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Secretary's Report, October, 1993

President Rich, K2WR, called the meeting to order with introductions of the 62 members and guests in attendance and a description of the afternoon's agenda. The minutes of the July ARRL Convention meeting and the August picnic were accepted as published in the Scuttlebutt. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2287.44. Club callsign badges already ordered were available for pickup, and Charlie, WZ1R, had a sign-up sheet for new orders. Rich, K2WR, recognized Paul, K1XM, for the good job and hard work he does as Scuttlebutt editor. The Contest Cookbooks will be mailed this year. Rich also reported club competition results for last year. In the CQ WW, FRC came in at 389M, YCCC at 302M, SCCC at 145M, PVRC at 91M, NCCC at 67M, and North Coast Contesters at 57M. In the ARRL DX contests, FRC had 174M, YCCC 151M, and PVRC 52M. He noted that FRC submitted 163 entries while YCCC submitted only 121, meaning that our contribution per entrant is much higher, and another 35 submitted entries would have won us the gavel. YCCC had a number of individual winners. In ARRL SSB, Doug, K1DG, was the single-op winner, Jeff, K1ZM, took second place, and Dean, N6BV/1, third place. In CW, Jeff, K1ZM won single op. Several members announced CQ WW DXpedition plans: Mark, K1RX, will operate as K1RX/BV on SSB and as VP5RX on CW, KA1CI hopes to operate from the Channel Islands on SSB, K2WR hopes to be in GJ again on CW, and several others had tentative plans. Len, KB2R, was collecting more

orders for the new club jackets, in both quilted and unlined versions, costing around \$60 including the embroidery. Several members were modeling the new jackets. Rich introduced JP, AA2DU, as the new ARRL Hudson Division CAC Representative. Dave, KY1H, announced that he needs operators for CQ WW both modes, and that he put up several new antennas over the summer. John, K1AR, was about to put in an order for club QSL cards and urged members to sign up now. Rich also announced a Contest University to be held at the QTH of Dean, N6BV/1, in New Hampshire on October 14th. He also announced that the club currently sponsors two CQ WW plaques: the CQ WW CW World DXpedition single-op plaque which we have sponsored for many years, and the new CQ WW SSB single-op all-band South America plaque. Some discussion ensued about possible sponsorship of an ARRL plaque as well. Charlie, K1XX, announced that he is looking for 3/4" CATV hardline for packet cluster nodes, preferably jacketed. He also announced that the KB1H-W1RM connection is finally back in operation after repairs from the lightning strike at W1RM this summer, and improved backbone links to the Tri-State area are in the works. Curt, W1PH, had back issues of the NCJ (from Bill, KM1C) available for those wanting to complete their collections.

The club welcomed three new members: James L. Brown, KA1ZFK, Jeffrey C. Robbins, N3MLV, and David C. Hoaglin, K8JLF.

Following this business, Curt, W1PH, led a discussion of operating hints for "little pistols" and low power stations.

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December Meeting

Paul Young, K1XM

The next meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club will be on Sunday, December 5, at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, beginning at 1 pm.

The Hosts Hotel is located on Route 20 in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, 1/2 mile West of I-84 (first exit off I-84 when coming South from the Mass. Turnpike).

To get to the Host Hotel, exit I-84 on to Route 20 West. You will pass through two sets of stoplights while noticing several motels on your right. Make a right turn just prior to the Burger King sign. This is the entrance to the Host Hotel. There is plenty of parking in front of the hotel.

The meeting dates for the rest of 1993 and 1994 are:

DATE	DAY
December 5, 1993	Sunday
February 5, 1994	Sunday
April 9, 1994	Saturday
June 5, 1994	Sunday
August ?, 1994	Saturday
October ?, 1994	Saturday
December 4, 1994	Sunday

The August meeting is the club picnic. The October meeting is at the ARRL division convention in Boxboro, MA.

