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YCCC Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, February 16th, 2022 at 8PM
See Sunday, Feb 13th eMail Meeting Invite
ARRL DX CW Readiness Meeting - Wednesday, 8:00 PM #cal-invite

CAPTAIN'S LOG

Hi All,

Real busy period for me, kicking into high gear shortly after the holidays. A former work colleague contacted me just before the holidays and made me an offer I couldn't refuse to reenter the workforce. I accepted a contract engineering position and started within weeks of the offer. That event was immediately followed by our family French Bulldog having to undergo emergency spinal surgery. This resulted in the loss of the use of his rear legs. Total chaos reigned at the WO1N household for a couple of weeks while we tended to him. Fortunately, our little guy is on the road to what looks like a full recovery and the new job turned out to be 99% work from home. What a break.

Just in time to be able to enjoy the CQ 160 contest. It was a worked all YCCC members event for me. Thank you for the Q's.

I want to thank Randy, K5ZD for stepping up and kicking butt on our website. So much cleaner and manageable than what the old site had evolved into. Mike, N2MG will continue with the ongoing maintenance and upkeep. Thank you both so much!

The online membership application the new website offers has opened the flood gates. We have 8 applicants just waiting for a chance to be voted in as of this writing.

I want to thank Jim, K1IR for finally sorting out the club officer email addresses. These are the ones with the formatting like "[president at yccc dot org](mailto:president@yccc.org)", "vicepresident at yccc dot org", etc. President at YCCC dot org was not working for well over a year. I can only imagine how many messages were lost.

I enjoyed sitting in on the Northern Vermont area meeting set up by Jason, K1LOL. All area managers, take note. Send me your request with date/time and other event details, this is required per the YCCC Bylaws sections 3A/3B. If you are planning a Zoom meeting we can use the YCCC account to set it up for you. I will make every effort to attend.

The recent threads on the reflector revolving around reinvigorating the club competitive spirit have been inspirational. We've seen some good ideas tossed about. Many of those ideas incorporated operating incentive programs. Along with those ideas we need volunteers to take them on.

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Executive Committee Summary Minutes January 4th, 2022

An executive committee online meeting was called to order by WO1N on January 4th, 2022 at 7:30 PM.

In attendance: N1RR, NJ1F, K1KP, W1TJL, W1GD, WO1N, K1IR, K1RX (list may not be 100%).

Agenda items included the review of a request for a donation to an upcoming event by the event organizers, upcoming year event planning, ARRL Contest eligibility rules, Score Keeping volunteers and reviewing recent reflector messages regarding the state-of-the-club.

The donation request was not unanimously supported by the executive committee. A request will be made to the overall club membership to determine our support.

WO1N presented a preliminary schedule in an attempt to forecast the upcoming year events. The schedule was not accepted by the committee. The only event certain at this point would be a live meeting to be held at the Northeast HamXposition, Saturday, August 27th.

NJ1F discussed ARRL club competition eligibility rules. Bottom line, all stations and operators must reside within the 175 mile ARRL club circle. This affects our friends in Southern Quebec and very Northern Maine. Also, club calls need to be on the eligibility list in order to be counted.

N1RR volunteered to do Score Keeping for the ARRL DX competitions but asked that we put out a call for volunteers to help him.

The committee then reviewed a summary list of the major themes from the recent reflector activity prepared by WO1N. This included:

- Restarting New Member Recognition Programs (NE1B)
- Defining a minor contest interclub competition program (Many)
- Pairing new members with designated elmers (K1RX)
- Updating our web site (W1RM)
- Club challenges (N1IXF, N1EN, VA2EBI)
- Mentoring (K1RX)
- Outreach into other technically oriented groups to build membership base (W1JQ)
- A focus on other contests other than the big four (many)
- Promoting remote operation/try to recapture the Multi-Multi environments (KQ2M)
- Programs to encourage more Butt-In-Chair time (many)

The remainder of the meeting attempted to coalesce these messages into programs and/or actions. More work is needed.

Executive committee meeting minutes are offered for informational purposes only.

