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Yankee Clipper

Contest Club

no.27 Nov 1980

Pres - K1AR

VP-AM - K2TR

Secy - K1GO

Treas - N1TZ

Official Meeting...K1AR

There will be an official meeting of the YCCC on Saturday, Dec 6, 1980. Directions for this one are simple:

Take exit 6 on Mass Pike (I90). Go right at end of exit and make first left into Rodeway Inn parking lot.

Starting time will be at 1PM however some will be there earlier than that. I would like to ask the officers to try and be there at 12PM so that we can talk a little before the meeting.

In the event that there is an unscheduled snowstorm that day stay tuned to 3830 for a meeting cancellation.

Presidential Poop

Hopefully most of us have survived another Nov contest season (except for a few guys who think the contest season never ends). One of the things we have to do at this point is to review what we gained out of our efforts this time around.

There has been some talk of late that YCCC is not motivating its members or giving them what they want. Fortunately this is going to change effective immediately. Starting at the next meeting, we are going to eliminate the boring business portion of the meeting as much as possible and get to what people really want to hear. The feeling I get is that we only meet 4 times a year and what

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we do at these meetings is crucial. Therefore we are going to start concentrating on the real needs of the club which are simply making ourselves more competitive personally and as a club.

At the next meeting (see notice) we are going to have a collection of mini-seminars that will be of interest to you. They will consist of the following:

- 1- A talk by Fred Lass on station layout with emphasis on the kinds of things you can be doing when its cold out there.
- 2- A discussion led by myself on club goals and a forum in which people can express their views on how we can make YCCC a better club
- 3- A talk by Bill Myers on post contest analysis of logs to aid someone in really understanding how they did and finding some of those dumb mistakes.

Granted this is only a start but YCCC is going to have to start to give its members what they want out of the club or we are never going to be competitive!!!

Try and make the meeting, I think it will be worth your while.

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NH News...K1GQ

On Nov 11, a group of YCCC members and friends met at the Keglers Den (Nashua) to guzzle pizza and beer, and discuss contesting in general and YCCC in particular. The concensus opinion was that YCCC is not delivering the goods needed to keep its membership interested in the club and motivated to participate. Although a variety of solutions were offered, it was clear that most were severly hampered by the geographical size of the club, and the small number of meetings. Therefore, the group resolved to form the YCCC-NH chapter, with the general goal of identifying and satisfying member's needs on a one-to-one level.

The NH chapter will be meeting monthly on a weekday evening, with no restrictions on who may attend. (If you are outside NH, you must call W1HCS to learn time and place.) The first meeting attracted 12 YCCers from Keene to Chester (AK1A, WB8BTH, K1GQ, K1GW, K1HI, W1HNS, W2IQD/1, K1KA, K1OX, WALTZV, and K1XR) along with two other interested parties (W1HJF and AE1K). The next gathering will kick off a continuing series of mini-seminars on various aspects of contesting.

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So that the rest of YCCC won't feel left out, the NH chapter hereby challenges any other area to try beating our aggregate contribution to the YCCC club entry in the 1981 ARRL DX Contest. We'll make up the rules later, after we figure out how to rig them so we can't lose.

Tower Hardware...K2TR

The K2 antenna farm is beginning to grow. Of course, the tower is Rohn - but the hardware isn't. Dana Cobb, K1RQ, suggested buying hardware direct from North and Judd. I called them and they said "no problem, just buy \$500 or more the first time, and \$100 or more per order after that." So I bought turnbuckles, thimbles and cable clamps at wholesale prices.

You too (any YCCC member) can save on this expensive tower hardware. Just order at least \$100 worth at the following prices:

Cable clamps (in boxes of 25)

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| 3/16" | \$0.28 ea. |
| *1/4" | 0.31 ea. |
| 5/16" | 0.34 ea. |

Thimbles

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| *1/4" | \$0.19 ea. |
| 3/8" | 0.22 ea. |

Turnbuckles

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| 3/8" X 6" E&E | \$4.35 |
| 3/8" X 6" E&J | 5.15 |
| *1/2" X 9" E&E | 6.95 |
| 1/2" X 9" E&J | 7.45 |
| 1/2" X 12" E&E | 7.90 |
| *1/2" X 12" E&J | 8.35 |

*Pulley - 3" dia for 1/4" - 3/8" rope, galvanized, hook with keeper latch, rated 640 lbs - \$8.95

Send your order to Fred Lass, K2TR, RD1 Box 301, Altamont, NY 12009. Items with asterisks are in stock and will be available for inspection/sale at the next YCCC meeting.

The Awful Amber X...K1GQ

Once again, the mailing labels carry a coded message to some of our members. If a yellow "X" appears on your label, you must come to one of the next two meetings in order to be eligible to enter your score for YCCC in the 1981 ARRL DX Contest. If there are two yellow "X's", attendance at both meetings is necessary. Members more than 175 miles from the club's center are ineligible in any case, so their labels have no grafitti. (cont pg 6)

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio contesting, constitute ourselves the Yankee Clipper Contest Club and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community.

ARTICLE I

All persons interested in amateur radio contesting shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the club shall by its By-Laws provide.

ARTICLE II

Sec. 1 - The officers of this club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Activities Manager.

Sec. 2 - The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present at the first meeting of the calendar year following the conclusion of the American Radio Relay League DX contest in such a manner as the club shall by its By-Laws provide.

Sec. 3 - Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.

Sec. 4 - Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the members attending a regular meeting.

ARTICLE III

Sec. 1 - The President shall preside at all meetings of this club pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws of the club. He shall perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of President.

Sec. 2 - The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in the absence of the latter.

Sec. 3 - The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of the members and carry on all club correspondence. He shall perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of Secretary.

Sec. 4 - The Treasurer shall receive and account for all monies paid to the club and on behalf of the club. At each regular meeting he shall submit a statement of receipts and expenditures.

ARTICLE IV

The President shall, at the beginning of his term of office, appoint an Advisory Committee to assist him in the operation of the club. The President shall attempt to have different members serve in these posts in order to provide for diversity in the operation of the club. The members of the Advisory Committee shall not have additional voting privileges.

ARTICLE V

The By-Laws shall provide for regular meetings at such times and places as shall be conducive to maximum attendance.

ARTICLE VI

The club, by majority vote of those present at a regular meeting, may levy such dues as are deemed necessary for the operation of the club. Payment of current dues shall be a pre-condition for continuing membership.

ARTICLE VII

Sec. 1 - This club shall enact appropriate rules to minimize interference in operation between stations of its members; it shall formulate adequate plans for disposition of any cases of interference to other radio services where reported as caused by any amateur radio station operation in the area of club jurisdiction. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

Sec. 2 - The club shall submit a club score in all major contests for which there is a club competition. Club members shall be encouraged to participate in all amateur radio contests, with particular emphasis given to the American Radio Relay League Sweepstakes, DX contests, and Field Day, and the CQ WW DX contests and WPX contest.

ARTICLE VIII

This constitution or the By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members attending a regular meeting. Proposals for amendments must be submitted to the general membership prior to a regular meeting; proposals for amendments must then be submitted to the Secretary in writing at a regular meeting and voted on at that meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern at all regular club meetings.

These messages are meant to be informative, not provocative. With only four meetings per year, few of us can remember our dues or attendance histories.

Apologies to NlRI, who was awarded a mis-guided red-X last issue. KlAR, who took his money at the last meeting was going to go on a DX-pedition to a real rare one with it but apparently ran out of funds....

Roster Updates...K1GQ

New Member:

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20 Janet Rd.
Chelmsford, Ma 01824

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