Curt runs a TS930 and TS530 and has a 100' tower on top of a hill with a clear shot from 270 degrees around to 150 degrees. He sets his Xmas tree of antennas to favor Europe, and has a fixed 15 meter antenna at 60' on Europe. He recommended that members get ready for contest season first by making sure that all the outdoor "stuff" is working. Fall brings cooler temperatures and fewer insects and is a good time for antenna projects. Also, make sure your computer is operating properly. Make sure your logging program works and that you know how to use it. Curt, who seldom has time to operate outside of contests, like to practice with his Dr. DX on his old Commodore computer to get his code speed up. Clean up your computer RFI before contest season. Work on creature comforts: your operating chair, a keyboard wrist support, placement of your monitor just below eye level, and the height of your operating table. Make a tune-up chart for your antenna tuner and/or amplifier and post it on the tuner. There was a detailed discussion of where to put the second radio in relation to your primary radio and your computer keyboard (next to, above?) and how best to make use of the second radio for listening on other bands when your run rate is slow. Wherever you put it, make sure there is enough air circulation around the rig to prevent overheating. Curt recommends ICE filters or K2TR quarter wave stubs to keep the radios from interfering with each other. Set goals before the contest. Pretend you're a big gun, but call CQ up 35-50 kHz to avoid QRM. If you are weak there, don't spend much time on 160m.

After Curt's presentation, several members had more announcements. Curt offered to send photocopies of any NCJ articles to anyone needing them, as he now has a complete collection of NCJs. Sasha, WK1O, had NEDXCC dinner ticket order forms. Ed, NT2X, announced that he hoped to activate XF4 for the CQ WW SSB contest. Jim, AD1C, expected to make new CT country files available on the internet during the next week, and offered to send the latest files to anyone supplying a diskette. The files will also be available on both the CT and the W6GO BBSes.

After a short break, Jim, KR1S, presented the N6BV propagation analysis and elevation angle charts for the CQ WW contests, since Dean himself was unable to attend the meeting. As usual, conditions will be better for the CW than for the SSB contest. If the sunspot number remains around 60, we can still expect a weak 10m opening to Europe around 1400 UTC. If the sunspot number dips to 40, however, 10m will not open to Europe from the Northeast. 80m peaks to Europe around 0400 UTC. The low bands peak to JA around 0900-1000 UTC. The peak elevation angle on 20 meters is around 12 degrees, which translates to a Yagi antenna at 90' over flat ground. Better conditions can be expected for the CW contest, with a better 10m opening to Europe at 1400-1500 UTC and a weak 10m opening to JA around 200 UTC, if the sunspots cooperate.

Curt, W1PH, with some help from JP, AA2DU, then talked about CAC doings. Under consideration by the CAC: geographical winners, inclusion of the number of hours operated, a possible 24-hour category for the ARRL DX contests, a possible low power category for the ARRL DX contests, and various ideas to increase DX participation. Curt would like to see a change in the club eligibility rules to encourage new operators to try contesting. The current 2/3 rule discourages club multi-op stations from inviting potential members to try contesting for an hour or two to see how they like it, since doing so can jeopardize the eligibility of the station scores. Curt is also the club scorekeeper for CQ WW and the ARRL DX Contests, and urged members to send their totalscore, QSOs, zones, mults, a breakdown, and their operating category, preferably over packet soon after each contest. Charlie, WZ1R, is the scorekeeper for all other contests, including Sweepstakes, 10m, 160m, Sprints, etc.

The meeting adjourned to Rom's and other eateries.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte L. Richardson, KQ1F
Secretary/Treasurer, YCCC
6 October 1993

October Contest University

Stu Santelmann, KC1F

It was held at N6BV's house in Windham, NH, and was attended by KC1F, W1PH, N6BV, WK1J, WA1S, K1KP, N1OEK, KA1O, K1GW, KM1H, AD1C, K1TR, N1HFE, W1RR, and K1VR. The panel consisted of N6BV, W1PH, and K1DG. Dean presented his propagation charts, showing a chance of a 10 meter European opening. He also demonstrated his station, and showed how to use two radios as a single operator.