Selected Powerpoint Discussion Slides for Jan 4th Executive Committee Meeting Follow.

BOD Meeting

1930 - 1945	Request for 3Y0J Contribution - Discussion
1945 -1950	ARRL DX Contests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility Discussion (NJ1F) • Score Keeping
1950 - 2000	2022 Meeting & Newsletter Schedule
2000 – 2045	MOJO Discussion
2045 – 2115	Pending Constitution Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Purpose (N1IXF) • Delete Full Member (FP) Category (WO1N) • Automatic Honorary Life Membership for Contest Hall of Fame Inductees (WO1N/N1RR)
2115 – 2130	My Status / Open Discussion / Wrap Up

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2022 Meetings & Newsletter

YCCC 2022 Meeting and Scuttlebutt Publishing Schedule - 4 Jan 2022

Meeting	Proposed Date	Newsletter Issue	Comments
ARRL DX	Feb. 2nd	Late Jan.	Zoom
Constitution/Bylaws/BOD Elections	Apr. 13 th	Apr. 6 th	Zoom
Open	June/July	June/July	Cookout?
HamX / Station Building	Aug. 27 th	Late Aug.	Marlboro
CQWW SSB	Oct. 5 th	Late Sept.	Zoom
CQWW CW	Nov. 23 rd	N/A	Zoom
Holiday Party	Dec 4 th	Dec 1 st	Tentative

Constitution Changes

Club Purpose – N1IXF

The club shall encourage its members to submit a club-score listing "Yankee Clipper Contest Club" in all major contests for which there is a club competition. In order to improve member competency and contesting skill, Club members shall be encouraged to participate in any and all amateur radio contests regardless of mode, with particular emphasis given to the American Radio Relay League's Sweepstakes, and International DX contests, the New England QSO Party and Field Day, and the CQ WW DX contests and CQ WPX contests.

Delete FP Membership Category (WO1N)

- Article VI
- Bylaws Section 6

Automatic Honorary Life Membership for Contest Hall of Fame Inductees (WO1N/N1RR)

- Bylaws Section 7

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Executive Committee Summary Minutes February 8th, 2022

An executive committee online meeting was called to order by WO1N on February 8th, 2022 at 7:30 PM.

In attendance: N1RR, NJ1F, WO1N, N8RA.

Agenda items included administrative activities, pending member applications, next meeting planning and a review of a plan to request membership input to address a request for a donation to an upcoming event by the event organizers.

The administrative activities were dispatched with the usual efficiency. A quick review of 7 member applications was dispatched with NJ1F volunteering to reach out to make sure each prospective member was aware of the upcoming meeting schedule. WO1N was tasked with coming up with the meeting schedule. Agenda suggestions were entertained and N1RR volunteered to reach out to some members to determine their willingness to support proposed agenda items.

The poll plan was reviewed. It looks ready for deployment once some background information is prepared by WO1N with input from N1RR.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

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Radio Servicing and Repairs

SAR Technical Services, Inc. <http://www.sarts1.com/>
1792 Nash Dr.
St. Joseph, MI 49085
269-429-2334
Service ICOM Amateur Radio: D-STAR, FM, HF, HF/SDR and Receiver Products

Midwest Technical Services <http://www.midwest-technical.com/>
Tim Moes – WDØFKC
320 7th Street NE
Watertown, SD 57201
605-881-2935
Repair & Service: Amateur Radio, Short wave Receivers, Marine Radios and Equipment

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Ten-Tec Parts and Service Discontinued in Sevierville

February 8, 2022

Undoubtedly everyone has heard of the so called “chip” shortage by now. The shortage isn’t just microprocessors and memory but extends to all levels of the electronics industry, even including even very basic parts such as linear voltage regulators.

No one has ever seen anything like this in the history of the electronics industry. The status of some critical parts like DSP processors are unknown if they will be produced again. Other parts like encoders are 36 weeks delivery. Some microcontrollers are showing more than a year delivery. Some transistors are showing 67 weeks delivery! It isn’t possible to repair units or build radios without parts.irate customers are calling and emailing Dishtronix and complaining that units are not repaired and demanding returns. All repair radios are being returned to respective owners unrepaired. We do not have recommendations for anyone to do repairs. The inventory is not for sale.

