-clad steel center conductor and an aluminum shield bonded to a polyethylene dielectric. On top of the bonded shield are two layers of an aluminum alloy wire braid, with another layer of

aluminum foil shield in between. A greasy compound coating the materials serves as a moisture block.

Using a utility knife, first strip about a half inch of the outer shields and dielectric from the end of the coax, leaving the center conductor. Next, cut the outer jacket back another three quarters of an inch. Remove the two layers of braid and the outer foil shield, leaving three quarters of an inch of the inner bonded foil shield exposed.

Install a UG176 reducer over the inner bonded shield by holding the reducer with pliers and forcing it over the

shield by rotating it as if screwing it onto the cable while pushing it at the same time. Do not try to remove the moisture blocking compound.

Now a PL259 can be screwed onto the reducer, holding the end of the reducer with one pair of pliers, and the PL259 with another. The center conductor is then soldered. When connecting to an antenna or barrel connector, the usual taping and sealing measures should be taken. □

YCCC Apparel Order Form

Don't be fooled by lower-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)

Clipper ship and 'YCCC' embroidered on breast

Price: \$24.00

Color: White(with blue stitching) Royal Blue (with white stitching)

Size: S M L XL XXL
(34-36) (38-40) (42-44) (46-48) (50-52)
(add \$2)

Pocket: Yes No

Name and Call? Add \$5, print here as you want them to appear:

'Starter' Jacket:

Large clipper ship and 'Yankee Clipper Contest Club' embroidered on back;

Name/Call embroidered on breast

Type: Satin/Quilted lining Satin/Cotton lining Nylon/cotton lining
 \$60 \$55 \$50

Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL
(34-36) (38-40) (42-44) (46-48) (50-52) (54-56)
(add \$2) (add \$4)

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)

THE CLUB RESOURCES PAGE**The Place to Find Club Information**

DUES are due at the April election meeting, which begins our club "contest year", with a grace period until the end of June. Membership in the club will lapse at the end of the grace period 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 last meeting of the club's contest year (February) 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. New 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 3½" 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.

CLUB 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

CLUB 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.

CLUB 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.

PACKET NETWORK information is available from Charlie Carroll, K1XX, Candlelight Rd., Ringe NH 03461.

CONTEST SCORES are sent to the club scorekeeper, Charlie Morrison, WZ1R.

INTERNET REFLECTOR [Note: at press time, the reflector is unavailable. See article by AD1C in this issue.] 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.

CLUB 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.

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.

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Place
December 9 (Sat)	Sturbridge, MA
February 4, (Sun)	Sturbridge, MA
April 6, (Sat)	Sturbridge, MA
June 1 (Sat)	Sturbridge, MA
August '96 picnic	Sturbridge, MA
October 5 (Sat)	Boxboro, MA
December 8, '96 (Sun)	Sturbridge, MA

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The next meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club will be held on Saturday, December 9 at 1:00 PM 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!

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

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