The meeting consisted of a brief overview of all facets of contesting, rather than a more in-depth treatment of a few subjects, as we have done in the past. Topics covered included operating techniques, station layout, before-contest preparations, how to plan operating times for the operator with a limited amount of time available, and so on.

K1GW had mailed roughly 75 letters of invitation to NH and VT contesters who have submitted scores recently, which resulted in several people coming who otherwise probably would not have.

CQ WW SSB

Score Rumors

Multi-Multi:

Call	Qs	Zs	Cs	Total
*KY1H	3,471	146	573	6.1M
*N2RM	6,638	174	747	16.3M
*K2TR	5,394	164	692	12.5M
K3ANS				5M
*W3LPL	6,234	175	737	15M
*K3LR	4,612	163	686	10.73M
AA8U	1,261	130	352	1.58M
EA9UK				36M

Multi-Single:

Call	Qs	Zs	Cs	Total
N1AU	544	105	332	651K
W1BK	658	112	367	840K
*K1DG	2,580	159	337	5.7M
WA1G	1,047	119	451	1.6M
WF1L	548	84	263	501K
*K1NG	2,448	161	612	5.3M
*K1RX	2,690	138	558	5.2M
*KC1XX	3,418	162	642	7.76M
AA2MF	174	17	67	31K
K3CP	1,012	125	464	1.54M
N3RS	2,594	159	646	5.84M
K4JPD				4.5M
K8AZ	2,083	154	596	4.29M
K8LX	1,719	146	495	3.05M
K9UWA	1,136	144	494	1.9M

Single-Op Assisted:

Call	Qs	Zs	Cs	Total
W1BIH	482	95	318	547K
*KC1F	1,811	130	452	3.03M
K1FWF	264	61	172	171K
AA1FY	745	130	428	1.1M
K1HMO	513	95	332	612K
WD1K	306	94	225	262K
KZ1M	1,141	125	428	1.8M
K1KP	1,520	132	451	2.48M
K1TO	1,585	118	446	2.57M
W1ZA	1,007	136	509	1.8M
KA1ZFK	53	28	38	9.8K
K1ZM				5M
*AA2DU (at K1VR)	2,054	130	500	3.54M
KE2NL	1,459	138	491	2.6M
KF2O	1,239	129	477	2.1M
K2WK	1,950	149	552	3.87M
W3IQS	650	99	350	803K
N4DW	358	75	218	289K
KS9Z	1,212	129	476	2.0M
W0OSK	547	108	222	486K
CH3EJ	4,676	157	599	8.6M

Single-Op:

Call	Qs	Zs	Cs	Total
WS1A (low power)	898	95	315	1.02M
*K1AR (at K1EA)	3,302	146	550	6.7M
NB1B	404	83	229	341K
N1CC	870	31	129	400K
*KA1CZF (QRP)	388	60	176	250K
K1EFI	378	76	202	293K
WA1EQU	531	62	188	371K
K1KI	1,434	135	428	2.2M
N1KWF	429	27	112	169K
WO1P	420	84	204	317K
W1PH	1,850	141	441	3.0M
*K1RU	2,162	130	457	3.6M
W1WEF (from his RV!)	1,853	114	432	2.8M
KD2EU	213	55	124	103K
W2HPF	1,767	128	424	2.68M
N2PNG	307			207K
K2ZJ (WA2LCC op)	1,776	122	416	2.6M
N3MLV	81	56	81	29K
K3ZO	2,380	137	444	3.9M
K5FUV	154	19	62	35K
*K5ZD	2,783	151	525	5.4M
*N6BV/1	2,672	134	503	4.85M
N8II (low power)	1,310	112	367	1.76M

Single-Op Single-Band:

Call	band	Qs	Zs	Cs	Total
WA2AOG	75	98	13	48	14K
NV3V	75	56	10	27	4K
K1MM	40	259	34	106	104K
W1RR	40	483	29	101	174K
N1CC	15	870	31	129	400K
K1UO	15	1,601	36	150	816K
K2SS	15	1,504	35	141	
WD9YXY	15	1,023	32	137	
KM1H	10	327	30	142	
KA1PRD	10	31	13	29	2.4K