As there are no guarantees that the shortages won’t extend further into the future, there is no alternative except to suspend operations in Sevierville. Unfortunately we will no longer be able to answer email or telephone calls regarding Ten Tec amateur radio products. Ten Tec is not out of business. We are developing new products and will introduce them if and when we can obtain components. When we have resources, we might put some of the parts online in the parts store, but this will not be anytime soon.

(Source: <https://www.tentec.com/parts-and-service-is-discontinued-in-sevierville/>)

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ARRL Opposes Forest Service Administrative Fees for Amateur Facilities

Newington CT December 28, 2021

The US Forest Service is proposing to implement a statutorily required annual fee for new and existing communications use authorizations to cover the costs of administering its authorization program. ARRL plans to vigorously oppose the imposition of the proposed fees on Amateur Radio.

The Forest Service proposal results from requirements set forth in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (aka "the Farm Bill"). Specifically, section 8705(c)(3)(b) of the Farm Bill directs the Forest Service to issue regulations that require fees for issuing communications use authorizations based on the cost to the Agency for maintenance or other activities to be performed by the Agency "as a result of the location or modification of a communications facility."

The Forest Service is responsible for managing Federal lands and authorizes the use and occupancy of National Forest System (NFS) lands for communications facilities that provide communications services for adjacent rural and urban communities. The Agency said in its proposal that it administers more than 3,700 special use authorizations on NFS lands for infrastructure that supports more than 10,000 wireless communications uses at 1,367 communications sites.

According to the Forest Service Notice published in the December 22, 2021 issue of the Federal Register, revenues from the proposed fee, "would provide the funds necessary to support a more modernized, efficient, and enhanced communications use program," and will "cover the costs of administering the Agency's communications use program." Costs, as laid out in section 8705(f)(4) of the Farm Bill, may include expenditures for such things as "on-site reviews of communications sites, developing communications site management plans, hiring and training personnel for the communications use program, conducting internal and external outreach for and national oversight of the communications use program, and obtaining or improving access to communications sites on NFS lands."

ARRL encourages Amateur Radio licensees to file comments opposing the imposition of the proposed administrative fee on Amateur Radio users. Comments must be received in writing by no later than February 22, 2022.

Comments may be submitted online at the Federal Rulemaking Portal at,

<https://www.regulations.gov/>

or via USPS mail to Director, Lands & Realty Management Staff,
201 14th Street SW,
Washington, DC 20250-1124,

and must include the identifier "RIN 0596-AD44."

(Thanks to ARRL: ARLB032)

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CHESTER “CHET” SLABINSKI - N8RA

Chet was born and raised in the Polish neighborhood of Cleveland Ohio by two wonderful parents. Radio has been a thread throughout his life. His first inkling of Amateur radio came after he assembled a crystal radio set won as a newspaper delivery boy. What is this loud voice? Who is he talking with? “It’s ham radio” Chet was told, and he read everything he could find about it at the local library. He saved up his paperboy money and bought a Knight Kit Ocean Hopper regenerative receiver kit. Like many others, he finally got up the courage to knock on the door of that “ham” he heard, passed his novice test in 1959, and bought an S-53A receiver, a Globe Chief 90 transmitter, and strung a 40M dipole from the house to a pole on the detached garage. Becoming an amateur made it easy to choose EE for study after high school.



Education

Chet’s Mom went back to work so that he and his elder brother could attend the country’s leading engineering and science school (Case Tech). There he met some other hams (incl. N1JW). He reactivated the college’s amateur radio club after locating a willing physics prof to be the trustee, and the club was issued the callsign W8EDU, the call they still hold today. For graduate research he investigated the effects of impurities in MOS transistor structures. One of his thesis advisors was also a ham.