Score Breakdowns:*K1AR S/O (at K1EA):**

band	Qs	Zs	Cs
160:	28	9	20
75:	269	18	70
40:	265	24	81
20:	1,006	36	132
15:	1,094	31	130
10:	640	28	117
Total:	3,302	146	550

= 6.7M

KA1CZF S/O QRP:

band	Qs	Zs	Cs
160:	1	1	1
80:	10	3	2
40:	13	5	12
20:	106	16	53
15:	132	21	58
10:	126	14	50
Total:	388	60	176

= 250K

K1DG M/S:

band	Qs	Zs	Cs
160:	36	11	27
75:	248	21	86
40:	176	29	99
20:	776	37	138
15:	1,035	33	148
10:	209	28	135
Total:	2,580	159	33

= 5.7M

KC1F S/O assisted:

band	Qs	Zs	Cs
160:	13	5	7
80:	79	14	44
40:	98	21	73
20:	783	36	119
15:	567	30	113
10:	271	24	96
Total:	1,811	130	452

= 3.03 M

KY1H M/M:

band	Qs	Zs	Cs
160:	110	7	19
75:	332	19	68
40:	267	26	96
20:	1,012	37	134
15:	1,140	30	136
10:	610	27	120
Total:	3,471	46	573

= 6.1M

K1NG M/S:

band	Qs	Zs	Cs
160:	37	13	29
75:	297	20	77
40:	171	38	96
20:	886	38	138
15:	928	33	144
10:	297	28	128
Total:	2,448	161	612

= 5.3M

K1RU S/O:

band	Qs	Zs	Cs
160:	22	7	12
80:	99	13	50
40:	105	21	68
20:	645	35	119
15:	807	30	109
10:	484	24	99
Total:	2,162	130	457

= 3.6M

K1RX M/S:

band	Qs	Zs	Cs
160:	3	1	2
75:	353	24	94
40:	817	397	63
20:	1,114	38	140
15:	604	31	127
10:	535	25	132
Total:	2,290	138	558

= 5.2M

KC1XX M/S:

band	Qs	Zs	Cs
160:	32	9	25
75:	538	23	94
40:	190	29	104
20:	942	39	142
15:	1,095	34	141
10:	620	28	136
Total:	3,417	162	642

= 7.76M

AA2DU S/O assisted (at K1VR):

band	Qs	Zs	Cs
160:	19	7	12
75:	179	16	67
40:	115	21	74
20:	889	33	123
15:	530	30	121
10:	322	23	103
Total:	2,054	130	500

= 3.54M

N2RM M/M:

band	Qs	Zs	Cs
160:	143	13	38
75:	712	23	102
40:	603	34	119
20:	1,915	39	174
15:	1,951	37	163
10:	1,314	28	151
Total:	6,638	174	747

16.3M

K2TR M/M:

band	Qs	Zs	Cs
160:	136	12	38
75:	651	21	92
40:	445	31	108
20:	2,242	39	169
15:	1,148	34	146
10:	772	27	139
Total:	5,394	164	692

= 12.5M

W3LPL M/M:

band	Qs	Zs	Cs
160:	189	11	33
75:	673	25	101
40:	559	35	125
20:	2,031	39	175
15:	1,788	36	161
10:	994	29	142
Total:	6,234	175	737

= 15M

K3LR M/M:

band	Qs	Zs	Cs
160:	103	13	36
75:	459	18	78
40:	448	31	110
20:	1,507	38	167
15:	1,313	36	157
10:	782	27	138
Total:	4,612	163	686

= 10.73M

K5ZD S/O:

band	Qs	Zs	Cs
160:	34	10	20
75:	232	19	73
40:	254	26	80
20:	774	37	125
15:	928	32	119
10:	561	27	108
Total:	2,783	151	525

= 5.4M

N6BV/1 S/O:

band	Qs	Zs	Cs
160:	25	7	15
75:	189	15	67
40:	119	24	74
20:	686	36	134
15:	1,186	29	128
10:	467	23	85
Total:	2,672	134	503

= 4.85M

YCCC: Its Birth and the Early Years - Part VI

Jeff Briggs, K1ZM

[In the last 'Butt, the events of the April 1977 reunification meeting were described which launched our club and gave it its name YCCC. Highlights from the club's first year were also reviewed including summer gatherings, the October/NE Convention meeting in Hartford and the club's first DX-pedition to KP4EAJ. The story continues this month with other highlights from the club's first two years.]

YCCC Makes a Big Splash at Dayton...

One of the first orders of business following the reunification meeting was to get out the word that a major new contest club had been born in New England. We wanted to establish ourselves in some way and Dayton, which was coming up in three week's time, seemed a great way to get started.

In those early years, Jeff, K1IU, ran a part-time travel agent business and if you wanted to get a room at the "Biltmore" (which was THE place that contesters stayed at) plus a plane ticket to Dayton, you definitely needed to work through "Itchy". Somehow Jeff had struck up a relationship with BOTH the manager of the Biltmore and the social director of the hotel and YCCC was really connected on this one! (Jeff continued to run his "shuttle service" to Dayton for several years after the club was formed and I always looked forward to it.)

We decided to host a hospitality suite all three nights at Dayton and passed the hat among YCCC Dayton attendees to cover beer and pretzels which were provided compliments of YCCC to those attending. Word was passed all day long at the Flea Market and by sundown each night the YCCC Suite was the number 1 game in town - we had at least 300 guys in our suite, down the halls, in the bathroom, on the terrace - it was great and excellent publicity for the club. You could look around the room and you could not help but notice some of the biggest and best in contesting in those early years - guys like W7RM, W4BVV, W2PV, N6DX, W6HX, K0RF, K4VX and on and on.

There are two vignettes from that first year that need to be revisited because they were classics. On Friday night, around 10PM we asked for quiet and Jim, W2PV, began conducting a slide show review of his station from the crowd. One guy, who I shall not name, was pretty blitzed and started interrupting Jim to ask questions. At first, although it was an annoyance, the questions seemed rational. But, he kept it up and would even interrupt Jim while he was trying to answer. It became a bad scene very quickly and you could tell that Jim was getting very frustrated by this guy.

It was then that Ted, K1OX, who was standing next to this guy took action. I was pretty close to Ted and, if you know or have ever met Ted, you know he is a big guy - he used to lift a lot of weights and you didn't want to mess with him. He reaches over and grabs this guy by the scruff of the neck and whispers just loud enough for those in the immediate area to hear "Look buddy - I am going to give you two choices. You either shut the Hell up or I am going to park you outside on the terrace. And, if you still don't shut up, I am going to see how well you fly from the 10th floor!" And that was the last that was heard from the drunk kibbutzer. Later on, when he was sober, he apologized to W2PV.

The second story happened later that same night. We were getting pretty low on beer and we still had Saturday night to go through, so we needed to collect more funds. We had put a coffee can out for donations but, as usually happens, most guys pretended not to notice it (you know the story right?). We were discussing the problem when Fred, K1VR, joined the conversation. Fred said, "If we need more beer money, there's a real easy way to get it. Let me handle this one!" So, Fred picks up the coffee can and for about the next two hours busts into each and every conversation on the floor and dangles the coffee can in front of everyone's nose until they cough up some bucks. As he proceeded to seek out his next "victims" a group of us could only laugh and marvel at the audacity of it all. (I guess it takes a big pair of stones to be a successful Massachusetts lawyer! But it worked, and Fred collected more than enough to cover

Saturday night's beer by being aggressive!) Yea, Fred!

That first year YCCC also hosted a small contest dinner at the Tall Timbers Inn. Rush Drake, W7RM, and Ted Gillette, W6HX, sort of made the thing click and it became an annual event after that. In 1978, with a little more organization, we had over 100 attend the YCCC contest dinner. Word traveled very fast around the Flea Market!

CQ/WW 1977 - Continued...