Career

Is it a surprise that his first job was in California at the semiconductor fab of Collins Radio? Collins offered employees a nice discount on their ham equipment, but, sadly, student poverty and two toddlers prevented any purchase. While in CA he taught novice classes for the company’s boy scout troop. When Collins decided to get out of the in-house IC business, he moved back to Ohio to the research center of a large power generation corporation. After 5 years, he transferred to their division near Cleveland that designed and manufactured industrial instrumentation and process control equipment. In 1985 an intriguing job offer brought him to CT and he semi-retired in 2000, then fully in 2003 . Business trips over the decades had taken him to VE, HZ, VK, and many times to JA, DL, F, XE, (and even W9!).

Family life

When back in Cleveland in the early 80’s, while out for a lunchtime walk from work, he met a lovely woman from the past who happened to also be out for a work lunch walk. She was single parenting like he was, still held a general class license, and shared similar life values. You can probably guess the inevitable merger. That was 40 years ago, and the 4 kids and 7 wonderful grandkids are now spread out across 7 states. Yikes!

Radio-Activity

- Back during his high school days, the S.E. (Cleveland) ARC gave him his first addictive taste of contesting with their extensive multi-station FD operations set up in a farmer’s field.
- The Cleveland 50 Megacycle DX club- with big guns K8MMM, K8TOL, K8WW (K8UQA- sk), and awesome contest sites got him hooked on VHF contesting.
- The Canton (Ohio) ARC also had some great field days and good white lightnin’ for nighttime ops.

- As a member of the Northeast Ohio Repeater Association (NORA), he was “awarded” responsibility to keep their extensive multi-site repeater system going. But being affiliated with the Disaster Services Agency, he found it easy to walk into the county sheriff’s office day or night and get the keys to their radio shed out back to make repairs on NORA’s equipment. Couldn’t do that today.
- In CT, he joined the local Murphy’s Marauders with its many awesome big guns.
- In 1992 he joined YCCC and was elected club treasurer 9 years ago.
- In 2002 and 2003 he teamed up with W1UE to travel into Cree Indian country in northern Quebec to join Contest Club Ontario’s multi-multi activation of Zone 2 for CQWW SSB. Dennis and Chet trucked in everything required to put together the 15M station: 1500 watts to a 4ele yagi on a 30-foot tower and networking with N1MM logger.



NB1B (W1UE), K8DD (sk), N8RA, and 5 VE’s, part of the 23-member team, just over the Zone 2 line while caravanning north to the contest site (note the signpost). Of course it snowed every day.

(During the 2002 expedition, Dennis and a couple of the VE’s were preauthorized to attempt the first ever 60M transatlantic propagation tests on this future WARC band. They succeeded, with six Brits getting in the log using a 60M inverted vee hung on the 15M tower!)

Nearer real time

In early 2014, with his XYL’s urging, he agreed that the years were clicking along, their present house was too much to maintain, and the antennas were too heavy and too high. By using Zillow, Google Earth,

and HFTA they located a good site and built a downsized house on it, doing a lot of the design and interior work themselves (hmmm... and still doing some). They moved in during Sept of 2016.

Chet says it has been wonderful to start literally with a green field and a clean sheet of paper for the house plan and doing it right in designing and constructing the new station. Now with two 60-foot Rohn 45 guyed towers, Chet has wires antennas for 80 and 40M, yagis on 20, 15 and 10M, and yagis on 50 thru 432 MHz. Still more to be done he says.

Chet always wants to contribute points for the Club but no longer hosts multi-ops and now does get some sleep on those weekends. The ARRL 10M and CQWW VHF contests are current favorites of his.

How to be a better contester? He says keep learning, and do it, otherwise you will fade.

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With the Crew

Dave, K1ZZ - My plaque for top North America arrived last week (February 10th) in the 2021 Ukrainian DX Contest which was first weekend of November 2021. That's service!

Don, K2KQ - I went to Brooklyn Tech. Typing was for the peasants, so I never "learned" proper touch skills. My rates suffer from that lack.

In the late 70s, our son, then about 12 was faced with the option of taking typing in high school. He was not enthusiastic about it. I obtained a copy of "Typing Tutor" for his Commodore computer and gave it to him. He learned touch typing in one day and became proficient very fast. He dove in head first with no additional help and really did learn in one day. Of course, he never bothered to take the high school course. It's a useful skill that stayed with him. One of his occupations is translation from/to Mandarin, which he still uses to augment his income. And, Yes. He knows how to type Chinese characters.

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CONTESTING RESOURCES

Charles Morrison - N1RR

RESOURCE	URL
CONTEST UNIVERSITY (CU) All contest topics	https://www.contestuniversity.com/
Eight Years of CU Presentations - Something for everyone	https://www.contestuniversity.com/files/
Eight years CU Video Presentations	https://www.contestuniversity.com/videos/
NATIONAL CONTEST JOURNAL (NCJ)	https://ncjweb.com/
NCJ Index - 1973 to 2003	http://www.arrl.org/index-1973-2003
NCJ Bonus Content	https://ncjweb.com/bonus/
More NCJ Bonus Content	https://ncjweb.com/bonus-content/bonus.html
The Thrill of it all - Jack-W1WFF	https://ncjweb.com/bonus-content/w1wffthrillofit.pdf
Beginners	https://www.amazon.com/Amateur-Radio-Contesting-Beginners-ARRL/dp/1625951248
K9JY	https://k9jy.com/blog/2007/09/25/30-ham-radio-contest-tips-learn-from-contesting-pros/
N5PA Presentation	https://www.n5pa.com/images/Ham_Radio_Contesting_45_Minutes.pdf
CONTEST CALENDAR	https://www.contestcalendar.com/index.html
Post-Contest Write-Up by the Operators/Teams - Lots of valuable info	https://www.3830scores.com/
<i>A version of this was contained in a Jan 9, 2022 eMail by Charles Morrison, N1RR</i>	

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Any incentive program is a long term commitment. Any program requires DOZENS of hours to prepare, publish, promote and present. Activities following the event can be just as time consuming. There is prize gathering, club presentations, newsletter articles, chasing down the winners and publishing the results. New blood is required to sustain these efforts.

Define a program, review and gather support of the executive committee and we will put the full resources of the club behind it.

Here is an opportunity to get a taste for what is involved. Charlie, N1RR has volunteered to do the scorekeeping for the ARRL DX events. He is in need of volunteers, Score Keepers in Training, to chase down individual scores, help make sure they are all submitted in a timely fashion and then post event analysis. Send him a direct message and get on board.

It's that time of year again, dues are up! Brian, NJ1F has been keeping the website roster up-to-date. If you see your dues date as 12/31/2021 or earlier, you are up for renewal. Those of you that haven't paid your dues since 12/31/2016 will be removed from the on-line roster. Dues are \$15/year and are payable via PayPal. You only need to pay for the current year to get active again. There is no need to pay for past years.

Finally, good luck and *Kick Butt* in the upcoming ARRL DX competitions. Take notes and post a write-up of your event experiences. Post on our groups.io reflector and 3830Scores.com. Doing that will get you in the running for best story incentive program.

73,
Ken – WO1N

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**Northern VT Area Meeting Minutes
January 26th, 2022
Jason - K1LOL NVT Area Manager**

The Northern Vermont area members held an informal meeting on January 26th, 2022 at 7:30pm Eastern. Meeting duration: 35 minutes.

Attendees: Ken - WO1N Brian - K1LI Ron - KK1L
Rob - N1TRK Jason - K1LOL

Discussion topics included:

- Meet and greet
- Ham Radio and contesting interests
- Upcoming contests
- YCCC website updates
- RANV Hamfest - Feb 26 - Details at <http://www.ham-con.org/>

Based on interest, we will plan to hold our annual lunch after Ham-Con. Jason / K1LOL will send an email to the reflector to get a headcount.

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Eastern CT Area Zoom Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2022

Rich Cady – N1IXF

The YCCC Eastern (area code 860) CT Area held a Zoom meeting on Feb 3rd. Using member email information provided by the Club Secretary Brian NJ1F, an attempt was made to reach directly to all club members living in Hartford, Tolland, Willimantic, New London and Middlesex counties of CT.