YCCC did *very* well in the aggregate competition that first year, but we didn't win. I think FRC did and we placed a strong second if my memory serves my well. We got a great write-up in CQ Magazine from Frank Anzalone, W1WY, who wrote something like "Newcomer YCCC came out of nowhere to finish #2! It looks like this club is going to be breathing down everyone's necks from now on!" I guess you could say that YCCC "had arrived"! The next year, Frank Anzalone even came to a YCCC meeting to give out plaques won by the club which was a very nice gesture. Frank was *always* that kind of guy. He was a good friend to all and very gracious to YCCC in that first year.

Elections 1978...

After a really exciting first year, it was time to elect a slate of officers to carry us into our second year. Sadly for us, Roger Burt, N4ZC, had finished his 20 years in the Coast Guard, and had decided to retire to his farm and a new home in North Carolina. We had held a going away party for him at Mort, W1UQ's, place that summer and I was sorry to see the Rajah move on. He had been a major force in shaping YCCC and his contribution was definitely missed. (We would continue making great scores from North Carolina however, some of the biggest that have ever come out of that state!)

I was asked to stay on and agreed to do it for one more year. The complete staff of club officers in 1978 was as follows:

President Jeff Briggs, K1ZM
Vice President Jeff Bouvier, K1IU
Secretary John Kenny, W1RR
Treasurer Bob Czajkowski, N1TZ
Act. Mgr. Doug Grant, K1DG

(It should be noted that Bob, N1TZ, continued to serve for many years as the club's "financial whiz" and did a superlative job at it. He probably deserves and award as treasurer Emeritus of YCCC!)

1978 - Another Successful Year for YCCC...

In 1978 we re-did Dayton with another suite that was a huge success. As already noted, the YCCC dinner at the Tall Timbers Inn was the premier event at Dayton and attended by over 100 of the best known testers.

Dayton that year also brought with it another "classic" happening on Saturday night. The YCCC suite basically never quit, lasting until breakfast on Sunday morning. When you walked down the halls toward our suite, there were beer cans all over the hall about six inches deep. You almost had to have a navigator just to get there. I was standing in the hall with Gary Firtick, K1EB, when the guy across the hall came outside of his room. (To begin with, this was a major "faux pas" because K1IU was thought to have had a deal with the Biltmore's Manager - there were not supposed to be any "civilians" staying anywhere on our floor in close proximity to the YCCC "war zone". But somehow, this guy had come in late, needed a room, and was put directly across the hall from our suite.)

Well, he comes out of his room, sees all the hundreds of beer cans in the hall and goes into a rage! He began cursing all the noise from our suite and went on bitching about the fact that he couldn't sleep at all that night. So Gary, in perfect deadpan, says to the guy "So, what's your problem buddy?" This enraged the guy even more and the last we saw of him was this guy yelling that he was going off to find the Manager and kicking his way through beer cans all the way along his path to the elevator bank! Little did he know that we were "hard-wired" with the Manager, but we left it to him to find that out on his own!

K1RQ Comes Through...Again!

In 1978, the club ran a whole host of bulk purchase deals for members. Many of them were the braintrust of Dana, K1RQ - only this time without the help of AT&T.

Dana put together at least three major tower orders that I can remember amounting to around 8000' of various sizes of Rohn stuff at big discounts for YCCC members. He later followed with deals on rotors as well.

K1DG put together a deal on hardline that was *enormously* popular. I think members got the equivalent of RG-17 hardline for around 2 cents a foot on huge telephone type reels. I can tell you that there was a real shortage of U-Haul trailers in New England that second summer of 1978. Everybody wanted in on that action!

The 1978 DX Tests

In the ARRL DX Test, N4ZC treated us to N4ZC/KH6 - Kure. It was good stuff, and I worked Roger on 5 bands, missing only 160 from W1ZM. In CQ WW, we had Bill, N1GL, in the Caribbean somewhere and Buzz, at VP1AJ. Major Multis again took place at W1PV, W1ZM, and K1OX in New Hampshire.

Scenes We'd Like to See Again Department - 1978 or Thereabouts...

1) K1OX handing K1XX a rope that he had been holding *effortlessly* arm outstretched straight-out at the 100' level on his tower. The look on Charlie's face was priceless as he almost was pulled off the tower, only being saved by his belt. When he looked down, there were (2) sections of Rohn 25 tied to the rope and Ted had been holding it STRAIGHT OUT like those sections were cotton balls! Man, that guy was strong!

2) The famous K1DG story (this one may NOT be true) about DG pulling the pin on GA25G torque bars without loosening all three guys first! Seems that K1DG was almost sent into orbit when the remaining two guys pulled the top of the tower over him still on top! (Even if this one isn't true, it makes a great Dayton story! Well, Doug, did it? Inquiring minds want to know!)

3) W1ZM being chased by a swarm of bees back to his house after having stepped on a nest while doing tower work! Gerry made it into his garage about 10 nanoseconds before the swarm did!

4) K1AR putting a Rohn 25 section into

concrete *upside down!* This one really did happen. Seems John wanted to work those bubs long path through the center of the earth!

5) K1XX having a guy anchor pull out of the earth and having his tower fall on a corner of his garage. Luckily, no one was hurt.

6) K1OX having the same thing happen with 165' of Rohn 25 and then soaking the insurance company for a new tower. Then, Ted re-used most of the old sections after receiving the insurance check!

7) Operating Multi-Multi at K1OX all night and then having Ted's girlfriend throw me off the couch where I had crashed for some zzz's the next morning. It seemed she was splitting with Ted for allowing us to run MM and it was *her couch!* She wanted to take it with her!

8) Looking out the window at K1OX the 2nd weekend of that ARRL phone test and seeing his *new* girlfriend (her name was also Kathy - natch!!) working with Ted at the 165' level of his tower. Now that's the kind of girlfriend or wife all of us would like to find - right!!!! Just goes to show that any "boob" can do tower work!

9) Watching K1OX trying to get a crescent wrench OFF OF HIS TONGUE at minus 10F while working on top of his tower - without losing too much skin! Seems that Ted had put it in his mouth to hold it and the saliva had frozen it to his tongue because it was so cold outside that day!

10) Listening to W1RR call JA's at sunrise on 40M from K1OX that first year! He was nearly swallowing the microphone and was screaming so loudly that no-one could hear the piles of Europeans calling us on 20, 15, and 10M. Finally someone suggested to John that he might just as well open the window in the next room that was facing Northwest and give that a try! At least we might be able to hear what was calling us that way.

11) Trying to operate MM that year at K1OX with a toilet that would no longer work because the well had run dry! We were making coffee with melted snow. Then someone told me my coffee had

been made with yellow snow - Real Good!!

12) Watching K2ZM operate 160M at K1OX. John had no real antennas at home and never had used a 160' high antenna on 160M before. After busting piles for about an hour, he jumped up from the rig, threw down his headphones, and went into a frenzy. I asked him what was going on. He pointed down to his log and said "I can't believe it. I've been a ham for 10 years and it has taken me this long to find a friggin' radio that works!!" He was happier than a pig in you know what for the rest of the weekend!

Elections - 1979...

In April, it was time to do it all again. The club was now two years old and well on its way to being a contender again. It was clearly time to pass the baton to someone else and we were fortunate to have K1DG ready and willing to try to "turn the club into a winner" to paraphrase Doug's first editorial in the 'Butt as the club's new President. The new slate of club officers for year three were:

President Doug Grant, K1DG
Vice President Fred Lass, K2TR
Secretary Bill Myers, K1GQ
Treasurer Bob Czajkowski, N1TZ
(Mr. Emeritus!)

Ac.s Mgr. Mark Pride, K1RX

Final Comments...

With the election of a new team it was time to take a breather and focus on some other personal priorities that needed attention. All of the principal objectives we had set out to achieve had been accomplished and YCCC had become a recognized force in club aggregate contesting.