Attendees:

Vin, K1RM	Tom, W1TJL	Dave, W1VEM	Rich, N1IXF
Michael, N1EN	Terry, W1TR	Pete, W1RM	Jack, W1WEF
Chet, N8RA	Tom, N1MM	Rob, K1RCT	

The meeting began by asking each attendee to introduce themselves and in a few words state why they belong to YCCC and what the club means to them. That was followed by a round-table discussion using the theme "What should YCCC start/stop/continue?"

There was a lot of commonality in responses which could be summarized by the following:

- I belong to YCCC because I enjoy contesting, learning from others, and like conversing with the people I meet there. Enjoyed belonging to more local club like Murphy's Marauders but it evaporated and my friends moved to YCCC
- Many responded that YCCC should emphasize other contests beyond the "big 4", different modes, and targeted special events like 13 Colonies in addition to NEQP.
- Would like to see notice of meetings and the meeting agenda published well in advance.
- The club competition is overdone, it's not a motivator. It's more about competing against myself and peers, getting better, learning from other members and then, by the way, submitting my score to help YCCC.
- Many like the technical nature of club presentations, want to build/improve stations by learning from others, would like band experts to help educate members on how to best exploit each band from W1 and what spotlight propagation not to miss. Operator skills
- For mere mortal testers, it's not about winning the contest, it's the journey we take.
- Other clubs seem to be more "radio-active" with mentions for PVRC and NCCC as good examples.
- The groups.io reflector is a great Club benefit.
- Keep up the kudos for members who have a good result in any and all contests, not just the big 4. There's a lot of club interest in ARRL 10M, 160, etc. Recognition at all level is fun... both by the Scuttlebutt, emails or generated awards like CQ enables. There was sentiment that internal competition, like say between different stations in the YCCC, is worth promoting. That said, we don't need or want any more mugs
- This Zoom meeting may be an example of a more general malaise... the usual suspects showed and where was everyone else?

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Lost Crew (Silent Keys)

Fletcher W. Seagroves Jr - N1MEO – Brookline, NH, Oct 23, 1942 – Feb 13, 2022



Fletcher W. Seagroves Jr, 79, resident of Milford, died peacefully on February 13, 2022 in Brookline, NH, surrounded by his daughters.

He was born in Nashua NH on October 23, 1942, a son of Fletcher W. Seagroves Sr. and Bertha (Davison) Seagroves.

He had been employed for Sanders Associates from 1967 until his retirement in 1994 as an electronics technician. In addition, he worked at New England Small Tube Corporation and studied at Mass Radio School, Boston, MA.

Fletcher had been a resident of Milford for more than 40 years where he was active in the community. He was a founding member of the Milford Volunteer Ambulance and served on the Zoning Board. In addition, he was a Ham radio operator with the call sign N1MEO and a member of Granite State Amateur Radio Association. Fletcher was a 32nd degree

Mason and a member of the Benevolent Lodge # 7 F & AM, Milford, Purgatory Falls Fish & Game Club, Mont Vernon, NH, an Eagle Scout and a member of DeMolay. Fletcher was also a member of Souhegan CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), ESGR (Employee Service Ground Response), Liberty Guard Service, Emergency Coordinator for Hillsborough County and currently a member of the Office of Emergency Management. In his spare time, he enjoyed hiking the rail trails.

Fletcher was a U.S. Army Veteran and was honorably discharged in 1967 after 20+ years. He was a longtime member of the Bent Burke Post # 10 American Legion, Wilton, NH and a member of the 1/172 Field Artillery Unit in Milford.

Family members include four daughters and a son-in-law, Michelle Ludwig of Meredith, NH, Mary & Lawrence Maylin of East Granby, CT, Leslie Pickett of Brookline, NH and Ann-Marie Faint of Milford, NH; nine grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, David & Mary Seagroves of Lyndeborough, NH, and Perry & Susie Seagroves of Concord, NH; several nieces and nephews; and his significant other, Barbara Garry of Bedford, NH.