We had also managed to build a club where ALL contesters, big and small, with monster arrays and kinky wires, were equally welcome. Looking back 15 years, it has been a pleasure to note that "how to" programs like the current YCCC Contest University are still with us helping to keep interest high for the new blood coming into the club. Club meetings continue to be filled with interesting programs that keep attendance high!

In large measure, this has been the direct result of the excellent leadership that YCCC has managed to maintain over the

years. I am thinking of guys like K1AR, KM1C, K2VV, K1KI, K2TR, N1AU, K1UA/KC1F, K2WR and the others who have remained actively involved giving of their time in order to make YCCC what it continues to be today...one of the best damn contest clubs in the USA and a great place to have fun! Let's hope it always remains that way - and, here's to the *next* 15 years!

Movers and Shakers

New work phone number for Gary Young, K2AJY, is (508)999-8420.

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New Crew

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

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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 re-join the club, a lapsed member must attend a meeting, like any new member, and be welcomed back into membership, or may 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 MEMBER 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 currently free.

STUDENT MEMBERS Full-time students are eligible for dues at half the regular rate.

SCUTTLEBUTT SUBSCRIBERS Anyone may subscribe to the club newsletter, the Scuttlebutt. A subscription currently costs \$10 per year. At the present time, overseas subscriptions cost the same as domestic (we have very few overseas subscribers). The subscription period begins at the beginning of the club year, in April. New subscribers who begin their subscriptions after the December issue are considered to have paid for the following year (that is, they receive as many issues as new members joining at that time do). 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, Paul Young, K1XM, 11 Michigan Drive, Hudson, MA 01749, home phone (508)562-5819. The deadline for each issue is usually three weeks before the next meeting.

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 JACKETS Len, KB2R coordinates group purchases of club jackets.

CLUB QSL CARDS are ordered through John Dorr, K1AR, 8 Anchor Lane, Mt. Sinai, NY 11766.

PACKET NET information is available from Dick Newell, AK1A, 8 Golden Run Rd., Bolton, MA 01740, home phone (508)779-5198, or Dave Robbins, KY1H, Baumann Road, Peru, MA 01235, home phone (413)655-2714.

CONTEST SCORES are sent to the club scorekeeper, Kurt Pauer, W1PH.

CLUB ROSTER appears in the summer issue of the Scuttlebutt every year. Updates are published 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.

CONTRIBUTIONS The YCCC welcomes your contributions, be it money to help offset the cost of the Scuttlebutt and club operations, scores for the club aggregate score, time spent helping other members, articles for the Scuttlebutt, or presentations at club meetings.

DXCC LIST The club maintains a one-page version of the ARRL DXCC Countries List. To get a copy, send an SASE to the club secretary, Charlotte Richardson, KQ1F, 11 Michigan Drive, Hudson MA 01749. Complete DXCC rules are only available from the ARRL.

CT by K1EA is available from Ken Wolff.

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. W1 QSL Bureau - YCCC, PO Box 216, Forest Park Station, Springfield, MA 01108.

ARRL LIAISON For ARRL matters, contact Tom Frenaye, K1KI, PO Box 386, West Suffield CT 06093, home phone (203)668-5444.

Dues are \$15 per year, payable 1 April. Non-members may subscribe to the Scuttlebutt by sending \$10 to the treasurer: Charlotte Richardson, KQ1F, 11 Michigan Drive, Hudson MA 01749. Subscribers who subsequently become members will be credited as having paid \$10 towards dues.

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The Yankee Clipper Contest Club (an ARRL affiliated club) holds six official meetings per year, on the Saturday or Sunday afternoon of the first full weekend of every even month, usually in the Sturbridge, Massachusetts area. The deadline for article submission to the Scuttlebutt is usually three weeks before the next meeting date. The next meeting will be on Sunday, December 5 1993. Attendance at an official meeting is required in order to become a member. Club members congregate on 3830 after contests. The packet frequencies for DX spotting are 144.95, 145.69, 144.93, 144.97 and 144.99 MHz.

Rosters are mailed to all paid members each summer. For more information and/or assistance, contact the area manager nearest you.

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