Visiting hours are on Thursday, February 17th from 6:00-8:00pm in the Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford. A Masonic service will be held at 7:30pm in the funeral home. Burial will be in the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen, NH on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 11:00 am followed by coffee at the Masonic Lodge, 30 Mont Vernon Street, Milford.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Milford Ambulance Service, 66 Elm Street, Milford, NH 03055

(Thanks to Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford, NH 03055)

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YCCC CLUB RESOURCE INFORMATION

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP STUFF Dues for the year are payable as of January 1st. The YCCC has adopted a multi-tiered membership format as follows: Please note that payment of dues IS NOT a prerequisite for contributing scores to the Club aggregate, but IS for the various YCCC Awards Programs. A lapsed member can reinstate lost privileges by paying current dues.

Full Member - \$15/yr (Eligible for YCCC member benefits and electronic "Ebutt" delivery of Club newsletter)

Family Member - \$0 (Grants full membership to all amateurs residing at one domicile on payment of one member's "Full Member" annual dues and entitlement to one Club Newsletter sent to one domicile or email address. All members of said family are eligible for YCCC member benefits.)

Student Member - \$10 (Grants full membership to students at a reduced level. Eligible for YCCC awards programs and electronic delivery of the Club Newsletter.)

Subscription - \$** (A "supportive friend of YCCC" - not a member but a possible candidate for future membership. Only receives club newsletter in electronic form. \$10 for electronic "Ebutt" delivery domestically or overseas.)

Club members who move out of club territory and so are not eligible to contribute to club aggregate scores can continue to participate in the Club's e-mail reflector and receive the electronic "Ebutt" delivery of newsletter at no cost.

You can tell if you owe dues by checking Club roster in the website. **Mail your dues to the club treasurer, Chet Slabinski, N8RA, 200 Mount Parnassus Rd, East Haddam, CT 06423**, or PayPal them to yccc-paypal@yccc.org. Please add a note with your call, family callsigns, year(s) being paid, and before clicking the button to "send payment now" on the confirmation screen, make sure that "sending to a friend" is selected. (*The Club is not a merchant that sells goods and services. PP charges the Club a fee and warns us if sent that way.*)

SCUTTLEBUTT ARTICLES should be sent to the Scuttlebutt editor, Steve Rodowicz N1SR, by E-mail at n1sr@arri.net. The deadline for each issue is the 10th of the preceding month..

Scuttlebutt Advertising: Nominal Business Card sized ad, \$50 per year (6 appearances)

CONTEST SCORES should be sent to the club scorekeeper, Alec Berman, W2JU, preferably by E-mail at scores@yccc.org. Please include details such as numbers of QSOs, QSO points (if appropriate), and multipliers (all types); entry category; and power.

CLUB GOODIES

BADGES YCCC badges are available from Tony, K1KP. Send \$3, name and call desired on the badge, and your mailing address to Tony.

APPAREL Contact Richie, W1STT. Email: richd1313@aol.com

YCCC LOGO ITEMS <http://www.cafepress.com/nlik>

QSL CARDS are ordered through Tom , W1TO. To order, complete the QSL form from the YCCC website, send it to W1TO who will verify all information is included and send to UX5UO after resolving any issues. You will receive a proof copy directly from UX5UO. Approve the proof after resolving any issues with UX5UO. Email acceptance to UX5UO with copy to W1TO. Current price is \$45/thousand (matte) and \$49/thousand heavy matte. Payment to UX5UO representative, KD4POJ at Mr David Lipscomb, KD4POJ, 4201 13th Street NE, Minot, ND, 58703. eMail: kd4poj@srt.com

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER is posed on the YCCC website. Updates are published in 'Movers and Shakers' when members move or change callsigns.

COMPUTER STUFF INTERNET REFLECTOR There is an Internet mailing list for YCCC members. To subscribe, go to <https://groups.io/g/yccc/join> and enter your email address.

WWW HOME PAGE Come visit us at <http://www.yccc.org> Our Webmaster is Mike Gilmer, N2MG.

QSL BUREAU – The W1 QSL BUREAU is sponsored by the YCCC. For more information at: www.w1qsl.org
Address: W1 QSL Bureau, PO Box 73, Marlborough, MA 01752-0073. Email address: w1qsl@w1qsl.org

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